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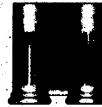
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### Westland, Michigan

# Mayor: Don't impede the recall



Westland Mayor Robert Thomas has called on his city department heads to refrain from impeding the recall effort against council menibers. However, Thomas warned he can't watch staffers all the time.

STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomm.net

Mayor Robert Thomas has called on his city department heads to stop battling a recall group that wants to force four Westland City Council members from office.

"I will ask my staff from this day forward not to harass any of the protesters," Thomas said Monday.

Even so. Thomas said he can't legally force his directors to refrain from combating a recall uprising that followed a council majority's decision to fire former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

"I obviously can't watch them like a mother hen every day and night," he said.

The mayor's statements came during a Monday night council meeting that brought new allegations of recall orga-

nizers being targeted for harassment ing and said he simply inquired about and intimidation by the city administration.

Recall leaders want to oust council members Sharon Scott, Charles "Tray" Griffin, David Cox and David James amid accusations that Gibbons, a 23year city employee and 17-month clerk, was unfairly fired in January.

Recall supporters on Monday accused Fire Chief Mark Neal of calling Wayne fire officials and falsely reporting that the recall group packed too many people into a meeting hall on Glenwood near Venoy for a March 25 strategy meeting.

Neal called the accusations mislead-

how many people the Oddfellows meeting hall could legally hold. He said he made the inquiry on behalf of a citizen who contacted him.

On Tuesday, Wayne Fire Chief Rob Dahlman said it's common for fire department officials in neighboring communities to contact each other.

### 'Nothing unusual'

"There is nothing unusual about it whatsoever," he said of Neal's inquiry. "It's very commonplace that I call Westland.

Dahlman also indicated that Neal's

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# Does he look at all familiar?

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI SPECIAL WRITER

nthony Sahl of Westland spent a recent Sunday night mingling with Steven Spielberg, Julia Roberts, Molly Ringwald and other Hollywood stars.

A dead ringer for Nicolas Cage, Sahl won first place in a celebrity look-alike contest, "Starry, Starry Night," at the Star Theater in Souththe night of the Academy Awards.

While other contestants went on stage performing like the star they looked like, Sahl simply said: "I don't sing or dance - this is me."

And that's all it took. "I'm not joking, if it's once a day, it's 20 times a day (that someone asks him if he's Cage)," Sahl said. "When you look like somebody, everybody else sees it but you."

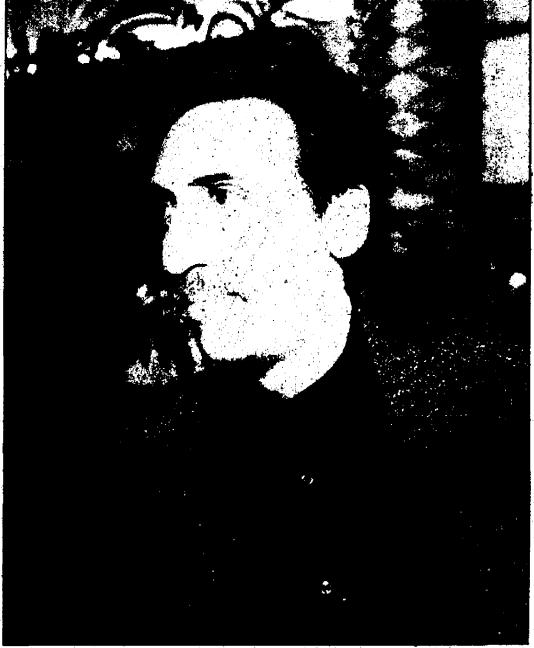
But having a face and physique like the Academy Award-winning actor comes with some problems. Like the time Sahl was pumping gas into his car when a man approached him and asked if he was Cage. Sahl said "no" and went into the station to pay the attendant. When he returned, he found the man arguing with his wife, Yvonne, insisting that Sahl was indeed Cage.

"That's the only time anything like that ever happened," Sahl said.

In fact, he never really resembled the star until he had to cut his shoulder-length hair when he started working as a correctional officer for the State of Michigan in 1998.

The stylist hacked away at Sahl's mane and a fellow student, who also tuts hair, saw what happened. She promised that she could fix the raggedy job.

Sahl reluctantly agreed if she profile that copies the star almost



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

A certain look: Westland resident Anthony Sahl bears a striking resemblance to actor Nicolas Cage. Sahl is a state correctional officer.

promised to only straighten out the exactly. back. As he was sitting there, he watched locks of hair fall to the ground and realized he was getting more than he thought.

"It was the best haircut I ever had," Sahl said.

About twice a year, he drives nearly 90 minutes to Port Huron, Mich., to get a haircut from the same. day before the contest.

It's not only the hair that looks like Cage. It's the steely blue eyes and

Aside from looks, Sahl doesn't have a lot in common with Cage.

Sahl is 42. Cage is 36. Cage won an Academy Award for "Leaving Las-Vegas." Sahl has never acted, not even in high school. But he seems to slip naturally into Cage's persona somewhat reserved and quick smiles.

Cage actually changed his name woman. In fact, he went to her the from Nicolas Coppola because he wanted to make a mark on the Hollywood front without people thinking that his uncle, famed director Fran-

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# Prayer prompts debate

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER delem@oe.homecomminet

Several residents Monday condemned a potential policy to start all Westland City Council meetings with

Resident Normie Brazier told council members their meetings shouldn't mix city business and religion, even though she said she believes in prayer.

"All I'm saving is starting the meeting with a prayer is totally inappropriate, and no one should foster their religious beliefs on anyone else, nor force anyone into a prayer since this is everyone's personal, private choice." Brazier said.

Resident Henry Morgan issued a written statement opposing prayer-led council meetings.

"This prayer proposal is a constitutionally forbidden, inadmissible admixture of state and church," he said.

Singling out council President Charles "Tray" Griffin, Morgan charged that elected officials have no authority to sanction prayer-led meet-

"I respectfully request that the council strongly reconsider this gross violation of the Constitution of the United States' First Amendment wall of separation of state and church," Morgan said in his statement.

Griffin and council members Richard LeBlane and Sharon Scott, as a committee, plan to study whether to rotate meeting prayers among members of the local clergy. The trie will issue a recommendation to the full, seven-member

LeBlane already has voiced fears that a prayer policy could prompt Satanists, witches and fringe groups to demand equal time with the clergy.

On Monday, Cecilia Elbanowski, a eucharistic minister from St. Richard's Parish, led a brief prayer of hope for the city of Westland.

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# Westland man dies over weekend in cycle crash

early Saturday when his motorcycle went out of control on I-94 between Outer Drive and Oakwood Boulevard in Allen Park.

Allen Jason Key was pronounced dead at Oakwood Hospital after the accident at approximately 2 a.m., said and Key was going faster.

A 26-year-old Westland man died Trooper Michael Oliver of the Michigan State Police.

> According to Oliver, Key and a friend, Jose Nathaniel Freeman, 31, of .. Farmington Hills, were traveling west on their motorcycles on I-94. Freeman said he was traveling at 75-80 mph.

Key may have struck a vehicle. Oliver said: Freeman, in attempting to avoid his friend and the debris, also crashed. He was treated and released from Oakwood Hospital.

Key had multiple injuries and massive head injuries. Oliver said, adding both men were motorcycle helmets.

Charges are pending against Freeman, and his medical records will be subpoensed to determine his blood. alcohol level. Those with information on the crash are asked to call the Michigan State Police Metro South Post, (734) 287-5000.

# Father of Year cherishes family time

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

Norman Richards of Westland has some thoughts on what it takes to be a good dad - commitment, attention, firmness and love.

"I like the sweet huge and smiles. cries of joy when I come in the door," said Richards, 33, this year's Westland Father of the Year.

He enjoys such things as storytimes and bike rides.

Westland's Father of the Year, chosen from 241 nominees, and fellow henorees will be lauded in Mayor Robert Thomas' sixth annual Salute to Excellence program.

Richards will be honored during the mayor's State of the City address 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Hel-Ienic Cultural Center on Joy Road. The event is open to the public, there will

be a 6 p.m. social hour. Richards and his wife, Patricia, who nominated him, have three children. Wesley, 8, Julia, 2', and Olivia, 14 months. They live in the Madison Ele mentary School heighborhood, with

Wesley attending school there

Richards, known informally as Gene. is an attorney in practice with the Wright, Penning firm in Farmington Hills. He earned his law degree from Wayne State University, following studies leading to a bachelor's degree in missions and theology from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Richards' parents were missionaries and he grew up in West Africa, learny ing French. He recently went with his church, Ward Presbyterian, on a massignatrip to West Africa to provide basic medical care in villages. Richards was

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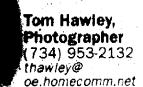
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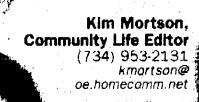
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# Election

# Voters to head to polls in Livonia district

BY LARRY O'CONNOR STAPF WRITER locomor@oe.homecomm.net

While the Livonia Public School District is asking voters to approve a \$28 million bond issue along with two tax renewals, voters have a few questions of their own regarding the April 10 election.

Money raised from the bond issue over 25 years would be used to build new fieldhouses at. each of the three high schools, an additional gym at Emerson, Frost and Riley middle schools and more.

The tax levy would amount to 0.4-mill, which is 40 cents of taxes on every \$1,000 of state taxable property value. For the owner of a \$150,000 house with would mean an additional \$30 a year in taxes.

School officials are quick to point out the increase is offset by a 0.4-mill decrease in the hold harmless millage, which is also up for approval April 10.

Voters are being asked to renew 0.75 mill (18 mills for nonhomestead) for operations. Proposal A's tax levy raises \$31 million annually, which is crucial to the district's functions, school officials say.

Proposal B is a 1-mill tax renewal to pay for ongoing maintenance of the district's 32 school buildings. The levy raises \$4 million annually, which district officials maintain is needed to keep up facilities that were built in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

While the two renewals appear to have support, doubters question the need for the \$28 million to expand athletic and physical education facilities.

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Kenneth Watson -Livonia school superintendent

Here are a few common questions and answers:

1) Who benefits? At first glance, it's high school athletic teams who will see immediate returns.

During the winter, numerous high school squads clamor for practice time in one gym. Space is so limited cheerleaders are doing their routines, in hallways a taxable value of \$75,000, that while wrestlers are grappling in the cafeteria, school officials say. Some student athletes are not trudging home until 9 and 10 p.m. because of after-school practices extending into the evening.

> All three high schools - and their gyms - were built before Title IX, which fueled an unprecedented growth in girls" athletics. For comparison, each high school had 13 teams with 330 participants in 1972. Today, there are 38 teams and 890 students taking part at each school.

2) So jocks reap the rewards. What about those who are more academically inclined rather than athletically gifted?

All students are required to take a personal fitness and health class. Unlike gym classes of yore when kids simply bludgeoned each other with dodge balls, today's courses focus on ways to maintain lifetime fit-

With one gym, there's only room for a handful of participants during these classes. Other students sit until it's their turn, school officials note. Fieldhouses with three courts and separate fitness and weight rooms and running tracks should give students a chance to become more physically active, school officials say. Don't forget: Michigan typically ranks in the top-

3) The city is building a brand spanking new \$27.2 million fitness center at Bentley. Why don't kids simply go there?

five nationally in obesity studies.

School officials readily point out the city's recreation center is intended for an entire community of 100,000 people, not just students.

"The city's recreation center has nothing to do with the school district," said Jim Watters, chairman of the "Say Yes" committee and a former Livania school trustee.

4) Will taxpayers and community members be able to use the new facilities?

School officials are not making grand promises. Ostensibly, the community at large already uses district gymnasiums and facilities through numerous Livonia Community Education Depart-

ment programs. Livonia Junior Athletic League also has access to school facilities while the district does rent gyms - mostly elementary ones - to residents on an availability basis.

If they become available, middle school gyms rent for \$22 an hour for nonprofit, district residents, \$35 for nonresidents or for-profit groups. High school gyms rent for \$40 per hour for residents for nonprofit, \$50 per hour for nonresidents or for-profit groups. .

5) Why doesn't the district tap into its fund balance of \$17 million to help pay for new athletic facilities?

The fund balance, or surplus, is intended to be a back-up in case of a shortfall in state funding or other unforeseen financial mishaps, school officials say. Auditors urge districts to keep a reserve of 10-15 percent of their operating budget, Livonia's \$17 million fund balance amounts to about 12 percent of a \$145 million annual budget.

"Public education has been criticized by business for not running schools as a business," Superintendent Ken Watson said. "Yet we're criticized for following business practice by setting aside a reasonable amount for fund equity.

"It's a good business practice."

6) Wouldn't money be better spent on computers and other classroom tools?

The district currently sets aside \$800,000 annually for computers and software and is setting aside \$10 million from the Durant I lawsuit settlement for technology, school officials say.

# Man gets jail time in assault

The fourth defendant in a 1999 pleaded no contest to the same attack on a woman in Livonia was sentenced to a year in jail Monday.

Ryan A. Corey was also sentenced to four years on probation by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans. Corey, 23, had pleaded no contest in November to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily

Three other men. Erik S. Michaud, Keith M. Ziobron and Scott C. Hartmeyer, all of whom

charge, were each sentenced in January to four years of probation and shorter jail terms.

Evans gave Michaud, 22, and Hartmeyer, 41, four months in jail; Ziobron, 23, got eight months.

The four had originally faced four counts each of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in the March 29, 1999, attack on a woman who was working as a prostitute. Those charges were

The men had picked the woman'up in Detroit and driven her to a house near Five Mile and Middlebelt, where the assaults took place, according to the victim's testimony during a preliminary hearing last April.

At the time of the attack, Ziobron and Hartmeyer lived in Livonia, Michaud in Canton Township and Corey in West-

by Matt Jachman

# Golfers to help Angela Hospice

Golfers will tee up for Livonia's Angela Hospice on Monday May 8, at Fox Hills Country Club west of Plymouth.

The 12th annual golf benefit for the hospice gets under way with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

Participants will be offered a continental breakfast. 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, an open bar and a golfer's gift pack.

Packages ranging from \$175 for a single golfer to \$1,000 for a four-golfer corporate package are

available. A hole sponsorship is \$100. Phillips Service Industries. with corporate offices in Livonia, is sponsoring the event.

For information, or to register, call Jennifer Trussler at (734)

## League of Women Voters to hold used book sale

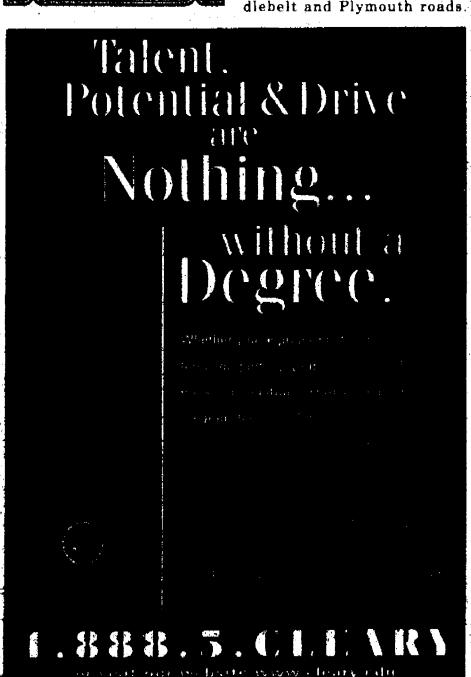
The League of Women Voters will hold its annual used book sale at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt and Plymouth roads.

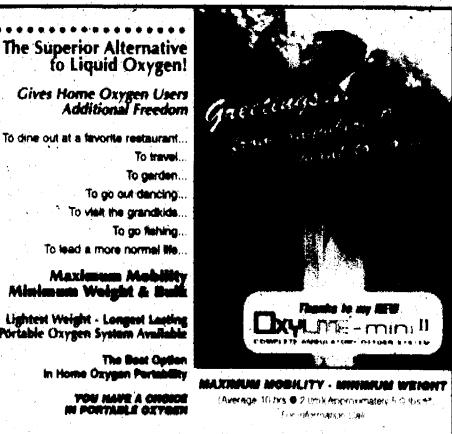
The sale will take place between Office Max and Dunham's in the mall near parking lot G. Hours are 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

> Books are priced to sell with hardcovers costing \$1, paperbacks 50 cents and romance nov

els 25 cents. There will be a \$4 bag sale on Sunday.

Selections include historical novels, government, technology, home improvement; medicine, psychology, travel, adolescents. crafts, music, poetry, literature and children's books. Proceeds will be used to educate the public on governmental issues.





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### Moving right along



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All the right moves: The Westland Convalescent Center officially started the W.C.C. Strutters Club for residents this past Monday. Above, Rehabilitation Coordinator Kathleen Egan (left center) and Administrator Judith Caroselli (right) cut the ribbon for the residents to start walking. Egan, who put the exercise program together, said, "It is for the residents to maintain mobility," Left is John Sullivan, getting help from his daughter-in-law, Patricia Sullivan, assistant director of nursing, ready for the walk to begin. The walk is around a 500-foot track in the hallways, where the residents will keep track of their mileage. They will be walking three times a week. At left, Lois Walling walks with her husband, Larry Walling, resident of the Westland Convalescent Center, at the opening day of the club.

# GOP club will meet Monday

The Western Wayne County Republican Club will meet 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Golden Plate restaurant, 626 S. Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill Road and across from the Wayne-Westland YMCA, Westland.

The program will be on the residency home rule issue. Speakers will include Mayor Jack Kirksey of Livenia and Don Stypula of the Michigan Municipal League and campaign manager for "Let Local Votes Count."

Thinner may be ordered from the menu. For information, call Val Wolf, (734) 722-0467, or Ida Shelly, (734) 722-8838. All are welcome.

### Library closes

The William P. Foust Public Library of Westland will be closed Easter Sunday. April 23 Collection returns will be open

Collection returns will be upon for those wishing to letura library materials

### YMCA has camp

The Wayne Westland YMCA summer camp offers him for the young. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, games, organized sports and field trips.

For more information, call the YMCA at \$340.721.7014

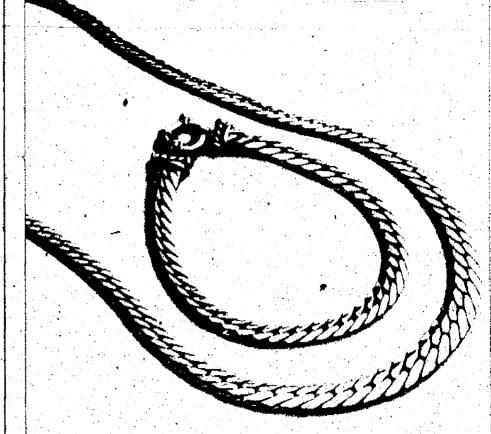


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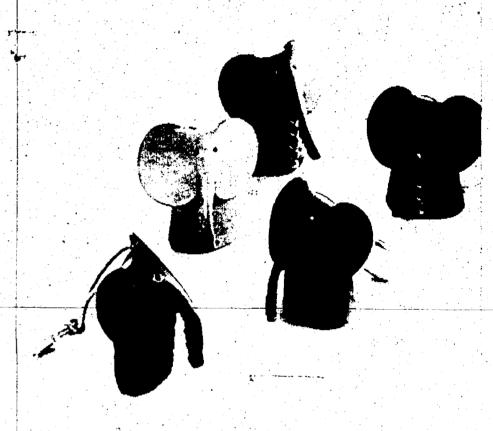
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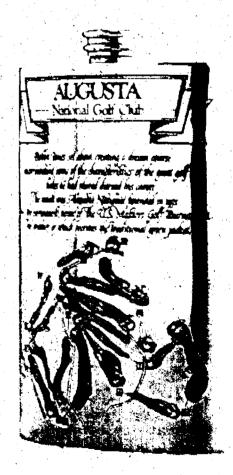
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# Sounds abound at the library

Award-winning Ann Arbor children's performer Julie Austin will begin a weeklong celebration of National Library Week at the Westland library with a family concert 2 p.m. Sunday, April

With degrees in both musical performance and early childhood education, Austin has been able to create songs and performances that involve the audience and delight all ages. She recently received a Parents' Choice Silver Honor for her recently released album "Fandagumbo."

"To have a performer of Julie Austin's caliber at our library is a real treat," said Julie Chwalik, children's librarian. "We're just so excited to be able to present Julie and her partner, David Mosher, at this special concert."

The celebration will continue

with crafts and storytimes and will end with a performance of "Little Red Riding Hood" by the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Seating is limited, and free tickets are being provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information about tickets for National Library Week performances, call the library at (734) 326-6123. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in

Music: Julie Austin and David Mosher will perform Sunday, April 9, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.



# Patrons learn to go solo at checkout

On Monday, April 10, the Westland library will host the fourth annual "Check-it-out Yourself Day," sponsored by 3M Library Systems. Kids will lead the way for library patrons to check out their own materials. By doing so, patrons will help the library qualify to win up to

Kids are the earliest adapters to today's technologies. From video games to the World Wide Web to electronic equipment in their libraries, kids are taking the lead in mastering technolo-

"We've noticed that when new technology is integrated into our library, the younger patrons are usually the first to notice," said Sandra Wilson, library director. "They're not shy about giving it a

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\*We're looking forward to participation in this event because it will help promote use of the library in general.'

> Sandra Wilson —library director

porating it into their routine at the library."

The 3M SelfCheck System, which works like a bank's automated teller machine, increases overall library staff-efficiency by allowing patrons to manage the labor-intensive task of checking out materials:

"We feel this event is a winwin situation for everyone. involved," said Judy Nelson of 3M Library Systems and the organizer of the annual event. "Patrons will become more selftry, asking questions and incor- sufficient, library staff will have

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\$500,000\*

more time to assist patrons with more pressing needs, and the library can increase its new book budget."

To be eligible for the drawing, the Westland library must encourage at least 100 patrons to check out their own materials by using the SelfCheck System on April 10. The library will then be entered in a drawing for two \$2,500 awards and 15 \$1,000 awards. The cash awards will benefit the winning libraries' new book funds.

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ticipation in this event because get by participating."

The system was introduced to libraries nearly six years ago. A color monitor guides patrons through each step, eliminating the need for staff assistance.

The system is "a wonderful addition," Wilson said, and handles 53 percent of patron trans-

it will help promote use of the library in general," Wilson said. "In addition, it will further encourage our patrons to use the SelfCheck System to check out their own materials. And, of course, it's nice to know that we have the opportunity to win money for our acquisitions bud-

The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in Westland. For infor-

### Mockingbird" by Harper i.ee. These are informal, open forum discussions on..... noteworthy books. All are invited to per-

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ticipate. No fee. No registration. Sunday through Saturday, April 9-15

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Planning, 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, April 10,

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Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Socione are 7-8 p.m. Mondays, April 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Earn a Junior Master Gardener certificate. Children in grades two-five can register for this program and learn about gardening and auture. In addition to class sessions, students will participate in a practical, "handwon" session in the garden. to be agranged. No fee. Registration required, Cell (734) 326-61.23 or visit the Children's Service Deak.

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7 p.m. Monday, April 10, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour storytime is held avery Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankiel No fee. No registration required

Kreative Kids Paint Might 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, Children's Activity Room. This is a dropin craft for children of all ages. They will work with paints and create their very own masterpiece. Find our if you have a Van Gogh in your family! No fee. Registration required. Call (734).326 6123 or stop at the Children's Service

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After School Special 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Children's Activity Room. This drop-inprogram is held each Wednesday for all school-age children. It provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games

required, although class size is limited.

minutes. No fee. No registration

and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee, No registration required. "Little Red Riding Hood" 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Meeting Room A/B. Join in for a Michigan Opera Theatre performance of the class; "Little Red Riding Hood," No fee. A limited

number of tickets are available at the

**E PRIENDS OF THE LERRARY** 

Children's Service Desk.

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

library. The next meeting will be 2 p.m.

# Blood drive planned

held 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Bova VFW Post No. 9885, 6440 Hix, between Ford and 728-3231.

A Red Cross blood drive will be Warren roads in Westland. No appointment is necessary.

For information, call (734)

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Annual Contract authority from HUD for 570 Section 8 \$2,700,000\* Housing Choice Vouchers for participating families or those on the official waiting lists at 50% of median income or below. Section 8 funding is being cut back as new project contracts are approved on an annual basis. A possible technical amendment from HUD may increase Westland's voucher authority by (18) units increasing the total number to 588. This modification is due to an adjustment from the Pointe West Opt-out of last year. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months.

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certificates are being converted to Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Time Period for Expenditure - (12)

Annual Contract Authority from HUD for Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. Wages and salary only. Contracted out; no new permanent staffing. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months.

Funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Housing Resource Fund for Peoples' Community Hope for Homes, Inc. to construct (4) new single family homes in the Carver Subdivision. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months. 8. Funding from the HUD Section 202 Program

Supportive Housing for the Elderly) to construct 60 units of senior citizen affordable rental units in the Annapolis Park Subdivision (CT5689). The project would be located at the southwest corner of Middlebelt and Annapolis roads. This would be a joint venture between the Lutheran Church of Our Savior and Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. In addition, the 202 award will provide an operating subsidy for five years. The land for the project will be donated by the church. This project is in the proposal stage.

\*Indicates potential funding not yet approved by Congress or the State of Michigan.

No displacement is anticipated for any Year XXVI proposed project or program. Consistent with the historical use of CDBG funds and the proposed projects listed above, the City of Westland will not allocate monies where it would result in the involuntary and permanent displacement of residents. However, if displacement should unexpectedly occur, the city is prepared to assist residents so displaced in any of the following ways:

Payment for replacement housing, Payment of reasonable moving expenses

Payment of reasonable cost of rental housing; Referrals to housing agencies; 5. Benefits and procedures for displacement will be carried out in

accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act. A complete statement of the City's Displacement Plan is on file in the Community Development Department at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Rd., for citizen review during normal business hours M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Westland City Council will receive public comments at a public hearing on April 17, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. on the One Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2000/2001. Citizen review and comments shall also be taken at the April meetings of the Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), Westland Rehabilitation Review Board, and Westland Housing Commission, as listed shove. Anyone who is unable to attend the official public hearings and wishes to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development at \$2715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Technical assistance will be provided an a limited, as needed basis to low, very low and extremely low injects resident groups that require assistance in developing proposals for eligible projects, approved by the City under the consolidated submission. A full copy of the revised Citises Participation

Plan is on file in the Housing and Community Development Department

during normal business hours, Monday through Priday, 2.00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. ROBERT J. THOMAS, Mayor City of Westland

prayer led by Bishop Jack Wallace of Detroit World Outreach, who received permission to pray from a council podium after first discussing the idea with Councilman David James.

The issue of council meeting prayer comes amid a 12-week public backlash that followed the Jan. 18 firing of former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

been embroiled in a series of sonal demons, that's wonderful," City Hall controversies ever she said Monday. "But your little

Her words followed a March 20 since, including a threatened recall of Griffin, James, Scott and colleague David Cox.

> "False faces can't be covered by false prayers," resident Judy McKinney told council members Monday.

> Brazier, addressing James specifically, said talk of prayer has hurt the council's credibility

"If prayer helps you, Mr. The beleaguered council has James, to battle your own per-

ploy did not work, Mr. James. The spin doctor was wrong. In fact, it made you as well as others look a little desperate."

James has repeatedly voiced concern about the "hatred" that he said recall supporters seem to harbor toward council members.

James has said he eagerly awaits a time when the political turmoil will subside and the city can begin to heal.

Recall supporters said Monday that council members have mistaken public disgust for elected officials as hatred.

Tuesday, April 11.

Griffin stressed that no decision has been made to sanction prayer at all council meetings. He has said that Wallace and Elbanowski asked for permission to say their prayers.

Griffin has said the council isn't expected to take an official position on prayer until the three-member committee completes its study.

It isn't known when the panel will finish its work.

### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, April 11, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered

for sale to the highest bidder: YEAR MAKE BODY STYLE COLOR UNKWN COACHMAN 5TH WHEEL WHITE/ORNG NONE BROWN 1Y1SK7165LZ049401 PRIZM/4 DR UNKWN NIMROD POPUP/TRAILER WHITE/BKN 118280568 VOLKSWAGN GOLF/4 DR BLUE : 1VWFA0178FV041956 UNKWN HOMEMADE TRAILER BLACK The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles

will be offered for sale to the highest bidder. BODY STYLE MAKE OLDSMBLE CUTLASS/4 DR BLUE 1G3NF54D8LM747339 1990 1988 FORD TEMPO/4 DR 1FAPP36X6JK171587 PICKUP TRUCK BROWN HL620363479 DATSUN PROBE/2 DR 1ZVCT20A1P5213445 1993 PORD DELTA 88/4 DW 1G3AN69Y9DM841248 1983 OLDSMBLE GRAY CHEVY CAMARO/2 DR MAROON 1G1FP8780FL435581 WHITE 1FTJE34H9JHB36377 VAN-350 PORD MERCURY LYNX/4 DR SILVER 1MEBM25H8HW613045 ECONOLINE/VAN GRAY 1FTJE34Y4HHA96019 FORD PONTIAC GRAND AM/4 DR MAROON 1G2NE54U2MC668666 BLUE 1FDEE14F9FHB84355 FORD MERCURY LYNX/2 DR GRAY 1MEPM2190HW620897 ACCORD/4 DR BLACK 1HGCA5641JA190437 HONDA CAMARO/2 DR RED 1G1AP87H6EL199757

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s)

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# Read Entertainment

### WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **36745 MARQUETTE WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48185** ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Moving Bid Package #2:

Adams Middle School Elliott Elementary School, Hicks Elementary School Hamilton Elementary School Vandenberg Elementary School Marshall Middle School Graham Elementary School Madison Elementary School Patchin Elementary School Wayne Memorial High School

will be received until 1:30 P.M., local time on Thursday, April 27, 2000 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Wayne Westland Community School Board of Education Building, 36745 Marquette. Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McS/EV, Inc., 25950 West Five Mile Road, Redford, Michigan

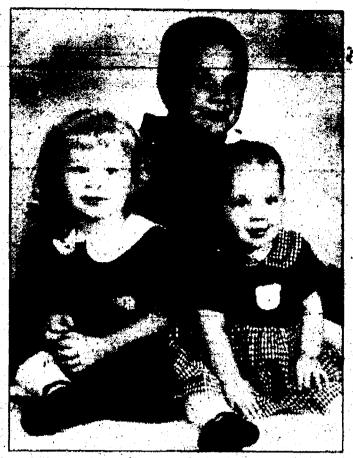
Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McS/EV, Inc. There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 @ 1:00 p.m. in the Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education Building, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185

Enclosed as part of the bidding documents are the Description of Work' Moving Schedule, Proposal Pricing Form, District Map, Building Floor Plans, Prevailing Wage Information, and an inventory Listing of Computer and AV Equipment. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Mr. Doug Underwood, McS/EV, Inc., at 4313+535/6213.1

Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rute. Publish April 6 and 9, 2000

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Happy family: Norman and Patricia Richards are the proud parents of Wesley, 8, Julia, 21, and Olivia, 14 months. Norman Richards is Westland Father of the Year.

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an interpreter.

