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Thomas to challenge Kay Beard

Mayor Robert Thomas confirmed he'll run against Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard in the Democratic primary.

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Westland Mayor Robert Thomas confirmed Monday that he will challenge veteran Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard in the Aug. 12 Democratic primary.

Thomas, in his 11th year as mayor, will leave his job one year early if he

survives the primary and topples Beard's 22-year reign as county commissioner in the Nov. 7 election.

Thomas would be replaced as mayor for one year by a Westland City Council-chosen appointee. Voters would elect a new mayor in November 2001.

Thomas' annual pay would plummet if he succeeds in changing jobs. His annual salary of \$93,481 this year compares to a county commission salary of \$58,683.

Moreover, he'd give up Westland's top elected job to become only one of 15 county commissioners.

"It's a free country. Anybody can run for anything that they wish," Beard

said Tuesday. "I'm a little surprised. As mayor, he's one of one, making more money with a city car, and he's close to home."

Beard suggested that Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara may be supporting Thomas for a commission campaign, but Thomas said Monday that he hasn't received McNamara's endorsement.

Beard, the commission's vice chair, represents Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

"All through the years, I've had a lot of people take me on," Beard said. "I've had some tough ones ... I have never been a rubber stamp for anybody. We'll

see whether the people think I'm still using good judgment or whether they want somebody new."

Thomas, 49, had been rumored as a possible county commission candidate, but he confirmed his plans Monday after Westland resident Normie Brazier asked him about his intentions during a Westland City Council meeting.

"That rumor is true," Thomas said, adding that he is "99 percent sure" he will seek Beard's seat.

During a post-council meeting interview, Thomas said, "I'm going to run

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Easter bonnet: Alexis Hiles, 5, enjoys the fun at the Civitan Bunny Brunch, getting help from mom Kathy. Below, Austin Cavender, 3, of Westland sits on the Easter bunny's lap at the Westland Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt. Janie Lerchen is the Easter bunny.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Bunny fun comes to town

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The room was crowded at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, the happy voices eager to greet the Easter bunny.

He was the guest of honor Saturday morning at the Civitan Bunny Brunch, sponsored by the Westland Civitans and Westland Parks and Recreation. Attendance generally runs about 250, said Donna Jensen of Westland, a Civitan and co-chair for the event with Nancy Deschaine.

"Just as a community service, a fun thing," she said of the club's sponsorship. The brunch has been held for approximately nine years and generates good public relations for the club, Jensen said.

The Civitans work extensively with Special Olympics and other special needs children. "We like to do something for everyone," she said of the annual brunch. "It's kind of our thank you to the community. It's also a lot of fun."

Civitans try to keep the event affordable, with the top ticket at \$4 for an adult to eat pancakes, sausage, mixed

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Officer faces trial

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An 18-year-old Westland woman testified Tuesday that a city police officer put his hand down her pants and sexually groped her during a 4 a.m. March 24 traffic stop.

The teen also accused Officer Steven Jaworski, 34, of giving her a police station phone number and asking her for sex. She said he had a fantasy of having back seat sex in his patrol car.

The woman admitted flirting with Jaworski, giving him a pager number and calling to arrange a meeting that same morning outside a party store. She said she secretly planned to videotape the meeting, but Jaworski wasn't there when she arrived.

"You tried to set him up?" defense attorney Peter Cravens asked her during a two-hour preliminary hearing moved to Redford District Court.

"Yeah, for what he did to me," she responded.

The woman confessed she made false statements in a written account of the incident. Still, her testimony Tuesday

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Clerk push under way

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United Auto Workers leaders, in a renewed lobbying effort, are imploring Westland City Council members to let local voters decide whether they want to start electing the city clerk.

On Monday, UAW Local 845 President Roger Caldwell of Ford Motor Co.'s Plymouth Township plant asked council members to consider a ballot proposal to make the clerk's position an elective office.

Caldwell urged the council to vote during its May 1 meeting to approve a ballot measure, saying the move

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School officials pleased with bond work progress

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If you've noticed any school construction lately in the Wayne-Westland district, chances are it's related to the \$108 million bond effort approved by voters in 1998.

Athletic improvements at both John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools have taken place, said Char-

lotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration. In fact, some officials from other districts now ask to see what Wayne-Westland has.

"That's just a delightful change for us," Sherman said while giving a construction update at Monday's school board meeting.

She showed slides of various school buildings, including the new library at

Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary. "They use it constantly, and it's a real joy to see," she said.

Taft-Galloway Elementary is getting a two-story addition, and students will move in soon, after spring break. Adams Middle School has a new fine arts wing. "It's nearing completion," Sherman said, and students will use it soon.

She showed many before and after

pictures, adding she wished more before had been taken. Walker-Winter Elementary has a new library. That school has a longtime existing fireplace that was saved in the construction.

"This is just night and day," Sherman said of a slide of Jefferson Barnes Elementary. She mentioned the bright tile at Lincoln Elementary and other schools.

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YMCA event on May 4 to laud community givers

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The seven diverse people to be honored during a Wayne-Westland YMCA Recognition Dinner next month have one thing in common - helping children.

The 24th annual event is open to the public and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Hellenic Cul-

tural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased at the YMCA.

The honorees are Dennis and Patricia Hermetz, Mary Chames and four teachers: Barbara Anderson, an eighth-grade communications arts teacher at Adams Middle School, Marlene Bisel, a first-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary, Eileen Curtin, an art teacher at

Tinkham Alternative High School for at-risk students, and Jackie Smart, a first-grade teacher at Elliott Elementary.

"We believe our teachers are an important part of helping our kids develop and in building strong families in our community," explained Angela Holmes, YMCA office manager. The committee is chaired by YMCA

board members Sharon Arthur and 18th District Court Judge Gail McKnight.

"It's an evening of community pride and we celebrate the efforts of people who have given a lifetime of volunteering either to the YMCA or to other causes in the community," McKnight

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Head Start woes strike Starfish

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When Starfish Family Services last year bid on providing the Head Start program for out-Wayne County, its chief executive officer envisioned a partnership between the agency and school districts to serve at-risk children — not the controversy that has been swirling around the program for several months.

"As a community-based agency, we felt this would be a good partnership with the schools. We felt we would monitor and coordinate the program while they operated it," Ouida Cash said. "We thought it would be a two- to three-year evolutionary change. We felt we'd be the facilitator."

Starfish is one of four delegates selected by Wayne County to provide Head Start to more than 3,700 children in 25 communities outside of Detroit, but the transition from a school-based to a community-based program isn't sitting well with some parents and employees who have had to interview with the agency for jobs they formerly held with the school districts.

It's a controversy that is "racked by misinformation," and put the agency in the difficult spot of wanting to reassure parents about the program, but having to wait until it has definitive answers on where the programs will be offered in the different communities.

As of last week, Starfish was responsible for the Head Start programs for most of Inkster, Livonia, Crestwood, Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland.

Livonia Public Schools has declined to let the program stay in the schools, so the agency is trying to find a community center or church to house it. The agency is still talking to officials in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, while Plymouth-Canton let them know early on there was no room.

"I had a Livonia parent ask where Head Start was going to go and we told her we're

looking at churches and community centers, but until we can say it will be at Point A, we can't give her an answer," said Cash. "A lot of families want information we don't have, and our experience has been that we can't give an answer before we have an answer. We feel very badly about this."

Some straight talk

To make sure the families, Head Start staff, districts and school administrators have "accurate and up-to-date information on the transition," Starfish is now publishing a monthly newsletter, Straight Talk.

Its first edition explained the major changes, answered questions about those changes and introduced readers to 18 programs Starfish offers for children and families. The second newsletter will address Head Start enrollment, finding classroom space and additional changes in the county's Head Start structure.

"We have started from the premise that good people of good faith can work things out," she said. "We have a good reputation. We will continue to provide Straight Talk and provide a good partnership."

The change dates back to 1998 when Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency announced it would no longer run the Head Start program after 28 years. In a competitive bidding process, the Head Start regional office last September selected Wayne County to take over the contract.

At first, the county selected three community-based agencies — Starfish, Downriver Guidance Clinic and Wayne Metropolitan Community Services — but added the YWCA of Western Wayne County after parents and Head Start employees in Redford objected to the change.

According to Cash, the move from the schools to the agency meant employees had to be terminated, interviewed and hired for their old jobs. While that is unsettling for the workers, it is a Head Start requirement.

"We were bringing information from the grantee that the people didn't want to hear," Cash said. "Schools had to hear they must change. We've taken on some really big challenges and have people screaming at us. We can't let that happen, we can't let them put this agency at risk."

"We have never had a bad relationship with the community. We closed a group home and gave up that contract because we couldn't be good partners with the community. We gave up our foster parent and adoption parent program because we felt we could not be good partners with our families."

A national trend

The change, according to Cash, is consistent with the movement of Head Start nationally from a program based in the schools to one based in community agencies that work with the schools.

Eighty-five percent of the Head Start programs in the country are community-based, and RESA was one of only two county educational agencies to serve as a Head Start grantee, Cash said.

Head Start isn't meant to be a school-based preschool program for at-risk children, but rather a 10-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year program for the entire family, according to Cash.

"There's more to Head Start — there's an opportunity for families to learn and grow and move out in to the community," she said. "There are 15-20 support systems with Head Start that we've been doing for years."

To meet its commitment to Head Start, Starfish has applied for four major federal grants through the county.

"It may help for families to see that community-based is not so bad," Cash added. "The schools, the grantee and Starfish need to say what they can do to make this happen. There will be no winners if we don't work together."

Scott defiant toward recall effort

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Already targeted by a recall effort, Westland City Councilwoman Sharon Scott is drawing fresh criticism after her attorney filed a state complaint accusing a recall leader of possibly violating campaign finance laws.

Recall supporters lashed out at Scott on Monday after her attorney, Gene Farber, filed a Secretary of State complaint indicating that Scott's critics may have spent more than \$500 on campaign fliers, T-shirts, buttons, lawyer fees and a Web site.

The complaint singles out recall leader Marian Greenfield, 70, in what could potentially lead to a state inquiry into recall activities against Scott.

Recall supporters charged during a council meeting Monday that Scott and her attorney targeted Greenfield because they viewed her as vulnerable.

"I believe with my whole heart it was a matter of taking on the one who was the most vulnera-

ble — a senior citizen and a widow," recall worker Brenda Gracin said.

Scott denied the accusations and said the complaint targeted Greenfield because her name and phone number appeared on recall documents.

Scott said she simply wants to determine whether recall workers should be registered with the county as a political group spending more than \$500.

"I think each and every one of you is blowing this way out of proportion," Scott told recall workers Monday.

Scott is targeted for recall for voting Jan. 18 to fire former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons — a decision that fueled an angry public backlash. Recall workers also plan to try to oust Scott colleagues Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James, who are protected from recall until July 1 because they are in the first six months of new council terms.

Gracin accepted responsibility for many of the actions blamed

on Greenfield, but Gracin said recall workers have spent "nowhere near \$500."

But Scott charged that services of recall attorney Lyle Dickson, though labeled as free by Dickson himself, are considered an "in-kind contribution" that should be reported on campaign finance reports.

"No one is turning in bills to us," recall worker Betty Talmadge said. "We don't have any money."

Scott also charged that recall fliers should contain a disclaimer noting who distributed them.

Recall worker Judith Marentette accused Scott of personally attacking "my friend, Marian Greenfield," even though Marentette said Scott has been under fire for her actions, not for personal reasons.

"I'm attacking what you did," Marentette said.

Scott renewed her criticism of recall leaders for planning to take their petition drive to city parks on April 29. But, she told them Monday, "you don't worry

me." Recall supporters need 5,401 signatures of registered voters to seek a recall election against Scott.

In other developments Monday:

Residents continued to accuse council members of starting two recent council meetings with prayer in hopes of creating a controversy that would overshadow recall efforts. "It was brought in when people were angry and upset," resident Jim Davis said.

Cox responded to repeated accusations that he lived outside of Westland while he served as a council appointee last year. "My legal address has been the city of Westland since 1984," he said.

Cox didn't respond to continuing questions about whether he, Griffin and former City Clerk Diane Fritz met with a potential city clerk candidate about two weeks before Gibbons was even fired. Gracin's sister, Christine Millisor, raised the issue Monday.

ACHIEVERS

Adam M. Goyt portrayed Touchstone in a modernized version of Shakespeare's "As You Like It," performed at Adrian College.

He is the son of Matthew and Roberta Goyt of Westland and a

1998 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

Goyt is an Adrian College junior majoring in mathematics and German.

Franklin to host party

Donors and volunteers are needed to help put on the Franklin High School Senior All-Night Party on June 15.

The party, a safe, alcohol-free environment for graduates after commencements, is a self-funded event that includes refreshments, prizes and entertainment. Along with cash donations, the committee is accepting other prizes (i.e., gift certificates, televisions, DVD players, etc.)

Volunteers are also needed to

work that night. People who cannot donate or volunteer their time are invited to visit the "Thank You" Web page at www.geocities.com/fhs2000 and support the sponsors.

To send a donation or volunteer, write to FHS Senior All-Night Party at 32008 Anita Drive, Westland 48185 or call Virginia at (734) 525-7442. To get a donation picked up or for other questions, call Denise at (734) 425-0678.

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Another forkful: Jacob Horton, 7, of Westland, wearing a handmade Easter hat, eats his pancakes at the Civitan brunch.



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Looking: Kids and family members scamper at the Easter Egg Hunt at Jaycee Park. The Westland Observer donated goodie bags to tote treats home.

Fun from page A1



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY JACOBS

Taking something home: Ashley Crawford, 2½, of Farmington Hills shows off the basket of eggs she collected at the Easter Egg Hunt at Westland's Jaycee Park.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Follow me: A bunny parade at the VFW Post took place Saturday with the children attending as Ian Janisee, 2, of Westland holds the Easter bunny's hand.

fruit and beverages. About 10 Civitans worked Saturday as brunch volunteers, Jensen said, along with several other volunteers.

A first-time visitor Saturday was Tricia Read of Westland, who came with daughter Brenna and Brenna's friend, Samantha, both 4. Read's other daughter had a birthday party to attend and she wanted to do something special with Brenna.

"So I brought one of her friends out and we came over here," Read said. "The kids love it."

Another first-timer was Lori Smith of Westland, with son Conner, 5. Her kids had brought a Civitan Bunny Brunch flier home from school.

"We're just waiting to get the picture taken after we eat," she said. "It seems organized."

Bunny photos were part of the fun Saturday, along with an Easter parade around the room at the post. Other fun Easter activities are taking place in Westland, including last Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt at Jaycee Park, sponsored by the Westland Jaycees.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY JACOBS

Clever sleuth: Jake Kurkowsky, 2, of Westland, moves in on an egg filled with candy at the Jaycee event Sunday.

■ 'We like to do something for everyone.'

Donna Jensen
—Westland Civitans

Make it green



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Good kids: Girl Scouts from Troop 1290 Sarah Bowers, 10, (left to right) Taylor Morgan, 10, and Sara Richter, 11, package blue spruce saplings in wet newspaper at the City Tree Giveaway at the Bailey Center Saturday.

Hospice will honor volunteers

Angela Hospice in Livonia will honor its dedicated team of more than 300 volunteers at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Tuesday.

How committed are these volunteers? They gave a total of 32,000 hours in 1999 and drove more than 15,000 miles on the hospice's behalf. Volunteers perform clerical work, fund-raising and provide companionship to both inpatient and home care patients.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the dinner is being hosted by George Mourtos,

■ 'Mr. Mourtos definitely goes above and beyond to make it a special evening for our volunteers.'

Donna Kolodtsick
volunteer coordinator

owner of Hawthorn Valley Country Club in Westland. Mourtos provided the dinner and the facility. Mr. Mourtos definitely goes above and beyond to

make it a special evening for our volunteers," said Donna Kolodtsick, volunteer coordinator.

Top Angela Hospice volunteers from Livonia included Ruth Fayer, Donna Kolodtsick, Helen May, Doris Doherty and Bob Enor. Other top volunteers are Betty White, Barbara Whitt, Carolyn DiCoomo, Isabel Shultz, Ginny McSwomey and David Warren.