The family's involved in other activities at Ward Presbyterian, including the Tree Climbers father-son program for Gene and Wesley, It gives me some oneon-one time with him." - - - -

· Gene and Patricia Richards believe in spending time with their children. They didn't want them in day care, so he chose a legal career after considering the ministry, to provide sufficient income. She's a homemaker who worked as a teacher and does some substituting in that field.

He tries to give his kids as many opportunities as possible, to build them up and be a kid at heart. Richards spends time with the kids, so his wife can go out with friends.

They try to center all they do . I was overwhelmed. It was a

on biblical principles. "We believe that God has to be the center of the home for it to be balanced and smooth-running." His own dad, now living near New Orleans, was a great exam-

Years from now, when Wesley, Julia and Olivia are grown, Richards hopes they'll remember him as the "best dad there ever was, that you did everything you could to make their life a suc-

cess. Law's an option for the Richards children, although their parents believe career choice comes from what God

He was stunned to learn he was chosen this year's Father of. the Year.

complete shock." Richards didn't know his wife had nominated

On her nominating form, Patricia Richards said her husband "goes above and beyond the call of duty. His commitment to his children, his occupation and his community is exemplary. He always takes time to play with the kids each evening, and is the bathtime supervisor, even though his job as an attorney keeps him away from home until. late each evening ..." ...

Gene Richards said the family tries to do shopping and other activities together. As a oneincome family, they're rich only in what they have as a family, he

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happen.

His movie credits are long, including "City of Angels," "Snake Eyes," "Face-Off," "Peggy Sue Got Married" and "Raising Arizona." Sahl's favorite Cage movies include "Guarding Miss. Tess" and "The Rock."

Sahl doesn't take the lookalike issue very seriously and he

cis Ford Coppola, made it all didn't even plan to enter the said; 'I'll go just to show you Star contest.

> Now that the contest is over, life goes on.

Actually, he said, the lookalike issue helps him at work.

"It's a good ice-breaker," Sahl, said. "They (inmates) get excited

about it." "My wife thinks I'm a dead ringer for him," Sahl said, "I

you're all nuts and this will decide it."

The night of the contest, Sahl said, he "felt like Nicolas Cage, because the flash bulbs kept going off,"

He added: "It would be cool if I could get into a movie as his dou-

# Mayor from page A1

shut down the recall group's meeting because it was made "after the fact.".

Meanwhile, recall leader Brenda Gracin said Tuesday she didn't believe Mayor Thomas was sincere when he called on his department heads to stop harassing recall supporters.

"I totally don't believe him, and neither does anyone else," she said.

Neal isn't the only department head who has come under intense fire. Personnel Director Keith Madden was sharply criticized after he circulated an email message under Gracin's name, trying to thwart a Feb. 23 protest outside City Hall by claiming it had been canceled.

Thomas didn't discipline Madden, fueling even more criticism of the administration.

On Monday, Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc welcomed the mayor's pledge to try to rein in his administration's involvement in anti-recall efforts.

"I do hope it stops," Anderson said, adding that he wished the mayor had spoken out "much earlier."

LeBlanc commended the mayor's stance against harassment.

"I'm glad, mayor ... that you

LeBlanc said.

In another development, Thomas praised recall organizers for showing calmer emotions at recent meetings. He arose from his seat Monday and approached Gracin as she spoke at the podium, offering to give her a hand-

shake or even a hug. "No thank you," she said to the hug, accepting the handshake: instead.

### A promise

Gracin, meanwhile, promised that recall organizers won't disrupt the mayor's April 12 State of the City address, when Thomas also will honor the city's mother, father, teacher and high school senior of the year.

Gracin said anti-recall forces have wrongly portrayed her group as being hateful.

"We, too, are your mothers, fathers, teachers and students," she said. We work hard to make our community the place to be."

Recall organizers already are trying to collect more than 5,000 signatures to seek a recall election against Scott, who has said she won't seek re-election anyway, when her four-year term expires Dec. 31, 2001.

Recall supporters can't recall Griffin, Cox and James until July 1. The three started new made it very clear this evening terms Jan. I and are protected

inquiry wasn't an attempt to- that it's not to be tolerated," during their first six months of

In other developments: Resident Normie Brazier asked about rumors that Wayne-Westland school board President Robin Moore would be appointed to a council seat if the recall

successful. "No," council President Pro Tem David Cox responded later: President Charles "Tray" Griffin called it premature to discuss a possible appointment.

campaign against Scott proves

Brazier also told elected officials that recall organizers aren't filled with "hatred" but with "total disgust and disillusionment" toward city leaders.

Thomas and Griffin publicly stated their opposition to the recall. One of Gibbons' council supporters, LeBlanc, had earlier stated he didn't support the

recall, either. Cox denied living outside of Westland during his 1999 council campaign when confronted with the issue by resident Deborah Hessler-Davis. Some of his critics have said he stayed in

Gracin said 110 people signed recall petitions against Scott during a protest outside City Hall prior to Monday's meeting. Some people also took petitions to circulate in the community.

Wayne for a while.

# Read Sports







APRIL 15

APRIL 24

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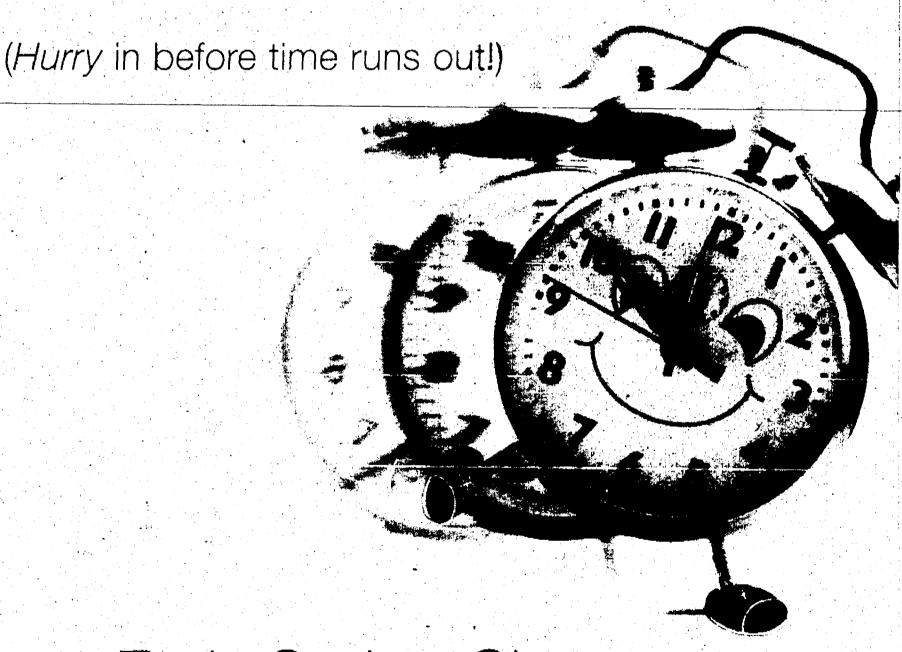
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### **OBITUARIES**

### RUTH & LURORS

Services for Ruth Lurges, 94, of Westland were held April 4 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Alberto Bondy from St. Michael Church.

Mrs. Lurges was born April 14, 1905, in Canada and died March 31. She was a music teacher.

Surviving are her sister. Mina Rankin; goddaughter, Donna Kelley, and greatnephew, Gerald Grace.

Mrs. Lurges was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

### ANDREW F. YUHAS

Services for Andrew Yuhas, 74, of Ypsilanti were held April 1 in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Terence Treppa.

Mr. Yuhas was born Sept. 7. 1925, in Pennsylvania and died March 28 in Ypsilanti.

He operated a boring mill. He was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church. Mr. Yuhas was a veteran, serving with the U.S. Marines during World War II.

Surviving are his daughter. Diane (William) Duncan of Westland; sister, Pauline (Einer) Kesten of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, Neil (Kara) Duncan and Katy Duncan; and one great-grandchild, Harmony Duncan.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

### MARY E. KEHRER

Services for Mary Kehrer, 74, of Ypsilanti took place April 2 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mrs. Kehrer was born Jan. 29, 1926, and died March 30 in Ypsilanti. She was a homemak-

Surviving are her son, Ronald (Laurie) Kehrer; daughter, Sandra (Richard) Gronczewski of Westland; sister, Esther Solman; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's work.

### FLORENCE A. BAKEWELL

Services for former Westland resident Florence Bakewell, 97, of Livonia were held April 4 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. David Greene from First Baptist Church of Wayne.

Mrs. Bakewell was born June 20, 1902, in Detroit and died April 1 in Livonia She was a laborer.

She was of French descent. her parents coming directly from France to the Detroit area and settling in Nankin Township. The property around Westland Center, Warren and Wayne roads, was owned by the Bakewells. Bakewell Street in Westland is named after the Bakewell family.

Surviving are her godson, Dale Marsh; nephew, Glen Loewe: nieces, Delores Smith and Verajean Payloff; greatniece, Mary (David) Mills, and their five children. Mary Mills was caregiver for Mrs. Bakewell. Also remembered are her friends and supporters at St. Jude Nursing Home in Livonia and First Baptist Church of Wayne.

Mrs. Bakewell was preceded in death by her husband, Herb, and nephew, Earl Loewe.

Obituaries may be mailed to the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or faxed to (734) 591-7279. They are typically submitted through funeral homes.

# Persevering key for kids' writer

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY STAFF WRITER

When the neighborhood children were playing hide-and-goseek, Lisa Wroble was playing

lhumphrey@oe.homecomm.net

Dr. Seuss. "I read a lot when I was a kid, and I didn't want the books to end. So, I would write continuing chapters," said Wroble, a fulltime children's author and parttime librarian in Redford Township. Now 36, she is looking back to her first experience at author-

ship, before the age of 10. Unlike Dr. Seuss, however, Wroble targets her writing to students in upper-elementary through middle school. Additionally, most of her work is nonfiction.

She said she prefers writing nonfiction first and foremost because of the preparation.

"I have an opportunity to learn all these new things," said the Eastern Michigan University graduate, "and if you want to write, you need to keep learning."

That would explain why she took an 18-month correspondence course in publishing while attending EMU as a language arts major. She minored in children's literature.

"When I got into college, I knew I wanted to get into publishing, but there really was no opportunity at Eastern," she said. "My dad found this correspondence class in a magazine through the Institute of Children's Literature in Connecticut."

After she checked out the legitimacy of the class and the company, she enrolled.

"It helped me a lot," she said. Among other things, the correspondence course showed her how to reach editors and how to get her things published.

"I'm constantly writing letters to editors and improving my dedication and perseverance, and rejection is always part of the process, even for known writ-

### Second reason

The second reason she prefers writing nonfiction is because it allows her more freedom in word choice. Children's authors have to write to a younger audience, and while it may not sound that difficult to write for youth, she argues that it is challenging.

"Children are influenced easily, so you have to be cautious of what you are saying or writing," she said, "especially in fiction. where the reader will model himself after the character."

While the author is selecting words and topics which cannot be misinterpreted or too suggestive, authors have to also make sure the meaning is clear.

"It's difficult to explain concepts in very simple terms. At the same time, it can't be condescending," she said.

That's one reason why it may take an author one year to write one book.

### Success story

To date, Wroble has 11 books in print and two on the way. Three are currently out of print, or collector's items.

The Plymouth resident got her first break in 1989 at 26 years old. She had two pieces published in two separate issues of "Touch Magazine," a religious publication out of Grand Rapids.

It would be another two years before her next article was published. It would be another eight years before she published her first book.

"At that time, I was still working full time, so I started looking for other jobs I could do, which wouldn't be as draining," she

The public relations executive turned technical writer took a job as a secretary for a construccraft," she said. "It takes a lot of tion company, working 30 hours



Kld stufk Author and librarian Lisa Wroble reads to children at the Redford Township Library.

### **II** 'My friends are very supportive. They still invite me out even though I don't always go. But there is still time for fun.'

Lisa Wroble -children's author

a week. That was still too much for her when combined with the 35 hours of freelance writing. So. in the fall of 1996, she became a youth librarian in Redford Town-

"If you want to do this (write), you have to give up a lot," she said. Stability, money and nights out with friends have to be sacrificed, at least in the beginning.

"My friends are very supportive. They still invite me out even though I don't always go," she said. "But there is still time for fun," she added.

She gives this advice to students in her creative writing class through Plymouth-Canton Community, Education. She also encourages them to read as much as they can, both on the industry and the books for their target market, to take a class on

### Aspirations

Wroble continues to set goals for herself in light of her success. Short term, she would like to go

writing, and to never give up.

back to some fiction pieces she started many years ago. This summer, she will also become an instructor for the Institute of Children's Literature in Connecticut. She will instruct for the course via her home computer.

Long term, she would like to complete a librarian-teacher type manual which can add excitement to history lessons.

"I want to make the history come alive for the students," she said. "Maybe in a year or so I'll write it."

Wroble admits she has a soft spot for historical pieces, so it shouldn't be a surprise that her favorite work is "Kids During the Great Depression." It was part of a six-book series that she had three months to write in 1997. Since then, five books have been added to the series entitled "Kids Throughout History."-

'It's like that," she said. "Either you have all kinds of projects going on at once or you're wondering when the next project will come along."

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# Legislators take up hammers to build ramps

By Mike MALOTT. HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

The tools of choice for lawmakers are usually legislation and votes. But this summer, some will be picking up hammers and saws to build wheelchair ramps for 15 to 20 Michigan residents who need them.

Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, along with Rep. Sandy Caul, R-Mt. Pleasant, and Joanne Voorhees, R-Grandville, kicked off a "Reps, for Ramps" program last week which will raise money for ramps for disabled Michigan residents who need them and actually construct them on-site.

"Many people in wheelchairs are virtually prisoners in their own homes," Toy said. "This effort reaches out to people who are permanently disabled and unable to get in and out because they don't have the means or extra funds for a wheelchair ramp. This is about state lawmakers giving back to their communities by not only raising funds, but working up a sweat to

# **OMNIBUS** takes fall applications

OMNIBUS, the online program that enables students to earn three degrees in four years. is accepting applications for its fall 2000 cohort. A collaboration between Schoolcraft College and Madonna University, the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program grants an associate, bachelor and master's degree with one application process and for a set

OMNIBUS is designed for working adults without college degrees who have achieved a measure of success and made the decision to move forward in their careers. Students accepted for the associate degree at Schoolcraft automatically are accepted for the advanced degrees at Madonna. Students complete 152 credit hours, studying in three 12-week terms per year, with one four-week intercession and no classes in August and December.

Tuition remains \$190 per credit hour, including all fees, books and course materials, and is guaranteed for the entire fouryear program, totaling \$29,000 for the three degrees.

OMNIBUS students do their work, their team projects and communication online. The program stresses core business skills, information retrieval from electronic as well as traditional sources, skills in managing work using information technology, teamwork skills, and global management and leadership skills.

The first OMNIBUS students, who began their studies in 1997, will receive their master's degree in July 2001. Of the 16 students studying now at Madonna, 11 placed on the dean's list for the fall semester.

"The program clearly reflects the revolution in education," said Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance learning. "We see record enrollments for Web-based courses. Even law and nursing courses have gone online. There is no significant difference in the quality of instruction a student receives on campus or at a distance."

The OMNIBUS program places emphasis on four areas. developing one during each of the four years of study. There are: effective communication and decision making; global withzenship and diversity for interdevelopment; national paradigms for organizational change, and tomorrow's leadership for world organization.

Orientation for OMNIBUS students is scheduled for Sept. 9 and 10.

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> Rep. Laura Toy R-Livonia

build the ramps and get the job `done."

Toy said the Lions of Michigan

Service Foundation volunteers will work with the representatives to get the ramps built. Tools and supervisors will be supplied by Dykhouse Construction of Byron Center.

Wheelchair access is an issue near and dear to Toy's heart. Her brother was severely disabled. Her mother has had to use a wheelchair.

But there are also an estimated 1.7 million disabled people in the state, Toy pointed out.

"Quite frankly, they tend to be seniors and low income people who haven't the ability to exit or enter their homes," she said:

The Lions are now identifying or ramps with their cars. those residents who will receive the ramps that the volunteers build during June, July and August. Construction of each is expected to take about a day. The cost of each ramp is estimated between \$400 and \$1,000.

Funds are still needed for materials, including lumber. Those interested in volunteering or donating money can contact Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

The announcement of the program came as the state Senate approved a bill introduced by Toy applying penalties to those to block wheelchair access aisles

House Bill 4995, already approved by the House, makes it a civil infraction, with a fine of \$100, to block wheelchair access. An access aisle is the vellow- or blue-lined space next to a handicapped parking spot that allows room for the operation of a wheelchair lift.

Senators voted unanimously to adopt the bill last week and sent it off to the governor for approval. Gov. John Engler has indicated to Toy's office that he will sign the bill.

Staff writer Richard Pearl contributed to this story.



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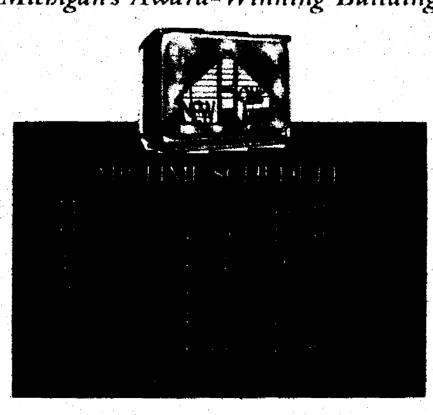
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# Police and fire plaudits given

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

They helped protect citizens and even pets - in 1999.

Their work was so remarkable that they stood out among their peers.

For that, four Westland public safety employees received special awards Saturday during a ceremony sponsored by Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 on Wayne Road.

The winners: Ronald Kroll, police officer of

the year. Joseph Bobby, whose rescue of a family dog earned him a special award.

■ Gary Leirstein, fire officer of the year.

■ David Kapelanski, firefight-

er of the year. Kroll received his award just one day after he was promoted Friday from police officer to sergeant. He has worked as a patrol officer, a field-training officer for new recruits and in the department's community police program.

Kroll now works as a patrol sergeant on the night shift's B Platoon. He has received numerous citations for his dedication. He also has served as president of the Westland Police Officers Association and represents police employees on a pension board.

Every year, Kroll participates in a post-Thanksgiving Day Goodfellows effort to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for needy children.

Bobby gained attention in February when, during a fire on Redman, he scrambled to save a family Dalmatian found lying apparently lifeless near a back

The dog had suffered smoke inhalation, but an oxygen mask was placed over its snout after Bobby partially restored its breathing with mouth-to-snout resuscitation.

Bobby had learned that the dog was inside the house from a

4-year-old girl who stood crying on a sidewalk. The girl was one of three children who had escaped the fire with their moth-

Bobby's efforts earned him a special award presented Satur-

Leirstein, fire officer of the year, performs a service that extends beyond the Westland Fire Department. He participates in the city's summer and winter festivals and serves as a mentor in the Youth Assistance Program.

Leirstein also is involved in helping community athletic programs for youths and has served as union secretary for the Westland Firefighters Local 1279.

As a fire inspector, Leirstein has created "a strong working relationship with the business community," according to a written statement from Deputy Chief David Carignan and Fire Marshal Patrick Harder.

Leirstein also is regarded by his peers as "an honest and reputable person ... well-deserving of the honor of officer of the year," they wrote.

Kapelanski was named firefighter of the year partly for a work ethic that was described by Battalion Chief Kevin Riley as "second to none."

"When something is broken, whether it's a piece of firefighting equipment, a vehicle or a station appliance, Dave's first thought is to fix it," Riley wrote.

"Dave's performance at an emergency is nothing less than exemplary," Riley wrote, "Never one to get overly excited, he carries out his duties with a calmness that exudes confidence."

Kapelanski also has earned a level of respect from his peers that "is uncommon in any work force," Riley said.

Kroll, Bobby, Leirstein and Kapelanski received their awards during an annual dinnerand ceremony sponsored by the VFW post. Winners were nominated and selected by their

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**Lords and Ladies** 



STAFF PROTO BY TON HAWLEY

Back In time: A Medieval Day will be held noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway. The Society for Creative Anachronism, a medieval recreationist group, will display aspects of medieval life, from armed combat to calligraphy and heraldry. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome. For information, call (734) 326-6123. Above, Jason Frederick of Redford and Jane Lowry of Taylor, a reference librarian in Westland, get into the spirit of things.

has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Concordia College in Ann Arbor. She is enrolled in the Accelerated Degree Program. To be honored; a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better. ..

Krystal Marie Wilhelmi has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. She is the daughter of Daniel and Virginia Wilhelmi of Westland.

The program honors students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Schol-

Barbara Wrenn of Westland ars must earn a 3.3 or higher Huron Valley Lutheran High grade point average. Wilhelmi, who attends John Glenn High. School, was nominated by Thomas Deschaine.

She will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

School of Westland has been recognized for "Its Exemplary Ministry to Young People" by Aid Association for Lutherans and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Association of Lutheran High Schools.

This award, presented annually to WELS high schools across the nation, recognizes the school for the efforts of its faculty, students and supporters. Huron Valley Lutheran High received a plaque and a cash award of \$2,500 at a banquet recently.

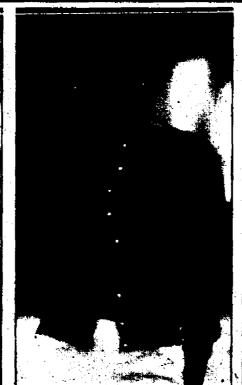
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# It's official: McNamara picks Robinson to head airports

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearidee homocomm.net

County Executive Ed McNamara went for a slam-dunk Wednesday in announcing his new county airports director.

Confirming reports by officially maming Lester Robinson, a former Wayne County airports finance chief, to the airports' top spot, Democrat McNamara drove hard to the proverbial basket by lashing out at Lansing Republicaus critical of his selection methods.

"They're the same ones who thought (Tom Izzo should not be appointed Michigan State basketball coach," jibed McNamara, referring to the Spartans' national collegiate basketball championship Monday night.

"I haven't heard anything so silly," said McNamara, noting no one would want the job because it might be for only a couple of years.

"Chances are I will not" run for election to a fifth term as county exec, he said, so why would an out-of-state candidate "come here for two years," giventhat the county exec makes the

appointment and that his term has only about three years left.

Robinson, whose appointment must be confirmed by the county commission, will succeed David Katz, who had been McNamara's former chief of staff. Katz's resignation is effective May 1.

"We're on schedule and on budget and moving ahead" on the construction of the new \$1.2billion midfield terminal project at Metro, said McNamara in defending his choice of Robinson, and "I want to open it on time,

"We want to stay on top" of things at the airport and "I can't think of a better guy."

### 'Hit the deck'

Noting Robinson's previous service as county commission auditor general, airport deputy director of finance and county chief financial officer, McNamara said, "We are fortunate to have found an airport director that has the experience, the integrity, the knowledge to hit the deck running without losing time that might put" the expansion projects "in jeopardy."

The county CEO angrily described as "baloney" a report Wednesday morning in a Detroit newspaper that a state audit of Metro finances revealed millions of dollars in cost over-runs and that contracts have lacked approval by the county commis-

"There has never been an illegal contract at the airport," McNamara stated, and those that have been extended were done so "with approval of the county commission.

"Every contract got county commission approval," he said.

"All this baloney is a rehash of all" that the commission's own current auditor general, Brendan Dunleavy, has already reported, McNamara said.

Citing the example of an \$11.1-million runway lights contract in 1994 that grew to \$19.8 million, McNamara said the Federal Aviation Administration ordered it be completed within one year and Northwest Airlines said it would pay to have it-completed.

"I really resent all of" the implications, McNamara said. "Not one indictment has been made of anyone. All of it (allegations) is false."

Robinson, a certified public accountant, returns to the county as president of Capital Financial Advisors International LLC of Detroit.

The firm has been a consultant to Metro Airport and Robinson said Wednesday he will put his income from the firm into a blind trust "so there will be no conflict of interest."

As for his having been a part of bidding on airport contracts, Robinson said, "We won zero."

Robinson said his job is turning "facilities that are old and

cramped" into "the safest, friendliest, cleanest and most convenient airport in the world.

"We are here to serve business and leisure travelers and the people who drop off and greet their families, friends and business associates," he said.

### 'No problem'

Robinson told the Observer that cooperating with state auditors will be "no problem."

McNamara told the Observer the state audit is a "witch hunt" that is in part looking into things "passed by the Roads Commission 40 years ago.

"David Katz pleaded with them to let him come to Lansing," but was turned down, McNamara said.

The county CEO said Robinson's "greatest challenge will be in continuing what David started" - Katz's efforts to make "more positive" the attitudes of . Metro Airport employees, upgrading the existing facilities and completing the new Northwest terminal, scheduled to open in December 2001.

# Husk calls choice 'cronyism'

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

At least one county commissioner wasn't impressed Wednesday with County Executive Ed. McNamara's reasons for not conducting a national search for a new airports director.

Pointing to McNamara's naming of former chiefs of staff to the position - Lester Robinson to succeed David Katz - Husk responded, "That's the whole problem.



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"They want to appoint somebody as a political favor rather than use good business sense,' said Husk, calling it "cronyism."

"This guy comes in, Katz goes," she chided Wednesday afternoon after McNamara announced his choice. "How convenient for them."

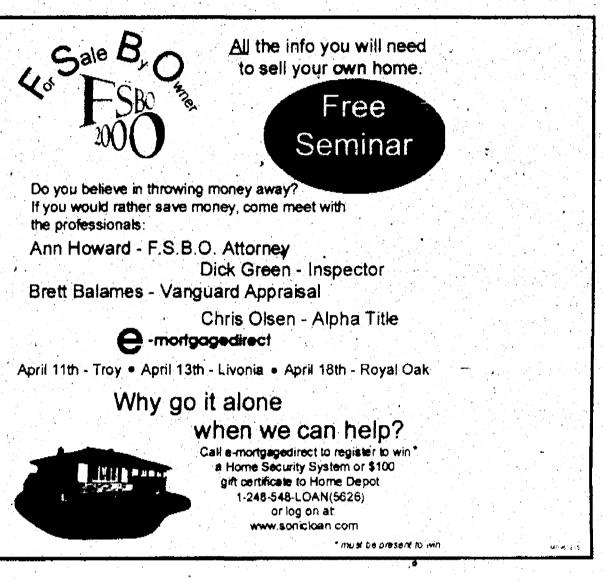
Husk, R-Redford Township, earlier on Wednesday proposed a charter amendment that would require a national search by the county executive to fill the positions of airports director, environment director and the directors of the juvenile detention center, mental health and information technology and also the chief medical examiner.

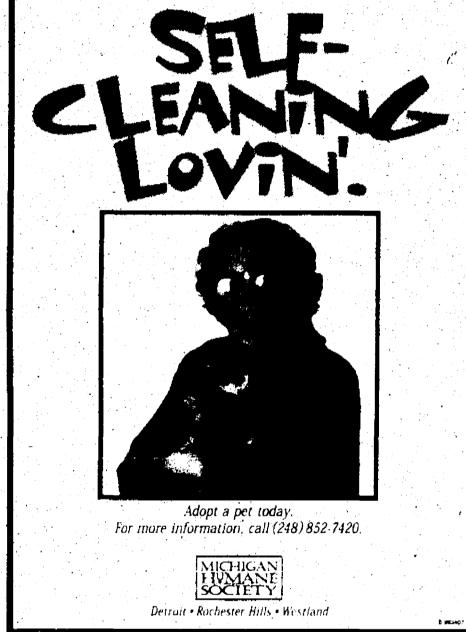
Once a "qualified" person were found, she said, "There's no reason why a new county exec would. want to take that person out.

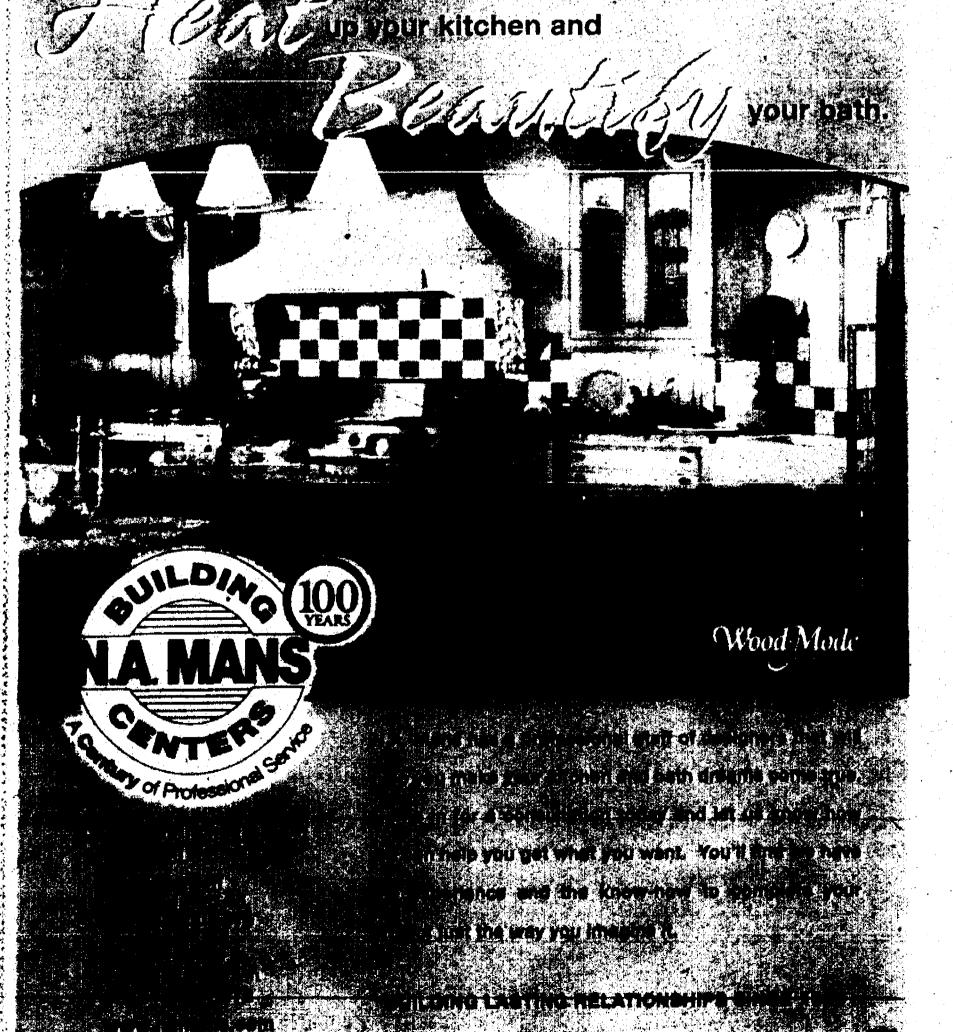
"We don't fire people here," she 'said.

Husk's resolution, if approved by the commission, would be placed on the ballot for the countywide primary election Aug. 8.

Husk's fellow Republican, Lyn Bankes of Livonia, called the proposal "micro-managing" and said commissioners "already do have the right to decide" directors "by consent vote."









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# Beard to receive Eleanor Roosevelt award

Vice Chair Kay Beard, the longest-serving member of the Wayne County Commission, will receive the highest women's honor bestowed by the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus.

. A longtime Westland resident who's served 22 years on the commission, Beard will be presented the biennial Eleanor Roosevelt Award during the group's annual luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Cobo Center in Detroit.

The event, which brings together Democratic Party women from across the state, is part of Jefferson Jackson Day 2000.

Named for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's wife, who supported numerous causes and humanitarian concerns, the award was first presented in 1990 to then-Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths.

Other past recipients are Erma Henderson, former Detroit City Council president, 1992; Juanita Webstone, veteran chief of staff of the Michigan Democratic Party, '94; Patricia J. Boyle, Michigan Supreme Court justice, '96; and Liz Baker, retired former regional director of the Michigan Education Asso-



Commissioner Kay Beard

"This is for her (Beard's) out-

Rollins, luncheon chairwoman and president-elect of the National Federation of Democratic Women, called Beard "a role model for Democratic

"She's served, she's organized

Rollins stated.

Beard, now in her fourth term as commission vice chair, has also been active in state and national as well as civic and communal organizations.

She called the award "an awesome honor given the remarkable political and humanitarian legacy of its namesake.

### 'Very humble'

"I feel very humble that the Michigan Democratic Women's Caucus is recognizing my public service and my efforts to make government effective for all citizens," Beard said.

First appointed to the county's legislative body in April 1978, Beard in 1998 was elected to her 11th consecutive term, making her the commission's longestserving member.

In January 1999, Beard's 14 colleagues voted her to a fourth term as commission vice chair. She represents Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

Now chairwoman of both the county's audit committee and its permanent subcommittee on veterans services, Beard also is vice chair of the committee of the whole, vice chair of the task force on Emergency 911 and a member of the public safety and judiciary committee.

In 1995, Beard was appointed to the National Advisory Council for the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, serving as advisor to both Secretary of Education Richard Riley and then Secretary of Labor Robert Reich as well as President Clinton.

### MAC honoree

She also has served on the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) In 1989, she was named MAC "Commissioner of the Year" and was elected to the NACo board in 1997.

That same year, D Building on the grounds of the former Eloise Complex was renamed the Kay Beard Building. It now houses county offices.

Beard is vice chair of the United Way board of directors, a member of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield senior advisory council, a founding member of Hospices of Michigan and a lector at the S.S. Kevin and Norbert Church in Inkster.

A widow with five adult children and five grandchildren, Beard has lived in Westland 45

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standing leadership," said Virgie Rollins of Detroit.

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### Madonna workshops focus on dementia for caregivers

Madonna University's Gerontology Department and the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association are presenting two dementia care workshops.

The workshops will be held on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall on Madonna University's Livonia campus. The fee is \$45 per person for each workshop and includes refreshments. The student rate is \$20 per person

The workshop, "Spiritualityand Dementia, is directed to clergy and pastoral care workers and will be held Friday. May 5. The workshop will explore issues for those who provide spiritual care to older adults with dementia in a variety of settings - at home, in hospitals, in long-term care facilities, and in hospice centers. A panel of professionals Gerontology Department at from different settings will dis- (734)432-5530.

cuss approaches to spiritual assessment with people who have dementia. Participants. will also explore their own aptritual journeys and how that impacts their work in this area.

The second workshop, acheduled for Friday, June 23, is for those individuals who work with dementia families. Using many care examples. Helping Families Accept Help," will explore a wide range of family issues including families who are independent, in denial, in conflict, those who realest using services of any kind and families who abusive and/or neglectful. Practical strategies for working with each group will be offered.

To register for the workshops or for more information, contact Madonna University's

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# McCotter leads Senate action to repeal outdated legislation

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Spartan fans could have gotten in big trouble with the law over the past month as they rooted Michigan State University's basketball team on to victory in the NCAA championships, according to state Sen. Thaddeus McCot-

It's illegal in Michigan to wear the logo of a sports team or to display that team's emblem, as on a bumper sticker, unless you are actually a member of that team, says McCotter, R-Livonia.

That's just one of a long list of archaic, out-of-date, no longer enforced laws the Michigan senator is hoping to get rid of.

Also on the chopping block are: Prohibitions against walkathons.

■ A ban on using the image of a deceased president to promote alcoholic beverages. Requirements for the use of

Peninsula. Requirements that every county government have an offic-

bells on sleighs in the Upper

cial dairy cream tester. ■ Requirements that "weather modifications services" be licensed. That's right, rainmakers have be licensed in the state of Michigan.

Senators voted, nearly unanimously, for a series of dozens of repealer bills, aimed at cleaning up Michigan's code books.

"We only had a couple of dissenting votes. One was (Sen. Phil) Hoffman," McCotter said. "He liked the rat bounty."

Nonetheless, that law - providing residents with a 10 cent bounty when they present the head of a rat to the local municipal clerk - also bit the dust. So did the Sparrow bounty, a 2 cent reward for turning in a dead English sparrow. McCotter headed up the State

Law Revision Task Force, assigned to the job of reviewing -eld-laws still on the books in Michigan: Also on the panel were Sens, Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem Township, and Mike Goschka, R.Brant. The task force was formed and appointed by Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R.Port Huron, last June:

According to McCotter, senators took care of about 50 repealer bills last week, sending them to the House for approval. And he said he has many more repealers to go, sponsored by a variety of law makers. How seriously the House will

take the job of cleaning up the law books is not clear, the senator said. But action on these bills should take little time and fit in easily among the House's other priorities, McCotter argued.

"Neglect of the law is just as dangerous as outright defiance of the law," McCotter said "You can't take the attitude that those are just old laws, just words on paper. We are supposed to enforce all the laws equally. For one, what if, torbid, one were enforced against you, a law you have no reason to know exists. Secondly, getting rid of these old laws is less for our law enforce. ment to pay attention to. Thirdly, it should serve as a warning to lawmakers today that actions you take may make you look

stupid 100 years from now."

Like the 1931 law banning "immoral advertising," ads that refer to "the restoration of lost manhood." Viagra promotions would be illegal under it, McCotter said.

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of the effort to clean out the old laws, McCotter said.

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# Let us govern

# Council prayer inappropriate

he Bible tells us to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

That wisdom can certainly be applied to organized prayer and the question of its place at Westland City Council meetings. Council members are mulling a proposal to start all meetings with prayer.

Some officials and residents are concerned, however, that Satanists and others could demand their turn at prayer. The March 20 council session opened with a prayer from Bishop Jack Wallace of Detroit World Outreach, who had discussed the idea with Councilman David James.

This past Monday's meeting featured a prayer from a local senior citizen, Cecilia Elbanowski.

Fringe groups are certainly a concern, as they could raise questions about their constitutional right to be heard in a public forum. There are greater concerns, however, about the three-member council committee studying whether to start council meetings with prayer, possibly rotating among members of the cler-

The separation of church and state must be respected, as must the rights of Jews, Hindus, Muslims and others who worship and pray outside the Christian mainstream. This is their community, too, and they have the right to be included.

It's common for service clubs in the Westland area and elsewhere to begin their meetings with a prayer. Those groups are private and free to conduct their business as they see Congress has chaplains who open sessions with prayers, but there's no evidence that congressional debate is any less contentious. We must ask whether prayer in Westland would help to heal the divisions that have developed in recent months.

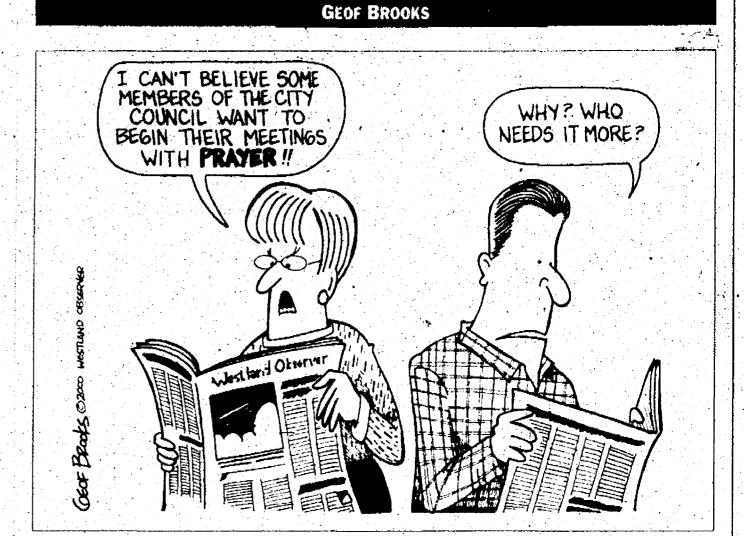
fit. Governmental bodies must hold themselves to a different standard.

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Prayer has been shown to have great power, to heal the sick and injured, for example. Its place in a governmental body's meeting must be questioned, however, as it raises serious questions about separation of church and state, as well as efforts to include all citizens.

Controversies involving prayers at public school graduations have often started with a well-intentioned student striving to include all classmates. That effort rarely succeeds, and in fact dilutes the impact of the original thought that went into the prayer.

Let's leave prayer, however well-intentioned, out of our city council meetings and concentrate on the business of government.



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### Ford concerns

A letter to William Clay Ford and Jac Nass-er:

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W. Mirth

### Against recall

Wake up, Westland taxpayers! Upon calling the city clerk's office, a recall election would cost approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. I asked what costs these included and was informed that it includes postage for mailing absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots; overtime salaries for clerical staff; application forms and envelopes; election day workers at the polls; publication costs, etc., etc., etc., etc., the time to make our choices on whether or not we want someone to be our council representative is at the polls during the regular council elections which are budgeted.

Special elections for recalls are not normally budgeted. To recall Mrs. Scott because you didn't agree with her vote on reappointment of a city clerk is absolutely ridiculous. Just because we don't agree with a vote doesn't give cause for a recall election at the taxpayers' expense. Edisagree many times with each and every person on the council, but that doesn't get me riled up to recall someone. At least Mrs. Scott did not cut city services nor

did she cut services in our public safety departments. I applaud you for that. RECALLS ARE A WASTE OF MY MONEY AND MONEY OF RESIDENTS IN WEST-LAND.

Carol Gillentine

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don't know who wrote the editorial on March 30. What were they possibly thinking? God

is the only one who has 20/20 hindsight. I don't think he works at the Observer. To say Sharon Scott's recall is unjustified brings the question: Just what would justify it? What, pray tell, is the correct remedy for a gross injustice to the former city clerk when all she did was do her job very well? Sharon's only reason to vote the way she did was "I owe it to Trav."

To say that all the recall energy should have been used at the last election is ludicrous. I am not clair-voyant. Had I had a premonition about this injustice, I am

very certain I would have voted as would others. Because the voter turnout was low, does that give them license to violate the law of human decency?

Your analogy is like a criminal who is released from prison and goes out and commits another crime. Do we say "If they had kept him in prison, this new crime would not have occurred?" Do we not punish him because we didn't keep him in prison? You are responsible for your actions when they occur, not when it's convenient.

Chuck Papineau

# Ballpark provides new sights

(Editor's note: We asked Observer sports editor C.J. Risak to comment on the new home of the Detroit Tigers.)

Well, what the heck. It is a new millennium, after all. This new den for the Tigers is proof enough.

Comerica Park is everything Tiger Stadium wasn't. And it can never be what the park at The Corner was.

For anyone who's been a Tiger fan their entire life – as I have been – there will be a period of adjustment.

I can still remember coming out of the bright sunshine on a warm summer day and going into this dark, damp, dungeon-like structure. It took a few minutes for my eyes to adjust, and once they did my dad was hauling me up this ramp back toward the sunshine.

But coming out of that ramp into the upper deck and seeing the field for the first time – the bright green grass, the brown basepaths, the little men in white uniforms and blue hats hitting grounders and fielding them while others tossed balls around in the outfield – is a memory of Tiger Stadium that can never be forgotten.

For the most part, the seats were atrocious. I sat in the lower deck center field bleachers at Tiger Stadium during arguably the most memorable game in team history: Game Five of the '68 World Series, when Lou Brock was thrown out at the plate.

Couldn't see a thing, but I was there.

I did love that ol' stadium. Had to park quite a distance, but didn't you just savor telling the guy sitting next to you in the stands you paid \$5 less to park just a few steps farther away.

But that was then - past history. Time to

I ... but for my children, who someday soon will walk through a wide concourse to see a wide expanse of bright green, with dirt basepaths that have little men in white uniforms and blue hats fielding grounders, awaiting the start of a new game.

Credit the folks at Comerica Park (CoPa for short) with trying to sustain some of that sense of history. Statues of Tiger greats in the outfield, pillars featuring great moments and players through the concourse ... and they still have those hot dogs, although it's doubtful the new park can retain that delicious odor that lingered in Tiger Stadium's cramped, enclosed aisles.

More than any other sport, baseball is history. How many guys 40 to 45 years old can tell you last year's starting lineup for the Detroit Lions? And how many can tell you the starting lineup for those '68 Tigers?

How often did you stay through the ninth inning of a game the Tigers were losing by eight because Cecil (Fielder, that is) was going to bat and, well, what the heck, you just never knew when he might pop one over that left-field roof.

That kind of history CoPa can't recreate. But it might be able to spawn some new memories – not for me, but for my children, who someday soon will walk through a wide concourse to see a wide expanse of bright green, with dirt basepaths that have little men in white uniforms and blue hats fielding grounders, awaiting the start of a new game.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

# QUESTION: Why are you involved in "Fame?"

We asked this question at a rehearsal prior to 7 p.m. April 6-8 performances at John Glenn.



"Because it's fun. I really enjoy what I'm doing,"

Dan Fowler senior, stage manager



"it's a lot of fun and it's a good experience."

Latoya Sealle senior, playing Coco



"I love the the ster. I love to entertain peo-

Bradford Clark senior, assistant director and Raiph Gracy



"A lot of my friends said it was a great opportunity. It's a lot of fun, nice people."

Kristina Revels senior, dance

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-- Philip Power

### **POINTS OF VIEW**

# SC remains vital part of area's economic, cultural life

ood things have been happening at Schoolcraft College, and that's good news for all of us. Work is expected to begin next spring on a \$20-million expansion of the college's Waterman Center that will enhance the culinary arts and business and industrial training programs. The project has been approved by the college board of trustees and now-must wait for approval of construction plans by the state legisla-

In addition, the Thompson-McCully Foundation, created by Robert and Ellen Thompson of Plymouth, has given \$500,000 for student scholarships. The grant by the extremely generous Thompsons is specifically intended to provide money now for those who have trouble paying for tuition and books.

A recent feature story told about the continuing education of Stan Kovacheff, a 74-year-old retired General Motors engineer who has used

his retirement wisely by taking 99 classes at Schoolcraft.

These three stories out of Schoolcraft remind us how central the college on Haggerty has become to our area. It's a focal point for learning, for training to fit the new economy and for expanding the horizons of everyone from 18-year-olds fresh from high school to retirees with active minds in search of new challenges.

As a young high school graduate who was totally clueless about his future plans, I took advantage of a year at Henry Ford Community College before making my way downtown to Wayne State University. That year introduced me to the looser structure and greater demands of college, which made possible a much smoother transition to the university.

At one time that was considered the primary function of community or junior colleges, a sort of halfway house to a four-year school. The colleges also provided some technical

training toward entry into a skilled trade.

Those are still important functions of community colleges but only a small part of their importance to the education-

al and economic health of the commu-

HUGH GALLAGHER

For many years, the best community colleges, and Schoolcraft is at the top of that list, have been on the cutting edge in offering course work that is relevant to job opportunities. They've taken a leadership role in working with the business community to the benefit of students and busi-

A quick glance through the Schoolcraft catalogue shows the rich diversity and obvious relevance of the

Schoolcraft curricula.

That relevance was emphasized by Schoolcraft President Dick McDowell when discussing the Waterman addition which will help expand the culinary and computer technology programs.

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

In addition to the vital liberal arts program that helps students prepare for a four-year degree, the school has programs in computer technology, engineering, broadcasting, computer aided design, correctional services, cosmetology, criminal justice, nursing, metallurgy, laser technology, electronics, emergency medical technology and much, much more.

The culinary arts program has proven especially popular and its graduates have won the respect of everyone in the food industry.

But the school is also a place to grow in other ways.

My talented niece, Colleen Greenwell, has taken the opportunity to pursue her love for theater at Schoolcraft and found a supportive, challenging environment.

Stanley Kovacheff is an inspiration to all adults, not just retirees, who want to continue learning and growing. At Schoolcraft he's had a chance to study tap dancing (a continuing passion), Spanish, Russian, guitar and piano, Tai Chi and typing. The school's continuing education program makes it possible for all of us to keep our brains well exercised.

Relatively low cost, abundant scholarships like those provided by the Thompsons and a great location make Schoolcraft a vital asset.

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### **LETTERS**

### **Prayer supporter**

After considering the comments regarding whether or not to allow prayer at the start of a city council meeting, I am led to wonder why? Why do some profess a "faith" in a God, then suggest that praying to that God for guidance is improper when mixed with politics, or that it may cause problems? It's interesting to me that the only meeting that started with prayer was also the meeting that had the least problems. I don't know if prayer had anything to do with this, but it is certainly interesting.

Perhaps the crux of the prayer matter lies more in what prayer represents than whether prayer is proper in that setting or not. A person that professes a Christian or God-centered faith knows that the act of praying is an act of communicating, a request for God's intervention in human matters. To invoke God is to ask for change, primarily a change of heart, but also

that order may be formed out of chaos. This is a good thing if order is what we seek. The golden rule of treating others as we would like to be treated is widely accepted as a truth as far as it regards human interaction. The difficulty is in making the transition from the words to a real. way of living. The chance that we take when we let God or prayer into our daily lives is that we risk shedding light on areas that we may prefer to leave in the shadows. To sincerely reflect on our conduct and personal motivations can often produce unwelcome discoveries.

City council meetings traditionally begin by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Our hand is held over our heart signifying that we speak these words with a sense of conviction and truth. In the pledge we state that we are "one nation under God." Why is it that we can be one nation under God, but not one council or one city or one people? Asking God to help us to dis-

cern wisely is probably the most important part of the whole process. Those that state that prayer is personal are right, it is for that reason that prayer should be included at council meetings, study sessions and all other areas where important decisions are being made. It is written that where two or more are gathered in his name, there too is God.

David A. Carignan

### Invest in future

Residents in the Livonia Public School District have an opportunity to ensure the continuation of quality public education. Voters will be asked to consider three millage proposals on Monday, April 10. Proposals A and B for renewal millage appear to have broad-based public support. Proposal C, a request for four-tenths of a mill, is deserving of your support,

especially if we consider the following:

The proposed needed improvements to our middle and high schools will update school buildings - the newest building is 32 years old...

Today's LPS secondary athletic opportunities are restricted due to inadequate facilities.

Quality schools attract young families to our city. Young families are essential to the continued economic success of other age groups living in the school district.

Quality schools maintain high property values.

The passage of Proposal C will be an additional \$30 a year for the owners of a house with a market value of \$150,000. An increase of approximately 58 cents a week is a modest investment to guarantee your increased home values, which will easily exceed \$30 a year.

With the passage of Proposals A, B and C, Livonia will still have the lowest tax rate of any community in

County. Although

Wayne

I no longer have schoolage children, I endorse the April 10 Proposals A, B and C. I hope all citizens residing in the LPS district will find time to vote and support these very worthwhile opportunities to invest

in our youth

and our future.

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> Jack E. Kirksey Livonia

# Bills to suppress MEAP results would wipe out recent gains

readers around here know state Rep. ■ Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, but he's the man sitting on a ton of 18th century school legislation. Allen chairs the House Education Committee in Lansing.

His wife is Suzanne K. Miller, a high-energy, engaging former legislative staffer and a Farmington-raised lass, or should I now say matron? They have a daughter, Meredith, thank you.

Sitting undisturbed, thank goodness, in Allen's committee are two bills by this area's own Rep. Andy Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. House Bills 4104-5 would allow a parent to order a school district not to show the student's MEAP test scores on his or her transcript

Now, the whole idea of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and High School Proficiency Tests is to make sure a local diploma means something. Twenty hears ago, employers were complaining that a kid with a diploma didn't always know enough to do a job. So Michigan wrote state standards.

Unfortunately, the state didn't make its standards mandatory. A kid still can collect a local diploma without a state endorsement simply by occupying a desk for enough semesters. Raczkowski's bills would actually move

Michigan backwards from assuring the value of a diploma. Examples: Alabama requires passing grades in the

English and language sections of its state exams, though not yet in science and math.

Indiana gives a state achievement exam to all students seeking a diploma unless they meet certain waiver requirements

Obviously, allowing a parent to omit the state test scores from a student's transcript would defeat the entire purpose of state tests. It would put us back into the 18th Century when aparent decided whether a kid should go to school at all, or even if there would be free public schools.

See Pap Finn's remarks about reading in chapter 5 of Mark Twam's "Huckleberry Finn. Raczkowski's bills will be popular in affluent

areas where parents who can give their kids jobs in their own companies have objected to state tests and had their kids opt out

In the past I've written about Dixie cases where fundamentalists have tried to take cou trol of the school currentum in the name of "parents' rights." They argue that parents. guided, of course, by the pastor and his Rible should be able to tell teachers, principals, super intendents and the state to Neach "creationisin" and to dump "Hurk Fing," "Aune Frank" and



TIM RICHARD

"Wizard of Oz." The courts steadfastly have rejected their rantings and supported public

Lately, it seems the Mason-Dixon line has drifted north to Macomb County, Rep. Janet. Kukuk. R-Macomb Township, has a bill in Allen's committee requiring that a parent would have to actively enroll a student in any class covering dangerous communicable diseases (including AIDS), sex education and even "the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic and social aspects of family life."

The would be a foot in the door, the camel's nose. under the tent, for fundamentalist approval of the literature and science curricula, too.

Rep. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, has a bill that would require a school board to recognize a parent's "fundamental right to request a partieular school or teacher" and to hold a biennial public hearing "to discuss parental involvement" in activities and policies.

Strangely, the Sanborn bill doesn't require the board to grant the parent's request, so it's hard to decipher what real impact it would have, other than to tack the code words "par ent's rights" into the School Code

And if parents want to be involved in school activities and policies, what's wrong with using the public comment section of the Open Meetings Act (sec. 3(5))? What's wrong with the par ent joining the PTA? What's wrong with the parent asking questions at a candidates' night?

There are other kooky bills attempting to Testablish a particular religion iji government. but you get the point The lewer bills Allen's committee reports out.

- Tim Richard is retired from this newspaper to

the land of Kalubonokka, the north icitud. His c mad address is trichard@misd-net.com



Write a Letter to the Editor to your Observer

### CITY OF WESTLAND

Notice of Public Hearing for Review of a Housing and Community Development Annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan for Fiscal 2000/2001 Including Proposed Housing and Community Development Goals, Strategies and Proposed Use of Funds for Program Year XXVI (7-01-2000/6-30-2001) and Five Year Consolidated Plan for 2000-2005

### BACKGROUND

As required by U.S. Congressional Statues, the City of Westland has prepared a Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy for the period July 1, 2000-June 30, 2005 as a prerequisite to receiving funds from a variety of Federal and State sources including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homeless Assistance Programs, the HOME Program, and certain other Federal Programs, including Section 8 Housing Assistance. In addition, the City prepares an annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan with funding requests for project and programs for the upcoming fiscal period.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are designed to be integrated documents for identifying and meeting the needs for Community Development and Affordable Housing within the City of Westland. Further, they include a review of the total resources expected to be available to assist in the provision of Community Development and Affordable Housingneeds. This potential includes public and private resources, non-profit housing and community development organizations, financial institutions, state housing organizations, social service agencies, and others. The Five Year and Annual Consolidated Plan Strategy process is intended to produce a Five-Year Strategy and Annual Action Plan to begin closing the gap between the quantity of decent housing which is affordable to individuals and families with low or moderate incomes and the need for such housing and to restore the community with CDBG funded capital outlay projects and public services.

### 2000/2001 ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN REVIEW PERIOD:

This publishing shall serve as notice that the (30) day Consolidated Plan-Public Comment period shall begin April 7, 2000 and end on May 8, 2000. The Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy document and 2000/2001 Annual Action Plan Summary will be on review at locations throughout the City listed at the end of the notice. Several public hearings on the 2000/2001 Annual Action Plan will be held during the month of April in accordance with the schedule shown at the end of this notice. The purpose of the public hearings and comment period will be to obtain the views and opinions of citizens on the effectiveness of programs and activities proposed and planned for the next fiscal period, as well as during the next five years.

### 2000/2001 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN NARRATIVE

The 2000/2001 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will provide information regarding the financial resources which are expected to be available in federal fiscal year 2000 for Community Development and affordable housing programs including new construction, rehabilitation, rental assistance, home purchase assistance programs, etc. The Consolidated Plan reviews various Federal, State, County, and Local resources as well as those of the private and nonprofit sector.

The Consolidated Plan Action Plan also discusses implementation for the City fiscal year 2000/2001 (7/1/2000-6/30/2001) in terms of the number of households to be assisted by Federal, State or Local programs and which family types the assistance will be targeted to. For fiscal 2000/2001, the City anticipates programs and projects which were already projected under the 1999/00 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The 1999/00 Consolidated Plan Action Plan provided a mixture of housing programs to serve very low and lower income families; owners and renters; elderly, small family and large family commensurate to the amount of Federal and State assistance provided to the City. Housing rehabilitation for owners; rehabilitation of rental property in the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions; and the provision of Section 8 rent subsidies to all family types will continue at levels provided during the fiveyear period 1990-1995. The City has an established Home Buyer Program in both the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions to encourage a greater interest in homeownership amongst families who currently rent. The Westland Housing Commission (WHC) will continue to operate its Family Self-Sufficiency Program for up to as many as (25) interested families who are currently receiving Section 8 Housing Assistance benefits. The program encourages families to either work or obtain an education and become independent of government assistance. In April of 1999, the Commission began to administer 212 Housing Preservation Vouchers at the Point West Apartment complex in Westland. This contract was awarded to WHC by HUD when the owners opted out of their long-term contract with HUD.

The City will continue with the implementation of its Carver Subdivision Revitalization Plan and has designated a non-profit housing provider, Peoples' Community Hope for Homes, to continue affordable housing initiatives including in-fill housing on vacant lots and an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program for vacant homes. PCHFH may also undertake some demolition activities to remove long term vacant, substandard housing. In its place, PCHFH will build new construction, single family homes. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Program with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Construction should start this year on Phase I of a new subdivision in the Carver Subdivision, Currier Street has been built and storm and sanitary sewers have been installed. An existing watermain has been upgraded to current standards. A total of 34 new homes will be constructed once a Development Agreement has been finalized between the City and Developer. A total of (14) or 41% of the new homes, at a minimum; will be available for low/moderate income families only.

Homeless shelter programs will continue as is, with Wayne County and local governments needing to plan for transitional and permanent housing for the homeless. Supportive housing programs for special needs individuals will continue to be provided by county-wide non-profit organizations who may possibly be subject to budget cutbacks. It is assumed that Wayne County will continue to support the operation of the Wayne County Family Center which provides (23) units of emergency shelter. The shelter is operated through a contract with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

The Westland Department Housing and Community Development will monitor the progress and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and provide reports to various commissions; HUD, and the local legislative body on a regular basis. CITY OF WESTLAND CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

To meet the Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation requirements, the draft summary document must be available for public examination and comment for a period of thirty (30) days. The 2000/2001 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will be available for the public to review beginning April 7, 2000 through May 8, 2000. Copies of the complete Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy document and the proposed 2000/2001 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will be available for public examination for a thirty-day (30) period at the locations listed below: 1) Department of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Rd.,

Westland 2) Westland City Hall (Clerk's Office), 36601 Ford Rd., Westland

3) William P. Faust Westland Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland 4) Westland Senior Resources Department, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

To coincide with the above-mentioned thirty (30) day comment period, public hearings on the 2000/2001 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will be conducted to obtain citizen and organizational input as listed below:

April 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Westland City Council

36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185

April 18, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. Westland Housing Commission

32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186 April 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186

April 25, 2000 at 4:30 p.m.

Westland Rehabilitation Review Board 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186.

### PROPOSED YEAR XXVI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

The City of Westland anticipates receiving approximately \$1,187,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Year XXVI Program which begins July 1, 2000, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It is proposed to utilize \$100,000 in program income returned to the City from loan and grant repayments from the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide an increased level of capital improvements and public service activities in the Years XXVI Program. The City also anticipates receiving an increase in the amount of HOME funds from that received in the prior fiscal period from Federal resources. The total expected HOME funding is \$409,000.

### NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program was enacted by Congress in 1974 to address the problem of deteriorating cities and neighborhoods. In order to achieve this goal of revitalizing the nation's communities, the federal government established three broad national objectives to which the City of Westland has certified it will give maximum feasible priority. These objectives include:

- 1. Activities which benefit low and moderate income families
- 2. Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight 3. Activities which address an urgent threat to the health or safety of the

### community. LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- 1. Preserve and/or expand the existing housing stock through housing rehabilitation, and code enforcement programs. Conserve and upgrade the neighborhoods of low/moderate income families
- through capital improvements and the installation of new public infrastructure. 3. Improve and expand the recreational facilities for low/moderate income
- families, including senior citizens and the handicapped.
- 4. Provide for, and expansion of, a varied program of social and community
- sarvices to low/moderate income persons including senior ditizens. 5 Provide for the expansion of job opportunities for low/moderate income

6. Alleviate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of the

residents. Undertake planning studies for the future provision of capital

improvements and expansion of social and community services 8. Barrier-free accessibility projects for physically handicapped and disabled persons

Expand housing opportunities for low income families with special initiatives including new construction single family homes; multi-family or senior citizen residential rental projects; homebuyer program with financial incentives for low/moderate income families who are renting and wish to purchase new and existing housing; in-fill housing for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods; and, an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program.

### 2000/2001 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Consistent with the above-stated objectives, the Administration is proposing the following list of projects/programs for the City's Year XXVI Community Development Block Grant Program.

Project Funding Classification . Objectives Location Level National Local CD Administration \$262,366 Program Admin. 1 A,C

(00-01)Administer Community Development Block Grant program, federal regulations, subgrantee monitoring, housing assistance and state housing grant programs, operate Dorsey Community Center and contract assistance to the Family Resource Center at Lincoln Elementary School.

Rehab. Admin. \$140,000 Low/Mod. Rehab. 1 Admin. Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, Barrier-Free

and Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair substandard units to meet City codes and eliminate health and safety hazards. Housing Rehab. \$175,000 Low/Mod. Rehab. 1

(00-03)Single Unit Resid. Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete programs listed under item 00-02. Proposed funding could be used to assist (5) homeowners for General Rehabilitations and assist (8) homeowners with emergency repairs or barrier-free access improvements. Due to new HUD regulations for lead-based paint inspection and abatement in all federally assisted housing projects, anticipate a significant reduction of units participating and units completed; and an increased cost and time factor to

complete all units beginning in fiscal 2001/2001. Senior Programs \$178,500 Low/Mod. Public 1 A,BService/Seniors

Operate Senior Center on Newburgh Road. Provide services including telecare, home bound meals, congregate site lunch, emergency transportation, home chores, etc. (funding for Operation Breadbasket is \$14,175 and \$4,725 is proposed for a specialized Senior Transportation Program included in amount above). The Senior Resources Department may utilize grant funding and resources from other county, state, and federal sources, in addition to block grant funds.