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Progress from page A1

"Windows have made a huge difference, windows and doors," Sherman said. Kettering Elementary, which lacked a defined entryway, is getting one. Carpeting, tile, paint, ceilings and other improvements are typical.

A May 15 bus tour is scheduled for school board members, the citizens bond committee, the press and others. Some areas which have been off-limits during construction will be open for viewing, she said.

Trustee Richard Eisinger said he's particularly excited about Schweitzer Elementary, which he attended and where his children are students. "They are excited about the computers" and other improvements.

Mathew McCusker, board vice president, saw an old window next to a new one and was impressed. "They're just doing a great job."

Construction work has been hard on the staff, noted Trustee Teresa Robbins, but they have thrived. "They've done it with a happy heart and a smile."

Superintendent Greg Baracy said voter support of the \$108 million initiative is much-appreciated. The project's on time and on budget, he said.

The board Monday approved a

bid package for extensive work at Wayne Memorial High School, which should last approximately two years. Overall, work began in 1998 and should wrap up in mid-2002, Sherman said.

In other action, the school board:

■ Approved a contract extension, July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2004, with its secretaries' union.

■ Heard from Baracy that the district's bus fleet has a 96 percent passing rate on state inspections, among the best in the state and a dramatic improvement from the 19 percent of two years ago.

■ Honored several people, including Nikolai Nolan Reimers, a John Glenn junior who received a Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition award. Reimers was in the top 100 of more than 13,000, noted Neil Thomas, Glenn principal.

"It's certainly a fantastic achievement," Thomas said. Reimers also recently participated in a pre-college Web site competition, and finished first.

■ Designated April 19 as School District Secretaries/IMC Clerks Recognition Day, and May 9 as Teachers Recognition Day in the Wayne-Westland district.

Clerk from page A1

"would go a long way toward bringing this community back together again."

UAW Region 1-A Director Gerald Banton also has sent a letter to council members urging them to "do whatever is in your power to bring about the change in your (city) charter that would call for the Westland city clerk to be elected by the citizens of Westland."

The issue arose after a four-member council majority fired former Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18 - a decision that fueled an angry public backlash and a recall effort.

On Tuesday, council President Charles "Trav" Griffin said he won't place an elected clerk issue on the May 1 agenda unless his

colleagues want to revisit the matter.

"It's not my intent to do that because I don't think that's the council's intent," he said.

The council in February voted 4-3 against scheduling an election to let voters decide whether they want to start electing the city clerk - currently a council-appointed post.

Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott gave the ballot proposal thumbs down and, instead, chose to have a committee study the issue. The foursome also voted against Gibbons in January.

Council members Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc, who supported Gibbons, wanted to let voters

decide the issue.

On Monday, LeBlanc said he supports UAW leaders' efforts to have the council revisit the issue.

"I do believe it would be a good issue for the council to look at," LeBlanc said. "All this does is allow it to get to the voting place."

Citizens angered by Gibbons' firing already have launched a petition drive to force the elected clerk issue onto a ballot.

Caldwell said Monday that citizens have collected most of the 2,714 signatures they need from registered voters.

"We have basically the required number of signatures as we speak," he said during a council session.

Griffin, who missed Monday's meeting due to illness, said he believes the council should now let the process continue to unfold.

A city charter change would allow Westland voters to start electing their clerk in November 2001.

Banton wrote in his letter to council members that his UAW group believes "this change would help bring democracy to the clerk's office."

Newly appointed Clerk Joann Seaberg already has said she will step down if the position becomes an elected post. Seaberg lives in Canton Township and said she would not move to assume Westland residency, required for elected officials.

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said. "When you're done, you end up feeling very pleased about the good work of the people who are being honored and it makes you want to go back to the community and do some volunteering yourself," McKnight added. "Citizens who volunteer and go the extra mile provide appropriate models for kids to do the right thing in the community. The people who are honored are almost uniformly embarrassed to be honored, because they don't think they do enough."

Setting an example

Such as Dennis and Patricia Hermatz, owners of Wayne Lawn and Garden, who will be recognized for their work running the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

"It's a good program and my two daughters have gone through it," Dennis said. "They met people and it was very worthwhile to them."

The Hermatzes came forward when they learned that the local program would end, because the people who were running it were retiring. Even though their daughters are grown, the Hermatzes have kept the program going for other families. Hermatz has also worked on a number of committees and boards for the city of Wayne.

When it comes to volunteering, Mary Chames has given countless hours for decades. She currently works as chair of volunteer activities for Karmanos Cancer Institute covering Wayne, Oakland and Monroe counties. She oversees some 2,700 volunteers.

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Gail McKnight
-district court judge

Chames also gives her time with the Lincoln School Health Care Council Committee providing health services for children and their families in the Norwayne area. She is also on the Oakland Hospital/Annapolis Center West Regional Council.

Past volunteer work includes working with the Project Health-O-Rama and sitting on the board of directors for the United Foundation. When her four grown children were younger, Chames also worked in a number of capacities with the Wayne-Westland School District. She could not be reached for comment.

Longtime educator

Bisel has taught students for 37 years.

"I think I look for the good in each child and I try to bring them to their potential," said Bisel, who also volunteers at Oakwood Hospital Beyer Center. "I look at each of them as an individual and that each one of them has a potential," she added. "I love first grade, you see so much growth. They come in as such little tykes and they really grow intellectually."

Bisel has served on "lots and lots of school district committees," including those dealing

with literacy and language arts issues and textbook-selection committees. She also served as a teacher representative to the Parent-Teacher Group.

"I've been on probably everything that's available, which you would expect in that many years," she said.

Curtin enjoys working in small classrooms designed to give more individual attention to the students who have been identified as at risk. Five teachers work with between 70 and 80 students at Tinkham.

"We really are about trying to get them back on track and to help them be successful in a school setting," Curtin said. "We do a lot of interactive kind of learning. Part of it is the staff. We're a real collaborative group and we try a lot of new things and keep each other going. I've always been one to introduce new things both for myself and my students."

Curtin sees art as a conduit for teaching students life skills and to help them become more self-motivated and involved in school.

"Caring about the success and welfare of your students is foremost," she said.

Curtin's volunteer work is var-

ied, too, including time spent years ago with Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) working in Appalachia.

"I think it was one of those life experiences that you learn a lot of lessons in a short time," she said. "Everything is new and different and you do a lot of thinking and analyzing."

Putting kids first

Smart, a first-grade teacher at Elliott Elementary School in Westland, devotes her energies to the children in her classroom. She was a finalist in 1999 and 2000 for the WDIV Teacher of the Year.

"I really feel every child can learn," said Smart, who began teaching nearly 30 years ago in Chicago. In 1974, she was hired in the Wayne-Westland School District. In 1980, she worked as a special education teacher and stayed with that for 10 years before teaching first grade.

"There's really been a change in children and the whole way you teach them," Smart said. "You've got to engage them in all aspects of learning. I do a lot of hands-on and trying to bring it alive for them. All kids don't just learn from the 'teacher speaks and the children learn' approach. You've got to do so many other things with them to grab their interests."

Anderson has been teaching since 1971 and has worked in Wayne-Westland for seven years.

"Our job is to take them as far as they can go and push them a little bit farther," Anderson said. "It's important for us to realize that even though you have a group of eighth-graders, they're not all the same. I think we need to be excellent role models. My students teach me every single day."

Last year, Anderson's eighth-grade class was involved in Project Citizen, a national project trying to get students interested in government operations. Their topic was "High School Failures on the Rise," which tackled the issue, "Why so many high school students seem to be failing?"

The project took first place on the state level and third place in the national competition. It was on display at the state Senate.

The YMCA dinner will also acknowledge the many organizations and residents who donate to the YMCA Partners for Youth campaign. Money raised goes for scholarships to local youngsters to participate in YMCA activities that their families would otherwise be unable to afford.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL LAND USE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at 6:45 p.m., April 27, 2000 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed special land use for the existing restaurant at 28333 Ford Rd.

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

EDWARD KANE, Chair
Planning Commission
ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 7:30 p.m., April 28, 2000 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Dimensional Variance from Section 161.039, fence height regulations of the Zoning Ordinance, requesting a dimensional variance of two feet from the maximum fence height, and the location of the fence within the property's side yard. The property is located at 241 Radcliff.

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

RANDY TEMPLETON, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the applicant's appeal of the Building Department denial of a fence permit for the property located at 32200 Cherry Hill.

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Zoning Board of Appeals
ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL LAND USE

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed special land use for the expansion of Merriman Road Baptist Church, at 2055 Merriman.

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

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prompted Judge Karen Khalil to order Jaworski to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for third- and fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Jaworski, an eight-year, married police officer, has denied the allegations. He could face 15 years in prison if convicted.

Jaworski, free on a \$25,000 personal bond, has been placed on paid suspension until a police department internal investigation is completed.

In court Tuesday, the teen said she was a front-seat passenger in a Ford Explorer stopped by Jaworski at Yale and Webster, near the Target store on Warren. She said a male friend driving

the vehicle had been lighting a marijuana joint, and two girls, ages 15 and 16, were in the back seat.

The teen testified that she and her friends were on their way to a restaurant after playing cards. She said she earlier had two vodka drinks and smoked part of a joint.

"I felt like, a little bit like I was kind of high, but not all the way -- just a little," she said in court.

The teen said she and her male friend were asked by Jaworski to get out of the Explorer. She said Jaworski searched her while another officer, who arrived in a second patrol car, talked with her friend.

The woman testified that Jaworski looked down her spaghetti-strap top, calling it "normal procedure," and then asked her to pull out on the waistband of her stretch pants. She said he groped her vagina, then put his hand down the back of her pants.

Police Chief Emery Price has said no one else at the scene reported seeing what happened.

The teen said Jaworski didn't arrest her even though she had warrants for her arrest for driving in an improper lane and being in a park after hours. Her male friend was arrested by the other officer for possession of marijuana.

The woman said Jaworski drove her and her two girlfriends to a house where one of the girls lived.

"I flirted with him to make him feel more comfortable with me ... so I could get more from him for when I made the (police) report."

The woman testified that Jaworski gave her a police station number that she phoned a short time later to set up the meeting which never materialized.

The teen's allegations of being sexually molested arose a week later when she became involved in another traffic stop, this time with her boyfriend. She was arrested.

She said she refused to let an officer

search her during the latter incident.

"I ended up telling him why I was being so rude," she said.

However, the woman conceded she made untrue allegations in a written statement claiming, in part, that Jaworski shone his flashlight inside her pants.

"That part of the document is not true," she admitted in court.

The woman said she had seen Jaworski about a year prior to the March 24 traffic stop.

She said he came to a house where she and a friend were fighting.

Thomas

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whether she runs or not."

Beard said she filed for re-election in January. She called Thomas' candidacy "puzzling."

"I've always had what I thought was a good relationship with the mayor," she said.

Thomas said several issues prompted him to entertain a commission race. He said he'd like to improve county services such as snow-plowing, grass-cutting and pothole-repairing.

Thomas also said the county and cities could work more closely to expedite major road projects, and he said he supports an airport expansion that would spur economic development and create new jobs.

Thomas said he hadn't planned to announce his candidacy for a couple of weeks, but he divulged his plans amid growing speculation.

His commission race comes after his vision for local government shifted dramatically in recent weeks.

Thomas, in his new budget, unveiled plans to cut taxes, reduce water-sewer rates and, in a decision already made, cancel a May 9 election for a 1-mill waste-disposal tax.

Thomas also announced that he has abandoned plans to build a new multimillion-dollar recreation center and city hall -- projects he once touted as crucial to improving Westland's image.

The mayor said he changed his direction after realizing that citizens favor tax breaks over new buildings. Council members are supportive of his latest budget plan.



PHOTOS BY JIM DAVID

Kids support help for ailing

Childtime Children's Centers is holding its sixth annual Hopathon this week to raise money for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

Children attending the 15 Childtime centers in southeast Michigan are collecting pledges and participating in a Hopathon. Last year's event raised more than \$10,000 for CLF.

The money raised will be dedicated to patient service needs, education and research. The Westland facility's event was scheduled for Tuesday.



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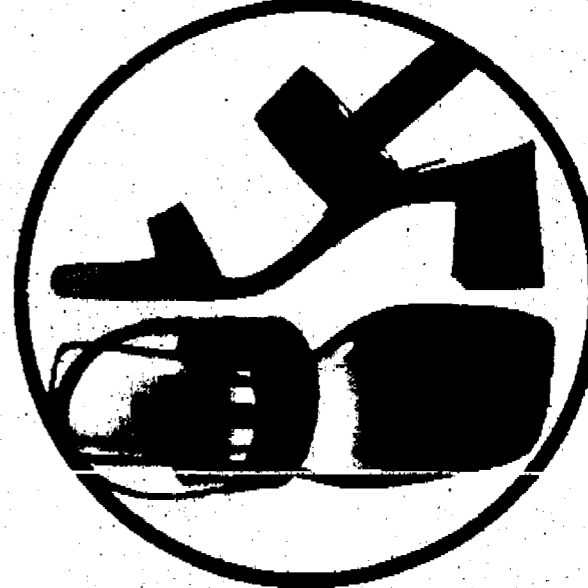
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OBITUARIES

J. LLEWELL JESSUP

Visitation for J. Llewell Jessup, 86, of Livonia was held April 13 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

Mr. Jessup was born Sept. 25, 1913, in Worthington, Ind., and died April 11 in Westland. He was a mechanical engineer.

Surviving are his son, James (Peggy) Jessup of Westland; daughter, Joann (Frank) Benedict of Milford; brother, Wilbur (Nicole) Jessup of Lyons, France; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

DEBRA ANN SHAK

Services for Debra Shak, 43, of Westland were held April 16 in John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Kirwan from St.

Raphael Catholic Church.

Mrs. Shak was born Aug. 10, 1956, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and died April 12 in Garden City. She was a waitress.

Surviving are her daughter, Jennifer (Robert) Lindahl; parents, Robert and Patricia Wehmer; brothers, Robert, Thomas and Michael Wehmer; sister, Beverly; and companion, Virgil Chapman.

LAWRENCE P. KARUZIS

Services for Lawrence Karuzis, 78, of Westland were held April 14 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was Deacon Jim Hensel.

Mr. Karuzis was born Aug. 30, 1921, in Detroit and died April 11 in Westland. He was a mail

carrier. He was a veteran, serving with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, June; stepson, Jim (Tina) Gill of Northville; sisters, Eleanor Walsh of Westland and Blanche Bach of Arizona; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Association.

WILLIAM R. JOHNSON

A memorial service for William Johnson, 61, of Westland was held April 17 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Mr. Johnson was born April 9, 1936, in Detroit and died April 12 in Livonia. He was an electrician for a construction company.

Surviving are his sons, William (Michele), Stephen (Samantha) and Daniel (Tanya); daughter, Joan (Richard) Barlett; and eight grandchildren.

EDWARD A. KNEIP

Services for Edward Kneip, 58, of Plymouth were held April 15 in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Phil Rogers.

Mr. Kneip was born Sept. 10, 1941, in Dearborn and died April 11 in Plymouth. He was self-employed and owned a Laundromat/dry cleaner.

Surviving are his son, Jason Kneip of Plymouth; father, Carl Kneip of Plymouth; brother, Richard Kneip of Oxford; sister, Karlyn Haack of Westland; and niece, Tonia Szabo.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Department 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968, or National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 26111 Evergreen, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075.

ALLAN R. MURPHY

Services for Allan Murphy, 35, of South Bend, Ind., were held April 12 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Murphy was born Oct. 11, 1964, and died April 11. He was a plumber.

Surviving are his parents, Charlotte and Russell Murphy of Westland; and brothers, Russell III, Wayne and Aaron.

GILBERT L. HOPKINS

Services for Gilbert "Hoppy" Hopkins, 85, of Westland were April 19 in Our Savior Lutheran Church with entombment at Cadillac Memorial West. Officiating was the Rev. Myron Sordahl.

Mr. Hopkins was born Feb. 13, 1915, in Bernie, Mo., and died April 17 at home. He was a printer for a printing company.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Lorraine; sons, Larry (Janie) and Gary (Becky); daughter,

ters, Casa Lee Williams, Linda (Tony) DeFelice and Louann (Dane) Larsen; two brothers; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

MILDRED E. PAINTER

Services for Mildred Painter, 85, of Westland were held April 18 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Luther Stanley.