\$ 7,000 Low/Mod. Public 1 N.S.A. Trans-D,J,K portation (00-05) Service/Trans. Provide essential transportation services, via cab, to low income families at

subsidized cost in Norwayne, Annapolis Park, and Carver/Van Born Subdivisions only. Restricted service destinations. (CT 5685, 5680, and 5689) Hegira Programs \$ 24,680 Low/Mod. Public 1 (00-06)Service/Substance

Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals and groups and prescribe treatment programs.

First Step \$ 19,700 Low/Mod. Public : 1; Domestic Violence Service/Battered and Sexual Assault Spouses

Prevention (00-07) Program to reduce incidence of spouse abuse and sexual assault; counseling;

education, outreach, transportation, and emergency shelter. Child & Family \$ 19,700 Low/Mod. Public 1 Service/Youth Neighborhood Program (00-08)

Provides parenting education and skills workshops, training sessions and counseling for low/mod. income parents in Westland. Referrals made by schools, court, police, and fire department; also sponsors child abuse prevention programs.

Youth Assistance \$ 14,500 Low/Mod. Public 1 Program (00-09) Service/Youth Partially fund Youth Assistance Program, a juvenile counseling and mentoring program for disturbed delinquent youths, 7-16 years of age.

Friendship Center \$163,000 Low/Mod. Public 1 3,4 ·Building Expansion, Improvement. Year III Loan Senior Centers Payment (00-10)

Construct additional space at the Westland Friendship Center due to the increasing number of seniors participating in daily activities at the Center. A total of 4,620 sq. ft. addition was constructed on the east side of the existing assembly hall. The addition houses (4) new activity rooms with folding partition walls. The total project cost was \$863,487 (excluding architectural fees and interest on the project financing). A primary loan was obtained from HUD via the Section 108 loan program in the amount of \$530,000 and \$100,000 was budgeted for the project in the Fiscal 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan, Repayment will be made in five years for the first loan. The difference between the revised project cost and the allocated funding was met by the City obtaining a second, concurrent 108 Loan in the amount of \$300,000 with a term of ten (10) years. The \$163,000 in funding represents a scheduled loan repayment.

\$ 10,000 Low/Mod. Public 1. Rehab, Code Enforcement Improvement.

Manpower allocation for inspection work for rehabilitation projects citing code violations and work write-ups for single and multi-family unit rehabilitation projects. Also, the Building and Police Departments will assign officers in target areas to cite building code violations and hazard/nuisance conditions including junk vehicles.

Dorsey Center \$ 20,000 Low/Mod Public 1 2.6 C Improvement Reaf Yard and Rear Parking Lot Resur-

facing (00-12) Resurface, with a bituminous cap, the rear storage yard of the Dorsey Center. Prior years funds were used to correct deterioration and drainage problems with structures in and around rear storage yard. Also, resurface public parking area located to the south of the Dorsey Center which serves one social service

agency at the rear of the building and the Dorsey Park - children's playground. Carver Subdivision \$220,450\*1 Low/Mod. Public 1 Fire Station, No. 5 Improvement Phase II (00-13) .

Provide for the engineering, development costs, site-work, etc. to construct a new 4,823 sq. ft. fire station, No. 5, in the Carver Subdivision (CT5690) at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads. The station would be built on city-owned property. The fire station would be manned full-time to provide emergency medical, advanced life support and fire response. An office will be constructed for-Community Policing and this will be manned on a part-time basis. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$1,180,000. In addition to the \$220,450 in Year 2000 funds, the project will be financed as follows: a total of \$150,000 in Year 1998 CDBG funds; \$168,943 of 1998 reprogrammed funds (remaining fund balances from prior years activities); a \$700,000 Section 108 Loan which will be repaid over a ten (10) year period. The City pledges full faith and credit to collateralize this loan. Any surplus funds shall be used for constructing a children's playground (19,584 sq. ft.) adjacent to the new fire facility. The remaining funds may be used for site preparation, play surface materials, equipment, furnishings, fencing, landscaping, etc. necessary to construct a children's playground

\*Funding consists of \$88,141 Year 2000 CDBG funds and \$132,309 of Reprogrammed CDBG funds listed below:

Public Park. \$ 20,000 Low/Mod Public 1 .. . . . Play Structure & Improvement.

Install a unified play structure at Public Park. The existing equipment is constructed of metal and is outdated. The proposed structure is made from a special plastic that will be vandal resistant and maintenance free. Picnic tables, benches, other furnishings and equipment, site preparation, play surface materials and landscaping are also a proposed part of the project

\$ 32,413 Low/Mod Public 1 Carver Sub. Fire Station, No. 5 Improvement Section 108 Loan

Anticipated interest only payment which may be due in February 2001 for the

\$700,000 loan used to finance the construction of project 00-13 scheduled to begin in the late spring of 2000. This is a Section 108 loan through HUD with a'ten year term at an interest rate to be determined. This payment is for anticipated interest only.

Youth Assistance \$100,000 [Low/Mod Public 1 Program Offices. Improvement (00.16)

The City of Westland has a community based Youth Assistance Program: (YAP), which is funded by the City of Westland, CDBG funds through HCD. Wayne County and the Target Corporation. It is designed to be an alternative. to the criminal justice system for juveniles committing crimes. Police, achools, sluvenile Court, and the juvenile's family refer juvenile delinquents to the YAP program. The youths are encouraged or required to participate in a positive type of recreation; a tutoring program or do service work in the community. (depending on the reseon for the referral. The current facility for the YAP is in the City of Westland Bailey Center where several small offices are available The offices have proven to be too cramped for the high volume of referrals

made to the program and it ha been difficult for the counselors and mentors to find privacy in the facility to effectively work with their clients. To make the best of the program, a facility with space for the following rooms is required: one or more conference rooms, several private counseling rooms, storage areas for files and several offices for YAP staff. There is no available space in other city municipal buildings and no suitable privately held properties can be found, ideally, an addition of approximately 2,827 square feet to the City of Westland Police Department building would be convenient and effective housing for the YAP because of its central city location, its proximity to other city buildings and enhanced accurity. The addition would require a separate entrance from the police department. All personnel and equipment would be supplied by the City. In addition to Youth Assistance, the City will also create new office space for its special investigation unit (SIU). YAP will have 67% or 1,889 sq. ft. of office space in the new addition and the SIU would have 33% or 938 sq. ft. of space. Up to 60% of the cost would be paid with CDBG funds. The remaining 40% (\$180,000) of the construction costs would be paid with forfeiture funds or other non-reimburseable City funds. The estimated cost of building a 2,827 square foot addition to the Police Department building is four hundred thousand dollars. The City is allocating \$100,000 of Year 2000 CDBG funds, and may advance \$140,000 from its general fund, if required. The City will request in its CPAP application to HUD for reimbursement of the \$140,000 of pre-award costs as provided for in the block grant regulations at [24 CFR 570.200(h), March 1996]. The advanced funds from the City, if required, will be repaid with CDBG funds over a two year period.

REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS: -

Fire Station No. 5 - \$132,309 Carver Subdivision (00-13)

[See prior activity description for 00-13]

2001/2001. (CT 5685 and CT 5690).

Decrease: 93-13 Norwayne Watermain Phase VI 95-12 Norwayne Watermain Phase VII \$.45.626 97-02 Rehabilitation Administration \$ 26,731 97-11 ADA Barrier-Free Access, Phase IV \$ 38,067 97-12 Van Born Watermain, Phase II \$ 6,656 98-12 Norwayne Easement Removal Phase II SUBTOTAL: \$132,309

2000/2001 PROPOSED USE OF HOME FUNDS HOME Rental Re- \$ 127,660 Rehab, Multi-Unit 1,9 habilitation Program

(Norwayne and Carver

Subdivisions) (00-HO1) Funding to be used to continue existing HOME (Rental Rehabilitation in targeted neighborhoods. Anticipate (8) projects with (20) dwelling units for renters at 60% of median income. Must bring entire unit up to currently adopted BOCA existing housing code, both interior and exterior. Program provides 50% of total project cost up to a maximum of \$10,000 for one or two bedroom units and up to \$12,000 per unit for apartments with three or more bedrooms. Owner provides the remaining project funds from non-government. sources. Rents are restricted for a five-year period. No displacement of families permitted under program. Due to new HUD regulators for lead-based paint inspection and abatement in all federally assisted housing projects, anticipate a significant reduction of units participating and units completed; and an

increased cost and time factor to complete all units beginning in fiscal

Residential

HOME Funds **\$** 40,900 Administration/ 1. Administration Planning (99-HQ2)

In conformance with Federal HOME Program regulations, utilize 10% of allocated HOME funds for reimbursement to the City for eligible administrative, and planning costs. No new personnel will be hired. Use to offset the cost of staff time to administer HOME programs as well as consultant fees, contractor costs, and other anticipated fees and expenses (i.e. appraisal, legal, engineering, environmental, title work, planning, banking, architectural) necessary to implement and administer the various City of Westland HOME programs:

Set-Aside to \$ 240,450 Homeownership 1 Non-Profit Housing Assistance Organization (Peoples' (Special) Community Hope for Subrecipient) Homes, Inc.) (FCHFM)

Existing non-profit housing organization has been designated by the City of Westland to conduct affordable housing projects and programs to initiate a revitalization of the Carver Subdivision, a distressed residential neighborhood. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. PCHFH will use a 100% recapture of grant funds provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization for (2) to (3) new in-fill housing projects. Administrative/operating costs will be allocated at \$20,450 and the

remaining funds, \$220,00 must be used for project costs. TOTAL PROPOSED TOTAL PROPOSED \$1,287,000 HOME BUDGET: \$409,000 CDBG BUDGET-U.S. Dept Of Regular Block \$1,187,000 Grant Allocation: Housing & Urban \*Program Income: \$ 100,000° \$409,000 Development

\*The above amount includes \$100,000 in program income received in the prior fiscal period 7/1/98-6/30/99 and the current fiscal period, 7/1/99-6/30/00 returned to the City from loan and grant repayments from the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Fund. Total program income received during the 7/1/98-6/30/99 fiscal period was \$125,815. We anticipate receiving \$100,000 in. program income for the fiscal period which runs July I, 1999-June 30, 2000.

### PROJECT/PROGRAM AMENDMENTS REGARDING CHANGE IN **DESCRIPTIONS OR SCOPE OF PROJECTS**

1. Amend Westland HomeBuyer Program Guidelines at Section 7.1 and Section (I)(B)(1) of the Participating Lending Agreement to include Block Groups, 1, 2, 3, 4 of Census Tract 5683 as an eligible area to purchase a home and receive downpayment and closing cost assistance. This new area includes the 315 unit Greenview Condominium complex (formerly Oak) Village rental community). All four block groups exceed the HUD threshold eligibility limit of more than 40.5% low/moderate income families. The new area is bounded by Wildwood, Palmer, and Glenwood roads and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad right-of-way on the western boundary. 2. Under Senior Programs, reduce allocation for Operation Breadbasket and

create special allocation of \$4,725 to partially subsidize transportation for seniors to travel to distant medical complexes for medically necessary trips that are required for a serious illness of a continued duration via a private transportation provider.

3. Amend existing descriptions of improvements to Stottlemeyer Park (Census Tract 5689 at Hanover and Dancy) contained in the 1996/1997 Consolidated Plan, Project 96-16, Stottlemeyer Park Development Phase III and the 1997/1998 Consolidated Plan, Project 97-16, Stottlemeyer Park Development Phase IV. In addition to previous work described, this amendment would allow for the resurfacing of two basketball courts, one tennis court and an in-line hockey rink. The proposed new work involves sealing all cracks, resurfacing with 197 asphalt cap and the application of resurfacer with two coasts of latexite and striping: All improvements listed under prior descriptions have been completed except for installation of a water line and the provision of electricity to the shelter. These are not feasible at this time. The remaining balance of funds for both projects is

### \$25,615. LOCATIONS:

 City-wide impact for low/moderate income persons. B. 1119 N. Newburgh Road between Ford and Marquette.

C. 32715 Dorsey Road (Norwayne)

D. Census Tract 5685 (Norwayne) - Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman.

8623 N. Wayne Rd , Suite 156 Civic Complex at 36601 Ford Road

G. 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. H. City-wide impact for handicapped/disabled persons

Con. munity Development target greas exceeding HUD low/mod threshold Census Tract 5690 (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, Middlebelt)

K. Census Tract 5689 (Annapolis, Van Born, Middlebelt and Henry Ruff)

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N Westland Police Department 36701 Ford Road O' Bailey Recreation Center 36651 Ford Ford

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 2000/2001 (07/01/00 - 0/30-01) Listed below is the Total Anticipated Funding to be received by the City of Westland from Federal and State sources - \$1 1H7 (KH)\*

1. Community Development Block Grant Estimated funding to be received by City of Westland from HUD. Time Period for Expenditure > (12) Months 2. Program Income Allocated to New CDBG Projects and

Programs Time Period for Expenditure (12) Months

3 Participating Jurisdiction HOME Finds received directly

This funding will be utilized to fund the following programs A \$240,450 set uside to Peoples Community Hope for Homess inc. A non-privat housing organization.

HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (Norwayov and Carver Subdivision, at \$127,650, and \$40,900 for Administration: Time Period for Expenditure - 24: \$1300(阿國

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Thursday, April 6, 2000



JACK GLADDEN

## Tracing your great-greats can be tricky

LL ou're starting to talk funny," The Feminist said. "You sound like you're reading from the Bible."

"What?" "'My mother's mother's father'... what kind of talk is that? It sounds like 'Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob' and all the 'begats.' Why don't you just say 'my great-grandfather?"

"Well ... I was trying to be specific. I mean, when you get that far back, I've got four great-grandfathers. I was trying to tell you exactly which one I was talking about."

"It's all too confusing for me." She thinks she's confused. I'm the one trying to sort through family trees, census records, birth and death notices, military service records and GEDCOM files. (I'm still not sure what that means.)

It started out with the discovery of a family scrapbook and some notes on my parents' and grandparents' lineage. According to family legend, my mother's side of the family was mostly Scottish and Irish; my father's side was a bit more muttified, with Scottish, Irish, English and German bloodlines.

That was the legend, but I wanted to find some documentation. With the scrapbook beside me, I logged on to an Internet genealogy site and started my quest. And then I got hooked.

But it wasn't as easy as I thought it would be. By the time I got to the greatgrandparent level, I found myself saying things like "my father's mother's mother" and "my mother's father's mother." And that was only going back three generations.

Forget about things like multiple marriages (couple marries and has children, one spouse dies, surviving spouse marries again and produces more children, spouse dies, another marriage, more children), which were quite common going back just 150 years or so.

Forget about convoluted relationships such as I found when two brothers (my grandfather and my grand-uncle) married two sisters (my grandmother and my grand-aunt) thus producing offspring who were double-cousins. And their children were related ... how? I gave up on that one.

Forget about variant spellings of family names down through the years, not quite accurate entries in family Bibles, misspelled names on census records or tax rolls.

Never mind that if you are researching ancestors who lived in Newton County or others who lived in Boone County you have to know that both Newton and Boone were created at different times by carving sections but of Carroll County, leaving researchers using such terms as "mother counties" and "daughter counties."

Never mind any of that. Just assume a perfectly "normal," straightforward line of succession. Just three generations back results in eight great-grandparents. Go back four generations and you have 16 great-great-grandparents. That's geometric progression.

By the time you get back 10 generations (somewhere around the 1700s by my calculation), you would be a direct descendent of 1,024 ancestors. By the time you get back to the 1600s or late 1500s, you're looking at 16,384 ancestors and one more generation back takes it to 32,768.

If you trace your lineage back far enough, you'd have more ancestors than there were people on earth at the time. There's something wrong with the math here, unless we're dealing with census undercounts or overcounts.

Meanwhile, I finally documented that my great-grandfather, my mother's mother's father, served in the 14th Alabama Infantry and surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse. But that Gladden who served in the 8th Arkansas, I'm still trying to determine whether he was my father's father's father or my father's father's brother,

What's so confusing about that? Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer Newspapers, His e-mail address is jgladden@ce. homecomm.net.



Loving and giving: Kelly Verellen (left) and Ali Cichon with some of the 400 books they collected and donated.

### STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

# Practicing the 'heart' of giving

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON . PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

This is the first profile in a series titled "Friday's Child." The staff of the Community Life section will present a story the first Thursday of every month that features a local young person who fits the childhood verse \*Friday's child is loving and giving." We hope to recog nize unique and special students who oftentimes act unselfishly for the benefit of others.

🟲 you ask 14-year-old Kelly Verellen why she likes to help people, the answer is a long time in coming. "I don't know ... I just do."

Kelly's mom, Laurie, says her daughter's humility has always prevailed over a need to be recognized for her kindhearted actions.

"She has a perspective on life that most kids her age don't. She has always talked about other people needing things and ways she can help," said Laurie Verellen. "It's the little things here and there that she's been able to do that have given her the most satisfaction."

Kelly, a ninth grader at Churchill High School in Livonia, started a crusade of sorts in 1997 with her best friend Ali Cichon. The pair have sponsored a picnic for Kelly's twin sisters girl scout troop whose proceeds benefit the charity of the girls choice. They call themselves H.O.P.E.

"It means Helping Out People Everywhere," said Kelly. We do it because we like helping

people ... if makes us feel good,"

said Ali.

The donations she and Ali have collected over the past three summers have come to benefit young patients at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and Catholic Social Services foster care program

Kelly said she and Ali just decided one day to organize a picnic for her sister's girl scout troop. Invitations, created by the pair, were sent out to all troop members asking them to come and enjoy snacks, games and prizes in exchange for a new toy. Due to the success of the event, the following summer they hosted a teddy bear picnic and gathered more than 50 new stuffed animals for the Ann Arbor chil-

dren's hospital. "We wanted to make the kids more comfortable while they were in the hospital," said Kelly

Entirely organized and paid for by Kelly and Ali with money earned from their allowance and snow shoveling around their neighborhood - the girls still found time for hobbies, extra curricular activities and baby-sitting.

This past summer they held another picnic and collected books - 400 to be exact - that were recently donated to the Catholic Social Services office in Detroit.

According to Victoria Tyler, director of Child Welfare - Catholic Social Services, the donation was something the facility really needed for the visitation area of the office.

"The Boy Scouts recently came in and remodeled our whole visitation area. We were actually looking for books for the new shelves," said Tyler. "This donation is amazing."

She thinks the efforts by the two Livonia teenagers is very impressive. "To have the (insight) to think about collecting the books, that's amazing and the donation from Keily and Ali is truly appreciated."

### Future endeavors

With summer right around the corner Kelly said she and Ali haven't decided what kind of charity work they'll do this time around. Kelly would like to further her connection with Mott Children's Hospital by working in a volunteer program they have for students 14 and

"I want to keep helping people. I want to go to college and be a physical trainer or a radiologist, said Kelly.

The Livonia teenager is truly modest about her efforts but says her inspiration comes from a favorite short story called "The Starfish" (See related story).

"If I can be like that and just help one person at a time then that's what I'll do," said Kelly.

### The Starfish

Once upon a time there was a wise man who used to go to 🐣 the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on

the beach before he began his

One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day.

So he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the yourse man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean. As he got closer he called out,

"Good morning! What are you doing!" The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean." "I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?" "The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die." "But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened partly. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said: "It made a difference

for that one."

– author unknown

# Leave a Legacy offers opportunity for area charities

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola STAFF WRITER scasols Ochomecomm.net

importance of giving.

for a specific cause."

John Landis may not work as a teacher, but he's teaching people the

As co-chair of the Leave A Legacy campaign in southeast Michigan, the Livonia resident believes strongly in the act of giving, no matter who benefits. "This is one of the only campaigns that isn't asking for a specific donation

Leave A Legacy-Southeast Michigan is a seven-county-wide educational effort benefiting all charities in southeast Michigan which encourages individuals to name a charity in their will. vital to the future financial status of a run a charitable organization," said Roundtable of Southeast Michigan, of that are forced to rely more and more arts organizations, religious groups, Landis, ...

educational institutions, health organizations and nonprofit agencies in the southeast Michigan area. As vice president of Investment Services for The Bank of Bloomfield Hills, Landis has been afforded the opportunity to spread the word about Leave A Legacy to individuals establishing trusts.

He doesn't tell people which charities. or organizations to donate to; all devisions are their own. It's "getting people. in the giving mode" that matters.

"There is no restriction on the chari--ty you'd like to give to," said Landis. "This is free choice

including those charitable organizations in a trust or will. "I don't think

Some, he said, don't realize they can make a difference. But those who do give may leave all of their estate or a certain dollar amount. Leave A Legacy is not restricted to the affluent sectors

David Barcus, executive director of development at Livonia's Schoolcraft College, said the program is acmed at "very normal people with very normal incomes who wish to make a legacytype gift." "It's not just the wealthy," he said. "People should still think about family first.

"A gift always costs money, but leav-Overall people don't always think of ling money in your will costs far less than the value of the gift."

Leave A Legacy Southeast Michigan which Barcus works as chapter trea-

# 'It's "getting people in the giving mode" that mat-

 $John\ Landis$ The Bank of Bloomfield Hills

surer. The Planned Giving Roundtable. is made up of gift planners from area charities, and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan It has been in existence for about 20 years and has chapters across the country Leave A Legacy is its most visible pro-

The campaign is meant to boost Program organizers consider it to be they know how much money it costs to its sponsored by the Planned Giving thinding for nonprofit organizations

Please see LEGACY, B2

### **CRAFTS CALENDAR**

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe. homecomm.net

### TRUNK SHOW

Prizewinning quilt artist Meena Schaldenbrand of Plymouth will be guest speaker for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan at 9:30 a.m. April 11. The program will be a trunk show reflecting 20 years of work including personal story quilts, computer-generated quilts, group quilts, three-dimensional landscapes, portraits and quilted clothing. Even will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road in Birmingham. \$5 fee. Call (734) 475-5851.

### SPRING SPECTACULAR

Livonia Stevenson High School 33500 W. Six Mile Rd/1 block west of Farmington Rd. 2 miles north of I-96) will be the host site of the "Spring Spectacular Craft Show" from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. April 8. For information call: 248-478-2395 or 248-476-0315.

### **CREATIVE MEMORIES**

Join us from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 for a day of cropping, scrapbooking, and fun at the Bailey Center in Westland (36651 Ford Road), Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch, snacks, beverages and lots of other special goodies. Pre-register by March 28 and receive the exclusive, 96-page book "How to take great photo's with any camera." Limited space is available. Call to reserve a spot, Terry Saenz (734) 981-6577.

### HANDCRAFTERS SHOW

Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 18th annual Spring Arts and Craft Show on April 14-16 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main. St. Over 70 juried artists will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. Show hours are Friday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday; April 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2. No baby strollers. For information call (734) 459-0050.

### **GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW**

Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

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

kmortson@oe. e-mail homecomm.net

### SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville: Call (248) 374-**5920**.

### METROPOLITAN SINGLES **PROFESSIONALS**

THE MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and

hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. Dance will be held Friday, April 14 at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia (6 Mile east of I-275 at Laurel Park Mall). Call (248\_ 851-

### FARMINGTON SINGLES

The train ride is back. Join us for a train ride Saturday, April 22 between Dearborn and Ann Arbor with a stop over for dinner in one of Ann Arbor's most famous restaurants - the Gandy Dancer. Call for details (248) 851-9909.

### SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians, Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road);

Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734)

SINGLES MINGLE

Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974. Divorce Recovery Workshop

(eight consecutive weeks) to begin soon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553. ■ Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Diane

at (734) 981-4553 for location. Pinochle every other Priday, contact Diane for location.

### CHRISTIAN SINGLES

Attention singles - Christian Singles Today Interactive Saturday Fellowship is held from 7-11 p.m. at The Church of the Savior (Five Mile Road at Newburgh) in Livonia, Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

### YOUNG SINGLES

Attention young singles ages 17-29. Join us at the Christian Singles Music Cafe every Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at The Jesus Center, 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

### **WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE** Every Friday WestSide Singles

hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1

a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For informa-

tion please call (734) 981-0909. WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES Wednesday Suburban Singles

Dance Parties Inc., meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842. 0443.

### SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meets every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Event is open to the public for ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). Cost is \$5; \$4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call (313) 842-0443.

### SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville) (248) 374-5920.

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### **ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS**

### Peters-Toth

Robert and Nancy Peters of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter. Melanie Jill, to Gilbert Roland Toth of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in history and human resources. She works as a human resources specialist for Sterling Bank and Trust.

Her fiance, son of John Toth of Florida and Helen Toth of Lincoln Park, is a 1987 graduate of Lincoln Park High School, a 1992 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and business economics. He works at Capital

### Hidey-Flick

Melvin and Kathleen Hidey of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Joseph Flick of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 Crestwood High School graduate. and attends Eastern Michigan University studying social work. She works in Belleville.

Her fiancé, son of Orval and Sharon Flick of Garden City, is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School and attends Schoolcraft College studying to become a firefighter. He works at Panther-Crankshaft in Wixom.



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An August wedding is planned on Mackinac Island;



A June wedding is planned at Whitmore Lake.

the Caribbean, where they spent

### **Beaver-Weaver**

Mitch and Molly Beaver of Illinois announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, to Christopher John Weaver.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northwestern High School in Indiana and a senior at DePauw University. She will graduate in May.

Her fiance, som of Kirk and Ginny Weaver of Canton, is a graduate of Springfield High School in Illinois and attends DePauw University. He too will graduate in May.

### **Wood-Geisler**

Former resident of the Plymouth-Canton area, Kimberly Sheree Wood wed Stephen Robert Geisler of Mooresville, North Carolina Dec. 18, 1999, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Rev. Timothy Killion presided.

The bride, daughter of Kenneth L. Wood and Debra Taylor of Pensacola, Fla., was attended by maid of honor Lara McCauley and bridesmaids Monica Graveline and Stephanie Woodard.

Her husband, son of Allan A. Geisler of Dearborn and Sylvia Wells of North Carolina, was attended by best man David Van Dyke of Kalamazoo and groomsmen Richard Frankowski and William Lunsford.



A June wedding is planned at First United Methodist Church . in Springfield, Illinois.



Following the wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

### Beale-Roeske

Megan Carrie Beale, daughter of Eileen M. Beale and the late Jon P. Beale of Livonia, is engaged to Peter Walter Roeske of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 Stevenson High School graduate, a 1996 graduate of Madonna University, and achieved her master's degree from Central Michigan University in 1998. She works as a technical recruiter.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Joan Roeske of Ann Arbor, is a 1985 University of Michigan graduate and achieved his master's degree in business administration in 1998 from Loyola University in Chicago. He works for ABN AMRO Mortgage Group.

### Noone-Gonter

Michael and Kathleen Noone of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen, to Kevin Gonter of Califor-

The bride to be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She has a bachelor of arts degree in linguistics and psychology. She received her masters degree in communicative; disorders from University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1997. She works as a speech-language pathologist in southern California.

Her fiance, son of Joan Gonter of Maryland, is a 1984 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Maryland, a 1988 graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering. He works as a business development manager Historical Village.



A June wedding is planned at

Mill Race Historic Village with a

reception to follow at Northville

ern California.



### Smith-Timmer

Al Smith of Ann Arbor and Dian Barnard of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter. Penelope Suc Smith, to Donald H. Timmer II

The bride-to-be is a 1994; graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and will graduate in May from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

Her fiance, son of David and Sharon Timmer of Manifield. Ohio, is a 1996 graduate of Clear Fork High School in Bellville. Ohio. He will also graduate in May from MSU with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.

A May wedding is planned at Resurrection Parish in Lexington. Ohio. .





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### Smith

Matthew Scott and Melissa Lee (Ballios) Smith of Livonia are celebrating their first anniversary this month. They wed on March 26, 1999 at Greenmead Historical Village.

The couple have lived in the area for three years, but have known each other since high

Matthew Smith is store manager of Shurgard Storage, Inc. and Melissa works as a service specialist for Citizens Insurance Corporation. Both attend Schoolcraft College.

The couple hopes to return to their honeymoon.



The Rev. Melvin Saylor and his wife, Thelma Westfelt Saylor will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed on May 6, 1950 in Kitts, Kentucky and now live in Wayne. They have been residents of the area for 40 years and are the parents of Claudia Hensley, Buddy Saylor, Brenda McIntosh and Ken Saylor.

Melvin Saylor is retired from his position at Ford Motor Company's Livenia Transmission Plant and spends time with a ministry.

The Saylors have 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family is planning an anniversary party.



### **NEW ARRIVALS**

Richann McKee and Daniel Farhat of Westland announce the birth of their son Anthony Michael Farhat born March 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center : Wayne, Anthony joins siblings Kevin, 11; Brandon, 8; Edina, 7; and Leanna, 5. Grandparents are Sam and Peggy Farhat of Garden City and Marion Kraatz of Fla.

■ Rhonda and Philip Hotz of Canton announce the birth of their son Devin Robert, born March 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Devin joins sister Alex-

Westland announce the birth of their son. Sean Patrick, born Feb. 10 at Providence

Hospital in Southfield. He joins sister Maureen Sinead, 2. Grandparents are Ruth Ann' and Pierce Butler of Westland and Janet and

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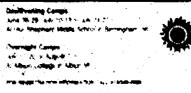
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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

OLDIES BUT GOODIES' The Metro Wayne Democratic 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 Jaytees 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 senior living community, will hold a Breakfast 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. 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 Toye, (734) 729-TOYE, Ken. Belanger, (734) 721-1810, or Dick Isham, (734) 729-5401.

### AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF 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 (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

### WESTLAND CENTER

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**

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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.

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Crochet Angels is looking for people to make preemie booties, hats and afghans for area hospitals. Items can be crocheted or knitted. For more information, call Lisa at (734) 326-7759.

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. Food and clothing distribution starts 1 p.m. every Wednesday, by appointment. The center is two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road, Those who need help filing for a service-connected disability may see Winnie Busby, a national service officer with the Vietnam Veterans of America; 1-3:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. To sched ule an appointment, call-(800) 882-6424. Those who have filed for Social Security and/or a VA pension because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi; call (810) 227-1215 to set up an appointment. Combat/combat-era veterans from Wayne County who need ongoing counseling may contact one of the centers operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Lincoln Park at (313) 381-1370 (Chet McLeod) or Detroit at (313) 831-6509 (Paul Esser).

CAMELOT HALL

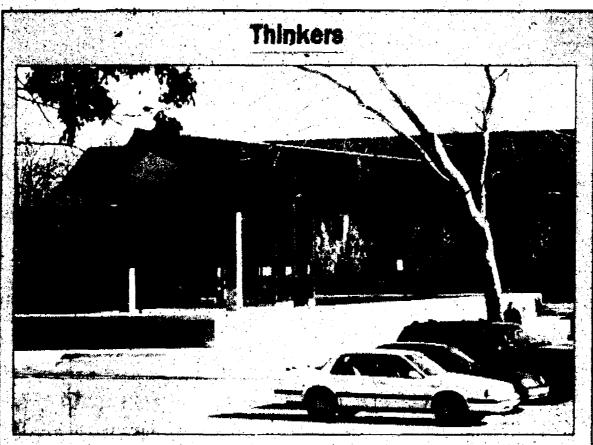
Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is located at 35100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livenia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department,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

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation 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 House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month

(Stacy Suida, (734) 458-

4392).



A time to read: Current hours at the Westland library are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library is on Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

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### **SCHOOLS**

HAM JAMBOREE

The second annual Franklin Ham Jamboree will be held Wednesday. April 12, at the high school in Livonia. Dinner will be 5:30 p.m., the concert 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students/children. All proceeds benefit the Livonia Franklin High School instrumental music department. For ticket information, call (734) 425-

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. Calk (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

Date and Time:

Additional Info.:

Location:

**Telephone**:

pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. For more information, call (734) 728-

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City 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 register, call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

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

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

LITTLE PEOPLES

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

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groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the infor-

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Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday

for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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. For more information, 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-yearolds and a Parent/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, Tuesday 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

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

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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.

### HISTORIC

**PHONEER TREK** 

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the rich history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that had an impact on the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch.

To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m.-Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 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 SEMORS

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.

SENIOR 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 for more information.

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. For more information, 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 neédlework at 9:30 a.m.: Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship) Center), 1119 Newburgh. The instructor is Kammo Orise Sign up at the front . desk or call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

DYER TRIP

The Wayne-Westland Dyer's Senior Adult Center is hosting a 15-day Hawaijan guided tour of four islands. departing Oct. 17. 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 per≪ son 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-

# CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

The Westland Rotary Chib meets 12.15 p.m. Thors. days at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy; east of Middlebelt in Westland.

### Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame honors Detroit Women Writers



PARKER

Detroit Women Writers has the honor of being inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hallof Fame. That's no small feat since it took us 100 years to get

It was exactly one century ago, in 1900, that 13 Detroit-area womon-journalists and literary writers gathered for a leisurely boat ride along the Detroit River, They needed a rest, having just hosted the third. annual Women's International Press Union Convention.

. One of the convention's speakers had praised these local writers for their potential as leaders and challenged them to take that lead. No wonder. One tenth of the 1,000 women journalists in the U.S. at that time lived in Michigan! There was another reason. Men had formed press cities, but women were excluded from membership,

To partially fill the yold, the New England Woman's Press Association and the Woman's Press Club of New York had been formed in the 1880s. In the early 1890s; the Michigan Woman's Press Association and a Michigan Woman's Press Club for women editors and publishers statewide were established. However, the 13 illustrious writers wanted a press club in the city, so, in the middle of the Detroit River, they formed the Detroit Press Club.

They didn't keep the appellation long. When male journalists decided to create their own press club four years later, the ladies politely yielded the coveted name to them. Several name changes followed. Known since 1966 as Detroit Women Writers, it is now the oldest organization of professional writers in Michi-

### Diverse membership

Currently, our members live in 14 states and the province of Ontario. We run the gamut from poets to playwrights, fiction to nonfiction writers, and authors of both adult and children's literclubs in a number of American atture. One of my great privileges was serving as president of this diverse organization in the mid-

It was not our writings alone

Journalism Hall of Fame. We also actively support established. ty. and aspiring writers in the general public by sponsoring seminars, readings, and conferences. The most notable is our 40-year tradition of co-sponsoring with Oakland University an annual writers' conference of 400-500 attendees. We have, as well, celebrated our centennial anniversary by sharing our legacy of literary influence in the anthology,

If we look beneath the surface, we find that both DWWs history and wealth of literary offerings chronicle changes in society at large. As I mentioned, the Detroit Press Club's female founders — despite their professional credentials -- were vulnerable to a social climate that continue patronizing it. The dis-

A Century of Voices.

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Sixty years later — the next time a social stand was at stake - the members were ready That was in 1966, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement. DWW was meeting at the Woman's City Club, home to one of the city's best restaurants. The facility had an unwritten but effective exclusionary rule. Only Whites were allowed above the first floor. DWW was anticipating admitting our first African-American member, so we revised our constitution to say, "There shall be no consideration of race, creed, or national origin," When DWW requested the City Club to change its policy and it refused, DWW refused to

that earned DWW a place in the condoned letting male colleagues pute made the newspapers, which resulted in the governor's wife, Lenore Romney, resigning from the City Club over its poli-

By the 1990s, we broke new barriers when we admitted qualified male writers to DWW membership. This brought us somewhat full-circle. DWW started out because women, excluded from membership alongside male colleagues, had to form their own press club. Ninety years later - in keeping with strides to promote equality between the sexes - we felt that limiting our professional organization to women writers was exclusionary in its own right, so we opened membership to men.

Whenever significant changes need to occur or specific voids need to be filled, motivated people take action. Sometimes their impact is as fleeting as a momentary breeze. Other times, they are powerful enough to change the way society does business. For the 13 women who made a decision on the Detroit River 1900, only time would tell how well their efforts would endure.

As DWW enters its second century, we will undoubtedly continue to mirror society's transformations. One challenge comes from the mushrooming number of activities that compete for the time the public might devote to reading and writing. Fortunately, DWW's writers have a strong heritage. We are committed to producing valuable works that will compel the public to read.

### **FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS**

Listings for the Funds & Benefits should be submitted in writing no later than noon Eriday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279, Call (734) 953-2131.

### INDOOR OPEN

United Cerebral Palswof Metropolitan Detroit is presenting the first ever INDOOR OPEN to benefit UCP from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. This unique fund-raising 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 perteam. AirTouch.Cellular, and Papa John's Pizza are the cosponsors with UCP.

### MONOPOLY GAME

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (37775 Palmer Road) in Westland will offer life size ... monopoly from 11 a.m. to 7,p.m. Saturday, April 8 for \$5 per person for one-half hour of play. This is a fund-raiser for a mission trip for the high school youth of Prince of Peace

### A JOINT WALK

The third annual A Joint Walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan will-take place Saturday, April Sim Royal Oak and Sunday, April 9 in Ann -Arbor, Individual walkers or terms of four-or-more can register.by adding (\$00) 968-3030. Walkers will receive prizes based on the amount of money they miss by collecting pledges from friends; family and coworkers

### SPRING RUMMAGE

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### -0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167. RUMMAGE SALE

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road in Garden City) will hold their annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 in the church Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (734) 421-8628.

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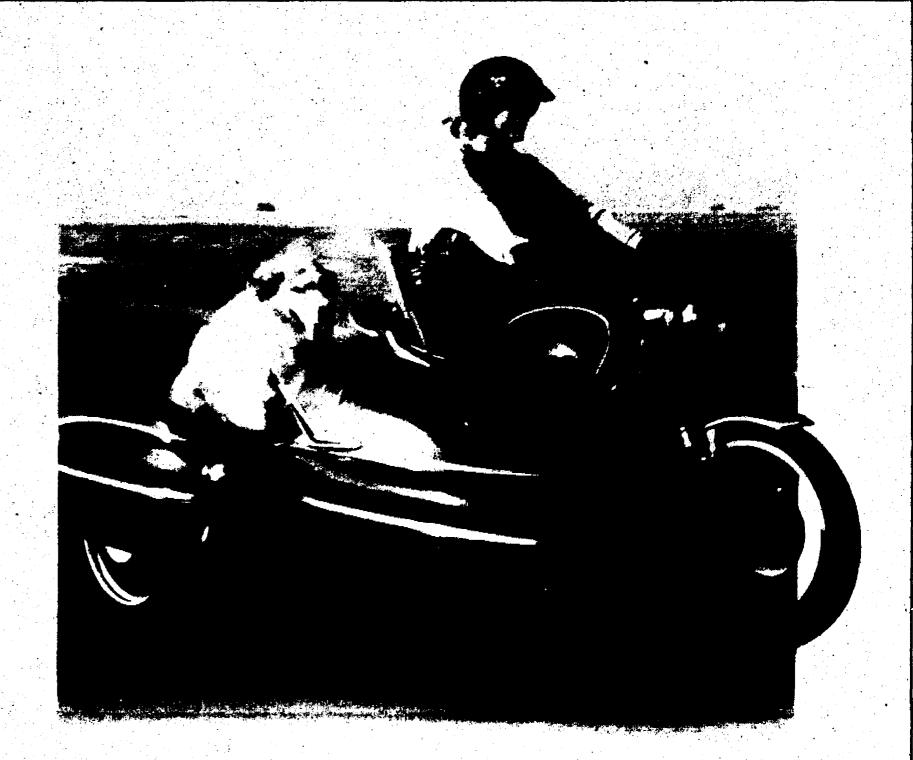
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (9600 Leverne). Bag sale is from 1-2 p.m. including a snack bar.

### LONGEST DAY OF GOLF

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter, Inc.) will host the MS Longest Day of Golf event May 1-31 to raise awareness and funds to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Golf courses waive greenfees for participating golfers on the day of their choice in May. Play as many holes as you can while collecting pledges to support MS, Call (800) 243-5767 to register.

### GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit invites you to Gilda's Big Night Out II featuring comedian Jeffrey Ross with host Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3. A silent auction extraordinaire and strolling supper will be leatured by Catering By Excellence Too as well as a eash bar. Even will be held Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El (7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile) in Bloomfield Hills, For information call (248) 577-0898.



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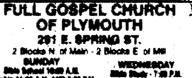
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# Gain peace knowing you put faith in God to take care of things

God would take care of everything. With that confidence, the parents of the McCaughey septuplets began a life that most of us cannot imagine. Through the media blitz and intense interest of the American public two years ago this new family has made it clear in interview after interview that they give God the credit for the health of their seven babies and their own sense of peace throughout this challenging

I remember I was impressed that every probing question, meant to illustrate how overwhelming their situation must be, was answered with complete assurance that God was in conseen in ways to handle every believed that God would heal problem. This included turning to God on two separate occasions when an infant's life was in dan-

The doctors felt there was nothing medically left to do, so a "prayer phone chain" was used. to alert fellow church members of the need for support through turning to God: Both times the healing came - saving the life of these two babies.

In one interview, when talking about their faith, the father referred to the Bible where it says that whatever you ask in prayer, if you believe, you shall receive (Matthew 21,22). He was sure these children would be trol; that this control would be saved because they truly

For many, this kind of faith seems far-fetched and healings like this family experienced appear to be miracles. But to anyone who has ever found healing through prayer it is as natural as breathing and can be more reliable than anything on Earth.

The laws of God are not possessed by any one religious organization or faith but are fact that can be proven by anyone who reaches out to understand them, applies them, and is willing to trust God with the events of their life. In describing the glory of the septuplets birth, one of the head doctors, with tears of gratitude, stated that some people think God is an abstract thing. but he isn't.

### Personal account

As a practicing Christian Scientist, I have experienced and witnessed innumerable physical healings, even in life-threatening situations. These healings have come from the genuine understanding that God is loving and powerful; that He is good, and that His ever-presence and tender control can be seen and felt in everyone's life.

When I was pregnant with my first child, the doctor who assisted me became very concerned that my blood pressure was high

and other symptoms were indicating physical dangers such as toxemia, which could be lifethreatening. Her earnest opinion was that I should take it easy. keep my feet up and relax.

Turning to God, I could feel that this baby and I were totally in His loving care. Since God is the one true creator and parent of both me and my baby, He would never let us be in danger. I reasoned that good activities (such as my teaching job) are impelled by God, so this divine spirit provides all the energy I needed. This gave me confidenceto go about my job without fear.

The day of my next exam, even though I taught a full day of ele-

mentary school on a hot day and then rushed across town to my appointment, my blood pressure registered completely normal. The problems never returned and a happy, healthy daughter was born shortly thereafter.

All of us can be assured that we can turn to God's support and care in every situation!

Meg Dendler teaches literature to 5-8th graders at The Japhet School in Madison Heights and is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Character Counts Organization. She is currently serving a three-year tenure as First Reader at the Christian Science church in Plymouth and can be reached at dendlers@aol.com

### FOR THIS CAUSE

The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit will present, free of charge, the film documentary "For This Cause: Talk a Walk with the Nazarene," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Garden City High School (6500) Middlebelt Road). Take a trip back to biblical times and walk with the man from Galilee. "For This Cause" connects the bible with archeology and modern Israel. Trace bible prophecies down to our very day, marking the soon establishment of the kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray. Program runs 60 minutes then there is a Q& A session and book sales. For information call (734) 762-8350.

### EVENING CLASSES

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include gardening, April 10 and 17; cake decorating, May 1, 8, and 15; and Saturday, May 20, candy making at 10 a.m.

### **UUCF SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Services for April 9: "What are we doing for our kids?" Rev. Bob Renjilian

will talk about the values and support that UU's offer to kids in. a society of many pressures and mixed messages. After each service he will be available to talk with parents and other interested adults to continue discussion around the subject. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (between Grand River and 11 mile). Call

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REDEEMED TREASURES Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can 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 church offers Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age 8 during the summer. For information, please call Wendy at (734)

### 513-8413.

LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons will present a series of Lenten services based on the theme "What Wondrous Love," at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Red-

ford (14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly). Services are 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 begin at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday services will begin at 1 p.m. and a Tennebrae service at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Easter will feature services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

### LENTEN BREAKFAST

St. Maurice Women's Guild will host a "Lenten Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 12. The activity 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) 425-1701.

### LENTEN SERVICES

**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

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 12. Services will be inthe chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are April 6 and 13. All services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion, St. John's Lutheran is at 13542 Mercedes. one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

### LENTEN SERVICES

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

### LENTEN DINNERS

St. Agatha Church of Redford (19750 Beech Daly) will offer Lenten dinners every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

### LENTEN SERVICES

St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Township) will hold Lenten services every Wednesday evening through April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel. Maundy Thursday services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more

information, call (313) 534-7730.

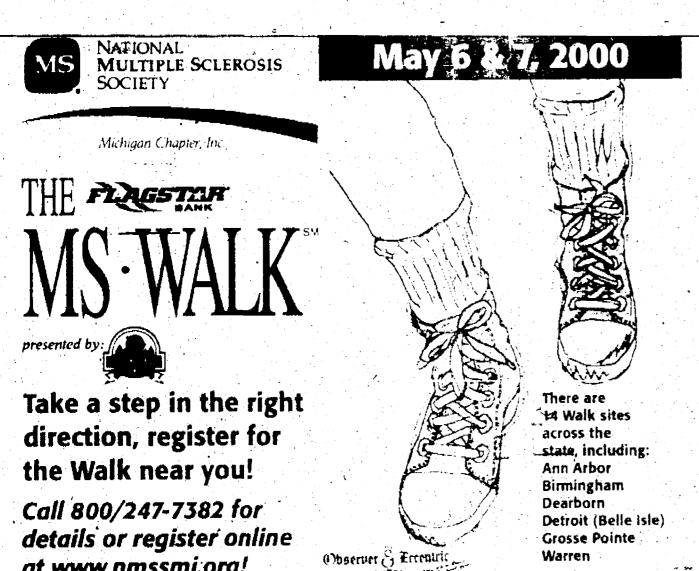
### EASTER CANTATA

"Embrace the Cross" by Claire Cloninger and Greg Nelson will be presented as the Easter Cantata at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Gathering (Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia). Choral work is presented by the Chancel Choir of Clarenceville United Methodist Church, under the direction of Kathy Gardinali and Brian Marr. Call (248) 474-3444:

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

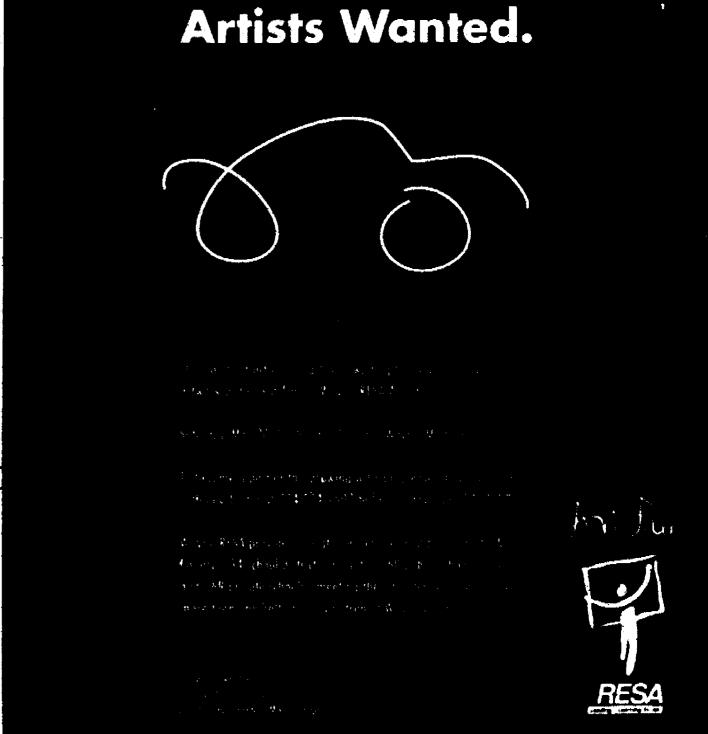
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile, Livonia) will. offer Lenten service at 6:45 p.m. every Wednesday through April 12. Palm Sunday service is April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tennebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil

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and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m.

### LENTEN MEAL

St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal April 7 and 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all-you-can-eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese offered as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and younger eat free. St. Genevieve is at 29015 Jami-

### PASSOVER SEDER

Congregation Bet Chaverim will hold its fourth annual Passover potluck seder at the Hanford Clubhouse. The clubhouse is on Hanford between Ford and Warren roads. The seder will begin at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The seder will be conducted by Rabbi Peter Gluck. Families are welcome. Call (734) 480-8880 to describe what dish you would. like to bring.

### **LENTEN BREAKFAST**

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman, Garden City) will serve their annual Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in the church Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Melanie Carey, associate pastor of Livonia Newburg United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. A donation will be taken at the breakfast. Reservations requested, Call (734) 421-8628.

### LENTEN WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to reflect upon "Prayers of the Passion" during Wednesday evening Lenten services from 7:30-8 p.m. until April 12. Midweek classes and confirmation instruction will be 6-7:20 p.m. during Lent. The church is at 14175 Farmington Road next to Ford Field, just north of I-96.

### BROADWAY HITS

Two evening shows of Broadway favorites will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, at the Westland Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: (7575 N. Hix, Westland). Featuring hits from "Guys & Dolls," "Fiddler on the Roof," "West Side Story," "Annie," "Oklahoma,"

"The Secret Garden," "The Music Man," "Oliver," "My Fair Lady" and "Les Miserables." Public welcome. Free admission. No tickets required.

### BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Orchard United Methodist Church (30450 Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile) from 2-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the Fellowship Hall. For further information, call (248) 626-3620.

### REFRESHMENT OCCASION

Geneva Presbyterian Church will host The Knox Fellowship Team, a group of inspiration Christians, led by the Rev. Scott Bohr. The group, along with the Rev. Bryan Smith, pastor of Geneva, will lead the congregation during a spiritual refreshment occasion beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the church April 8-9. The team will be sharing faith journey reports, music and a challenging "think-it-over" session. The program will continue on Sunday morning with worship, counseling, rousing music and inspirational preaching.

### **SPIRITUAL ELDERING WORKSHOP**

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church workshop is meant for members of the church who want to use their life experience to nurture, heal or affect a younger generation and this world. It is intended for those who seek deeper meaning in later life and seek ways to enrich their elder years. Presenters provided by the Spiritual Eldering Institute. The workshop will be 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday April 11, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The registration fee for the series is \$30. Call (734) 464-0211.

### HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

A "homecoming" service will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland. The morning program will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. with classes for all ages. After the 11 a.m. service, the congregation will serve a dinner in the church gymnasium. After the meal, a time of fellowship and song will follow in the church sanctuary. A "revival" series of services will begin at 7 p.m. April 26-28 with Rev. Paul Ange of North Carolina as the evangelist. The church is at 33031 Cherry Hill just west of Venoy in Westland.

### **ECUMENICAL LENTEN GATHERINGS**

"Opening Our Hearts to Christ --Jubilee 2000" will begin with noon services on the Wednesdays of Lent followed by a luncheon of bread and soup. All services will be at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 710 Church in Plymouth. Worship leaders/ lunch providers are: April 12, Salvation Army, Donations to cover the cost of lunch benefit the Greater Detroit Partnership for Training (a national initiative that addresses primary health care shortages).

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES April 12 at 7 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road). Weekly prayer and discussion about the five-session "God is Here," video series from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Each week allows for personal and group reflections on wor-, ship. Children may participate. Reservations are not necessary.

### **NEW BEGINNINGS**

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a yearround grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The weekend experiences will be April 7-9 and May 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center. 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www. rc. net/ detroit/ wwme. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

### RESPONDING TO LOSS

If you are experiencing a loss due to a death, divorce, job termination, broken relationship. declining health or broken dreams, this workshop will address your concerns. Responding to Loss will be 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, April 8. Cost is \$15, which includes lunch, coffee breaks and a folder of materials. Call to register: (734) 721-

### 7410. CCW/AD ASSEMBLY

The Council of Catholic Women / Archdiocese of Detroit Assembly will be 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Sacred Heart Seminar, corner of Chicago Boulevard and Linwood in Detroit. The theme is "Jubilee Women Open Your Heart: Time, Talent and Treasure." For information and to register, call (313) 237-5896. Cost is \$20 for registration/luncheon.

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tennebrae at 7:30 p.m.; and Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.; The Day of Resurrection: Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and Easter festival workshop at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. (arrive 15 minutes early) Saturday, April 22. Karaoke singing, Easter basket raffle and flower sale.

### HERALD AWARDS DINNER

The Herald Awards dinner will be Wednesday, April 26, at the Costick Center (29800 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt - behind Mercy High School). All winners will be notified in advance so they can invite family and friends. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Creative Catering of Flint. Reservations can be made through the council office at (313) 962-0340.

### **HEALING SERVICES**

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland, Call (734) 397-7132.

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Thursday Bible studies at Timo-

thy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www. timothylivonia. com

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church worships at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or email the church at newlifelc@ yahoo. com

NEW BIBLE STUDY Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@ yahoo.

### TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

### TAI CHI

Tai chi classes continue at 7:30 p.m. at Nativity United Church for the class every Monday evening. Tai chi is a holistic health method of self-healing Instructor is registered nurse Ida Reifsnyder.

### TLC STORY TIME

For children and their parents TLC Story time 3-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820) Wayne Road), Crafts, Christian

stories and snacks offered. Chil dren invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-1 10 but children of all ages are welcome, Call (734) 427-2290 for information.

### HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

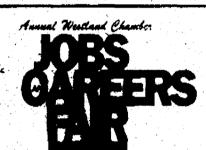
### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

### REMARRIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

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# OBSERVER

### MU pitcher honored

Madonna University left-hander Eric Williamson was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and NAIA Region VIII Pitcher of the Week.

Williamson was 1-0 last week with a 2.84 earned run average. He threw 6.1 innings in the Crusaders' 4-3 victory over Aquinas College. He scattered eight hits and struck out two.

Williams is 4-0 on the year for the 16-6-1 Crusaders.

### College baseball notes

The University of Detroit Mercy baseball team is off to a 7-7 start.

Junior right-hander David Wampler (Livonia Franklin) pitched a complete-game, seven-inning shutout to complete a double-header sweep against Aquinas College, 10-7 and 11-

Senior first baseman Mike Daguanno (Redford Catholic Central) broke the UDM career home run mark with a solo homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to break a 7-all deadlock in the opener. Daguanno has 35 career homers and five on the year.

Senior infielder Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill) belted a pair of homers in the win.

UDM also shaved Toledo, 3-2, as Chris Karney (Redford CC) hit a twoout, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth.-

### Patriots place in meet

Livonia Franklin's Andrea McMillan finished second in the pole vault by clearing 8 feet, 6 inches at the Spartans Indoor Relays held Saturday at Michigan State University's Jenison Fieldhouse.

Teammate Denise Walsh was sixth

Lisa Balko added a sixth in the shot put (32-11).

### LJAL football registration

Football and cheerleading registration on a first-come, first-serve basis for the Livonia Junior Athletic League will be from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 15, at the Frost Middle School in Livonia.

The cost is \$100 for cheerleading and \$125 for football.

For more information, call Phil

Adkins at (734) 425-4098 or Time Kavanaugh at (734) 525-1232.

### Hoop players wanted

The Metro Detroit Wolves need players to fill out the rosters on their fifth-, sixth- and seventh-grade competitive basketball teams for upcoming tournaments the next three months. Each squad is limited to nine players.

For more information, call the 24hour message line at (734) 284-0105.

### Wayne-Westland soccer

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is offering soccer programs for the following leagues: Erie (born Aug. 1, 1995 through July 31, 1996); Ontario (Aug. 1, 1994-July 31, 1995); Michigan (Aug. 1, 1993-July 31, 1994); Superior (Aug. 1, 1992-July 31, 1993); Huron (Aug. 1, 1991-July 31,1992); and Atlantic (Aug. 1, 1988-July 31, 1991).

The cost is \$30 (with family membership), \$40 (youth membership) or \$50 (non-members). The fee includes participation award and preseason picnic.

The coaches skill and drill session will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Wayne-Westland Y. Parent meeting and season kickoff picnic is from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

Game dates are Saturday, April 15; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10 and 17. For more information, call Brian

Haddad at (734) 721-7044.

### Women's golfers needed

Openings remain for the 20-week city of Livonia Parks and Recreation women's golf league (18-hole division), which starts at 8 a.m. each Thursday beginning May 4 at Whispering Willows.

The cost is \$17.50 per week. Senior rates are available. Non-residents

may apply: For more information, call Madeline at (248) 374-1267 or Gail at (734) 513-0967.

# End of an era

# Henry leaves Wayne for Agape

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

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Chuck Henry is changing jobs. One of Observerland's all-time winningest boys

basketball coaches is leaving Wayne Memorial after 17 seasons to coach at Canton Agape Chris-

The 50-year-old Henry will stay on at Wayne as a teacher, but will coach his son Charlie, who enters the ninth grade next season at the Class D school. Henry has been the girls coach at Agape Chris-

tian for the last two seasons where his daughters Amy and Margie play. Last season the Agape girls

Henry's wife Margaret also teaches English at Agape. Two other children, Danielle and Donald, attend the school which has a total enrollment of 350 students (approximately 90 at the high school). Agape boys coach Keith Anleitner has agreed to

step down and become Henry's assistant. "This came up as a surprise when Keith called me." Henry said. "Charlie always wanted to play to play for me at Wayne, but I wanted to keep the rest

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

of the family intact so we can support each other. The decision is based on what's best for my family.

"We live in Canton, only two miles from the school. You're kids are only with you a short time and I wanted to maximize that relationship. So I'm going to go for it. I think everybody understands (at Wayne)."

Henry is one of the state's most accomplished boys coaches.

His overall record, which also includes a five-year stint at Dearborn Divine Child and one season at Walled Lake Western, is 366-152. He also coached the girls team at Wayne.

At Wayne, Henry's record is even more impressive, 289-98, with 10 league titles, seven district championships and three regional crowns.

During his reign with the Zebras, Henry competed against and defeated some of the state's heavyweights from the Mega Conference's Red Division

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PRE PROTO ST PACE BURGERIAN

New venture: Wayne's Chuck Henry is stepping down after 17 seasons to coach at Canton Agape Christian.

# Weather or not, teams set to play ball

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS WRITER

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Winter was in the air again. So it must be high school baseball

Livonia Churchill coach Herb Osterland diagnosed Tuesday's near freezing temperatures.

"It might have been colder, but I can't remember when," said Osterland after his team opened the season with a five-inning mercy rule 12-1 victory

over Wayne Memorial. When things thaw out later this week, the season will be well under

way. Churchill, coming off a 15-16 season and a Division I district championship at Oxford, will miss first-team All-Area first baseman Eric Lightle. Outgoing seniors hurlers Justin Draughn and Andy Shoemaker combined for nine

But the Chargers do return a pair of talented senior outfielders in Josh Odom, who hit .376, and Ricky Strain, who made All-Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Livonia Franklin (5-23) will bank a pair of junior hurlers in Joe Ruggiero and Dan Horning.

But ceach Jim Karoub knows his Patriots must hit better than last year's team average of .230.

In the Lakes Division, Plymouth Salem is the favorite based on the return of pitchers Jason Lukasik, Chris Trott and Steve Gordon.

But defending Lakes and district champion Livonia Stevenson (20-10) will also be a factor despite the loss of All-Area selection Roy Rabe, the school's all-time hits and batting average (.432) leader, along with shortstop Steve Anderson.

Coach Harv Weingarden will rely on junior outfielder-pitcher Dan Wilson,



Spartan hurler: Right-hander Brad Buckler returns on the mound for Livonia Stevenson.

senior pitcher-outfielder Brad Buckler, junior catcher Brian Campbell and junior shortstop Pete Pinto.

Westland John Glenn (13-17) will be hard-pressed to replace All-Area pitcher Dale Hayes (Madonna University). and All-WLAA outfielder Justin Fendelet (University of Detroit Mercy).

But the well is not completely dry

because coach Todd Duffield has several returning veterans including senior pitcher Jeff Mitchell and senior catcher-outfielder Ryan Rattray, the latter whom will need surgery after the season for a broken hand.

The dean of area coaches is Wayne's Jim Chronowski, who enters his 30th season with the Zebras.

### **M** BASEBALL PREVIEW

Wayne, in the White Division of the Mega Conference, hopes to improve on last year's 4-18 record.

Senior outfielder Scott Teasdale, senior shortstop Gary Stevens and senior outfielder Jon Judd all hit over 300 last year.

But the Zebras will have to play better defensively, especially after making 10 errors in Tuesday's 12-1 loss against

In the Metro Conference, Livonia Clarenceville and first-year coach Steve Gentilia expect to challenge for

Gentilia replaces Rich Roy, who was not rehired by athletic director Chuck Screntino after going 10-13 and winning a Division III district crown at Birch Run.

Leading returnees for the Trojans include seniors Tim Riedl: Scott Carr and Kevin Silve, along with junior Rayner Gutierrez, a native of Caracas,

Lutheran High Westland (14-9) lost to Clarenceville in last year's district tournament. Four key players graduated, but senior outfielder-pitcher Charlie Hoeft, who hit .405 with 27 RBI, is one of four key returnees for coach Ted

Lutheran Westland opened its season Saturday with an 11-1 lose to Royal Oak Shrine.

And there is one area team that can't go anywhere but up -- Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Hawks, 0-15 in 1999, start the new millennium with high hopes as pitchers Rene Arnal and Alan Kleinke See capsule outlooks on area baseball

teams on page C3.

# 5 icers receive Laramore scholarships



Laramore recipients: Flanked by Dick (far left) and Judy Laramore (far right), this year's hon orees for the Laramore Memorial Scholarship fund for Livonia Public School hockey players include (from left) Tom Sherman (Churchill), Jason Turri (Churchill), Mike Majkowski (Stevenson), Brandon McCullough (Franklin) and Rob Williams (Franklin). Each received \$1,500.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Rick Laramore Memorial Fund awarded scholarships to five Livonia Public School hockey players:

This year's recipients are Jason' Turri and Tom Sherman of Churchill, Brandon McCullough and Rob William's of Franklin, and Mike Majkowski of Stevenson.

The \$1,500 scholarships were presented Monday at a ceremony held behind Livonia City Hall.