Mrs. Painter was born June 18, 1914, and died April 16 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Charles Sr. (Mary), Clifford and William; daughters, Joyce Fox, Ardith (Will) Herndon and Shelby Borders; sisters, Lorelle Hall and Norma Kish; 26 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; and one step-great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Painter was preceded in death by her husband, Theophilus, and grandson, Charles Jr.



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WEB SITES OF THE WEEK
Below are more of the Web sites taken from "50 Great Web Sites for Kids and Parents" from the American Library Association. They are recommended for preschool-elementary-age children and their parents by librarians who work with children and the Web every day.

<http://www.nhoc.org/ah/Leonardo/LeoHomePage.html>
Exploring Leonardo. Learn about the quirks and complexities of Leonardo da Vinci, artist, scientist, inventor.

<http://www.50sites.org/adventxt/4L.htm>
Tiger on the Loose. Beginning with a newspaper account of a disappearing tiger, this interactive game teaches about tigers. Contains links to the searchable tiger information center.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Internet 101: An Introduction
1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Community Meeting Room B. Learn what the Internet is and the basics of how to navigate it and find the information you want. Designed for the individual with little or no computer background. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

Internet 201
3-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Community Meeting Room B. Join in to learn how to make your searches more effective. Learn more advanced techniques and use of search tools. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Earth Day Crafts
2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Children's Activity Room. Celebrate Earth Day and create nature crafts out of recycled materials. No fee. No registration.

Spring Break Fun
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Bring a friend and make a craft to help celebrate your spring break. No fee. No registration required.

Zemo the Yo-Yo Master
7 p.m. Monday, April 24, Community Meeting Room A/B. See Zemo perform. Learn tricks to amaze your friends and solve yo-yoing problems. No fee. A limited number of tickets are available at the Children's Service Desk.

Harry Potter Party
3-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, Community Meeting Room A/B. Join in for activities, information and fun all based on the popular character Harry Potter. No fee. Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Service Desk or call (734) 326-6123.

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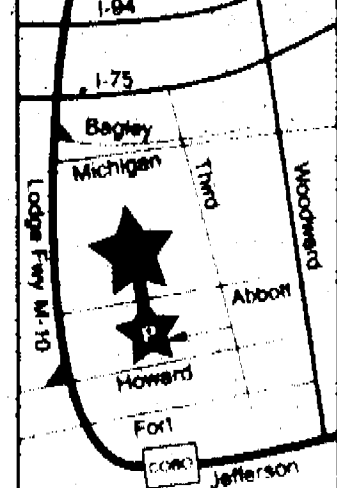

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Bankes seeks re-election to board

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Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, announced Tuesday evening she is seeking re-election.

Bankes, completing her first two-year term as District 10 commissioner after 14 years as a state representative, made the announcement at a campaign kick-off supper in the VFW Post 3941 Hall on Seven Mile Road.

In seeking re-election, Bankes cited her efforts on behalf of district residents and her work on the issues of economic growth, juvenile justice and mass transit.

Bankes, who took office in January 1999, said key accomplishments included meetings with "numerous community groups and leaders" and getting county road department employees to attend neighborhood association meetings.

"Citizens in my district know they can count on me and that I am always willing to listen to them and to work hard on their behalf," she said.

Other accomplishments, she said, include her report seeking "to focus the region on solutions for mass transit," which she wrote as chairwoman of the commission's special committee on transportation.

She said she also "played a key role in helping the commission achieve its goals, including expanding economic development initiatives, developing a juvenile justice plan, ensuring a complete census count and working with other regional leaders through the Tri-County Summit of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties."

Face the deficit

She said she "led the effort for Growth Works and other community agencies to work with juveniles to make the (county's) juvenile justice program more effective" and said she wants to "ensure that Wayne County faces its budget deficit without raising taxes."

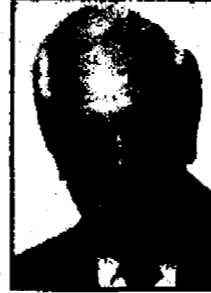
Other goals, she said, include providing all Head Start children with books for home and school and "getting better representation" for the western part of the county among the strong Detroit faction.

Bankes stated that "another term will allow me to continue in these and other important initiatives as we make Wayne County a world-class place to visit, live and work."

Her other commission posts include vice-chair of the commis-



Lyn Bankes



Brehler



Kade



Karr



Watters

sion's health and human services committee and membership on the ways and means and economic development committees.

During the dinner, Bankes introduced eight community leaders who are her legislative aides - extended eyes and ears for her in her district, which covers Livonia, the Plymouths and the Northvilles.

"With five communities" and over 200,000 residents in the district, "it's real hard to be" every where, said Bankes.

The eight are Tony Brehler, Clara Karr, Ruth Kade and

Dorothy Watters, all of Livonia; George and Josie Kazmierczak of Plymouth Township and Dorothy Tilney and Carol Gibson of Northville Township.

Between them, they have 45 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Bankes said she "became friends" with each over the years: "They work hard in their communities and everybody likes them."

All but Gibson, who is under contract to Bankes, are volunteers. Bankes provides each with a badge and business cards and

reimburses them from her campaign fund for representing her at functions, which can range from community dinners and celebrations to government meetings.

"The process is, they live their lives and if they go to something that's interesting" to her politically, "they let me know," she said.

WWII veteran

Brehler, a World War II veteran and active Scout leader, founded the letter-writing group "The Grumpies," which includes as honorary members actor Jack Lemmon and Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

Karr served 32 years in Livonia city government and has led various community groups; Kade is a longtime worker in the Civic Center Seniors office and Watters, a past president of Livonia Town Club, is director of Livonia Goodfellows.

George Kazmierczak led the St. Agatha Church Boy Scouts for many years while Josie caters a monthly dinner for the Plymouth Senior Center.

Deborah Wanamaker, former assistant manager of Livonia Mall, continues as Bankes' full-time chief of staff and office manager.

Bankes can be reached at (313) 224-0946 or by e-mail at lbankes@co.wayne.mi.us.

In your Easter bonnet at Greenfield Village

Who dreamed up the famous Easter Parade in New York City? Why, milliners - or hat makers - of course. Establishments like the Cohen Millinery Shop, originally located in Detroit and moved to Greenfield Village in 1935, benefited greatly from this commercial trend.

According to folklore, just after the Civil War, hat manufacturers developed the idea to show off new products and styles by staging a large parade along Fifth Avenue in New York City. By the 1880s many small communities had followed suit, said Nancy Bryk, clothing curator at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

However, the tradition of wearing new hats and clothes during Easter goes back farther than the period of the Civil War. "There is some indication that the pagans believed their goddess 'Eastre' preferred to be greeted in spring by revelers in new clothing. Therefore, during the Easter season or spring, we are often moved to purchase a new spring outfit because it's the right thing to

do, or so our mothers said."

The new clothing would have included a hat. Not surprising since until the mid-20th century, both men and women were expected to wear appropriate head attire. As was the custom, a fashionable lady might take her hat to the Cohen Millinery Shop to have it remade in the latest fashion. From 1892 to 1902, Mrs. Cohen ran her millinery business in the shop now located in Greenfield Village. Visitors to Greenfield Village can visit the shop and talk to "Mrs. Cohen" about the hats on display.

Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village and the IMAX Theatre are located at 20900 Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue.

They're open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission to the museum is \$7.50 to \$12.50, children under age 5 and members admitted free. Admission to the village is \$8.50 to \$13.50, children under age 5 and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information, or www.hfingv.org on the Web.

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Suit challenges charter schools on freedom of information

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Does the state Freedom of Information Act apply to charter schools when the operation of the school has been turned over to a private management company?

That's the question posed in a lawsuit headed to the Michigan Court of Appeals Tuesday, May 2. Okemos attorney Bill Young said he has just received notification that he is scheduled then to present oral arguments to the court in a lawsuit he filed last year on behalf of Michigan Education Association consultant Ron Bacon against the Walter French Academy in Lansing.

And it comes just after a survey has shown most charter schools in the state aren't giving out information to such requests.

In 1998, Bacon asked the academy for a list of the names of teachers and their salaries. The request was turned down because the school is operated by a private management firm, The Leona Group, which operates 21 schools in Michigan and more in Arizona.

Under Michigan's FOI law, public schools would have to release the information. Since "public school academies," so-called charter schools, receive public money from the state to pay for operations, they, too,



Rep. Gerald Law

must comply with the FOI.

But when public schools contract with private sector businesses that does not make the business' records subject to the FOI. And since Walter French has contracted with Leona Group to operate the entire school, including hiring teachers and running the administration, those records are in the hands of the private sector business.

The difference, according to state Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, is that everything, the entire operation and all the public funding, is being turned over

'If it was a public school, we could see their salaries and benefits. At charter schools, the teachers actually work for the for-profit corporation and we don't see those records. Seventy to 90 percent of charter schools have private management companies.'

Rep. Gerald Law
R-Plymouth

to the management firm. Law agrees that when a government contracts a small portion of its operation to a private-sector firm, that firm's records shouldn't be made public.

"But at charter schools, all the public dollars are turned over to the private company. If it was a public school, we could see their salaries and benefits. At charter schools, the teachers actually work for the for-profit corporation and we don't see those records. Seventy to 90 percent of charter schools have private management companies," Law said.

That lack of information from charter schools run by management companies is exactly why Law has opposed expansions in the number of charter schools in the state.

Attorney Young goes a bit fur-

ther in his lawsuit.

"We are arguing that they are really running a public body. The Leona Group is a public body in that it receives public money, makes decisions about how that money will be spent, including hiring and firing and setting a budget," Young said. "We felt it met all the tests for what a public body is."

Officials from the Leona Group did not respond to phone inquiries. But briefs filed by the company in the court case show its argument is that the case seeks to make public bodies out of private companies, wherever governments have privatized some functions.

But Young said the lawsuit will not likely be settled soon. The main question before the Court of Appeals is a technicality about whether the case was filed

in the correct court. And once judges do get to the main issue, both sides have indicated they will take the case to the Supreme Court.

The argument over whether the FOI applies is not an unusual one. A survey, published March 26 by Booth Newspapers, showed that more than half of charter schools, 53 percent, rejected requests for information or answered only partially. By contrast, 95 percent of public schools responded to FOI requests.

Filing FOI requests for information, such as the names of teachers and their salaries, with all 176 charter schools in operation in Michigan, Booth found

only 82 schools gave out the information.

Ninety-four responded incompletely, were late turning over the information, or gave no information at all. Of those charter schools, 85 are operated by private management firms, Booth concluded.

By way of comparison, 87 public school districts got similar information requests, to which 83 responded with complete information.

Charter schools receive about \$6,000 per student per year in funding from the state government. In return for that state money, those schools cannot charge tuition. Some 50,000 students presently attend charter schools.

Madonna offers Italian class

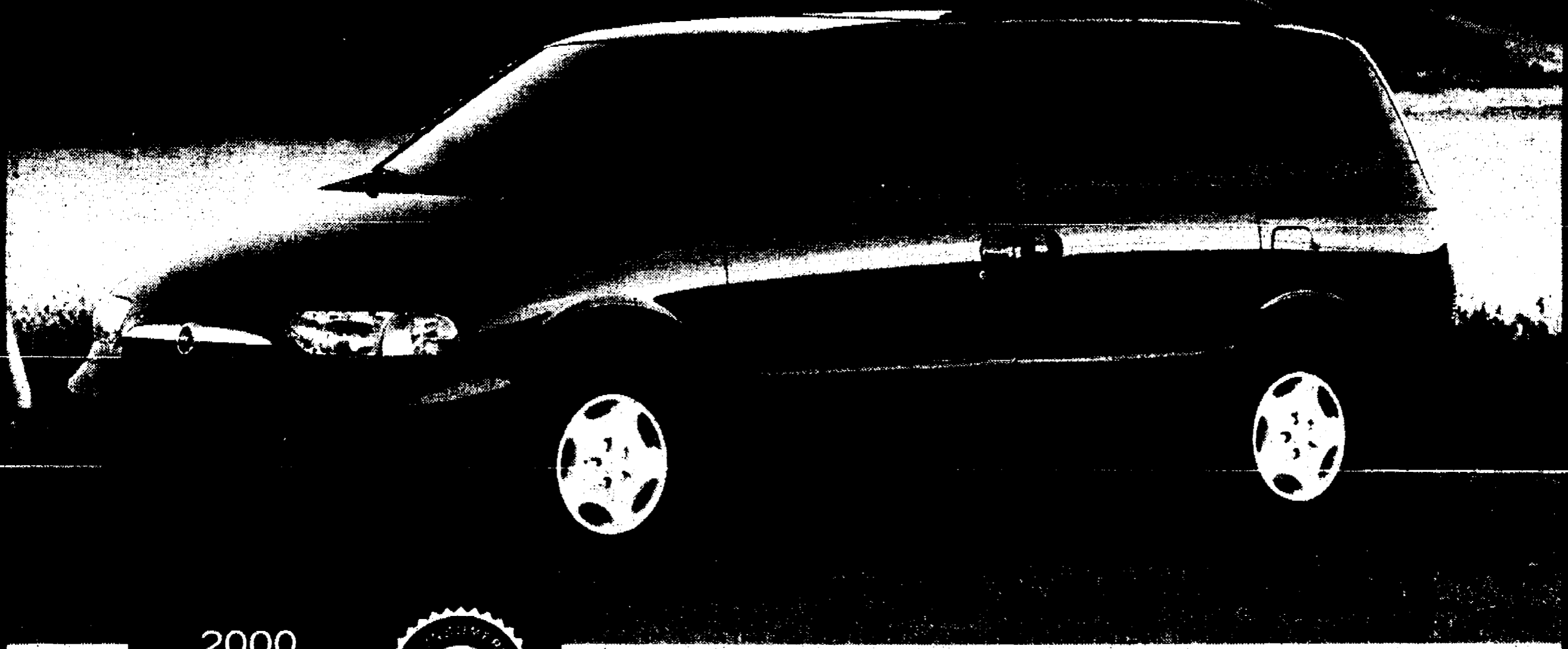
Madonna University in Livonia will offer a course in Italian this fall. This initiative, undertaken in cooperation with the Consul of Italy, Dr. Gianluca Alberini, the N.O.I. (Nuovi Orizzonti Italiani or New Italian Horizons) Foundation and the Italian American Club of Livonia, is part of the expansion of foreign language courses at the University, according to Johnathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies. The Italian American Club of

Livonia will provide the necessary promotion of the course within the Italian-American community along with help from the N.O.I., a non-profit educational organization devoted to the promotion of the teaching of the Italian language and culture.

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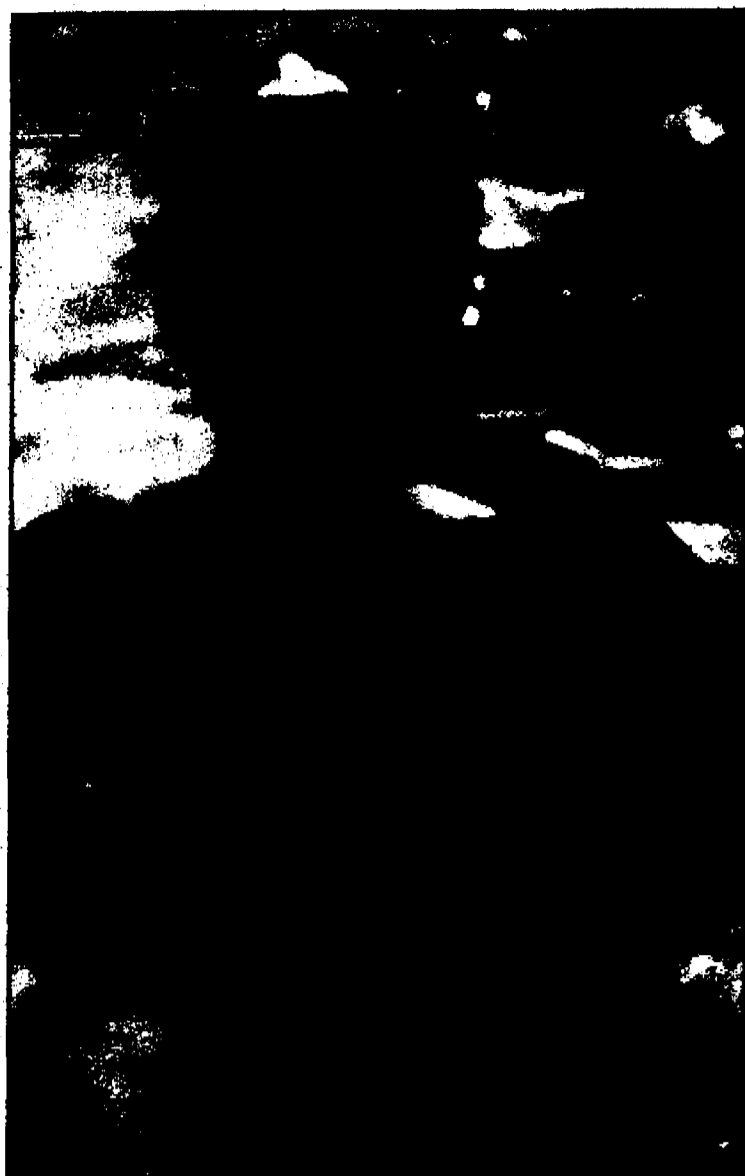
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Together: Jacob Allen Heater, 3, and his mother, Jenny, play in the swimming pool at the Therapeutic Recreation swimming program.