The memorial fund is named for Rick Laramore, a Churchill hockey player who died March 27, 1995 after losing the battle to lymphoma cancer. That same year his parents. Dick and Judy Laramore, began the memorial fund and have raised money through a charity golf outing held the past five years.

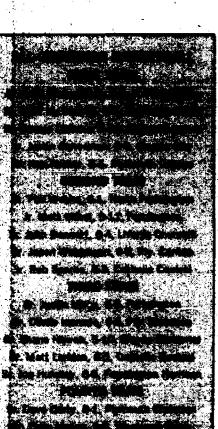
\* "This is a nice way of sharing what Rick stood for and what he loved, Said Judy Lacamore Ricky loved hockey "

Turry, an All Observer henorable mention center, will begin studying engineering in the fall at the Uni-

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### 2000 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

# All-Area cagers Taylor-made



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Militaride, Sport Wice, Sept Carr, Lather-

Observerland had its fair share of talent this prep basketball season. But while a lot of post-season dreams went unful-Tilled, Plymouth Christian Academy did all it could with what it had.

Which is why PCA's Doug Taylor is this year's Observer coach of the year.

The Eagles were a surprise

last season, reaching, the Class D regional final with a team of mostly juniors. They finished with 21 wins and some high hopes for this campaign. But hopes and

Doug Taylor reality \_often Coach of Year remain

strangers. The way the 1999-2000 season started for PCA, it seemed the hopes may have been too high.

Taylor remained confident, however. After a 2-4 start, with a lopsided loss to Adrian Lenawee Christian — the team that had eliminated the Eagles from the state tournament the previous season — Taylor got things turned around.

PCA rattled off 18-straight wins, among them a 16-point win over Lenawee Christian, the first in school history. The Eagles won the district and once again reached the regional final, where they faced Lenawee once again.

This win went to the Cougars, whose only previous loss had been to PCA. Lenawee ended up reaching the state championship game, where it lost to Detroit City.

The Eagles weren't an easy team to coach, often following spectacular plays with silly mistakes. But Taylor showed the patience to let them play and eventually take them as far as they could go.

FIRST TEAM

Emir Medunjanin, N. Farmington: Medunianin was a major reason the

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year in a row in the Western Lakes Activities Association regular season and won their first WEAA tournament. title since 1988.

The 6-foot 6 senior center was second in scoring with 14.7 points per game and led North in rebounding with an average of 8.6.

Medunjanin, who arrived in the U.S. just a few years ago from war-torn Bosnia, shot 53.6 percent from the field (118 of 220), 31.6 from three-point distance (6-of-19) and 65.8 at the free throw line (42-of-79). He also averaged 2.0 assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.7 steals.

"The big thing is how good a player he is for only having played the game for four years," coach Tom Negoshian said. \*He has a great upside to him. He shoots the ball very well for a kid his size. He has great hands and great feet. Considering what he can do as a big kid, you're talking about a pretty good

"Where he's come from in four years, not just in terms of basketball but everything in his life, it's just a great story."

Matt McCaffrey, Ply. Salem: A large. part of what Plymouth Salem accomplished this season can be credited to McCaffrey's development at center.

The 6-7 senior was, as Rocks' coach Bob Brodie described him, four go-to guy." Indeed, the Salem offense revolved around McCaffrey and his play inside. He was instrumental in Salem's winning a state district title and reaching the WLAA playoff finals.

McCaffrey averaged 16 points, 11 rebounds and more than two blocks a game. He was also an all-WLAA selec-

An honor roll student, McCaffrey plans to attend Princeton University.

Donald Didlake, Bishop Borgess: His coach calls Didlake a diamond in the rough. Even so, Didlake's play was a gem this season.

The 5-10 senior guard averaged 20.3 points per game, five assists, six vebounds and two steals for the Spar-

\*He's an extremely talented guard that is capable of taking a game over," said Borgess coach Chuck Albright. "Right now, I feel he's a diamond in the rough but there's more to be seen. He hasn't reached his full potential yet. He's still peaking."

Didlake hasn't signed to play in college yet, but is being looked at by Lamar, Hampton and several Mid-American Conference schools.

"He's going to be a great guard for some college," said Albright.

Justin Ockerman, Garden City: The 6-9, 245 pound junior made All-Mega Blue Division and second-team All-Metro West after averaging 13 points, nine rebounds and 4.6 blocks per game;

He also shot 60 percent from the floor and 60 percent from the free throw line in 16 games before going down with a season-ending knee injury. Garden City was undefeated in its first 16 games.

"Justin's got all the skills," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said, "He has great hands and a soft touch around

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subject of this hearing.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED 2000-01 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the

Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this

notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2000-01 College budget.

This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at

the Grote Administration Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above

The property tax millage rate proposed to be

levied to support the proposed budget will be a

games and runs the floor very well. He came to us in good shape after foot-

Ockerman is a three-sport athlete who also excels in baseball.

Ken Nether, Ply. Canton: Nether, a senior who transferred to Canton after. playing his junior year at Southfield HS, had to adjust to the Chiefs' motion offense and that took a bit of time, But by mid season, he was rolling.

Nether 'led us in almost everything,' said Canton coach Dan Young. The 6-5 forward averaged 16.2 points while making 53 percent of his shots, and he led the Chiefs in rebounding with 9.0 a game and in assists with a 2.8 average. He also made 76 percent of his free-

"And he usually guarded the (opposition's) best player every game," said Young, "I think that says it all. In the second half of the season, he really picked it up."

Nether is considering several schools, among them Siena Heights, Lake Superior State, Rochester College, Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford CC.

SECOND TEAM

Phil Watha, North Farmington: Watha made his reputation as a three-point shooter, but the others parts of his game improved and were noticed this year. He defended, rebounded and wentto the basket with the ball.

The 6-1 senior wing, a three-year varsity player like Medunjanin, led the Raiders in scoring with 15.7 points per game and was third in rebounding with

Watha made 52.2 percent of his field goals (119-of-228), including 41.2 percent behind the arc (54-of-131). He was an 82.2-percent free throw shooter, sinking 37 of 45 shots.

"(Wayne State coach) Ron Hammye had a great quote," Negoshian said, "He said 'I've been coming to your practices. and recruiting Emir. I think Phil might be your best player: I should be recruiting him, Tom.

"He's so low maintenance. He doesn't do a lot of flashy things, but he plays consistently and makes very few mistakes. You tell him something once and that's it, because he has a great understanding of the game.

'He didn't get enough credit defensively. We were No. 1 in Oakland County the last two years, and Phil was as big a part of that as anybody.

Matt Mikel, Farmington: The 5-foot-11 junior has started at either point or two guard for three years and this year led the Falcons to their winningest season in school history with a 17-6 record.

Playing on a team with balanced scoring and ability, Mikel still led Farmington in every category except rebound-

He scored in double figures in 13 games and scored either eight or nine points in six others. He averaged 11.4 points, shot 46 percent from the floor (74-of-161) and made 48 percent of his three-point attempts (42-of-88).

Mikel's strongest attribute might be his free throw shooting, however. He sank 72 of 87 chances for 83 percent...

The slike having a coach on the "He changes the complexion of "floor," coach Denny Mikel said. "He

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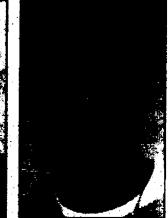
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Jason Waldmann **Plymouth Canton** 



Rob Sparks Redford CC

understands what we're trying to do offensively and defensively.

and he really gets us into our offense. "His stats don't jump out at you, because everybody did their part offensively for us. We had four or five guys scoring all about the same.

"He went to the line in some of our closer games and made key free throws that ided wins for us. He brings a wellrounded game to the team, and I'm glad he's coming back for another year."

John Bennett, Liv. Churchill: The 6-4 senior forward is Churchill's No. 2 ailtime career scoring leader behind Tom-Bay (881) with 731 points. He also set the Churchill single-season point total

Bennett averaged 17 points per game this season, 20 ppg in the Western Lakes. He had season highs of 31 (vs. Plymouth-Canton) and 29 (vs. Walled Lake Western).

He shot 45 percent from the field (87 of 192) and hit 33 percent from three point range (40 of 124)

"John is one of the best long range shooters I've seen in years." Churchill coach Rick Austin sale file runs the floor very well. We couldn't utilize him as much as a rebounder, but he was a. great leaper for his size."

Bennett, who set the school singlegame scoring record as a junior with 37; made first-team All-Western Lakes.

Jason Waldmann, Ply. Canton: Wald mann was, in the words of Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie, 'a load

Waidmann combined with Nether to give the Chiefs a very effective one-two punch. The 6-5, 235-pound senior was "the best post player I've coached," said Canton coach Dan Young, "Everyone's defense was geared to stopping

"He's got great hands and he's a good passer, and of course he can

Which he did with great efficiency. Waidmann, a unanimous all-WLAA selection, averaged 15.6 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game, and led the team with a 63 percent field goal percentage.

"He handles the ball well for such a big guy, "Young said,

Waldmann is considering Adrian College, Rochester College and School-

Rob Sparks; Redford CC: Looking solely at the numbers. Sparks might notmake most all area teams.

Considering that he had back surgery on, a herniated disc in October, 14 points per game looked pretty good for the 6:3 senior guard/forward.

"He ended up playing 17 games, but in the first two or three of those, he played a quarter here and a half there. said CC coach Rick Coratti, \*By mid-January, he got back to three quarters of the game. So while he averaged 14points, when he finally came back it -. was more like 18:19 points per game."

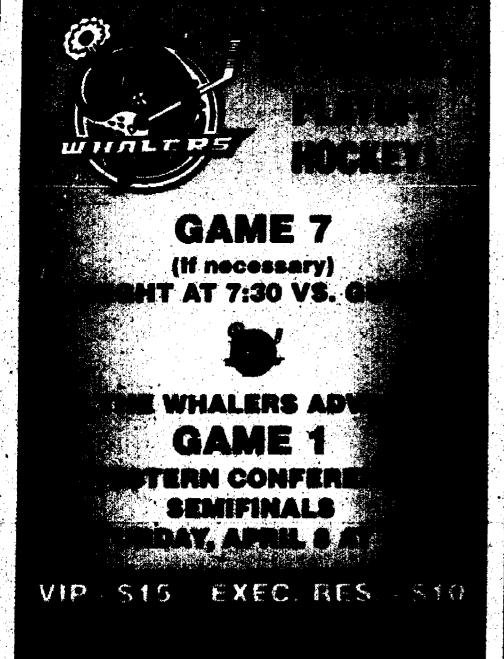
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### CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF AREA PREP BASEBALL TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL Head coach: Herb Osterland, 21st year League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 15 16. Titles won last year: Division i district champions

Notable losses to graduation: Eric Lightle (first team All-Area, Madonna University); Ryan Vickers, Andy Blackmore, Dave Wasil, Justin Draughn and Andy Shpemaker.

Leading returness: Josh Odom, Sr. OF (Alf-District, 376); Ricky Strain, Sr. CF (All-Division); John Bennett, Sr. 18/P; Brad Bescoe, Sr. 55/P; Tim Greenleaf, Sr. 3B; Paul Mercier, Sr. P/28; Steve Ziołkowski, Sr. C; Rob Wil-

Promising newcomers: Rery Cesarz, Jr. 28; Jason Dominas, Jr. 18; Dan Kuratko, Jr. P/OF: Dan McMahon, Jr. OF/P; Adam Rorabacher, Jr., SS/3B; Marshall Tucker, Jr. G/P; Mike Woltowicz, k. OF; Matt Humenay, Sc. \$5/P; Brandon Lightle: So. 18.

Osterland's 2000 putlook: 'We have seven seniors coming back who will be playing a vital role in some way. Among that group: there is some considerable experience at the varsity level. We're deeper in pitching and have more balance and depth than we have had in a long time.

"In losing Draughn and Shoemaker, we're losing nine wins from last year. So the combination of Bannett, Bescoe and Mercier are going to have to fill the void. They will be the core of our pitching staff.

"I'm looking forward to the season. because this team is capable of playing some really good baseball.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN Head coach: Jim Karoub, 10th year, League affiliation: WEAA (Western Divi-

Last year's overall record: 5-23. Notable losses to graduation: David Word,

Leading returnees: Joe Ruggiero, Jr. P/SS; Chris Hall, Sr. P/1B; John Hicks, Sr. C; John

Nagle, Sr. Of; Ryan Tracy, Jr. Of; Dan Horn Promising newcomers: Tony Clark, Jr. Inf.; John Nichol, Jr. OF: Jim Priebe, Jr. P/Inf.;

Chad Rutherford, Jr. OF.

Karoub's 2000 outlook: "We have eight different guys working on pitching. Horning throws hard. He'll be effective if he throws strikes. He's really worked on his control during the off-season. Ruggiero has two or three pitches and has presence on the mound.

"The biggest question is will we hit the ball? We've got to hit to be better. Last year we were around .230 (as a team). If we hit. we'll be competitive. Last year we had 12 of 13 losses by two runs or loss. This year we have more athletes.

. We're stiff a young and inexperiencedteam so we must grow up fast."

LIVONIA STEVENSON Head coach: Harv Weingarden, second

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division) Last year's overall record: 20-10.

Thies won last year: Lakes Division champlons, district champions, Lyonia City cham-

Notable losses to graduation; Roy Rabe (first team-All-Area, 1.432 career average); Steve Anderson (second team Alf Area); Brand. Gajda, Dave Stando

Leading returnees: Brad Bucket, Sr. P/OF. (co captain, .303, 4-1, .397 ERA); Tim Lawson, Sr. 28; Joe McCrohan, Sr. P/18; Brandon Ray, Sr. 3B; Mike Byberg, Sr. P/1B; Brian Campbell, Jr. C (.512); Dan Wilson, OF /P (Al Division: 19. stolen bases, :310); Pete Pysto,

Promising newcomers: Rongle Williams, Jr. OF/P; Dan Ross, Jr. OF; Gaty Zielke, Jr. OF/3B; Tim Oilver, Sr. P; Shawn Casey, Jr. Inf.; Travis Reeder, Jr.; Steve Kinzer, Jr.: Jason Christopoulos, Soch.

Weingarden's 2000 outlook: "Buckler is our team leader. He is expected to hit in the fourth spot. He hit's with power, and is among. the top pitchers on the team.

"Wilson is a speedy butfielder: He has astrong and accurate arm. He threw but three

rubblers at the plate last years. TMcCrohan is a big. left-handed pitcher. who should be among the league's most consisterit hurlers. He's a powerful hitter who is

always a home run threat. \*Campbett should be one of the best catch.

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three fine pitchers. Walled Lake Western

Rocket fuel: Junior Dave Mijal returns for Westland John Glenn.

should be among the better teams in the

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Todd Duffield, fifth year.

Last year's overall record: 13-17, Notable losses to graduation: Date Hayes (first-team All-Area); Justin Fendelt (first-team

Leading returnees: Jeff Mitchell, Sr. P. Ryan Rattray, Sr. C/Of: Chad Sansorn, Sr. 3B: Dan Fedulchak, Sr. 18: Dave Holloway, Sr. OF: Brian Toth, Sr. P; Mike Grant, Jr. Inf.; Dave

Promising newcomers: Brandon Ajlouny. Soph, P/SS; Jeff Kozlowski, Jr. 18; Mark Wacker, Jr. OF: Tom Howard, Jr. P/Inf.;

Duffield's 2000 outlook: 'We have some veterans and we should be alright all the way around. We have to make sure to limit our mental mistakes and concentrate on every second of the game. You have to know what: to do when the ball is hit to you.

'We don't have much team speed, but we'll put the ball in play and we'll be competitive. We expect to be competitive and be in

Everybody has, pitching problems. Mitchell, Mijal and Toth threw some for us last year) Salem has the pitching

Head coach: I'm Chronowski, 30th year. League affiliation: Mega Conference (Write

Last year's overall record: 4:18.

Leading returnees: Scott Teasdale: Sr. CF (.371); Gary Stevens, Sr. \$\$ (.362); ton Judd.

Promising newcomers: Adam See, Jr. OF/Inf.; Pat Barter, Jr. Inf./P! Adam Zimmerman, Jr. 48/P; Dave Cicotte, Sobhil C/OF; Chris Cox, Soph. C/3B; Chris Monto; at Jr. Inf. /P rtransfer from Roswell, N.M. i. Yusuke Yanmihata, Sr. OF terchange student from

Chronowski's 2000 outlook: "After last year's 4-18, being a downer, only one direc-

"Hope pitchers from last year got more. experience from summer. Team ERA 4.17 has got to be improved.

they still have to be the team to best. The defense is another contention of tast year, Fielding average 872 (88 errors) has to t

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Promising newcomers: Mike Murphy, Sr 3B; Dan Tondreau, Sr. 2B; Joe Kenugh, Sr CF/P: Roo Simpson, Jr. RF; Eric Elmore, Sr OF; Sean Jeets, Sr. Uthity; Matt Barr, Sr. Inf.: Jose Agustar, Sr. OF; Aaron Aluson, Fr. C. Tom Novell, Sr. 1B/P.

strong at the key positions. We're strong up the middle.

feet, 5, a left hunder. He is a very coachable kid. I wish I had a few more years with him." lots of potential.

"Tim (Riedi) throws the ball hard and hitsthe spots. Plays his position well at shortstop. the ball to all fields. One of our leaders. Takes charge of things.

"Keough throws hard as a left-hander. He keeps the ball down. Hits the ball well. Carr will round out starting rotation. He'll see time with power.

in Florida: He's from Caracas, Venezuela, He's used to playing game all-year round. Throws

"Murphy is much more than we expected out of him. He'il dive for balls at third base;"

LUTHERAN WESTLAND Head coach: Ted Younglas, second year. League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Notable losses to graduation: Scott Archer. (.469, 25 RBI, 14 SB); Tom Habitz (.449, 16 RBI, 16 SB); Gordie Engel (.342, 13 RBI, 15 58); Mike Boyet (.348).

.405, 27 RBI, 15 SB, 4-3, 3.09 ERA, 38 strikeouts); Ian Mackenzie, Sr. SS (.344, 14 SB); Brent Habitz, Soph. (.382), 12 RBI, 11

Younglas' 2000 butlook: 'We lost some very good talent through graduation. More importantly, we lost a great deal of leadership. Hopefully, a few guys will step up and lead this team on the field.

this year. The loss to Clarenceville in the district finals really left a bad taste in our mouths. The guys really want to improve.

"The key, as always, will be pitching and defense. We absolutely must get better at those two things if we want to take our program to the next level

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN Head coach: Darrell Kleinke, second year. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Last year's overall record: 0.15.

Rene Arnal, Sr. Print.; Jeremy Hysby, Sr. C:

Promising newcomers: Tony Mrez, Fr. P/38) Josh Dorow, Fr. utility: Dan Schultz, Fr.,

can get to .500 we'll be happy. We have a small squad with just 13 players. \*Both Husby and Stale, bit well last year:

TWe have some guys, who can hit; but defensuely well-struggle. We teamed a few lessons last year.

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Notable losses to graduation: Jerenty, Oven ton, Ryan Czyzaki:

Sr. OF/C (.310); Ryan Yharra, Soph. Inf./OF/P: Jason, Gibson, Sr. OF; Matt. Mackignicz, Sr. Inf .: Justin Smoes, Sr. 1B/P. Shawn McDaniel, St. OF/P: Brad Laws, St.

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Last year's overall record: 10 13. Titles won lest year: Disisson iii) district

Rayner Gutierrez, R. C.

Gentilia's 2000 outlook: We're pretty

"The patching looks real good. Silve and Ried will be our two number ones. Kevin is 6 He needs to polish up on a few things, but has

He has quick hands, quick feet. He can spray

at shortstop, outfield and on the mound. He'll bat between the three and five position. Hits "Gutierrez is special kid. Spect two years

well to second base.

Last year's overall record: 14-9.

Leading returnees: Charle Hoeft, Sr. OF/P R8, 9 SB); Brad Nollar, Jr. C (.421, 16 RBI.18

The guys have really been working hard

Notable losses to graduation: Pat Hospiter. Leading returnees: Alan Kleinke, Sr. Pylof.:

Sean Statey, Sr. OF: Tyler Cording! Scott, OF: Zak Morris, Soph. OF.

Kleinke's 2000 outlook: "We tost only one

We're counting on our two senior pitchers. -Kielnke and Arna', to carry us a long way.

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# State champ CC rebuilds

Redford Catholic Central's baseball team may not have as much power as last year's state champions, but it still could be one.

Loss of a crew of talented seniors means the defending Class A kings will be hard-pressed to

duplicate last year's 38-1 record. But that doesn't mean the Shamrocks wen't be tough. They still use a little round white bell

with the red stitches, don't they? "Overall, I think we'll be more of a running. team offensively," coach John Selter said. "Last year we had a lot of power hitters. This year we might have to create a few runs with our speed,

bunting, and hit and run a little more." Gone are first baseman Casey Rogowski (Chicago White Sox), pitcher Anthony Tomey (Eastern Michigan), outfielder Bob Malek (Michigan State), catcher Chris Woodruff, third baseman Dave Lusky (Eastern Michigan), outfielder Mark Cole plus Mario D'Herin and Dan Duffey;

huge holes to fill. "We graduated 11 seniors," Salter said, "But we've got 4-5 seniors back and a junior who

played a lot. We'll definitely be a lot younger. "I think we're still going to be pretty decent. Our goal is to make the league playoffs and try for our third Catholic League title in a row. We'll think about the state tournament later on."

Two things CC does have coming back is a quality pitcher, junior Charlie Haeger, and a quality bat in Matt Loridas, both All-Area honor-

Haeger came up to the varsity late last season, went 6-0 for Salter and was the winning pitcher in the state Class A championship game.

Williams, shifts from 4 date of team is the baseliff filter

Junior Anthony Countil same one flow it backetball tous and is fighting for infield for

Catcher John Hill "looks presty asies dan ye while speedy funior Dave Tuvey will give CC as good glove at second have. I make month Enteninger will play outlield and pints for the Shannocks.

Junior Andy Smith, who along with House and Enteminger were the bulwact of the JY pitching staff, should get a lot of innings in our rotation this year." Salter said.

Mike Wadowski takes over for Regereshi at first and "looks like a pretty good latter," his coach said. The's a left-handed pitcher, tee, said can help us in relief.

Speaking of Rogowski, he's goes but not it ten. In fact, he's not even goos. Not Charge, his sophomore brother Ryan, a letty who is plays outfield and first.

"Ryan has got a chance to help on." Selles sell "He's been real impressive. He read heal wall he's a left-handed hitter and he can relieve some."

### Churchill rips Wayne in season opener, 12-1

Wayne Memorial committed a slew of errors Tuesday as host Livonia Churchill played opportunist in a season-opening 12-1 baseball triumph.

while Churchill did not have an error. Winning pitcher Paul Mercier worked four innings, fanning four and walking two. Brad

The Zebras reached double figures in miscues,

Bescoe pitched the fifth... Churchill scored eight times in the first inning. The Chargers collected five hits - one apiece

from Tim Greenleaf, Josh Odom, Marshall Tucker. John Bennett and Bescoe. Adam Zimmerman drove in John Stevens with a

single for Wayne's only run in the second. Shawn McDaniel was the losing pitcher. . REDFORD CC 7-16, BISHOP FOLEY 1-1; Reaford Catholic Central started the 2000 season off Saturday in the same way

Foley, 7:1, in the opener and 16:1 in the nightcap. Senior pitcher Charlie Haeger took the win for CC, giving up ve hits, three walks, an earned ron and posting 10 stokeouts in six innings. He also helped his own cause at the plate by

it ended the 1999 state championship season -- by winning.

The Shamrocks dropped host Madison Heights Bishop

The got the balt up on a couple of guys, but for him to go in Lutheran (0.1)

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the first six innings in his first outing was real good, noted a John Hill was 2 for 4 with a double and three RBI for the

Shamrocks, while Adam Kline was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI and Ryan Rogowski was 2-for 4 with a double and two CC pounded out 13 hits in the nightcap in earning the mercy win. Matt Loridas led the way with a 3-for-4 outing and

RBI, Rogowski has 2 for 2 with three runs scored and Mike Wadowski and Sean Mahoney both had doubles. . . . Andy Smith got the win, giving up just one hit and striking

four RBI, while Dave Jovey was 2 for 3 with a double and two

out so in his three lanings of work. • SHRINE 11, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1: Lutheran Westland opened it's season on a sour note Saturday, losing to Royal

starting pitcher, Joe Wosjik, threw five perfect innings and chalked up oine strikeouts. - Their pitcher was just too adod for us toda. I said Luther-

Shrine (13.0); scored four runs in the first (inning, while its

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In the first game against Aquines Sunday, the Sainte' Shawn Vesnetra tossed a one-hitter in remaining undeflected at 6-0 for the senson. Veenstra did not walk a batter and struck out six.

Madenna's only hit was a two-out infield single in the seventh inning by Bob Hamp. John Pine had a pinch-hit two-run homer in the sixth had a two-run double in the fifth for Aquinas.

In the second game, the Crusaders over-

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Widthing finished with three hits (two of them doubles) in the game. Eric Williamson gave up two earned runs on eight hits and one whik in 6% innings, striking out two to improve to 4-0; his performance earned him WHAC pitcher of the week honors.

Scott DeRock was the losing pitcher, allowing two earned runs on seven hits and two walks with seven strikeouts in 6% innings.

Against Spring Arbor Saturday, Todd Miller's third hit of the game with one out in the seventh and the bases leaded delivered the game-winning run in a 6-5 victoThe Cougare had accred five times in the skith to the it at 5-5, with Mike Language singling in two runs and Justin Hahaj doubling in two more.

Jason Brooks singged a solo home run in the second, singled in two runs in the fourth and had an RBI single in the sixth to lead Madonna; he finished with three hits and four RBI. Miller had three hits and an RBI, and Roy Rabe (from Livenia Stevenson) and Derick Welfe had two hits

Jeremy Stevens got the win in relief of starter Mitch Jahczenski, allowing no runs and one hit in 1% innings. He improved to 3-0. Kyle Gaffner took the loss for Spring

In the second game, James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) gave up six runs in 3% innings in falling to 0-2. Hahai got the win for Spring Arbor, improving to 3.0

Wolfe was 4-for 4 with two RBI for the Crusaders. Hamp had two hits including a homer, and two RBI, and Brooks and Bryan DeCaire each had two hits.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

# MU sweeps Concordia

Jenny Tenyer followed Jennifer Staup's six-hitter with a two-hitter Tuesday, and the results were the same: a pair of 4-1 victories over Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball rival Concordia College in a double-header played at Livonia Ladywood.

The wins improved Madonna's record to 18-9 overall, 6-4 in the WHAC. Concordia is 15-15 overall, 3-5 in the WHAC.

In the opener, the Lady Crusaders struck for two runs in the first inning and got another in the second to support Staup, who walked one batter and struck out three to improve to 6-3. Erin Ryan took the loss for the Cardinals, dropping to 5-6.

Angela Litwin (from Plymouth Canton), Jennifer Kruzel and Stacie Wilson each had a hit and a run batted in for Madonna.

In the second game, Tenyer did not walk a batter and fanned two to push her record to 7-3. However, the Crusaders were trailing 1-0 going into the fourth, but a four-run rally saved them. Meghan Quinn and Tanya Liske each had RBI singles in the inning, and Emily Cunningham had a two-run single.

Quinn, Cunningham and Litwin had two hits apiece in the win. Tenyer outdueled Lauren Fuerstenau, who fell to 9-2 for Concordia.

• Madonna 2-2, Cornerstone 3-0: On Monday at Ladywood, Tenyer tossed a four-

hit shutout in the second game of a WHAC double-header to lead Madonna to a victory

over Cornerstone University.

Cornerstone won the opening game with a two-run sixth inning. The Golden Eagles

a two-run sixth inning. The Golden Eagles are 9-2-1 overall, 1-1 in the WHAC.

Tenyer did not walk a batter and struck out two to improve to 6-3. Renae Tigelaar

took the loss for Cornerstone, falling to 3-1.

Litwin and Cunningham each had two hits and scored a run to lead Madonna offensively. Vicki Malkowski contributed a

hit and an RBI, as the Crusaders scored twice in the fifth.

In the opening game, two errors proved costly as Staup allowed three unearned runs. She surrendered eight hits but did not walk a batter, striking out five. Tarrah Brown got the win for Cornerstone, giving up five hits and one walk but striking out

Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) had three hits, including a double, with one RBI for Madonna. Erika Keys had two hits.

• Madonna 6-Q, Concordia 3-3: On Sunday, the Crusaders played another WHAC double header, this one at Concordia College, and once again they got a split.

Tenyer was the winning pitcher in the first game, allowing three runs on six hits and two walks, striking out seven. Joyce Diakow took the loss for Concordia, which was 15-13 overall and 3.3 in the WHAC with the split.

McDonald had a triple and a double with two RBI in the victory. Malkowski and Cunhingham added two hits and an RBI

apiece, and Quinn had a hit and an RBI.

Liske was the losing pitcher in the second game; she gave up three runs on six hits and two walks, striking out two infalling to 5.3. Fuerstenau tossed a five-hit shutout to get the win for the Cardinals.

Litwin had three hits for Madonna.

# Hawks pound Fairlane, 24-0

Rachel Zahn struck out nine consecutive batters Tuesday as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran took just three innings to mercy and no-hit host Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian in the season softball opener, 24-0.

ne season softball opener, 24-0. RBI. The Zahn went 3-for-3 with a triple 16 hits.

and six RBI. Gretchen Grosinske added three hits, including a double, two RBI and three of the Haws' 22 stolen bases. Lauren Merian contributed two hits, including a double and three RBI. The Hawks had a total of 16 hits.

## Henry moves from page C1

including River Rouge, Romulus and Belleville.

During the mid-1990s, Henry and All-State guard Lorenzo Guess took two teams to the Class A semifinals, while another Zebra team reached the state quarterfinals:

"The thing I'll miss most at Wayne are the people," Henry said. "So many people enriched my life, predominantly the players, along with my assistants like Wayne Woodard, our athletic director Bill Hawley and our public address announcer Bill Brooks.

"And there's a certain group in the community who would go to every game. There are so many committed supporters that it certainly tugs at your heart."

Henry's vacant position has been posted within the Wayne-Westland Schools and the leading candidate appears to be Woodard, a former Westland John Glenn player who also happens to be Henry's brother-in-law.

"Wayne's been there 15 years and he's certainly paid his dues," Henry said.

Henry's departure, however, will certainly

"It's a blow to our program to lose a coach of his caliber," Hawley said. "Chuck's been talking about it a long time and he had been

wrestling around with the idea for awhile.

"He and I have had a pretty good relationship. He's done an outstanding job for 17 years and it's going to be very difficult to replace somebody that good. He really had an unblemished record. I rate him up there

with the best."

Ironically, Henry suffered an uncharacteristic two straight losing seasons after Guess graduated and accepted a football scholarship to Michigan State.

The Zebras were 9-12 this season and 7-14 the year before.

"We've had some strong teams and we were always competitive," Henry said. "At Wayne I enjoyed the competition.

"But competition is competition. It's all relevant. At Agape we've applied to MIAC (Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) because we want to be competitive and upgrade our schedule.

"Right now we play in a elementary schoolsize gym, but we have the blueprints to build a new gym for the high school. It's a school that is growing."