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Good time: Tanya Turner, a junior at John Glenn High School, watches over David Parkes as he goofs around in the water with his father, Randy. Turner is a volunteer lifeguard.

They're getting into the swim of things

BY JULIE BROWN
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You can be young, old or in between to participate in Westland Therapeutic Recreation swimming. Swimming is held at the school district Dyer Center pool during the school year, the outdoor Bailey Center pool in summer, "weather permitting," said Margaret Martin, therapeutic and program supervisor. Sessions typically draw 20-50 people with a variety of disabilities, she said. Those include seniors with arthritis, people with developmental disabilities and those with physical impairments such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy or spina-

bifida. "For each individual, it provides a different opportunity," Martin said. Exercise is provided, along with social time. "So we provide a social outlet. It provides a way for many of them to make friends." The longtime program has been offered during all of Martin's six-plus years with the sponsoring Westland Parks and Recreation. Bowling and a variety of other programs are also offered through Westland Therapeutic Recreation. For information, call (734) 722-7620. The Dyer Center pool comes in handy, organizers agree. "That pool was designed specifically for that reason," said Wayne-West-

land school Superintendent Greg Baracy. "It was specifically built for that purpose back in 1981." The pool is used by special education students and others of all ages, he said. "We have a high number of handicapped students who use it." A hydraulic lift allows wheelchair access.



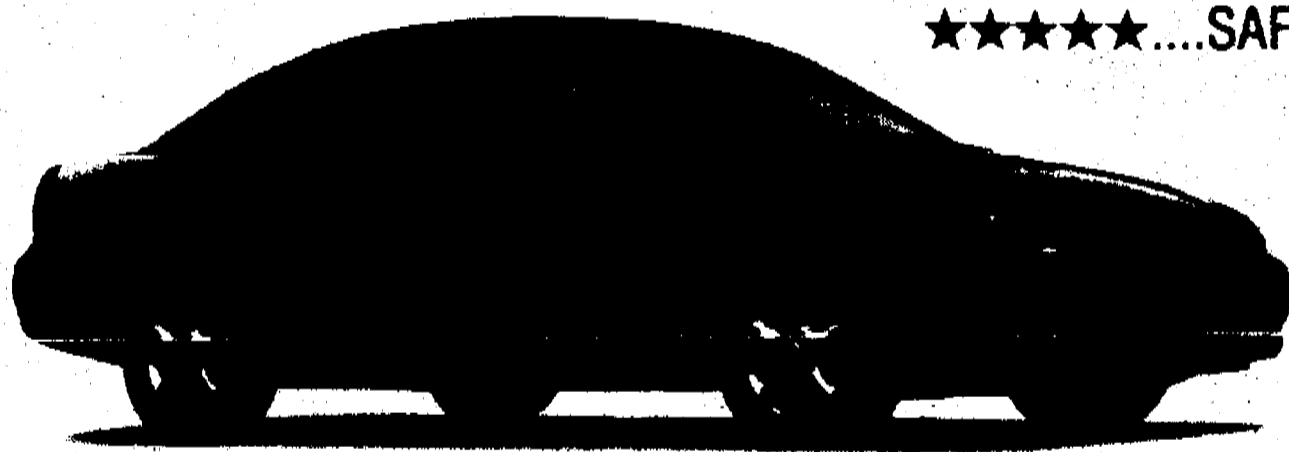
Hi, Dad! Katie Wixon, 12, and her father, Karl, wade in the water while others swim around them at the Dyer Center pool. The two are regular visitors at Tuesday night's open swim.



Fun: Mary Anne Klauke (center) and Kathy Edmonds (left) prepare to leave.

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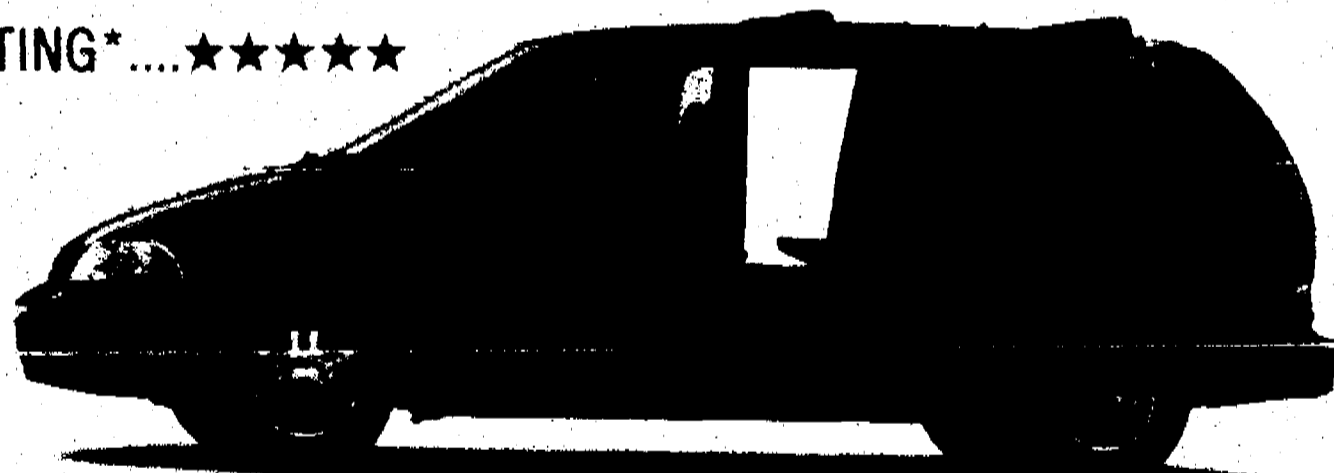
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L. Brooks Patterson: Pro-development.

Patterson says sprawl problem is overrated

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"One man's sprawl is another man's economic development," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said April 14, at the first conference of the Michigan Smart Growth Coalition.

The coalition — a conglomeration of two dozen trade associations representing builders, contractors, real estate agencies and title companies — sponsored the conference at the Troy Marriott Hotel. Their purpose was to address the state Legislature's current concern with urban sprawl and the loss of farmland

to development. State lawmakers are attempting to devise policies that will encourage "smart growth" in the future.

"Smart growth — you gotta support it," Patterson said. "What would you favor instead? Dumb growth? So, yes, I support smart growth. But I don't want to see it interpreted to mean that someone is going to be able tell you where you can build and where you can't."

Pro-development

Patterson is unabashedly pro-development. In fact, he says, "we have worked overtime to create an atmosphere in Oakland County that's pro-development."

Patterson is among those who believe that the problem of sprawl has been greatly exaggerated. In the country, he argues, only 5.4 percent of the land has been developed. The nation's population growth, from an estimated 4 million 200 years ago to 265 million today, has used up no more land than that, he pointed out.

It looks like we are sprawling, Patterson contended, only because 90 percent of us live in 3.5 percent of the land.

More important to Patterson is the economic development of the county, so when recession comes it will be "the last to feel its effects and the first to rebound."

Farmland myth

He was not the only one to sound a pro-development note during the gathering. Sam Staley, who holds a doctorate and is director of urban programs for the Reason Public Policy Institute, told the crowd about the "vanishing farmland myth."

Only 1 percent of farmland nationally was lost between 1982 and 1992, he argued. Urbanization accounted only for 24 percent of it. Most farmland is instead converted into pasture, forest, park, and recreational uses, he said, not houses and malls.

The real reason farmland has been lost, Staley argued, is that agriculture — through technological improvements — has become more productive and therefore requires less land. The U.S. has increased its agricultural output

nearly 48 percent since 1970, while the nation's crop land has remained largely stable. He noted that the U.S. exports well over 40 percent of both its rice and wheat production.

"Sure, we have lots of open land in Montana, there's just not a lot you can do with it," said Karen Kendrick-Hands of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council. Compared to the total amount of land available, usable farmland doesn't take up a very large percentage either. And that is also the portion where we live, and that is what we are developing, she contended.

"That's exactly right," said Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "What we have developed here is made up for by the wide open spaces out west ... The reality is that we can't go on as we have. We have to do something about the cost of infrastructure" needed to support new development in greenfield areas.

Still, Tait said he felt the conference was productive. "I was encouraged to see the building community looking at the issues of smart growth. In past years, you might not have even seen them uttering those words," he said.

Proposals

The gathering provided members of the coalition a chance to put forward their proposals for addressing urban sprawl and encouraging smart growth.

And as they pushed for their

points of view, several state-level decision makers were present to hear the input.

Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, has been assigned to head up a state House land use committee. The panel's job is to review the issue of urban sprawl and report back to the Legislature with recommendations for action, if needed. Among the proposals being considered are providing incentives for local governments to participate in regional planning efforts, reviewing state spending projects in light of their expected impact on growth, and devising statewide construction codes and sample zoning ordinances.

"I have a vision that it is about our cities. I look at our cities as diamonds in the rough," DeRossett said while addressing the conference.

Spurring redevelopment in central cities such as Detroit would take development pressure off the outer suburbs, he said. DeRossett estimated there are some 50,000 tax-reverted parcels in the city of Detroit, which he said the city and state should make available to developers for new construction.


Engler's plan

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus was on hand as well.

"How do we protect our natural resources and have economic development and economic opportunity?" Posthumus asked. Just a decade ago, such a confer-

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Developer urges spot condemnation

"Spot condemnation — we've got to have that" if the state expects builders to redirect their construction efforts away from

suburban greenfields and back toward the "brownfields" of central cities, developer Bernie Glibberman said.

Redevelopment of blighted urban areas is one of the state's chief proposals to address urban sprawl, but members of the construction industry said at the April 14 Michigan Smart Growth Coalition's first Smart Growth Conference that the plan has a number of obstacles to overcome.

One is compilation of land. To put up a project of any size in an inner city area, developers typically have to compile parcels from many different owners.

"Some guy can have a 30-by-105-foot lot and stop my entire apartment complex from being built," Glibberman said, offering an example.

Often, it involves parcels that would be impossible to develop on their own. Such parcels may have no real value unless they are combined with other parcels, Glibberman contended.

But the owners may hold out for an exorbitant price. Often, speculators attempt to buy up little pieces of land when they know a big project is coming in.

At present, city governments only condemn when they can show a public need for the land.

Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, responding to Glibberman, agreed that compiling land is the biggest hurdle to redevelopment of inner cities, but he stopped short of endorsing the concept of spot condemnation. He noted the state is already attempting to streamline the process for clearing up title work on abandoned and tax-reverted parcels, but countered that the state's sprawl initiatives must "protect the property rights of people out there."

Construction industry representatives took the opportunity to showcase their concerns about the state's urban sprawl initiatives. The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan outlined at the conference its proposals for "smart growth."

They include:

- Removing barriers that currently block innovative land-use planning techniques that include higher density and mixed use development.

- Planning and building schools, roads and water and sewer lines to keep pace with the demand for housing.

- Finding a fair way to assess the costs of those infrastructure developments, since they carry benefits to the entire neighborhood.

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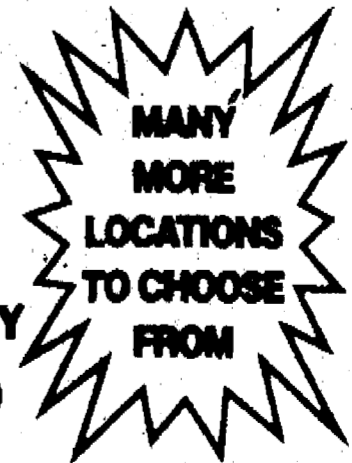
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ence to talk about ways to control growth would not have been held. The topic would have been how to spur more growth.

"When something stops growing, it dies," he said. "I don't want to go back to those days when we were not growing."

Posthumus took the opportunity to stump for a constitutional amendment Gov. John Engler has proposed for placement on the November ballot. The amendment would change the way property taxes are levied against farms. Currently, farmland is taxed at its value based

on development potential. Engler's amendment would change the constitution to allow farmland to be taxed only on its value for use as agricultural land.

The plan is part of Engler's approach to the sprawl issue. By relieving tax pressure on those farmers, they might be less pressured to sell their land for development.

"Growth of all types will occur as the market dictates. That's a fact," said Jeff Kaczmarek, head of business services for the Michigan Economic Develop-

ment Corporation. Despite that, he argued that it is in developers' best interest to build projects that, through smart growth techniques, enhance quality of life. To that end, he recommended that local governments make sure their master plans and zoning ordinances are up to date and support each other, that they create one-stop-shopping offices for developers who are seeking permits, and that they coordinate their planning with other communities.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara contended that

Metro Airport is "one of the greatest economic development tools in the state." As such, it can also support efforts to contain sprawl by attracting business and development back toward already developed areas.

McNamara told of how Wayne County has acquired 200 acres of land to the south of the airport, which it plans to have redeveloped into light industrial facilities and a golf course. He said it could be the first "smart park" in the state of Michigan.

Activist argues need for mass transit

By RICHARD PEARL
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What about traffic problems? What about dwindling world oil supplies and Detroit's apparent continuing dependency on the automobile?

Those issues and others related to urban sprawl were raised at last week's Smart Growth Conference mainly through questions from the audience - in particular, those from a Wayne County attorney who's a mass-transit activist.

While the home-building and real estate industry sponsoring the Troy conference and some public officials used hot-buttons like "freedom of choice" in arguing for continued suburban growth - albeit modified by inner-city and older suburb redevelopment - Karen Kendrick-Hands countered with words like "traffic congestion" and "mass-transit."

The lack of a good, on-time mass transit system in metro Detroit means "The elderly have

no choice" but to drive cars "even though they have one-third of the accidents and shouldn't be on the roads," she said in a post-conference interview.

Furthermore, it also forces the working poor to drive to jobs on suspended or revoked driver's licenses.

Citing the proposed widening of Interstate 75, she noted there's a commuter rail line paralleling it. "We could manage" the traffic congestion from the construction "by using federal money to get the train running again," she said, "but we can't get MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) to listen."

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, a former Detroit resident who came to mass transit after a son's severe asthma attacks focused her on air pollution, said that mass transit "wasn't on the (conference) agenda."

Indeed, as speakers April 14

cited people's right to choose where to live and school their children, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson went so far as to call traffic congestion "a vibrant, robust expression of a (growing) community."

"I'd rather have that than" the opposite, he declared.

Contrarily, when builder Robert Jones suggested to Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara that he "tax the auto companies on each car to help pay for mass transit," McNamara responded, "Great idea. I love it."

Transportation was discussed directly only by Paul Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, who said that "By 2025, development will overwhelm the existing transportation system" in some newer areas.

A self-described "proponent of mass transit," Tait said current and projected funding "will only

preserve our existing mass transit system, not improve it."

"Southeast Michigan is near or at the bottom in the amount of money put in for public transportation," he said.

Tait answered a Kendrick-Hands question by saying "We could put (a transit rail system) in, but can't (afford to) run it."

Kendrick-Hands, founder of Transportation Riders United, a coalition seeking to improve area public transportation, was supported by fellow activist James Bush, retired City of Detroit civil rights director.

Bush, now a Beverly Hills resident, predicts the world's oil supply is nearing its peak and will begin declining in 20 years at current production rates.

He said metro-Detroiters "think that, because this is the auto capital, we should be auto-dependent. Based on oil consumption, that doesn't make sense."

Schoolcraft seeks crafters for fall fair

Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College November 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000.

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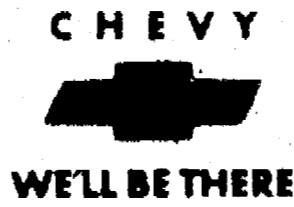
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Remember needs Talk's upbeat, but duty calls

The tone was civil, and that hasn't always been the case in Westland in recent months.

In fact, the tenor of Mayor Robert Thomas' 11th State of the City address April 12 at the Hellenic Cultural Center was upbeat. He hailed such achievements as the city library, upscale residential development, paramedic services and neighborhood-focused policing.

The mayor acknowledged disappointment that a new City Hall hasn't been built and that the Westland Shopping Center, although now home to Sears, doesn't have a second floor of stores enticing shoppers from the region.

Thomas outlined his plan for cutting taxes, reducing water-sewer rates and providing services he said are among the best in Wayne County.

He received an enthusiastic response, to be expected among such a friendly audience. Indeed, looking out for taxpayers' pocketbooks is admirable for the mayor or any public official.

Still, such concern must be balanced with looking out for the future of our community. The now-dropped City Hall and recreation center are a disappointment to the mayor.

He said in his State of the City address that the recreation center, although nice, couldn't be classified as a necessity for Westland. The

■ Thomas outlined his plan for cutting taxes, reducing water-sewer rates and providing services he said are among the best in Wayne County.

City Hall, however, is a necessity and city leaders must give some thought to how to build and pay for it.

The current building is aging and in serious need of repair. Thomas shouldn't just leave planning for a replacement City Hall to a new administration. His announcement this week that he will seek a Wayne County commission seat doesn't mean he should neglect his responsibilities as mayor.

The evening last week was also one for honors, including the Mother, Father, High School Senior and Teacher of the Year. Also lauded were Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy, who received a Special Achievement Award, and the late Diane Abbott, the city's cable director, who died in December.

The presentation on these individuals and their contributions clearly revealed all Westland has to offer. If a good community begins at home (or school), then these honorees are giving it their best.

Put taxpayers' needs ahead of those of trucking industry

The struggle between the state legislature and local governments continues with Senate passage of a six-bill package on enforcement of trucking violations.

The bills were passed unanimously, 36-0, on April 6 and represent a compromise between a far more restrictive House package and the position of most local officials.

Under current law, local police enforce motor carrier codes on local roads. Local governments collect 100 percent of revenue from fines levied.

The trucking industry has long complained that local enforcement has been overzealous and that they have been subjected to being ticketed several times on the same day in different jurisdictions.

The new bills would limit the number of tickets that can be written by local police for minor truck code violations. Officers would still be able to enforce traffic violations such as speeding or ignoring a signal. But only one truck code ticket could be issued in a 24-hour period.

In addition, revenue generated by truck code enforcement would be split with 70 percent going to local units of government and 30 percent to libraries.

Under the state constitution, libraries receive all revenue from criminal fines. In 1994, trucking regulations were decriminalized and made civil fines with revenue going to local units of government to pay the cost of enforcement. Since 1996, libraries have not received any revenue on truck code violations.

The current rash of state legislation to limit the powers of local government are based on a perception that local governments, especially in the metro Detroit area, are hostile to business interests.

Local government and police officials argue that shifting 30 percent of their revenue from

■ But still we question the necessity for such sweeping legislation to protect the trucking industry, especially since we have invested so much money in road maintenance. We find ourselves agreeing with Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff ...

truck code enforcement will effectively reduce needed enforcement against trucks that are overweight, causing damage to roadways, or have dangerous safety deficiencies, such as bad brakes.

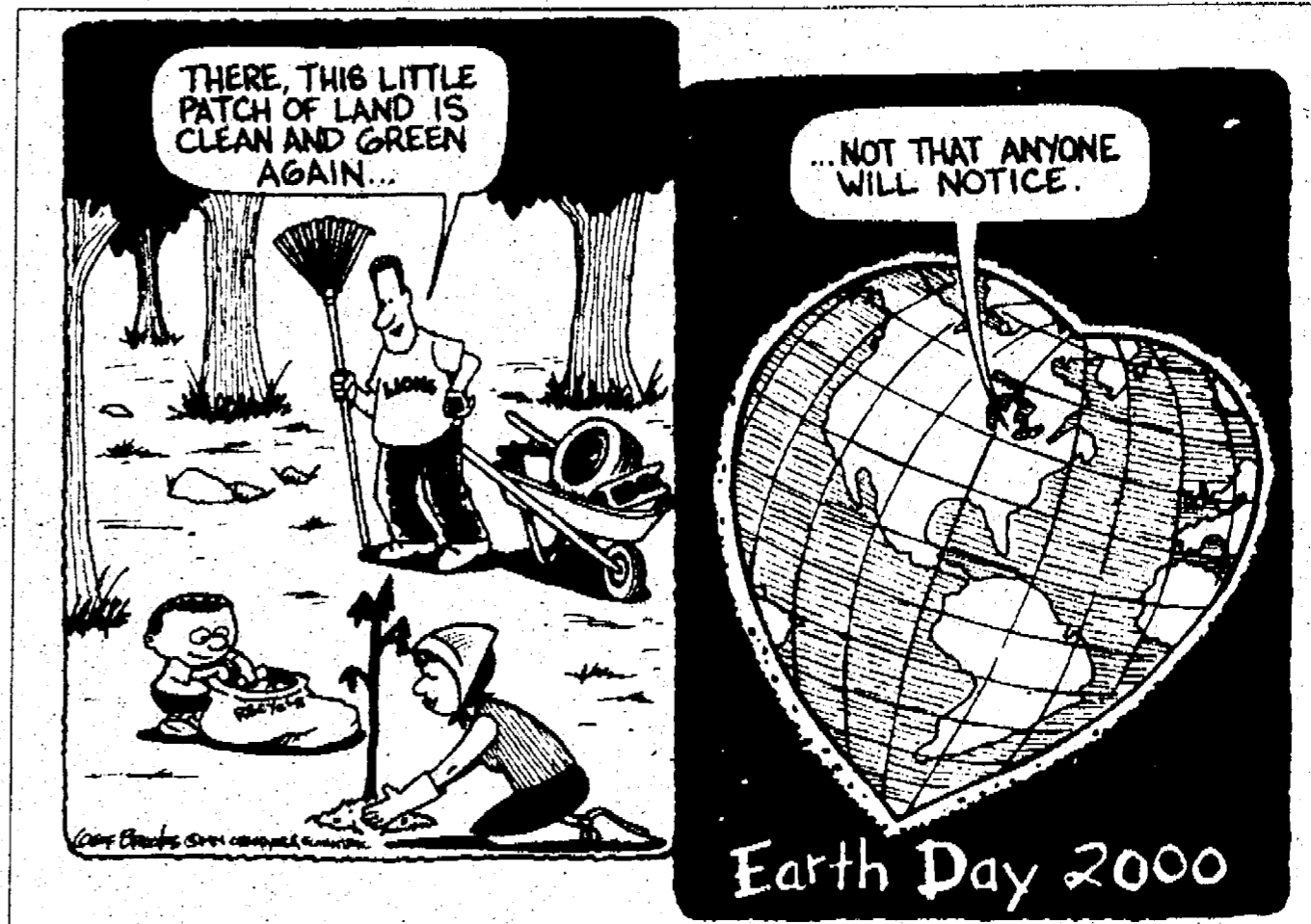
The Senate bills correct the more aggressive House measures. The compromise allows regular police officers to stop trucks for violations, while the House bill specified only motor carrier officers could make stops; the Senate bill retains 70 percent of the fees to local government, while the House gave the fees to libraries, courts and road improvements.

The trucking industry has made a good case about the unfair and inconsistent enforcement of the truck code and those parts of the bill that correct those problems are worthwhile.

The Senate bill represents a useful compromise between the all or nothing approach of the House and the "don't change anything" desire of local governments. But still we question the necessity for such sweeping legislation to protect the trucking industry, especially since we have invested so much money in road maintenance.

We find ourselves agreeing with Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff that it is "sad if we have the Legislature wanting to adjust traffic laws to make it easier (for trucking companies and others) to violate the law at the public's expense."

GEORGE BROOKS



LETTERS

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Learning experience

The world of Vincent van Gogh was opened up to a group of 200 students from Madison and Jefferson-Barns elementary schools, when they recently visited the Detroit Institute of Arts. With anticipation and wide-eyed excitement, the students viewed the exhibition, "Van Gogh: Face to Face."

On display were the various paintings and drawings, from black and white sketches of elderly men to paintings of children and women that depict van Gogh's varied portrait style. The students walked through the galleries and listened to taped messages in children's voices about the artwork.

They had been learning about van Gogh and his life for the last several weeks, and the trip was the final step for them. As I walked with my students, I asked what they thought about the show. Some of the students said, "Wow, Mrs. Lay, it looks just like you told us."

One student remarked to me as she stood in front of a van Gogh self portrait, "He looks so sad." All of the students had a glimpse of the work and tragic life of one of the greatest artists in the history of art.

The trip was fabulous and the students had a good time. We were able to take this trip with the assistance of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. A big thanks to the museum staff who were excellent in taking care of 200 students and 24 adults. Also thanks to the Madison principal, Mary Goedert, for attending the event with us.

Thanks to the Madison staff who worked together to provide this experience for the students, Madeline Sommerman, Rene Love, Lori Staats, Linda Rose and Dian Duncan. And to the Jefferson-Barns staff, Mike Ogilvie, Lynn Shelly and Christine Smith. And lastly, I would like to thank Cindy Swift and Bill Camp from the Wayne-Westland schools for helping me to see my vision of van Gogh for all the students come true.

Toni Lay

Looks can deceive

The April 9 Observer article regarding the proposed triathlon scheduled to take place at Newburgh Lake this August was disturbing.

It was stated this event is to "show" the progress made in cleaning up one of the most polluted rivers in the country. That's all this is for me. "Show." I've attended several meetings on that "cleanup" and am familiar with the issue.

Who is Mr. Murray kidding when he cautions no open swimming in the lake, but on the same token encourages "trained athletes" to jump in and enjoy the swim? The very lake where fishermen are prohibited from eating the fish.

I'd be curious to read (though it was not quoted in the article) just what the health department said. I know they were not happy about the canoeing situation. Of course, in this state, anything is possible.

Jog in the park, bike in the park, but swim in Newburgh Lake? Not in my family - not in my lifetime. The lake looks pretty, but looks can be deceiving.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Prayer works

I would just like to comment on the article featuring "Trav" Griffin and starting the council meetings with prayer.

As a Westland resident and Christian, I would support opening these meetings with prayer. People keep bringing up the separation of church and state, however I don't think they know (or have forgotten) how and why this country was founded: for religious freedom and the right to worship God.

If people really understood the power of prayer and how it can have a positive impact on the leadership of this town, this state and this country, the objections would go away. For proof, just go back to the time when the founding fathers of this country were trying to come up with our system of government. Each representative had his own agendas and it wasn't long before they realized they weren't getting very far in the discussions. At that time, Ben Franklin made a motion that the meeting recess for prayer and that every future session be opened with prayer. Each member left the meeting and took time out for prayer, fasting, and asking God for His divine guidance.

Later that week, when they met again, the members came back with a changed attitude. Within days, they were able to define a government body based on the Old Testament, with a judge (the courts), lawgiver (Congress) and king (president).

So you see, prayer works and it can be used to guide our leaders and provide them with sound judgment.

God bless!

Bob McNally
Westland

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Are you planning to go to Comerica Park to see the Tigers this year?

We asked this question at the Westland library.



"Yeah, just because it's new and to see what's going on."

Janie Cook
Westland



"We've already been twice. It's impressive."

Steven Brown
Livonia



He went once and liked "the big tigers on the front. The scoreboard was cool, too."

Dan Brown
Livonia



"No, I don't particularly like baseball."

Mike O'Donnell
Canton

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

State's dubious honors reflected in potential nicknames

Games are important at Michigan State University, and so alumnus John Engler was extremely proud that his alma mater's basketball team won a national championship.

So proud was the governor that he proposed, half-jokingly, that Michigan change its totemic name from "the Wolverine State" to "the Spartan State."

Neither nickname has any historical validity. Wolverines never inhabited this state, biologists say. Besides, the wolverine is nasty, vicious and hardly admirable. An undisturbed skunk is a more amiable and more numerous species.

Spartans never came within 4,000 miles of Michigan in the pre-Christian era, so calling this "the Spartan State" is entirely fanciful. Besides, Spartans were known as warriors, not as poets, architects, playwrights, traders, inventors, or scientists — certainly not as philosophers; definitely not as lovers. Spartans were essentially a bloodthirsty set of pugnacious buffoons. I leave it to the reader to decide whether it was appropriate for MSU to change its name from

"Aggies" to "Spartans."

In these parts, high schools like American names such as Rocks, Patriots and Rockets — they're politically correct.

Last fall, a professional Native American asked the State Board of Education to forbid high schools from picking tribal names for their athletic teams. Perhaps he was oversensitive.

In northern Michigan, Chippewa has been popular. The Chippewas were known to be peaceful and great storytellers — hence Henry R. Schoolcraft's interest in their lore and hero, Manabozho. The poet Longfellow adapted the stories, substituted the Iroquois name and penned "The Song of Hiawatha." Chippewa should be considered an admirable totemic name.

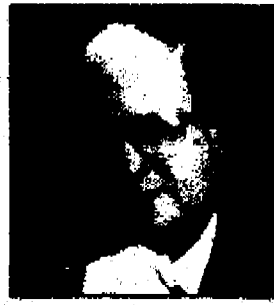
For years, Eastern Michigan University called its teams the Hurons, a tribe that was a sad bunch of losers who were holocausted by the Iroquois and disease. The Hurons disappeared after "The Last of the Mohicans" and didn't surface until white men invented casinos. EMU's squads are now the Eagles.

I like the Ottawas. Chief Pontiac was an Ottawa and the world's great-

est guerrilla fighter before Ho Chi Minh. In 1763, Pontiac orchestrated attacks on 13 British forts in the Midwest, including St. Joseph, Mackinaw City and Detroit, and succeeded in taking nine of them. We would honor courage to call this "the Ottawa State," if the tribe didn't object.

In the 1950s, when Michigan systematically began wooing tourists, there was a contest for a trade name, and we became known as "the Water Wonderland," later expanded to "the Water Winter Wonderland."

At the same time, Michigan's welfare politics were dominated not by Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams but by UAW President Walter Reuther. So Republicans dubbed this "the Walter Wonderland." When the state faced payless paydays, the GOP came up with a drink called "the Soapy cocktail — Michigan on the rocks."



TIM RICHARD

Our legislators work overtime and weekends dreaming up new punishments to be inflicted by law enforcement people — cops and prosecutors — bypassing the courts. For example, a cop can now confiscate a driver's license when making a drunken driving arrest, even before the case goes to a court.

Ouch! Good for a campaign, but not a permanent appellation.

We could call ourselves "the Police State." Our legislators work overtime and weekends dreaming up new punishments to be inflicted by law enforcement people — cops and prosecutors — bypassing the courts. For example, a cop can now confiscate a driver's license when making a drunken driving arrest, even before the case goes to a court. A prosecutor — not a judge — can decide to try an 11-year-old for murder. A prosecutor can decide whether a 14- to 16-year-old will be

tried and sentenced as an adult.

Some of us newsmen, joined by civil libertarians and librarians, would call this "the Cockroach State" in honor of the bug that abhors sunlight. The state Legislature has cast clouds over our "sunshine laws" — the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts.

It has raised prices on public records, cut groups out of its benefits, closed down Parole Board and Public Service Commission meetings, and let departments hide records in the inner sanctum of the governor's office. The Supreme Court has allowed university boards to pick presidents privately. Recently the Senate voted against public disclosure of campaign contributions by companies seeking tax breaks from Engler's Michigan Economic Growth Authority.