Henry has 29 years in with the Wayne-Westland Schools and has no immediate plans to retire.

"I've got to believe what I'm doing is rock solid," he said. "I'm going to coach at least another 10 years.

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another 10 years.

"I might as well coach my other two kids and see all five of them through."

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# Birch Run champion

Flying high: Goaltender Matt Tuttle allowed just six goals in five games en route to MVP honors as the Livonia Flyers captured the Squirt B championship recently in the NHL Shate at the Birch Run End of the Year Tournament. Derek Bower and Scott Sergison scored goals for the Flyers in a 2-1 victory in the finals over the Livonia Coyotes. The Flyers also defeated the Troy Northstars (4-1). Gaylord Wildcats (6-0) and the Muskegon Chiefs (5-1). Their only loss was a 3-2 setback to the Birch Run Rangers. Bower led the Flyers with seven tournament goals, while Sergison and Ryan Baratono contributed four and three, respectively. Tom Shkreli, Nathan Dust, Erik Rebee, Bill Streicher and Jeremy Diamond added one each. Danny Dugan and Kevin Ruzylo chipped in with assists. The defense was led by Justin Okerstrom, Dan Saksa, Eric DeWulf, Bill Streicher and Ted Makosz. Defenseman Justin Rocheleau did not play due to a broken ankle. The Flyers are coached by Don Miller. His assistants include Bob Bower, Mark Tuttle and Jeff Sergison. The team manager is Tricia Bower. Sponsors include Okerstrom Roofing and Pioneer Mortgage.

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versity of Michigan-Dearborn, centrate on school," he said. where he is planning on trying out for the hockey team.

earned All-Observer honorable in Jamaica." mention, will attend Ferris State. This year the fund also donat-University for one year and then ed \$11,742 to Leukemia transfer to Central Michigan University. He is planning onmajoring in business manage-

McCullough, another All-Observer honorable mention center, will attend Lawrence Tech University and study construction management with the intention of someday owning a construction company. He said he would also like to continue playing hockey at some level.

Williams, an All-Observer honorable mention goalie, is set to attend U of M-Dearborn and is hoping to make the hockey team. He will begin studying blochemistry before transferring to dental school.

"This scholarship means a lot," said Williams. "I'm looking at schooling, so any money I get helps. This one has special meaning though, because it is a hockey scholarship and it is from

Majkowski, who once met Rick Laramore, is planning on attending Schoolcraft College in the fall, where he will pursue a degree in criminal justice.

"I may play in the juniors, but

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Tired of the cold Michigan ... winters, Majkowski joked that Sherman, a right wing who he may someday become "a cop

Research Life, an organization that fights cancer at Children's Hospital, and \$3,913 to Special Days Camp, a camp for cancerstricken children and their siblings located in Jackson.

Because they originally committed for five years, the Laramore's will not be sponsoring a golf outing this year, and the future of the memorial fund is up in the air.

"We've worked hard at this, and we're very pleased with what we have done for five years," Dick Laramore said. "We're at that part in the road where we have to decide what to do next. There is a very good possibility that we will continue on in some way."

No matter what the future about seven to eight years of holds the Laramores feel the fund has let them achieve what they set out to do.

"We are very proud of what we have accomplished," Judy Laramore said. "Maybe one day there won't be leukemia and cancer for young people. Our ultimate goal is get to a day when we won't ever have to see another family go through what we did. You never know what dollar right now I'm just going to con- is going to do it."

Whalers finish off Guelph

Started slow, but the finish was fast and decisive.

After losing the first two games of their best-of-seven opening series in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the Plymouth Whalers regrouped. An 8-0 trouncing of the Guelph Storm last Wednesday (March 29) got them righted; on Tuesday at Guelph, the Whalers ended the series by stopping the Storm, 5-

Justin Williams continued his red-hot play with a goal and an assist, but this game belonged to Stephen Weiss, who scored two goals and assisted on another.

Once again, the Whalers sent Guelph goalie Chris Madden who was instrumental in their first two defeats — to the sidelines early by scoring three firstperiod goals.

Williams gave Plymouth an early lead, scoring at 5:09 of the first period with assists from

### OHL PLAYOFFS

Weiss and Chris Cava. Kris Vernarsky made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal at 14:19, and 1:44 later Weiss increased that lead to 3-0, assists going to Williams and Cava.

Weiss' second goal, scored before the second period was a minute old, pushed Plymouth's advantage to 4-0. Cole Jarrett assisted.

The Storm got their only goal of the game with three seconds left in the second period from Joe Gerbe.

Stephen Morris ended the Whalers' scoring, getting the only goal of the third period with Robichaud and Randy Fitzgerald assisted.

Rob Zepp was sharp in goal once again, stopping 31 of 32

in the first two games, Zepp surrendered just six in the last four.

Craig Andersson took over for Madden in the second period following Weiss' second goal, making 16 saves.

WHALERS 5, GUELPH 3: Talk about stepping up your game.

That's just what Justin Williams. has done for the Plymouth Whalers over the last three games, After failing to score a goal in the first two games ed, scoring seven times in the last three games (all wins).

Three of those came last Saturday as the Whalers held off the Storm to take a 3-2 lead in this best-of-seven series.

All three of his goals came in remaining. Andre the opening period, the first with the game just 50 seconds old (Kris Vernarsky assisted), the second on a power play at 13:58 and the third at 18:00. Stephen shots. After allowing nine goals. Weiss and Shaun Fisher both. two periods, making 17 stops,

assisted on the last two.

Fisher, who had a goal and three assists in the game, scored at 4:21 of the second period to give Plymouth a 4-0 lead. Williams and Weiss assisted.

Brent Kelly then took command for Guelph, scoring twice in the "second period to narrow the gap to 4-2. At the 9:54 mark of the third period, Kelly scored again to make it 4-3.

But the Storm could draw no both losses -- Williams has erupt-/ closer. Eric Gooldy's empty-net score with 45 seconds left ensured the win for the Whalers (Fisher and Randy Fitzgerald assisted).

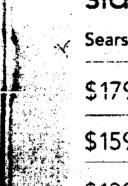
Rob Zepp made 23 saves in goal for Plymouth. Chris Madden, who performed so well in goal for Guelph in the first two games, was pulled after giving up Williams' three goals in the first

Craig Andersson played the last

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## Spartans down Rockets; Wayne stalls Tractors, 5-0

### PREP GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Livonia Stevenson opened it girls soccer season Monday by defeating visiting Westland John Glenn 4-1, behind two goals from Danielle Lewis.

The Spartans (1-0), Division I state runner-up a year ago and 1997-98 state champions, also got goals from Jamie Hartrick and Lindsay Gusick.

Although he was happy to get the win, Stevenson coach Jim Kimble felt his team was guilty of some first-game jitters.

"We were a bit rusty," he said. "We are capable of playing a lot better. We have a long way to go. It was the first game of the year and it looked like it."

"Glenn is much improved though. We have to give them credit."

Deanna McGrath and Andrea Sied each had two assists, and

Megan Urbats had one for Stevenson.

Jessica Hislop scored for the Rockets (1-1).

 WAYNE 5, FORDSON 0: Wayne Memorial won its second consecutive game Monday by defeating visiting Dearborn Fordson in a Mega Conference Blue Division opener.

The Zebras (2-1 overall) were led by Alana Green and Tish Tedders, who both chipped in two goals and two assists apiece. Tiffany Mishloney got the other goal.

The Tractors dropped to 0-1 in the Mega Blue.

•MARIAN 3, LADYWOOD 1: Birmingham Marian scored three unanswered goals.

Tuesday to earn the Catholic League Central Division triumph at home against Livo-

nia Ladywood (0-4, 0-2).

Sunny Grezlik scored from Jennie Bartkowiak in the second minute to give the Blazers a 1-0 lead.

The play was started by forward Stefanie Stachura.

On Friday, Ladywood lost at Woodhaven in a non-leaguer, 5-4, despite two goals

rom Stachura.

Lauren Hasano and Melissa Harakas had the other Ladywood goals.

On Wednesday, Ladywood fell to host Dearborn Divine Child, 3-1, as Katie Rozum

\*\*The girls worked hard, they never quit," Franklin coach Mary Kay Hussey said:

"It was a tough game. A lack of game experience shows in these for us.
"We got tough play from Alexis (Bowman) and Kara (Wisniewski)."
• FRANKLIN 2, REDFORD UNION 2: Livonia Franklin opened its 2000 season Fri-

day by deadlocking host Redford Union.

Sophomore Kara Wisniewski scored Franklin's first goal on a header off a corner

kick from senior Alexis Bowman.

Wisniewski added her second goal of the opening half off a free kick from Bow-

Wisniewski added her second goal of the opening half off a free kick from Bowman, but the Patriots couldn't maintain hold 2-1 halftime lead.

Tiffany Bajis and Megan Farrell made their varsity debuts in goal for the Patriots.

•WAYNE 1, THURSTON 0: Alana Green broke the scoreless deadlock at the 33-minute mark of the first half as Wayne gained its first victory of the season Friday at Redford Thurston.

### PREP BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN 7 REDFORD UNION 1 April 3 at Franklin

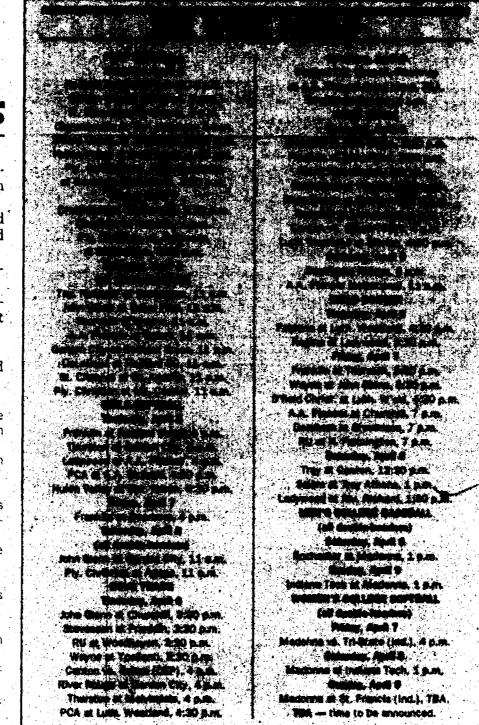
No. 1 singles: Matt Clearman (LF) def. Russ Sieg. 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Jeff Beydoun (LF) def. Matt Gabbert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Vimlesh Shukla (LF) def. Jason Thomas, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Corey Clearman (LF) def. Mart. Harison 5-3

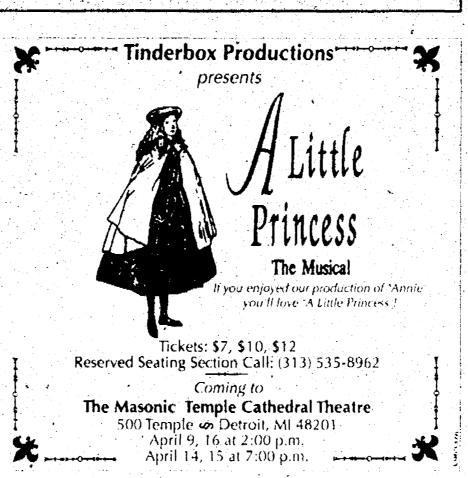
No. 1 doubles: Scott Gomez-Stan Anway (LF) def. Adam Koppin-Nick Ostrowski, 6-2; 6-1; No. 2: Chris Don-Garrett Middleton (LF) def. Chris Harris-Matt Forbes, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3; Jason Hudy-Jon Dmytro (RU) def. Matt Nelson-Dennison Sowder, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4; No. 4; Rob Shaffer-Jeff Luptowski (LF) def. Mike DuMouchelle-Wesley Burk, 6-1, 6-0.

### REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8 DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 0 April 3 at Liveria's Shelden Park

No. 1 singles: Mike Finding (CC) defeated Anish Patel, 60, 80; No. 2: Evan Currie (CC) def. Tim Sitkaukas, 63, 60; No. 3: David Atallah (CC) def. Steve Donabenter, 60, 60; No. 4: Billy Walsh (CC) def. Juan Howlett, 60, 60

Ma. 1 doubles: Jeff Fleszar-Rob Sparks (CC) def. Mike Grezlik-Jack Marchewka, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Mark Fleszar-Eric Tomkiewicz (CC) def. Garo Jillian-Mike Maltese, 6-3, 6-4; No: 3: Lodewijk VanHolsbeck-lan McHenry (CC) def. Brian Kosowski-Jim Parelly, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Matt Roe-Nick Gonzales (CC) def. Dave Neitzer-Kris Kopinski, 6-1, 6-1.





### PREP GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

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Medalist: Amanda Pettit (Regina), 41.
Ladywood segrers: Amanda Graves, 54;
Ashley Loyer and Amy Eischen, 56 each; Mary
Griffin, 58.

Dual meet records: Regins, 1-0, Ladywood; 0.1 WHITE LAKE LAKELAND 199 LIVOWA PRANKLIN 229 April 3 at Fex Creek

Dual, records: Franklin, 0-1; Lakeland, 1-0,

Lakeland search; Leslie Matthaei and Julie Crais, 48 each (co-medalists). Franklin search: Amanda Szabelski, 50 (cureer low); Magan Houghton, 58; Colean-Yorick, 60, Kristin Kmet, 61.



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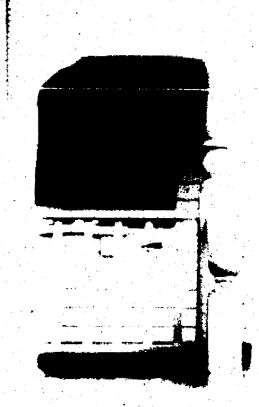
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### SATURDAY



Join Suzie Gouine (left to right), Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington and Jason Smith of Garden City as they sing, dance, romp and play their way through the teachings of the Gospel of Matthew in "Godspell," 8 p.m. at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$10-\$13, call (313) 577-2960.

### SUNDAY



Estonian conductor Eri Klas conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a program of two tonepoems "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," by Richard Strauss, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$19-\$50, call (313) *576-5111*.



Hot Ticket: The Royal Hanneford Circus, featuring ringmaster Billy Martin, comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills for eight performances, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9. Tickets \$12. \$8, and \$5. All seats opening night are \$4. Call (248) 645-6666 for show times and ticket infor-

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# Taking Color Color

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

lie Wiesel's only play is one Thomas Malcolm Olson has been wanting to direct for some time. Written by the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979, "The Trial of God" opens in a village where nearly all the Jews have been exterminated.

Wiesel speaks from experience in the play, and three dozen books he's written about the horrors Holocaust victims suffered during World War II. Deported with his family from Transylvania (Romania) at age 15, Wiesel survived Auschwitz and Buchenwald. His mother, father and youngest sister did not. A persistent literary witness to the Holocaust, Wiesel recalls his own struggle with God in the play and several of the books including his memoirs.

"It questions the silence of God when human beings are suffering," said Olson. "Wiesel originally set the play in a village in 1649. We're not doing it in period but more in the French bohemian era of the 1950s because these are timeless questions."

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village plays Berish, the innkeeper. He and his daughter are the only Jews to survive the brutal raid on Shamgorod, a village in Ukraine.

"It's based on a real life event," said Ulson. "When Elie was 15 he was a prisoner in Auschwitz when a rabbi took him under his wing. They met everyday to study and then with three other rabbis they put God on trial. Elie was the only witness to this."

In real life, God was found guilty

On Trial:
Mark Hammell (Berish)
and Guy
Snyder (the
priest) look
for answers
from God
after nearly
all the Jews
of a village
are extermi-





Questioning God: Guy Snyder (left back), Mark Hammell, Hannah Riddell, Art Collings (left front), P.W. Henry, and Anessa and Scot Martin put God on trial in the Elie Wiesel play based on a true story.

### "The Trial of God"

- What: Trinity House Trieatre presents the play by Nobel Peace Prize winder Elie Wiesel.
- When: Opens Friday, April 7 and runs weekends to Sunday, April 30 (except for Easter, April 23). Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday
- Where: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between 1-275 and Haggerty, Livonia.
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of crimes against humanity. In the play no verdict is ever reached. Wiesel's own works consistently pose the question, how is it possible not to believe in God after these atrocities?

"You don't have to be religious toenjoy this play," said Olson. "Anyone who's struggled with evil will find resonance with these words. Elie describes it as a tragic farce. This is the biggest challenge to find out the humor in these lines and to find out what he means."

### Soul searching

Olson's found himself doing a lot of soul searching in the eight weeks since rehearsals began for the play produced by Tim Dunham. More than ever, he believes theater makes a significant contribution in a variety of ways ranging from entertainment to social commentary.

"I'm realizing what an important art this is to be asking these questions," said Olson. "For me personally, the reward is to be participating in the asking of these questions. Trinity House's mission has always been to present brave, truthful and necessary works of art. It's not a play that can be easily dismissed. This is a play that's going to haunt."

Hammell finds himself examining his own beliefs as does his character. Berish is a man without answers after indicting God for his silence in the face of evil.

"It's been a test of Berish's will," said Hammell, a big, burly man who began acting in 1976. "The play doesn't answer any questions but inspires a lot of thought."

P.W. Henry, a Westland resident, plays one of the wandering minstrels who come to town hoping to perform a Purim play. Instead, Berish challenges them to put God on trial. The innkeeper is all too willing to serve as prosecutor but first they must find a defense attorney. That's when Sain, a mysterious stranger, arrives in town.

"We want to perform and get free drinks and food when sudden-

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# Wiggles give kids the giggles

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON STAFF WRITER kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

Barney will have a quartet of special guests wriggling, squiggling, and waggling their way onto the stage of his Musical Castle as the Australian children's group "The Wiggles," comes to Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, April 6-9.

During the April 2000 tour of "Barney's Musical Castle," The Wiggles will perform during intermission at all of the Barney shows at Cobo Arena.

The Wiggles will also appear locally at FAO Schwarz in Troy on April 6, at Noodle Kidoodle in Northville on April 7, and Noodle Kidoodle in Rochester Hills on April 8. There is no charge for these peformances.

### Group

The Wiggles are the most successful children's entertainment group in the history of Australia, performing more than 500 shows a year to sold-out crowds. The group of four Australians and four whimsical, costumed characters combines lives action with audience participation for a wiggling good time!

The Wiggles have captured the attention and hearts of children of all ages as they sing and dance to such favorites as "Wake Up Jeff!," "Romp Bomp A Stomp," "Can You Point Your Fingers and Do the Twist?", and "D.O.R.O.T.H.Y. (My Favorite Dinosaur)." The sing-a-longs are performed by Anthony Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt, four men from the Sydney area who are accompanied by costumed characters Dorothy the Dinosaur<sup>1M</sup>, Wags the Dog<sup>1M</sup>, Henry the Octopus<sup>1M</sup>, and Captain Feathersword<sup>1M</sup>.

Formed in 1991 by three "mates," Field, Cook and Page, who were studying Early Childhood Education at Macquaire University in Sydney, the group became a foursome after Fatt joined following graduation.

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What: Barney's Musical Castle and The Wiggles will appear at Cobo Arena in Detroit

When: 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6: 7 p.m. Friday, April 7; 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8; 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.g. Sunday, April 9.

Tickets: \$8.25, available at all Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 645-6666.

# Free public appearances by The Wiggles include: FAO Schwarz at noon Thursday, April 6 (2800 West Big Beaver Road, Troy); 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Noodle Kidoodle (17783 Haggerty Road, Northville); and 5 p.m. Saturday,



Meet the Wiggles: Australian performers Anthony Field, Murrary Cook, Greg Page and Jeff Fatt.

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## A PERFECT MATCH: Old rocker pitches in to help new cause

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER altownich (One hornecomm.)

Rock 'n roll star Marshall Crenshaw grew up in Berkley within walking distance from the old Berkley Theatre, a landmark that's still selling candy and soft drinks but no longer showing movies.

Or making popcorn, for that matter.

The Berkley name remains on the marques for city recognition but the building is now a drug store.

"It's disgusting," said Crenshaw, interviewed over the phone from his home in Brooklyn, N.Y "It was a real nice theater with a natural echo and comfortable. They used to have two drug stores a



half mile apart (on 12 Mile Road). Now there's one right in the middle. It's no wonder Crenshaw has a great appreciation for historic sites.

ciation for historic site that remain as they were intended, like the Royal Oak Theatre his pext stop in hopes

that others can goon.

Crenshaw's band is the headliner of a second annual benefit concert for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, on Thursday, April 13, sponsored by General Motors Corp. and aided by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer In-Citati

Crenshaw, who counts "Television Light." So day, Songway" and "Whenty'er You're On My



Mind among his hit songs, was eager to play

"They explained to me what it was about, what their foundation does and I was impressed with it," Crenshaw, 46, said "Their intentions are honorable and what I know about it is it's extremely well organized. I said 'that sounds cool and penciled it in.'

Francke is a local musician who was diagnosed with Leukeman in June 1998. He received a successful stem cell bone marrow transplant from his sister, Kit Recce, months later

Erencke started the foundation to raise money for research and awarenession the importance of bone marrow donors, especially among African

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Americans and Hispanics who have a smaller chance of finding matches.

Francke and Commissioned, an award-winning Gospel group from Detroit, are also scheduled to perform.

"It's a tremendous gift on the part of Marshall and 'Commissioned' to donate their time." said Francke, whose fifth CD, "Swimming In Mercury," includes some songs about his diagnosis and recovery.

Crenshaw has lived in New York for the better part of 20 years, including quite a long stint in Woodstock, the site of some legendary outdoor concerts.

He said he enjoys playing in theaters the size of Royal Oak's. More importantly, he enjoys its cleanliness.

"The dressing rooms are clean, there's no 'BS' on the walls," said Crenshaw, who co-wrote the Gin Blossoms recent hit song "Till I Hear It From You."

"I don't like to play in 'Rock toilets.' A lot of places I used to play prided themselves on being 'grungy.' Royal Oak Theatre is classy, cool. I used to go to

movies there when I was a kid. There's a lot of nice theaters in Detroit."

Ironically, it was a concert by Crenshaw back in 1981 at the Royal Oak Theatre that convinced Francke to quit his first job after college and go into music full time.

"Marshall's a terrific guy, one of the great rock 'n rollers, a big favorite of mine," said Francke, who has two children with his wife Julia. "If I could have a wish list of people to play he'd be at the top of it."

Francke considers himself fortunate to have found a bone marrow match in his family. There is a one in four chance of a family member being a match.

A search outside an immediate family costs Leukemia patients \$10,000 and Francke's organization wants to defray the costs.

"I woke up one morning and absolutely knew I was going to match, had a ton of faith going in," his sister said. "We realized how lucky we were that I was a match, then heard horror stories about people who don't have a match, couldn't find matching

What: Benefit concert for The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation

When: Thursday, April 13. beginning at 6 p.m. with sample complimentary tastings from Royal Oak's D'Amato's Restaurant. A concert, featuring gospel group Commissioned, hometown favorite Stewart Francke and native Berkley rocker Marshall Crenshaw starts at 7 p.m.:

Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth between Washington and Lincoln.

Why: To raise money for research and awareness of the importance of blood marrow donors.

Tickets: \$75, includes food and entertainment and silent auction, Call (248) 828-2865 or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666 or log on to www.sflf.com for tickets. Cash

Francke said the foundation has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception. General

Francke founded The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation in hopes of helping others receive successful bone marrow

transplants.

Fund-raiser:

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Motors Vice Chairman Harry Pearce, the recipient of a successful stem cell transplant in 1998, has worked closely with Francke for the cause.

About 800 attended the inaugural event, according to Francke, and he anticipates 1,000 this year. He's hoping for a higher minority turnout.

"We're trying to change the face of the audience," Francke said. "Our mandate is to try to help people who need it the most. The chances of white people finding a match are twice as great as minorities.

"I'm lucky I had a match and lived. I depend on people. It's how I feel about the world, about

Crenshaw recently released a new CD, titled "Number 447," a name he said he picked for no particular reason.

"It's a watershed record for me," said Crenshaw, who has two small children with his wife Ione. "I couldn't think of a snapру name to give it."

## Silence from page E1

ly we're in the midst of this," said Henry. "A year before they had a massacre and only two Jews are left. My lines set me up to be preachy. I'm dealing with the attitude that I'm supposed to be wiser than I am. This play is pertinent to what's going on in the world even today. You look around at what's happened in Sarajevo."

Art Collings, a member of the minstrel troupe, plays Avremel.

"He was a jester and is the professional actor of the band," said Collings, a Livonia resident. "He's seen it all so it's old to him. Being in the play has been a learning experience. It's made me think about things. How I would answer some of the questions - where is God when tragedy happens?"

Anessa Martin provides comic relief with her role as the barmaid who's somewhat of a gruff mother-figure. Her lines prevent the characters from sounding like they are in a debate.

### Learning process

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**m** 'It's been a learning process. The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interesting.'

Anessa Martin Actress

said Martin of Redford. "The play is very wordy. Our challenge as a cast is to make it interest-

Guy Snyder's character symbolically portrays the Catholic church. As the priest he asks, "what is the true nature of God?"

"Another massacre is on the horizon," said Snyder, a Livonia resident, "He wants Beresh to get out or to pretend to convert to Christianity. Every time we rehearse we discover something new about what Weisel is trying. to say. There's a lot of substance to the play."

## Wiggles from page E1

"We never ever thought of touring the world with what we do," said Page who dons a bright yellow shirt in all the Wiggles videos. "It is certainly very satisfying to think that what we do has been so well received by people in Australia, and is now starting to gain some recognition in other parts of the world."

Page said in 1991 the group took a leap of faith by giving up their regular jobs to become entertainers — nearly 10 years later they're the hottest children's group down under and have been gaining momentum in the U.S. since their first appearance in Sept. 1998.

"We first came to the U.S. to perform ... at Disneyland in California and then Sea World in Florida. It was a very brief stay, only about six days, but we still played to over 18,000 people while we were there," said Page.

### Stage show

The live stage show of "Barney's Musical Castle" will feature Barney and his friends Baby Bop<sup>IM</sup> and BJ®, Barney's Musical Castle is a "whimsical journey born of a child's imagination." Through Barney's guidance a day of fun building sandcastles turns into an adventure that ends up at a real castle. Barney, BJ and Baby Bop, along with several new friends, begin an excursion through an enchanted forest where sunflowers dance and a bunny, fox and bear are on hand to pave a path to a castle on the horizon.

Approximately 30 songs and dances will be played during the show."

### Popular format

Wiggles members Page says their success can be attributed to several things including their training as early childhood teachers.

"This gave us an incredible insight into the world of children, what they think about, how they think, what makes them act certain ways and of course, how to plan appropriate learning for them. Also, the songs seem to be quite popular with the children as well as the parents, so I think that if the parents can listen to the music it helps them tolerate, and then understand what it is the children are watching.".

Coinciding with their April 2000 live performances will be



Feathersword (left to right), Dorothy the Dinosaur, Jeff Fatt, Henry the Octopus: Anthony

The Wiggles

& Friends:

Captain ...

Field, Murray Cook, Greg Page, and Wags the Dog.

the Lyrick® Studios release of both audio and video versions of "Wake Up Jeff!" Wiggles merchandise is available nationwide at Noodle Kidoodle stores, Block-Video stores. Amazon:com, etoys.com and FAO Schwarz stores.

"Small venues and those performances for us are always more rewarding," added Page. "II is a more personal way to see our audience and to ensure that we are connecting with the children."



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# Second City-Detroit shoots, scores with show

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER

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"The Puck Stops Here" at Second City Detroit through Sunday, April 16, where you can see the touring company in action.

"We tried to make it a hockey show, but we put together scenes anyone would enjoy," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, one of the players. "We think the show will please both camps - diehard hockey fans who don't go to the theater much, and those who do."

The show, which opened Tuesday, is a mix of madcap skits, some of them musical, that are sure to score with fans.

"We've been working on it for about two months," said Hanley who described the show as a mix of original skits, and material from Second City archives.

During a preview performance on Tuesday, the company tried out some of their skits on a small, but enthusiastic audience. There's the wife who argues with her husband, the referee, about the calls he makes, and an old hockey coach who tries to teach intellectuals at the University of Detroit how to play football.

"A health club is a paradise where every man is free ... and look at all these towels" - is an entertaining musical number. You'll get a kick out of their dance - imagine an Esther Williams-style synchronized swimming routine, on stage.

There's the husband who wants to "commit" to season Red

This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with. They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together.'

> Kirk Hanley Comedian

isn't sure she wants to. A young boy wonders what it's like to watch a baseball game with the crowd, instead of sheltered with his wealthy parents in their sky box. The butler, played by Hanley, to the horror of his parents, prepares a hot dog for the boy.

The cast also includes Carey Crim who has performed in shows at Meadow Brook Theatre and the Jewish Ensemble The-

"I heard a song on the radio, and the lyrics were 'do something every day that scares you.' I was thinking about that when I called the Actor's Equity Audition hotline," said Crim explaining how she landed at Second City-Detroit. "There was an audition for the Second Citytouring company."

She describes "The Puck Stops Here" as definitely hockey heavy, but also a lot of fun.

"Hockey is a metaphor," she said. "We try to build on themes of life. It's a marriage of the two. It's for the player and someone who doesn't get it. Hockey's not

Wings tickets, and his wife who her thing, but it's part of her world."

> Hanley, Crim and the other members of the group - Jeff Fritz, Cheri Johnson, Topher Owen and Kiff Vanden Heuvel have been working together for a

> "This is the finest ensemble that any of us have worked with," said Hanley. "They're the most giving, cooperative, and talented people. It's always a joy to work together."

> Hanley and the other touring company cast members are delighted to be performing on the mainstage in their first twoweek show.

> While the touring company is onstage, the mainstage cast will start working on their next show.

"Second City is always a work Detroit, and I was hired for the in progress," said Hanley. "Toward the end of the run, they'll start putting in new scenes to try them out for the new show."

Former mainstage cast member Margaret Exner is directing "The Puck Stops Here."

"Paradigm Lost" will return to the Second City-Detroit main-



Touring company: Members of the Second City Touring Company, including Kirk Hanley (center bottom row) and Carey Crim (back row, middle) take a break from rehearsal.

stage on Wednesday, April 19. The Second City-Detroit Tour-

ing Company presents "The Puck Stops Here," 8 p.m. Thursday-

Sunday, April 6.9; and Tuesday Sunday, April 11-16. Additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Tickets for Tuesday-Thurs-

day and Sunday shows \$10; \$17.50 on Friday, and **\$19.50 on** Saturdays, Call (313) 965-2222.

SCREEN SCENE

# Trio earns stage career after acting

When most of us think back to great way to impress girls. a silly moment in our lives, we

usually -don't

BACKSTAGE

recall it as a lifealtering event. With time, you may realize some significant

things were happening when life was at its most crazy and comical. Silliness has been known to create deep, lasting friendships, reduce stress and provide free enter-

tainment: In the case of Arthur J. Beer, it

even gave him a career.

A half-century ago, Beer and a pair of buddies from Warren High School formed the King Korn Trio, figuring their pantomimes of tunes from the immortal Spike Jones was a

To their surprise, the act won the school's talent show, and the good fortune began to snowball.

"The King Korn Trio's timing couldn't have been better. Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour was in town for a Boysville U.S.A benefit, and the local competition at Olympia (stadium) earned us a trip to New York to appear on the show," says Beer.