"The Cockroach State" would be an accurate nickname for Michigan.

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LETTERS

Sidewalk woes

Westland citizens:

Do you realize what those orange spray markings on your sidewalk slabs will cost you?

The orange spray markings indicate the cement slabs require replacement at a cost of \$85 per slab (quoted by Westland supervisor via phone call) and will be assessed to the homeowner.

In my case, the replacement cost will increase my Westland taxes over 50 percent.

The real culprit is a city tree whose roots caused the cement slabs to

move, thereby requiring replacement.

This expense was placed on the homeowner via an ordinance approximately 12 years ago.

An inquiry to Westland City Hall asking how to change the ordinance was answered with "Go to city council!"

On April 17, 2000, I did go to city council and requested this replacement activity be delayed to allow the Westland homeowners time to organize and refute this 12-year ordinance.

There are several ways in which the cost for replacing the cement sidewalk slabs is more fair to the homeowner. Let us meet and discuss and

determine the most acceptable way to both the homeowners and the "City of Westland."

Francis C. Hurst

Good government

I am saddened by the number of folks expressing amazement that people could be recalled for "one little vote." This misses entirely the point of these objections. We are concerned because of the arrogant change of rules in the middle of the game — of overriding the processes of the city council to gain their own ends. Our government is based on proper procedure to preserve

the built-in safeguards. When these procedures are secretly changed for selfish purposes, the balance of democracy is threatened!

This cavalier posturing is what the recallers are objecting to, not how someone voted. We cannot allow these

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kinds of supercilious actions to take place in our city.

I would suggest that in addition to these actions — it would be very wise for us to be looking for some honorable, intelligent persons to vote onto our city council in the event these people are recalled; or when the next elections occur.

Let us never let up our efforts to establish good, clean government for our city.

Elizabeth Potter

State should copy Ford Motor's idea of offering Internet benefit to workers

To my way of thinking, the most consequential thing that happened in Michigan during the 20th century was Henry Ford's realization early on that the gains in productivity arising from the new assembly line technology were so great that he could afford to pay his workers the unheard-of sum of \$5 per day.

Characteristically, Ford also figured he'd do well by doing good. At \$5 a day, he was paying his workers enough so they could eventually become customers for the cars they were making. Ford's compensation practices turned out to be an important element of his marketing strategy.

The impact of Ford's innovation on Michigan was profound. Workers were drawn from all over the country to seek this extraordinary wage. The migration thus set in motion created during World War II, when military production made Michigan the "arsenal of democracy" and drew thousands of families, mainly from the South.

Moreover, these working families were making a lot of money, enough for them in time to move up from working class to middle class. A pretty good definition of a middle class family at mid-century was one that owned their own home. And beginning in the 1950s and continuing for a decade, Detroit boasted more owner-occupied homes than any other big city in America.

So what started out as a small but profound change in rates of pay at Ford Motor Co. wound up decades later by changing fundamentally the social structure of Michigan. Using today's buzz word, a small innovation "got to scale" within 50 years.

Now fast forward to today, the first year of the 21st century.

The information revolution now taking place is, if anything, even more profound than the application of assembly line technology at the dawn of the 20th century. The question is not whether this revolution will affect our economy and society as profoundly as the Industrial Revolution did in the 18th and 19th centuries. Plainly, it will. Rather the issue is whether the gains in productivity and human potential arising from advances in information technology will be confined to a small elite at the top of the social and educational pyramid.

Some worry that the "digital divide" separating those who are technologically literate from those who are not could become as great a chasm as the gap separating working class folks from the middle class at the turn of the century.

Put simply, the question is whether and how the information revolution can be brought quickly to scale.

That's why the decision Ford Motor Co. took earlier this year to provide home computers,



PHIL POWER

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software and Internet access to all its 350,000 employees for \$5 per month is a good candidate for the most consequential thing that has happened in Michigan so far in the 21st century. Why? Because it's a way to overcome the digital divide by offering a way to get to scale in information technology.

First, 350,000 Ford employees is a lot of people, many of them located right here in Michigan. Second, given the tight labor market and how employers are competing for good workers, it's almost certain that other companies are going to follow suit. Delta Airlines has already done so, and I wouldn't be surprised to see other big employers such as GM and DaimlerChrysler following soon.

So there is a pretty good chance that subsidized access to information technology is going to become a standard employee benefit for Michigan workers. That's a good way for an entire society to get to scale.

So now is the time for an innovation in enlightened public policy. If the state of Michigan can afford to give a \$2,500 scholarship to kids who pass the MEAP test, it can certainly afford to subsidize a computer and Internet access to every family in Michigan that signs up for training on the Michigan Virtual University.

All the talk about a computer in every classroom misses the point. What makes access to the information revolution ubiquitous — just like TV and the telephone — is to get computers and Internet connections in every home, where they become part of the standard experience of ordinary family life rather than something abstractly available once the digital divide is crossed.

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18 communities approve funding for emergency system

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Fire chiefs from 18 Wayne County communities have unanimously approved becoming a major funding arm of the Health Emergency Medical Systems (HEMS).

HEMS is a non-profit organization created in 1990 to be the medical control authority for the communities of the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), as well as several communities in the Downriver area.

In essence, HEMS has developed the protocol for emergency service, as well as coordinating its various functions.

"When an ambulance goes by, I wish people realized how much coordination is involved. It is such a team effort," said Bob Miljan, the executive director of HEMS.

The fire chiefs, who are represented by the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association, proposed the funding at the April 15 CWW meeting.

If approved by each CWW community, the association will annually provide \$50,000 to HEMS, which has an annual budget of about \$450,000.

The association will also be awarded two voting seats on the HEMS board.

"What we're looking to do is develop a system between hospitals, the county health depart-

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ment and local fire service to essentially seize control of the EMS infrastructure of western Wayne County," said Bill Forbush, a captain with the Garden City Fire Department.

Financial model

Representatives for the association, including Forbush, Garden City Fire Chief Ken Hines

and Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal, presented a financial model to CWW members.

According to the proposal, each community would provide a \$1,000 flat fee. In addition, communities also would pay either \$.055 or \$.025 per capita, depending on their fire service transporting capabilities.

If approved by CWW communities, the funds will be taken directly out of each fire department's budget.

Neal led the task force that developed the financial model presented to the CWW.

"Participation in HEMS is going to be a very important aspect of all our communities," said Neal. "This is a fair financial model that meets the diverse needs of each of our communities."

Association officials said it is important to get involved with HEMS for several reasons.

"All the fire chiefs came to the

conclusion that if we are going to continue to evolve in improving medical response and medical services for each of our communities, we have to be directly tied in to the decision-making process of HEMS," Neal said.

Also, HEMS has been experiencing a shortfall in funding over the past few years because of a series of hospital closings. Each hospital pays a \$25,000 membership fee, which covers the bulk of the budget.

With eight of the original 21 member hospitals closing in recent years, HEMS is facing a budgetary crisis. The association decided to get involved to ensure the future survival and stability of HEMS.

"Without HEMS, the emergency service in our communities would be set back 20 years," Forbush said.

The association is hoping to get approval from the CWW by July 1.

Photo contest invites entries from students

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency is sponsoring its annual photography contest for Wayne County high school students. The theme, "People, Places & Pride," provides students the opportunity to express their photographic abilities in a variety of subjects.

Students can submit portraits and candid photos of family, friends, classmates; classroom or extracurricular activities; cultural institutions; landmarks; community events; trips; and more. Photos will be judged on human interest, general appeal, composition and quality.

"Our aim for the contest is to provide a forum for students to express themselves creatively through photography and share those talents with the community," said Michelle Gaynier, communications manager for Wayne RESA and coordinator for the photo contest.

Three winners will be selected in each of the three categories: people, places and pride. First place will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, second place winners will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and third place winners will receive a \$25 certificate to Borders Bookstores.

To enter, students must submit a 3-inch-by-5-inch (or larger) color or black and white photograph, along with their name, school, address and home phone number by Monday, May 1. Entries should be sent to the attention of Michelle Gaynier at Wayne RESA, 33500 Van Born Road, PO Box 807, Wayne, MI 48184.

The winners will be announced at Wayne RESA's Art Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. The winning photographs and several honorable mentions will be on display during the Art Fair. Those photos will also be displayed throughout RESA facilities and used in RESA's traveling informational exhibits and publications throughout the coming year.

For more information, or for a copy of the entry form, call (734)334-1514.

Bike sale May 6

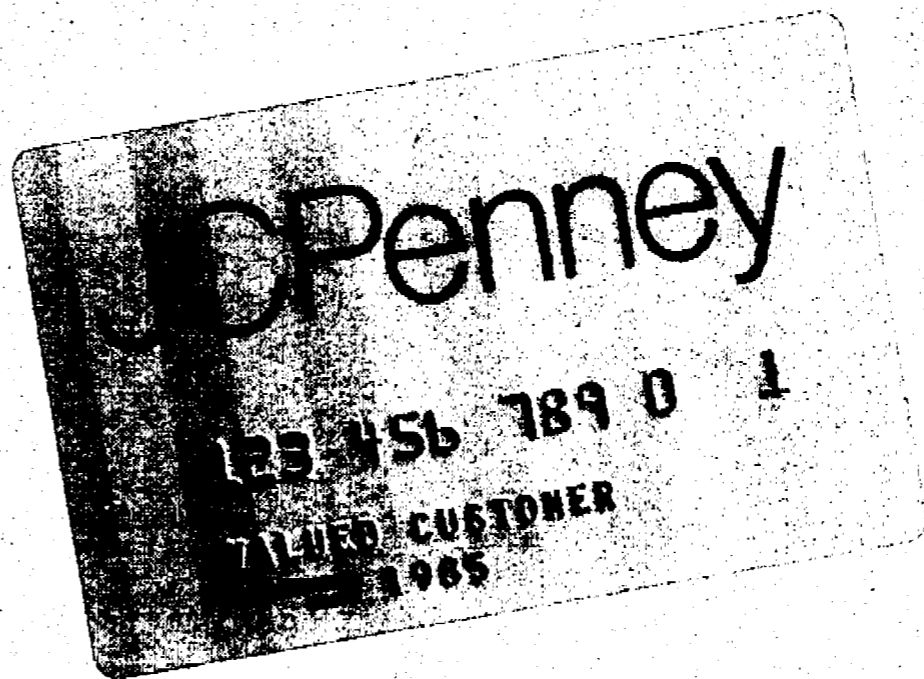
The St. Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual bike sale 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6. The sale will be held at the Society's central warehouse, 24201 West Outer Drive, Melvindale.

About 800 bikes of all varieties will be for sale. Each bike is priced at \$10.

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Hooton-McDonnell

Laurie Ann Hooton and Timothy Patrick McDonnell wed on March 25 at Church of God in Wayne.

The bride, daughter of Bob and Geraldine Hooton of Garden City, is a graduate of Garden City West High School and has worked 11 years in the medical field.

Her husband, son of Mike and Sue McDonnell of Farmington, is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and works as a mechanic in Farmington Hills.

Pastor York Ash presided at the ceremony. The bride was attended by Sue Hooton, Wendy Sutton, Angela McDonnell, Erin Garrity, flower girl Sara Hooton and ring bearer Ryan Saile.

The groom was attended by James Hooton, Mike McDonnell,



Don Williams and Matt Bartz. The couple received guests at Burton Manor and took a wedding trip to Traverse City and surrounding areas in northern Michigan. They will make their home in Garden City.

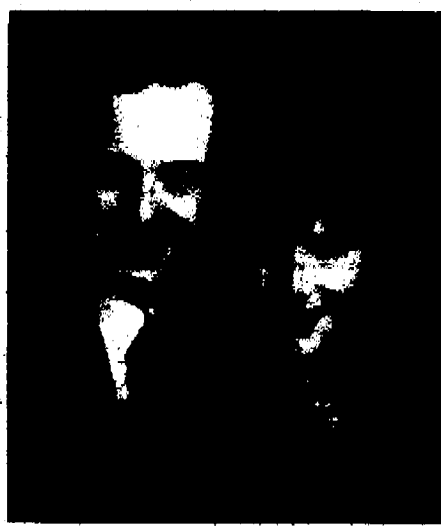
Lipar-Leslie

Anna Marie Lipar and James Allen Leslie will be married in May at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Auburn Hills.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of Norma Lipar of Royal Oak and the late Jack Lipar, is a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School. She is also a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in English and Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in communications.

She is employed by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as a retail advertising consultant for the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Her fiance, the son of James and Jacqueline Leslie of Shelby Township, is a graduate of Northville High School and also



with festival communion service at 9:30 a.m. Easter brunch from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Guests are invited to attend free.

He is a systems developer for K-mart Corp.

The couple will honeymoon in Maui and make their home in Beverly Hills.

Pipa-Salvato

Michael and Leona Pipa of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Marie, to Vincent James Salvato of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 Madonna University graduate and works as a certified financial planner.

Her fiance, son of Thomas and Emily Salvato of Livonia, works in sales at an industrial supply company.

A July wedding is planned at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.



RELIGION CALENDAR

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

25th Annual Men's Good Friday breakfast will feature keynote speaker Jim Horsley — Navy Blue Angel Pilot. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. April 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton (7000 Sheldon Road). Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call 459-3333.

UUCF FLOWER COMMUNION

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Easter Sunday Services (April 23), led by Rev. Bob Renjilian: "Flower Communion Celebration" — bring a flower to church. This is a Unitarian Universalist ceremony for all ages to share (children stay for the whole service — no Sunday School this week). The Flower Communion was developed in the 20th century by a UU minister who wanted a celebration which could be used at spring-time to convey something about our religion. Each person brings a cut flower or blossom to church to exchange, as a symbol of our religion and the beauty of each other. Services at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River). For information call (248) 478-7272 or www.uucf.org/~uucf/

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene (45801 Ann Arbor Road) invites you to "Were You There?" a journey to the cross. This musical draws us together as we pause and look again at Calvary's Hill. We focus on what really matters: The cross, and the one who brings us all life. Performances will be on Good Friday at 7 p.m. and on Easter Sunday at 6 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

Old St. Mary's Church (646 Monroe Ave. in Greektown) will host a service of music and readings (requiem - Maurice Durufle) at 8 p.m. April 21. Soloists: Melinda Enns and Davis Gloff; Frederiek Mooney, organ. Call (313) 961-8711.

EASTER EVENT

The Six Mile Neighborhood Association will host the 4th Annual Easter Event at 11 a.m. April 22. Hunt for 4,000 eggs at Good Shepherd (separate area for small children); eat breakfast with the bunny at the Elk's Club from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and receive digital photographs with Rick Miles from Enhanced Imagery. Also enjoy prizes donated by Six Mile merchants, buy Easter plants and cotton candy, 50/50 sale and sing with Kellioka Karaoke.

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 cake decorating, May 1, 8, and 15; and candy making at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

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.

LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 26th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7:15-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road) in Livonia between Six and Seven Miles roads. The theme of this year's event is "Think Globally, Act Locally." Richard E. Stearns, president of World Vision United States, will be the guest speaker. World Vision was founded in 1950 and is the largest privately funded Christian relief and development organization in the world. Part of the proceeds from this year's Prayer Breakfast will be used for local and global charities through World Vision U.S. For tickets call Sally Butler, (248)-

476-9427.

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. Call Wendy at (734) 513-8413.

SPRING CONVENTION

The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit Michigan are planning their annual spring convention. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the community. The convention will be held at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135. The dates and times of the convention are May 6 and 7, and both days sessions begin at 9:45 a.m. For further information, e-mail us at Dutkaws@aol.com.

EASTER SERVICE

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 in Livonia/46001 Farmington Road, just west of Canton Center in Canton) will hold Maundy Thursday worship services with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. In Livonia special music will be provided by the Christ our Savior choir, wood-wind choir, and Jubellation handbell choir. Pastor Luther Werth's sermon will be "Christ is Here. In canton, the music team will sing Mark Altrogge's "Thank you for the cross." Good Friday service in Livonia is at 12:30 p.m. with Pastor Robert Bayor's sermon, "Given for Us." Easter Sunday will be celebrated in Livonia with festival communion service at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. A staffed nursery will be available throughout the morning. Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth from 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5, adults; \$2.50 children ages 4-10; and children under three are free. In Canton Easter Sunday will be celebrated

with festival communion service at 9:30 a.m. Easter brunch from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Guests are invited to attend free.