Next came the group's selection to join the USO Tour of Europe.

The unlikely chain of events triggered a lifetime of stage work for Beer, who serves as associate director of the Theatre Company at the University of Detroit, Mercy.

Now, those madcap moments from the early 1950s are being recaptured for audiences in The Theatre Company's production of "The King Korn Trio," which runs through Sunday, April 16 at UDM's McAuley Theatre.

"My wife convinced me that the story is so ridiculous and unbelievable'that it would be perfect for the stage," says Beer, who wrote and directs the play that features Mary F. Bremer and David Jeffrey in key roles.

Committed to the belief that silliness is always good for the soul and occasionally an artistic discipline, The King Korn Trio production will be featured on Detroit Public TV's BACK-STAGE PASS series, in an edition that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9.

Even though my silly moments wouldn't be worthy of Ted Mack's "Original Amateur Hour" or even the recent "Star Search" showcases, I value them:

Life isn't all high drama. Sometimes it is at its best when it's like a "Gong Show" revue.

FAMILY FUN

# Museum salutes environment

PRNewswire - "Junk, Juice & mental progress: Jive," a fresh, lively and edgy look at environmental action. takes over Spirit of Ford throughout the month of April. Test drive an electric Ranger, dive into a towering recycle pile. and find out what all the buzz is about as Ford Motor Company's (NYSE: F) pioneering spirit focuses on the areas of alternative fuelt electric vehicles and materials recycling.

Spirit of Ford, an automotive learning attraction, is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spirit of Ford is located at 1151 Village Road in Dearborn (across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village). For more details call (313) 31-SPIRIT or check Spirit of Ford out on the web at www spiritofford.com

"At Spirit of Ford, guests have the change to feel, smell, see, drive and literally immerse themselves in experiences which mirror the mitiatives of Ford Motor Company This month we are the site for a fun, active cele bration of the company's many and diverse environmental activities and programs," says do Baas, director of Spirit of Ford

Following is a randown of the activities kong on in April as Spirit of Ford salutes environ-

### Activities ■ Un-Plugged - Be the first

on your block to test drive an electric Ranger, the quieter vehicle you simply plug in to get its engine revvin! These "juicy" test drives happen on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in April Call for specific times. Drivers must be 18 and over and have a valid driver's license.

Restoration Station - For a different spin on "junk," kids can "dive" into a towering recycle pile and create something new out of something old. Take your new creation home with you or leave it behind to be transformed into something else

# Fueling Your Dreams

Turn your brain "green" through this dynamic interactive demonstration that makes fuel, energy and recycling come to life for big and little dreamers alike. Explore a junk pile and find out why some trash really isn't so "trashy." You'll be surprised to learn that Ford Motor Company actually uses pop bottles and old jeans to build vehicles

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■ Lightweight Parts Be amazed at what Ford is doing to lighten the load on vehicles and increase fuel efficiency. Compare brake rotors and brake drams made of either (ast from or stee) or aluminum composite. You can't actually "feel" how these lightweight parts make driving a

■ Environmentally Responsible Shopping - Buy cool. environmentally responsible gitts at Exit Ramp, Spirit of Ford's gift shop

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### A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE:

(313) 963-9800

"Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666 GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$24,50-\$34,50.

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," April 6-9, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 b.m. Sunday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield, \$15-\$25, (248). 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Chagail's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$19.50-\$35.

### COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Wuthering

(248) 377-3300

Heights, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and Thursday-Saturday. April 13-15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. April 9, at Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: \*Cactus Flower," theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. \$8. (734) 462-4596 U-D MERCY THEATRE: The King Korn Trio," continues to April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students, (313) 993-1130. U-M THEATRE: "Cabaret" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor, \$18, \$14, \$7 students. (734) 764-0450 WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell". opens Friday, April 7 and runs to

Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater; Detroit, \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960 WSU HILBERRY: "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater,

Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-

Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK: "The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Rosedale Community House, Detroit. \$15/\$13. (313) 835-1103 STAGECRAFTERS: "Barefoot in the Park," continues to Sunday, April signed performance for deaf. Thursday, April 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430 or for TTY assistance (248) 541-6796

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** Presents "A Little Princess" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit (park in back of facility, use rear entrance). \$7-\$12. (313) 535-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 'The Trial of God" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-7.10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

### DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Seturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n" Tine'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-

POX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Jehnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Phymouth, \$29.95. (734) 453-7272 MAMADA HOTEL DWINER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield, \$25, (248) 544-0283



Royal treatment: The Royal Hanneford Circus swings into action for eight stunning performances, Thursday, April 6, through Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Look for "Elephant Leaps" and Mark Karoly the "horse riding fool." The Moroccan Connection of acrobats will perform the human pyramids and Olga and Vladimir present acts of magic and illusion. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 10:30 a.m, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$4-\$12 are on sale at The Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Discounts are available for children 12 and under, senior citizens 65 and older, and groups of 15 or more. Call the group sales office at (248) 371-2055 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit www.palacenet.com for more information.

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Presents a spring concert with guest singers Churchill High School's Choralations, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Churchill High School, Livonia. Free:

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. Saturday, April 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, \$7, \$5 children: (313)

961-7777 THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS BAND: Under conductor Edward Lucius, will give a Pre-Carnegie Hall Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in the school's gymnasium. Admission is free to the concert which previews the bands late-April performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The program includes music by Morton Gould; Tschesnokoff, Sousa/Schissel, and Bennett's "Suite of Old American"

YOUTHEATRE: "Jekyll and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Hall, Detroit. \$8 advance. \$9 at door, \$8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop, (313) 963-2366

### SPECIAL **EVENTS**

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515 CELEBRATION BASH: Party planning event features hands-on activities for kids, and puppet shows every 30 minutes, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Southfield Civic Center. (248) 352-

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART: Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swienconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter pelm weaving 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Polonus Restaurant, Wyandotte, \$30 advance reservation by April 9. (248) 549-4527. If you wish to per ticipate in the art of Easter pelmweaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 16 and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.

(734) 455-0022

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 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. (248) 862-1019 or

www.builders.org U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND AND SOLDERS' CHORUS: 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. Free.

### FAMILY **EVENTS**

**ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30** 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**

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: "Celebrate the Dance," 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, silent and live auctions, formal dinner, and performance by ensemble members, at The Community House, Birmingham, \$75, \$125, \$200. (248) 362-9329

POP FOR ART: Winefest to benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, Saturday, April 15, in eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott, (734) 994-8004; ext. 106

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 Somersett Collection, Troy. \$125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

### CLASSICAL

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: With planist Anne-Marie McDermott perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE: Flavio Varani, piano; Nadine Deleuty, cello and Velda Kelly, violin, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$15-\$25, proceeds go to Birmingham Musicale's acholership and philanthropic programs. (248) 738-9827 DETROIT SYMPHONY ONCHESTRA: Estonian conductor Eri Klas 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

Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$50; "Overtures" ore-concert buffet dinner followed by concert Friday, April 7. (313) 576-5111 GRAMERCY TRIO: 8 p.m. Saturday,

House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999 JOEL HASTINGS: An evening with Chopin, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April

12, at Kerrytown Concert House,

April 8, at Kerrytown Concert

Ann Arbor. \$5 \$15. (734) 769-**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHAMBER** ENSEMBLE: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, in Varner Recital Hall on campus,

Rochester, Free. (248) 370-3013

### POPS/SWING

**DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: "A** Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit, \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

**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.

THE SPRING SWING: Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. \$10. (313) 531-4407

### AUDITIONS/ **OPPORTUNITIES**

**MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: Open** auditions for male and female ballet dancers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ann Parsley School of Dance, Clinton Township, \$10. (810) 286-8300

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

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/planist 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) 253-

8843 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 Mall 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 visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158

### JAZZ

JOHNNY BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-

THE COURIERS: And the Eastern Michigan University Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, \$12, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, proceeds to benefit for the jazz ensemble. (734) 487-1221/(734) 487-2282 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

STEFON HARRIS QUARTET: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance. (734) 662-8310 DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday April 7-8, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor, \$15 advance, (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$16-\$62. (313) 576-5111 MARIAN MCPARTLAND: With Paul Keller, bass and Pete Siers, drums, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor, \$25, \$40, to benefit the U-M Marian McPartland Jazz Piano Scholarship Fund. (734) 769-2999 MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Harvey thompson 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Ron's Fireside Inn., Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734).

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WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township, \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor, \$10-\$25, (734) 769-2999 CAMILLE PRICE & THE BECHET BLUES BAND: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881 URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni s, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241 WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING **SAXOPHONE SECTION:** Perform music of the Big Band era, 40 a.m. Thursday, April 13; in Smith Theater, at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. Free.

### FOLK BLUEGRASS

SHARON ISBIN/SUSANNE MENTZER: Perform French and American folk songs, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$40, (734) 764-2538

### WORLD MUSIC

CHULRUA: The trie, named after the favorite wolfhound of an ancient Irish hero, play traditional Irish music 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9 at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-2968

### ORGAN

JAMES KIBBIE: Bach Recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16 (infor

mal talk begins 3:30 p.m.), Blanche Anderson Moore Hall at U M School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free, (734) 764-0583

### CHORAL MUSIC AT MEMORIAL: Concert of

sacred music by Duruffle, Britten,

Ravel and Bloch, 7:30 p.m. Sunday. April 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (313) 882-5330 OAKLAND UNIVERSITY CHORALE/UNIVERSITY CHORUS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 in Varner Recital Hall on campus, Rochester. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013 U-M MEN'S GLEE CLUB: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Hill

Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10,

\$7, \$5 students. (734) 764-1448

### POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

MUSE ALIVE: Charleen Berels, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Tucker's Cafe, Ypsilanti. THE WRITER'S VOICE: Novelist:

Rebecca Brown and poet Aaron Shurin, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. (313) 577-2450/(313) 267-5310, ext. 338; 4th annual Poetry Month Reading Wednesday, April 12, on the third floor of the Language Arts Dept., Detroit Public Library's Main Branch, 5201 Woodward, Free. (313) 267-5310, ext. 338/(313) 833-1470

### DANCE

AVODAH DANCE ENSEMBLE: 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" featuring the Avodah Dance Ensemble 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic 💉 Studies and the dance department at Wayne State University will present a dance workshop featuring JoAnne Tucker, artistic director of the Avodah Dance Ensemble, 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit, reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313)

577-2679 DANCE GALLERY: Mambo workshop 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the dance studio, Ann Arbor, \$35 couple. (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 **EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE:** Entrances and Exits: Dances for a New Millennium, 7 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. \$16, (248) 471-

7667 OLD-TIME MUSIC CONCERT/DANCE: With fiddler Bruce Molsky 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9 (7 p.m. concert), at the Pittsheld Grange, Ann Arbor. \$7 concert. \$10 dance, \$15 both. (734) 623

SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's. Détroit Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's classic tate 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William . . M. Costick Activities Center. 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, \$8, \$5, (248)

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TRISHA BROWN DANCE COMPANY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor, \$16-\$32. (734) 764-2538 VAHINI: A classical Indian Ballet, 4

p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the lydia Mendelscohn Theater, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) '63-TKTS

WOLVERINE SHIVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday. April 8, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren, \$7, (810).

### COMEDY

BJ. WARD: Stand-up Opera, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Clinton Township, \$24, \$22, (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 **BOGEY'S:** Darwin Hines with John McDonnald and Dee Profitt: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7.8, at the Bar & Griffe, Walled Lake, \$10;

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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.

(248) 669 1444 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Kerry White Thursday-Saturday, April 5-8; Nick DiPalo, also Elliot Branch, Wednesday-Saturday, April 12-15, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10x30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5), (734) 261-0555

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MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Lewis Black, also Ben Konstantin. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8; Jimmy Pardo, also David Bell, Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 SECOND CITY: "The Puck Stops Here," touring company presentation, 8 p.m. April 6-9 and April 11-:16. Tickets \$10. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, and \$19.50 Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at

www.ticketmaster.com SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515 THE COMEDY CASTLE: Rick Rockwell, Tuesday, April 11, at the club, Detroit, (248) 542-9900

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** Cynthia Canty is tour guide for "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000\* 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit... Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: T.G.I.Oops!, an evening of art, music, friends and fun 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, April 6 (\$35 non-members), (248) 691-1800, ext. 107; First Friday, 6-9:30 p.m. April 7, drop in portrait workshop, recital by member of Michigan Opera Theatre's "Der Rosenkavalier" production, drawing in the galleries, African weaving demonstration; Iwxruew on Paul Gauguin 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the museum. Free with donation of \$4, \$1 children. (313) 833-7900

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, (313) 852-

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth, \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN **MUSEUM OF ART:** Annette Lawrence's installation fills the Apse of the museum with wonder, the paper and string work contine ues through Sunday, April 16. A free, docent led tour will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the museum, Ann Arbor, Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. (734) 764 0395

### LIVE MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, April 7-8. The Carriage House, Detroit

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 Borders Books and Music, Utida Free, (810) 726-8555; Saturday. April 15, Esprésso Royale Ann Arbor, All ages, Free, (734) 662

JAMES ARMSTRONG: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Nov. (248) 735 4011 ARSONISTS: Friday, April 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit, (248) 64%

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BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-

BOTTOM: With 500 Ft. of Pipe, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-

THE BREAKDOWNS: With 3D Invisibles, CD release, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Stick, Detroit.\$7, 18 and over, (313) 833-9700

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LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor, Hamtramck, (313) 396 0080 or www.motordetroit.com,

CALAMITY JANE: With South 65, Lucid Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Bag, Ferndale, \$6, (248) 544-3030.

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TRACY CHAPMAN: 7:30 p.m.:



Sunday, April 9, State Theatre: Detroit, \$27.50-35. All ages. (248). 645-6666

CITIZEN KING: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor, \$10. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25 advance. (248) 645-6666. THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Müsic Theatre, Independence Township, \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248):377-0100 DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Borders Books and Music. Auburn Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 335 5013

DICK DALE: With Dusty 45's, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Magic Stick, Detroit, \$15, (313) 833

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal/Oak: \$22,93. (248) 645-6666

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# Too much talk weighs heavily in 'Waking The Dead'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A.P. - "Waking the Dead' begins in 1974. Fielding Pierce (Billy Crudup) learns from watching the news that his girlfriend, Sarah Williams (Jennifer Connelly), has died in a car bombing,

Flash forward to 1982. The governor hand picks Fielding, an up-and-coming young lawyer in the district attorney's office in Chicago, to run for Congress. Fielding has good looks, a Harvard education, a socialite girlfriend and powerful political backing. He's on the verge of attaining everything he has ever wanted.

But Fielding can't get Sarah out of his mind. He thinks he sees her and hears her voice everywhere. He slowly starts losing his mind and wonders whether she ever really died.

Through flashbacks to a snowcovered New York City in 1972, we see Fielding and Sarah meet and fall in love. Both are liberal and idealistic.

Fielding wants to make a difference by becoming part of the political system. Sarah favors revolution, and her activism is what leads to her early demise. She dies while helping a group of Chileans flee their country.

Director Keith Gordon flashes back and forth in time - too much, really - to reveal their 'He slowly starts losing his mind and wonders whether she ever really died.'

passionate, rocky relationship. It's hard to get emotionally involved with the movie, though, because it skips around so often,

Robert Dillon bogs down his script, which he adapted from a 1986 novel by Scott Spencer, with tedious; talky speeches. Fielding ruins dinner with Sarah's church friends by spouting his political beliefs. Sarah makes a similar scene at one of Fielding's stuffy cocktail parties.

As the two overanalyze their relationship, she also gets to say things like, 'You have to love me. too, not in image and not in idea." Granted, Sarah is a philosophical woman caught up in the idealism of the Vietnam era, but do people really talk like this?

The movie, which Jodie Foster executive produced, also wastes Janet McTeer in a poorly developed supporting role. The Tony \_deliver strong performances.

winner, who was nominated for a best actress Oscar for "Tumbleweeds," plays Fielding's older sister, Caroline. She pushes his campaign, and, like the rest of Fielding's working-class family, has pinned her hopes on his success. But that's all we learn about her.

Crudup and Connelly, who also worked together in 1997's "Inventing the Abbotts," manage to muddle through, however, and

They look great together and have terrific chemistry.

Connelly shows warmth and vulnerability as Sarah. She is alternately sultry and strong-

Crudup looks every bit the ambitious young politician. He also does a good job of making his character's agonizing grief seem real. If only the rest of the film were as compelling as his performance.



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### Gordon: Director Keith Gordon moves back and forth. through time with his drama "Waking The Dead." It stars Billy Crudup (left) and Jennifer Connelly (right).

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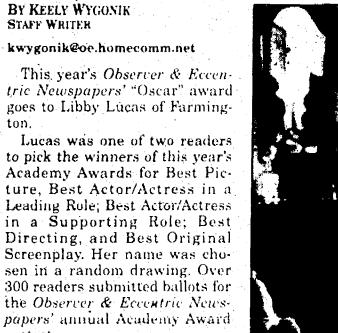
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Oscar winners: Lester Burnham (Kevin Spacey) is enjoying the changes he has made in his life, to the complete exasperation of his wife Carolyn (Annette Bening) in "American Beauty."

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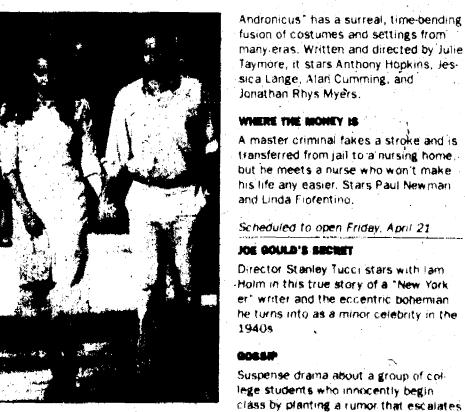
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# Red carpets ready to roll for Detroit Music Awards



A. CASOLA

started to recuperate from the the Grammy Awards and the plunging necklines worn at Oscars, another pat-onthe-back award show shifts into

high gear. In the metro area, the 2000 Detroit Music Awards isn't just any awards show - it's a chance to support promising new local musicians and those who've impacted the scene for some time.

With Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker scheduled to host the big event April 15 at Detroit's State Theatre, the show has veered into a high-profile position - one that's expected to sell out.

"It's gonna be a good time," said Joe C., who just found out he'll be hosting along with Kid and the rest of the band. "It's good to get back to Detroit because Detroit's been nothing but good to us."

Kid Rock, Joe C. and crew have been nothing but true to their roots. They're a raucous, in-yourface example of the aspirations this year's nominees share. "It's great for people playing the local Detroit music scene to go out there and let people know," advised Joe C., who credits the Detroit Music Awards for putting them on the map. "We'd do anything for Detroit."

His enthusiasm shows a few days before Joe C. headed out to Los Angeles for a video shoot. Yet he's fully focused on the local scene. "In Detroit right now, the music scene is just so hot," he said.

Just when you Other artists steaming up the metro area streets - like Livonia's Paradime, the Howling Diarock spectacle of blos and Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise - will also heat up the Detroit Music Awards stage. "There is so much talent in Detroit, assured Joe C. "For bands ... that haven't sold 7 million records, this could be a breakthrough event."

Sue Barnowski, executive director of the Motor City Music Foundation which organizes the show, expressed her enthusiasm for this year's show and its hosts. "People are coming from all. over," she said.

Inside that national spotlight, Howling Diablos will be a permanent fixture as house band this year. Lead vocalist Tino promised: "We're gonna provide the lowdown, funkified action for the event. As house band we're gonna be dropping the grooves between all kinds of other scheduled acts and announcements. We're just gonna have our own party on stage. The Diablos section will be out of hand."

He echoed Joe C.'s sentiments about the awards show's role in bringing local talent to light. "Detroit's what's happening right now," said Tino. "It's good to see this city coming together to celebrate their own, being proud of what's going on here ... All eyes are on Detroit with my boy Kid Rock hosting. He's the hottest thing going and will continue to be so."

Tino said the Diablos, nominated for four awards in the Urban/Funk/Hip Hop category, are just "happy to be in the mix."

In the mix and behind the scenes is Terri Koggenhop, who serves on the advisory board. several MCMF committees and manages local reggae favorite Immunity. She's proud to be



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late to such high-profile events, this year's show coincides with a

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involved with a show that honors local music, "The crux of the awards are given to local musicians," said Koggenhop, adding that the main focus of this year's DMA's was credibility. With the ballots counted and

the nominees notified, the show has undergone changes. Just two years since two separate organizations merged to collaborate as the Motor City Music Foundation's Detroit Music Awards, the process continues to evolve. Each genre of music on the DMA ballots expanded its list of nominees from live to between six and eight this year, offering more recognition for musicians. Categories have been added, including Christian Contemporary and Live Sound Technician.

.The MCMF has established a database of 2,600 DMA voters in the music industry. They range from club owners and booking agents to previously nominated musicians. Rochester Hills resident Rick Matle, nominated for an award with Sheila Landis for Jazz, noted that the balloting system makes the show more eredible. But he also believes the public should have a say in nominees and winners. "It's not always necessarily the best musicians that get nominated," he said, but the "most visible" musicians. "Part of it is how youpromote yourself."

Another nominee agreed. Liz Larin, owner of Bona Dea Music in Bloomfield Hills, said the caliber of nominated acts this year confirms that Detroit music is gaining attention. "It's really about everybody getting together," she said. "It's about confirming we have a lot of talent (in the metro area)."

The acts performing at the



show range from Motown's The Contours, to rappers like Paradime and, a new addition this year. Latin sparks from Johnny Rodriguez and the Fiery Latin Jazz Band

"Our goal is to put on a wellrounded show, said Koggenhop. To do so, the MCMF pools resources to get the most eclectic . mix of talent, all of whom perform for free. The Metro Times. Hamtranick Blowout, held last month, helped fund the event. "We could not do this without the Metro Times?" noted Koggen-

Proceeds from the show will be used for music seminars and showcases meant to promote the scene. Take it from Joe C. "It'll be off the wall. I know if I get up to the mike, it'll be off the wall."

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### STAY TUNED.

Boston trio The Push Stars pushed more than the limits when they performed at Pontiac's 7th House Wednesday, March 29. The band - known for their singles "Everything Shines" featured in the film "There's Something About Mary" and "Drunk is Better Than Dead featured in the film "Gun Shy" - performed before an intimate crowd at candlelit tables, practically inviting fans onstage.

One friendly Push Star fanatic, John Zautcke, talked them into letting him sing "Me" from their debut album "Meet Me at the Fair." He bounced up on stage, belted out the tune, com-

plete with high-pitched harmonies and a jiggling dance, while the band rocked out behind him. Get this, it wasn't even John's first Lime singing karaoke-style with the up-andcoming band.

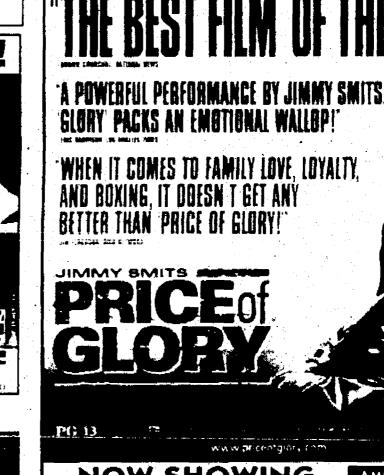
Leave it to singer-songwriter and "Uncle" Chris Trapper to be so welcoming. After all, he politely interrupted the show to make a public cell phone call to his niece on her birthday. She got a warm response from the entire crowd. Bands like this don't come around often, which is probably how they've earned such a loyal following.

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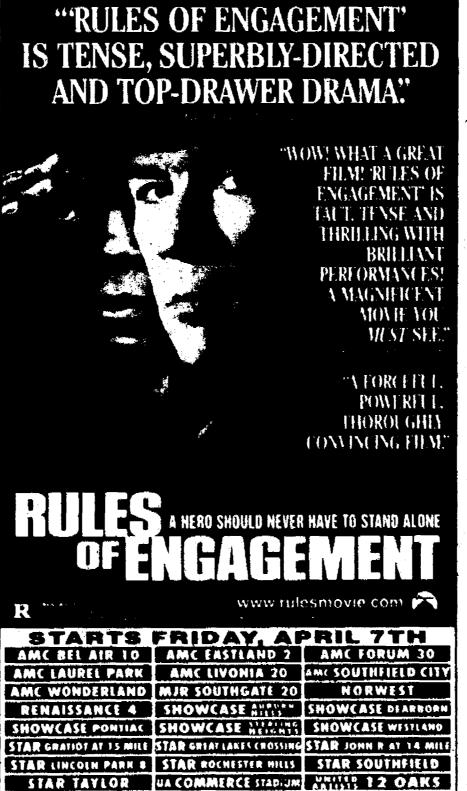
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# Crunchy fish & chips, perfect for Fridays

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Lent is winding down, but there's still lots of time to go fishing ... for fish and chips, Laten with fork or fingers, there's nothing like a crunchy, succulent piece of fish fresh from the deep fryer.

Bless their hearts, our friends, family and co-workers shared some their favorite fish and chip

places with us. Here are their suggestions:

Hope's Fish & Chips -28370 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), Livonia, (734) 427-2130. Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 2-9 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday, Menu: Fish, homemade pasties, chicken and burgers.

Since 1958, Hope's Fish & chips has operated under the slo-

"Our customers are as faithful. as they come, and they come every week," says owner Byrum McBride, who bought the restaurant from his aunt, Hope Hebert, 15 years ago. "Our motto is 'In Cod We Trust." His mother, Shirley, still works there as a waitress, making sure her cus-

gan "The better batter people,"

Hope's specializes in fresh cod. A typical dinner includes three to four pieces of fish, French fries

and fresh rolls.

tomers have plenty of hot coffee

or a baked potato, coleslaw, a roll and tarter sauce for \$7.15. They also offer lake perch, pickerel, smelt and halibut. Some fish is available baked or broiled. Hope's goes through 2,200

pounds of fish a week during Lent, and about 30 gallons of clam chowder. "We make the best clam chowder," says McBride. Everything at Hope's is good, he adds. Homemade and just plain delicious.

■ Page's Food & Spirits -23621 Farmington (one block south of Grand River), downtown Farmington. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to midnight Sunday. Menu: New menu includes everything from burgers and pizza to steak and seafood with a dash of Mexi-

When it comes to fish and chips, owner Dennis Page claims bragging rights. "Because we use only choice Icelandic cod. It's lightly beer-battered. We take great pride in that fish." Want proof? Just show up on Friday night and get in line.

Customers can order the "allyou-can-eat" fish dinner for \$10.95, which comes with fries and cole slaw. The regular dinner, for the same price includes a big portion" of fish (cooked the way you want it), choice of potato and dessert, like homemade icecream pie with Sander's hot fudge.

Page and chef Richie Ferna say new customers quickly become regulars. Like the motto on their menu says: "You're only a stranger once at Page's.



Dinner destination: Behind every great fish and chips dinner at Hope's Fish & Chips are people like (left to right) Carolyn Jones, owner Byrum McBride, Jack Tabone and Shirley McBride.

■ Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant - 578 Starkweather, Old Village, Plymouth: Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, Menu: Fish (a. zillion varieties, including frog legs and crab cakes), some chicken, soups. Fish and chips cost \$7.95; other fish dinners range from \$7.95-\$11.25. Dinners include coleslaw and choice of potato or rice.

Red Robin Restaurant -36350 Warren Road, Westland, (734) 421-4081. Hours: 11 a.m. day; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Huge! Terrific burgers and sandwiches. About their fish and chips with all-you-can-eat French fries for \$7.79, server Kerrie Swanson says, "I think they're awesome. They're handbattered in tempura batter, and

our tempura is great."

■ Johnson's Family Restaurant - 42400 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 981-6877. Hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Mean American family fare, including fish, chicken, meatloaf and burgers. Server Lyn Vandivier is not a fish-cater, but she likes the fish and chips. "It's satisfying to the taste buds," she says.

■ Fox Creek Golf Course -36000 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 478-4550. Friday fish-fry to midnight Monday-Thursday; hours: 5-9 p.m. All-you can eat with cole slaw and fries, \$6.50. 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Satur- fish and chips made with fresh cod for \$7.95.

Fellows Creek Golf Club. 2636 Lotz Road, Canton, (734) 728-1300. Hours: 2-10 p.m. Friday. Menu: Dinners and bar food. Chef Bradley Paterson serves up generous portions of pickerel, lake perch and southern style

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catfish. Dinners cost \$6.95-\$7.95 and include vegetable, potato, roll and salad.

"Just send them to me," says Paterson about fish and chipsloving customers.

Fox Hills Golden Fox (Log Cabin) -- 8768 North Territorial Road, Plyinouth, (734) 453-7272, Hours: 4-9 p.m. Fridayonly. Menu: All-you-can-eat fish fry, with beer-battered cod, French fries, cole slaw and roll for \$8.50 per person. Early Bird special 4-6 p.m. (2 pieces of fish. per person). You can also order off the regular menu. Specials change weekly. Reservations accepted for parties of six or

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER Fabulous fish: Richie Serna, a chef at Page's, shows off his all-you-can-eat fish and chips platter.

### WHAT'S COOKING

Send dinner specials, menuchanges, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia; MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe. about your favorite seafood and fish restaurants.

■ La Bistecca Italian Grille - offers live jazz featuring Larry Nozero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. The restaurant; which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734)254-0400 reservations/information.

Golden Mushroom: The new head toque is Randy Emert.

formerly executive chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant in Rochester.

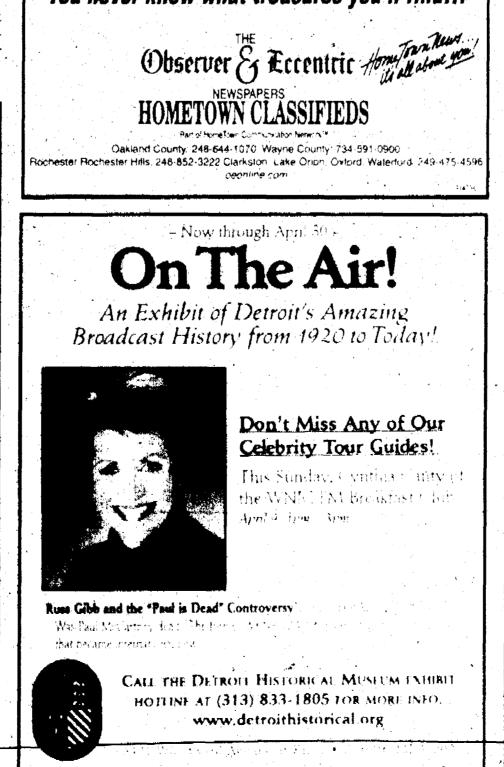
Former executive chef and member of the U.S. Culinary Team Derin Moore resigned this position at the Golden Mushroom to head the kitchen at a Charlotte N.C. country club.

"Chef Randy will continue the quality reputation that Chef Milos Cihelka first brought to the Golden Mushroom," owner Reid Ashton said. "It's also important that the Golden Mushroom continues as a training facility for area chefs. With his approach and management skills, Chef Randy has this leadership ability."

The Golden Mushroom is at 18100 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield. Call (248) 599-4230 for reservations/information.







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