WITNESS TO PEACE

Trinity Church of the Brethren (27350 W. Chicago) will present Joan Deeter, a Brethren clergywoman, role-playing Muriel Lester at their annual spring banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6. A friend of Mahatama Gandhi, Lester "was spiritually intense and determined to live out her beliefs, yet she was also a down-to-earth and witty observer of her times." Ticket price is \$7 per adult; \$3.50 for children ages 4-10. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (313) 274-6379.

LENTEN SERVICES

Garden City Presbyterian Church (1841 Middlebelt Road) will hold Maundy Thursday service (holy communion) at 7:30 p.m. potluck at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday service at noon at Merri-man Road Baptist Church (GCPC church office closed). Easter Sunrise service is at 7 p.m.; Easter service, 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and church school at 11 a.m. Breakfast between services will be at 10:15 a.m.

LENTEN SERIES

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly) will culminate Holy Week with a Maundy Thursday service/ Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday services will begin at 1 p.m. and a Tenebrae 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 SERVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 and 21. A vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April

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Arrivals

■ Scott and Suzy Martin of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter Sophie Maureen on March 3 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Sophie joins sister, Chloe, 7 and brother, Jake, 3. Her grandparents are Robert and Kathleen Fitzgerald of Livonia and Al and Pat Martin of Redford.

■ Joseph and Tina Buscemi of Redford announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Ann Marie, March 26 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Bernie and Nancy Brama of Walled Lake and Anthony Buscemi of Harper Woods.

■ Soubine and Somphone Rattana of Ypsilanti announce the birth of their son, Jason, March 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

■ Angelica Cona Le of Westland announces the birth of her daughter, Emely Malene Le, March 28 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Joshua David and Anna Rosa. Grandparents are Emilio Santiago and Rosa Elia Santiago of Westland.

■ Mike and Linda Gambino of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, March 21 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins siblings Lindsay, 8, and Michael, 6. Grandparents are John and Rosilyn Gambino of Trenton and Harry and Marie Ostroski of Ohio.

■ Daniel and Richann (Farhat) McKee of Westland announce the birth of their son, Antony Michael, March 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Leanna Farhat, Kevin Brandon and Edina Whittenberg. Grandparents are Sam and Peggy Farhat of Garden City and Marion Kraatz of Florida.

■ Tracy and Tammy Stoops of Plymouth announce the birth of Cas-

sandra Alexandra, March 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Jim and Wilma Stoops and Rodney and Shirley Moore, all of Canton.

■ Frank and Kim Delcol of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Ally Marie, April 1 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. She joins siblings Tracey, 13, Kelley, 12 and Ryan, 8. Grandparents are June McDougall Seaquist and Jim Seaquist of Brownstown, Maria and Eligio Delcol of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

■ Kris Johnson and Sherry Rorabacher of Livonia announce the birth of Sabrina Marie, Feb. 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Kyle, 9. Grandparents are Rick and Liz Parent, Darryl and Geri Johnson, Carol Rorabacher, Tony and Ruby Rorabacher.

■ Craig and Lisa Fletcher of Redford announce the birth of Sarah Elizabeth, Feb. 29 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are David and Margaret Fletcher of Livonia and Robert and Dawn Pint of Dearborn Heights.

■ Bill Knight and Tracey Wittersheim of Livonia announce the birth of Steven William Wittersheim March 1 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Sheryl Wittersheim is his grandmother.

■ Ramone Jeran-Willis Davis and Kelly Lynne Mills of Canton announce the birth of Ramone Jeran-Willis Davis Jr. Grandparents are Ronnie and Lois Willis of Detroit and Barbara Jenkins of Ohio.

■ Wayne Pedler of Miami, Fla. and Cheryl Pedler of Garden City announce the birth of Aaron Wayne March 2 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Alice Applegate of Garden City and Karen Dalkrat of Florida.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUNNY FUN
The Grand Court of Westland, a senior living community, will hold 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).

VFW BLOOD DRIVE
A Red Cross blood drive will be held 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Bova VFW Post No. 9885, 6440 Hix, between Ford and Warren roads in Westland. No appointment is necessary. For information, call (734) 728-3231.

TOWN HALL
Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will hold his next city of Westland Town Hall meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood Drive, off of Newburgh, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads in Westland.

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 are being mailed. 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.

OPEN HOUSE
Veteran's Haven will hold a Memorial Day weekend open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the facility, 4924 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will dedicate the new center and honor fallen comrades. Lunch and refreshments will be served. For reservations, call (734) 728-0527 before May 19.

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

WALKING
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) 722-7630.

FIGURE SKATING

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

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING
Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive in Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-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.

CROCHET ANGELS
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 tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food and clothing distribution is available. The center is located 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 schedule 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 Livonia. 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) 426-1661). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S NURSERY
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 Stottemyer 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 Sparky Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP NURSERY
The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Total 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 Readiness 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



Town Hall
Let's talk: Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will hold his next Town Hall meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood Drive, off of Newburgh, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads in Westland.

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

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL
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. Call (248) 471-2077.

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

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

MT. HOPE CO-OP PRESCHOOL
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 students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY
An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For adult literacy enrollment or additional information, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

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

HISTORIC

PIONEER 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 Historical 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 SENIORS

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

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

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.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an \$8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

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

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday through Thursday at the center, located on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., 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 Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

DYER TRIP
The Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Adult Center is hosting a 15-day Hawaiian guided tour of four islands, departing Oct. 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 person deposit on a first-come, first-served basis. Fliers and information are available by calling the center at (734) 595-2161 or Sandy Porter at (877) 845-7329. Family and friends are welcome.

CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptiEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

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

BINGO

ST. MEL CHURCH
Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren. Doors open at 1 p.m. Food is available.

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

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-881-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
Telephone: _____
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22, and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

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 after the Stations of the Cross each week of Lent. Anyone may attend.

LENTEN DINNERS

St. Agatha Church of Redford (19750 Beech Daly) will offer the final Lenten dinner April 21 from 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 Maundy Thursday services, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. Call (313) 534-7730.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile, Livonia) will offer Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. April 20.; Good Friday Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil 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.

NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY

The St. Priscilla Catholic Church is having the Novena of Divine Mercy starting at 2:30 p.m. Good Friday. For details call Hank Talaska (248) 476-8106.

EASTER SERVICES

St. Theodore Catholic Church (8200 Wayne Road) will have Mass of the Lord's supper at 7 p.m. and Adoration until 11 p.m. on Thursday, April 20. Friday, April 21 Good Friday service at noon; Saturday, April 22 blessing of Easter food at noon and Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 23 Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY EVENT

Canton Friendship Church is making Easter special for children by hosting an event at 10:30 a.m. in the main gym at Summit on the Park, Canton. Each child will learn about the joy of Easter, take home a special gift celebrating Jesus' resurrection, and then enjoy an Easter egg hunt after church. Child can bring a friend. Infant/toddler nursery and the regular Sunday school classes (pre-K through 5)

will be provided during the Easter service hour. Call (734) 451-2100.

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.

CHAI DINNER

Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold the 41st annual Chai Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the synagogue (31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia). The honored couple will be Sally and Larry Stein. Advance reservations are required. Call Elaine Gittleman, (248) 544-0674.

VALIANT WOMEN PROGRAM

The Aldersgate United Methodist Church will host a continent breakfast at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 5 (10600 Beech Daly Road, Redford). The program titled "Valiant Women of the Early Church: Models for Today," will be presented by Wilma Strang. For reservations call Bonnie June Legge (734) 464-7727 by Tuesday, May 2. Baby-sitting by reservation only, same deadline and phone number. Bring "Love Pillows" to donate to Children's Hospital.

HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

The Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland will hold 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.

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with 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 experience is 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.re.net/detroit/wme. "The Marriage

Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

The Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae 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.

DAY OF PRAYER

Residents of Canton Township will be participating in the annual "Meet at City Hall" to pray around the flag pole from 12:20-12:40 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The National Day of Prayer was initiated to pray for a moral rebirth of America. Canton Township Administrative Building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

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 Timothy 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.timothyliivonia.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 e-mail 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.com

KITCHEN KAPERS

A salad buffet luncheon will be presented by the Mother Cabrini Guild of SS. Simon and Jude Church (32500 Palmer Road) of Westland from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Call (734) 722-1343 for tickets. \$6 per person. Raffle, 50/50, and prizes. No smoking please.

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 Reifsnnyder.

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. Children invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-10 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.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, opened a new location at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcpe@juno.com

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 397-7132.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

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

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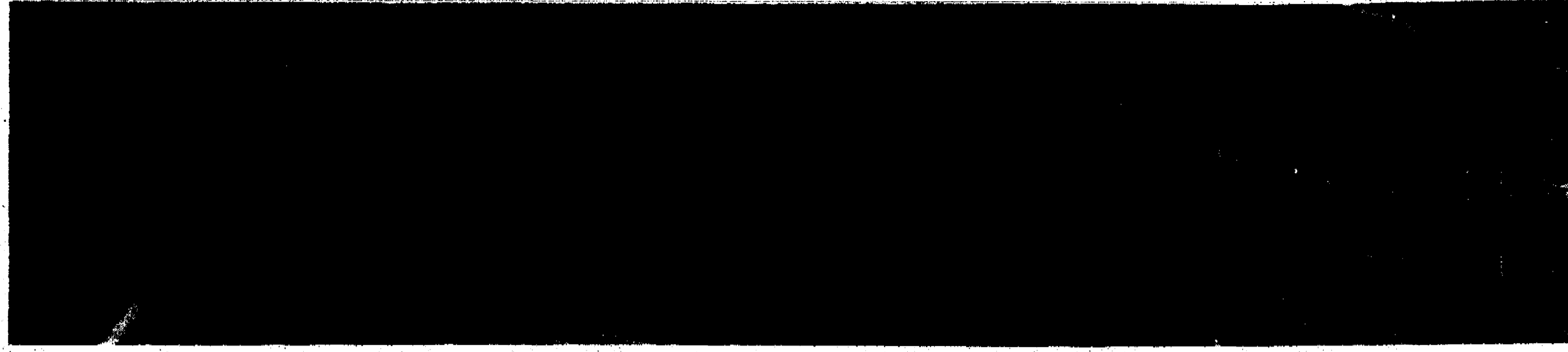
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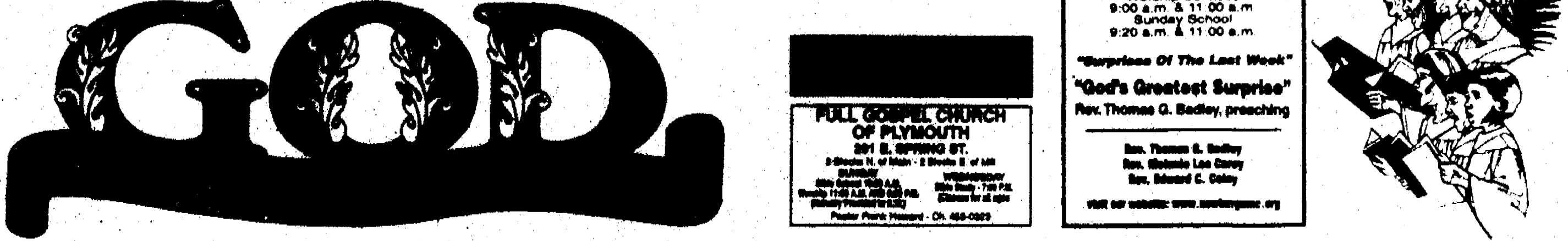
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Annual Madonna University auction benefits student scholarship fund

Marking the event's 12th year, Madonna University is counting the days until it auctions over 1,000 items to a crowd of more than 500 at the "Around the World ... and Beyond" scholarship dinner auction, April 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

According to organizations that are dubbing the evening their "greatest event ever," bidders will be greeted with a champagne toast at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The silent auction will close at 8:30 p.m., and the live auction follows at 9 p.m. An open bar will be available as well as entertainment.

Dennis Neubacher, WXYZ-TV7 (helicopter pilot and Madonna University student) will be the master of ceremonies. One raffle ticket winner will win a 2000 Cadillac Sedan DeVille donated by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Madonna University Scholarship Fund. Guests will be impressed with the more than 1,000 unique and exciting auction items available this year, said Rose Kachnowski, director of corporate development/ special events.

"The community really came out for this one," said Kachnowski. "This is going to be the largest auction we have ever had."

Up for bid are Northwest Airlines trips to Rome or Milan, Hawaii and anywhere in the continental United States, the "Summer Connoisseurs Weekend" at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, an evening yacht cruise for 25 on the "Mallard," golf packages, fishing excursions, Epicurean package and more.

"We have a tremendous amount of jewelry this year," added Kachnowski. The jewelry includes a choice of three diamond cocktail rings, or a choice between an amethyst tennis bracelet and amethyst diamond ring.

This year's auction will also feature a "Your Choice" raffle for a \$1,000 shopping spree to either Laurel Park Place, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom or Neiman Marcus. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

General chairmen for the 200 Auction are Madonna University trustee Tarik Daoud, owner of Al Long Ford, and his wife Helen. Honorary chairpersons are Leonard, Margaret and Patricia Vier of Livonia. Leonard Vier, at last year's auction, purchased



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Highest bidder. Madonna University's students will participate in the University's 12th annual auction on Friday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. With proceeds designated for student scholarships, the students will greet benefactors and work at the auction to show their appreciation. From left, Ann Klein, a freshman studying nursing, holds a Wayne Gretzky autographed jersey; Brian Duffour, video communication sophomore from Redford, displays a photograph of the Red Wing Production Line including Sid Abel, Ted Lindsay and Gordie Howe; Christina Laurain, senior chemistry major, holds a signed photo of the cast from the TV show "Everybody Loves Raymond"; and William Braun, a junior majoring in criminal justice, holds a signed basketball by the "Microwave," Vinnie Johnson. Also on display is the serigraph, "Devant La Mar," by Emille Bellet and a millennium area rug.

Red Wings tickets for 20 to attend a playoff game in a private suite at Joe Louis Arena.

This item has been donated again by Madonna University trustee William Phillips of Phillips Service Industries in Livonia and his wife Bridget.

"Last year we raised approximately \$304,000," said Kachnowski. "This year we hope to break the record or come close."

The Madonna University director of corporate development said students will play a more significant and visible role in the 2000 Auction. "They have always been in attendance but were never well recognized. This year their participation is astronomical and their presence will be known at the auction," added Kachnowski.

The official sponsors of the auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc. of Plymouth; Northwest Airlines, Al Long Ford, Gold Corp Inc., Evola Music, Kimcraft Printer Inc., and Sodexo Marriott.

To attend the auction April 28,

Please see AUCTION, B8

Livonia plans events for spring breakers

■ PARKS & REC

The Livonia Recreation Department has a variety of programs planned for students during the spring break recess beginning April 24-28.

Titled "Superstars Spring Break" activities offered all week include bowling for \$1.75 at Wonderland (427-1060); Cloverlanes (427-6410); Woodland (522-4515); and Merri-Bowl (427-2900).

A Bunny Day Family Doubles event will take place Sunday, April 23 at Woodland Lanes. Nine pin no tap (glow in the dark) will be offered. Cost is \$15 for doubles (three games with trophies). Reservations are required by calling (734) 522-4515.

Riverside Arena offers skating from 1-3 p.m. Admission is \$3 and skate rental \$2. Call 421-3540.

Golf enthusiasts will enjoy hitting the greens from 7-11 a.m. at Idyl Wyd for ages 10-17. You are eligible to receive junior prices with the proper identification. Call 464-6325.

Each day of the week there are various events being sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department beginning with:

Monday, April 24 at Wonderland Mall where a "Nasty Sneaker Contest" will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Come in and model your "rottenest sneakers" and perform a talent. Winners receive a new pair of shoes.

Tuesday, 4-on-4 inline skating will be held at Eddie Edgar arena at 10 a.m. for students in grades 5-6. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. You must bring your own equipment. There is a limited for the first 16 teams registered. Cost is \$4.

Wednesday, 3-on-3 basket-

ball begins at 10 a.m. at the Bentley Center for girls and boys in grades 7-9 and 9-10. Double elimination. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. Limited to the first 16 teams per age group. Cost is \$6.

Thursday, 4-on-4 inline skating will be held at Eddie Edgar arena at 10 a.m. for students in grades 7-8. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. You must bring your own equipment. There is a limited for the first 16 teams registered. Cost is \$4.

Friday, 3-on-3 basketball begins at 10 a.m. at the Bentley Center for girls and boys in grades 3-4 and 5-6. Double elimination. Preregistration is required at the recreation office. Limited to the first 16 teams per age group. Cost is \$6.

For information about any of these programs call the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 466-2412.

Stop the violence march planned for today

Greater Grace Temple of Taylor will host its second annual "Stop the Violence" program at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

Stop the Violence is a collective effort by citizens and Christian organizations to come together and combat violence in

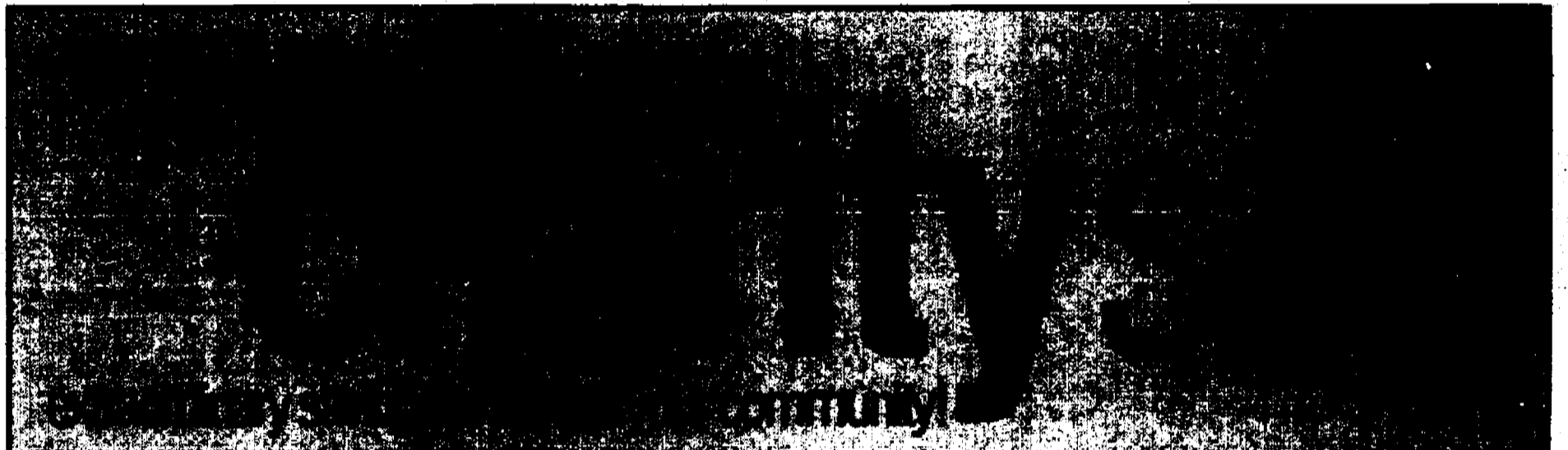
our schools to ensure safety for our children.

Under the leadership of District Elder Gary Harper, and in cooperation with city officials, a "Stop the Violence March" will take place at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) at 4 p.m.

and end at Greater Grace Temple. The church will also host a "Stop the Violence" program culminating at 6 p.m.

This event marks the one-year anniversary of the Columbine shooting in Littleton, Co. Special

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Fund-raising *from page B5*

now through April 30. There is a wide variety of flats of flowers to choose from, along with hanging baskets and patio tubs in your choice of colors. Call Sharon (734) 261-8877 or fax (734) 421-7922 for an order form or more information. These are great flowers from quality growers. St. Maurice Parish is located at 32765 Lyndon in Livonia (east of Farmington Road).

UNIQUE GIFT
Starfish Family Services is asking community members to donate \$100 in honor of their mother or another special "mother figure" in their life. The mother or other woman honored will receive notification of the tribute gift and a limited-edition ceramic art tile. Call Starfish Family Services, (734) 727-3108.

FLOWER SALE
Approximately 500 potted plants will be available at the Friends of the Wilson Barn Annual Spring Flower Sale, including lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils and small orchid corsages. Weather permitting there will be pony rides for children. Sale is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 20; noon to 7 p.m. April 21; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 22; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 23. The weekend of Mother's Day sale hours include: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

May 11-13 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
Presbyterian Women of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard at West Chicago) of Livonia will hold a rummage and bake sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27. A \$3 bag sale will be from 4-5 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be available until 2 p.m. Proceeds are distributed to local mission projects.

CHURCH FUND-RAISER
Christ United Methodist of Inkster is having a huge sale of parsonage and church furnishings, estate items and donations from members and friends of clothing, tools, toys, kitchenware, books and personal treasures. Visit both the church and parsonage on April 27-29. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9-noon. The church is located at 27830 Avondale, the parsonage just behind at 809 Helen in Inkster between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

RUMMAGE SALE
St. Paul Lutheran Church (20805 Middlebelt Road) of Livonia will host a rummage sale. April 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A bag sale will take place April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Easter is more than bunnies, egg hunts



CARLA THOMPSON POWELL

What does Easter mean to you? Dyed eggs? Chocolate bunnies? Marshmallow chicks? Baskets of candy? A ham dinner? Or does it mean something else?

Yes, our typical celebration of Easter usually includes large quantities of candy. But Easter is more than just time to max out on your chocolate intake. In fact, it's even more than just a traditional time to gather with your family or a good excuse to buy a new outfit.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. On Easter morning, God triumphs over death once and for all. Easter reverses the horror of Good Friday when Jesus, the only son of God, was killed in a humiliating death by crucifixion. God gives us

the promise of new and everlasting life on Easter.

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb" (John 20:1). Mary was disturbed by what she saw, thinking that someone had taken Jesus' body away. Mary was filled with such grief that she didn't even recognize Jesus when she saw him in resurrected form ... until he said her name. "Mary," he said and suddenly she knew that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Easter is more than candy bunnies and colored eggs. On Easter Sunday, we recall Mary's early morning meeting with a resurrected Jesus and give thanks to God for raising Jesus.

Significant

Easter is the historical event of God's only son who was raised from the dead.

Easter is God's action that overcame evil and defeated death. At Easter, we come face to face with God who calls each of us by name.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' new life, Jesus' eternal life. God promises us that same new Easter life if we take up the invitation to see, worship, and believe.

Candy and eggs may fill our tummies for a while. Easter bunnies and baskets may hold our attention for a time. But what can satisfy us more than God who loves us so much that he allowed his son to take our sin upon himself on Good Friday and raised him to new life on Easter morning? That message is worth devoting your whole life to.

Carla Thompson Powell is pastor of Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia.

"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart." - 2 Cor. 4:1.

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

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.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Satur-

day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

FALL ARTS/CRAFTS

St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in

the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$55; a 10' by 10' space costs \$40; an 8' by 9' space is \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by May 5. To obtain an application, contact (734) 462-4417.

March *from page B7*

guests at this year's "Stop the Violence" program will include Mark Taylor, a Columbine High School student who survived six gun shot wounds to the chest.

David and Tralissa Griffin of the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, whose daughter was killed during by a gunman during a shooting rampage in Fort Worth. The man killed six persons and eventually turned the gun on himself. Other guests will include Maryann Mahaffey, elected councilwoman - city of Detroit;

Fanchon Stinger, Fox TV2; and State Representatives Raymond E. Basham (22nd District) and Randy Richardville (56th District).

The general public is invited to attend both the march and the program at Greater Grace Temple and to ask questions and hear real life stories from victims and parents.

The event is free of charge. Tickets will be distributed and seating is limited. For more information, call the church office at (313) 295-4472.

Auction *from page B7*

general seating tickets are \$85 or Gold Inner Circle reserved seats (limited) are \$125 each. The car raffle tickets are \$200 each and no more than 750 will be sold. Sr. Lauriana is responsible for the Don Massey Cadillac Sedan DeVille tickets, which

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Little 500 bike champion

Former Livonia Churchill swimming standout Jonathan Carlson displayed his athletic ability on dry land Saturday when he teamed up with three other Indiana University cyclists to win the school's much-celebrated "Little 500," a 50-mile relay-style bike race made famous by the 1976 movie "Breaking Away."

Carlson teamed with fellow Hoosiers Chris Wojtowich, Greg Sprawl and Drew Illman to win the 50th running of the event in 2:09:46.

The quartet — nicknamed the "Cutters" — not only finished a more-than-comfortable 36 seconds ahead of the second-place team, but they lapped the entire 33-team field, a feat that had been accomplished just once before.

The event was held at Bill Armstrong Stadium on the IU campus. The facility was built solely to serve as the site of the "Little 500."

Carlson, a senior at IU, was captain of the swim team at Churchill for two years. He was also a member of the Hoosiers' swim team during his four-year college career.

Boston's call to Armes

Running his third Boston Marathon, 40-year-old Livonian Rick Armes turned in a time of 2 hours, 53 minutes, 22 seconds.

Armes, a buyer for Lear Corporation, was 622th out of an estimated 17,000 runners and 120th in the men's 40-44 age division.

Not bad for a guy who was a smoker for 15 years and kicked the habit to train for his first marathon, the 1990 Detroit Free Press. He has run 25 marathons since then with a personal best 2:45 at the 1996 Chicago Marathon.

"I had never been able to break 3 hours at Boston, but this year we got great weather to train in over the winter," said Armes, who was one of the state's top finishers. "This year I got in my 20 milers earlier and we got out on the indoor track each Tuesday at Eastern Michigan University."

Despite head winds up to 15 MPH and a chilly 27-degree start in Hopkinton, Armes felt mentally prepared to battle the elements.

"It was rough," Armes said. "I knew what the weather reports had said. I did a lot of visualization the night before."

Armes said he enjoyed his 2000 Boston experience.

"You have to qualify and that's what makes it unique," he said. "But it's a sport where the average guy can compete with the best in the world. No other sport allows you that opportunity. And they treat you in Boston like you're a special athlete."

Armes said he feels recovered enough from Boston to run the Trail Marathon in two weeks at Potawatomi State Park.

Right behind Armes was former Livonia Churchill runner Scott Westover, 27, of Ann Arbor, who finished 670th overall in 2:53:27.

Former Livonia Stevenson High standout and DePaul University (Ill.) runner Bridget Mackinnon, now a resident of Denver, Colo., finished in 3:10:35, good enough for 148th in the women's 20-24 age group.

The top Michigan placer was former Redford Bishop-Borgess and University of Michigan standout Matt Smith, 26, who took 49th overall and 41st in his division with a time of 2:31:46.

Smith, who resides in Holland, was the 10th American overall.

College baseball note

University of Detroit junior David Wampler (Livonia Franklin) was the winning pitcher and senior Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill) was 2-for-2 with four RBI in a 10-3 baseball victory in the nightcap of a double-header against last week against host Michigan State.

MSU won the opener, 9-0.

The Titans were then swept last weekend by Butler (Ind.) in a four-game Midwestern Collegiate Conference series.

Despite a 3-1 defeat in Game No. 3, Wampler threw a complete game, giving up just four hits. All three Bulldog runs that crossed the plate were unearned.

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Safe at home

Plate serving: Livonia Churchill's Tim Greenleaf scores the run as Franklin catcher John Hicks fields the throw as the umpire looks on during Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division baseball game. For a complete roundup of area games, see page C4.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREWER

Baseball coach 'sacked' Wayne's Chronowski out after 30 years

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The dean of Observerland baseball coaches went the way of former Tiger skippers Les, Buddy and Larry.

One victory short of his 400th victory, Wayne Memorial High baseball coach Jim Chronowski was fired prior to Friday's 11-10 loss at Ypsilanti.

Chronowski, who compiled a 399-337 record in 30 seasons, will be replaced in the interim by Tom Wakefield, a Wayne High business teacher who was serving this spring as an assistant coach at Madonna University.

The decision to relieve Chronowski of his duties apparently went beyond Wayne second-year principal Don Chastain and the school's athletic director Bill Hawley.

Chastain referred all comments on the firing to Wayne-Westland Schools superintendent Dr. Greg Baracy.

"It's an unfortunate situation for

Wayne Memorial High School and I won't discuss the details other than there was an incident with the baseball team and coach," Baracy said. "There was some inappropriate language used."

"And after much thought and deliberation, we have decided that behavior is inappropriate for any role model such as a coach, or for that matter inappropriate for any faculty member or administrator for the Wayne-Westland Schools. It just won't be tolerated."

Chronowski, who retired from teaching from the Wayne-Westland Schools three years ago, said, "I was never brought in and explained the charges."

"Right now I've got to consider my options," he added. "It's my understanding a parent, parents, and a board member called the Central Office. But I was never asked to meet with the parents or the board member. I was never able to confront my accusers. There was pressure coming

down from somewhere, and I thought I deserved better for somebody who had put in over 30 years."

Chronowski claims he never had a "face-to-face meeting" with Chastain to discuss the situation.

"He called me on the phone when I was in Bill Hawley's office to tell me right before we were going to take the bus Friday to Ypsi," Chronowski said. "One expletive cost me my future. I thought I worked hard. I put in the time and effort, and even put my own money into the program."

Chronowski said he spent \$2,000 of his own \$3,300 yearly coaching salary the past two years to upgrade equipment and uniforms for the varsity team.

"They decided it would be better for the program to make a change," Hawley said. "Not being a staff member, I'm sure it's really tough on a man who has

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Churchill edged by Rocks, 2-1

■ GIRLS SOCCER

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Only a preview.

That's how both coaches viewed Monday's meeting, a game that pitted two of the Western Lakes Activities Association's premier soccer teams. And the result was about what was anticipated:

A hard-fought, down-to-the-wire affair that saw Plymouth Salem prevail over Livonia Churchill by a 2-1 margin.

The win kept the Rocks unbeaten through seven games; they are 3-0 in the WLAA. Churchill suffered its first defeat; the Chargers are 3-1-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA.

"It was a great game," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "It reminded me of a tournament-style game. Both teams left it all on the field."

The Rocks seemed to control the play a bit more, surrendering few scoring opportunities — something Churchill must have anticipated, considering Salem had given up just one goal in six previous matches.

But certainly the Chargers had some chances.

"In the first half, I thought we had five-to-10 minutes straight where we had the ball in their end," said Churchill coach Chad Campau.

The end result, however, was an unlucky turn of events for the Chargers. With 12 minutes left in the half, Salem got possession and Kellee Mullin triggered a quick counter-strike, sending the ball through to Jami Coyle.

Coyle outpaced the Churchill defender and put the ball past keeper Renee Kashawlic — who was outstanding



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBICHMANN

Duelling feet: Plymouth Canton's Kellee Mullin (left) tries to fend off Livonia Churchill's Karen Kramer in Monday's matchup.

throughout the game — giving Salem a 1-0 lead with 11:26 remaining.

"It was unfortunate on their goal in the first half," said Campau. "But I thought we responded well, especially after that second goal. I was happy with the way we came back."

The issue seemed to be decided when, after 67 minutes of battling mainly in the midfield with few good chances for either squad, Salem doubled its advantage.

Following a Salem restart in Churchill's end, Coyle centered a pass to Suzi Towne and she rifled a shot into the upper left corner from 20 yards out, a shot which Kashawlic had no chance to stop.

But the Rocks' 2-0 lead, which came with 12:56 left, didn't last long. The Chargers got a restart deep in the Salem end two minutes later and took advantage of it when Salem keeper Jenny Fitchett — who split time in

goal with Jill Dombrowski — charged out in an attempt to smother the ball.

She couldn't. Michelle Smith sent a pass to Michelle Esparza, and she powered it past Fitchett to halve the Salem lead with 10:53 still to play.

"We were very happy to get something off a restart," said Campau. Unfortunately, the Chargers could muster nothing else offensively.

Both teams looked solid defensively and good in the midfield, but finishing offensively, particularly against better teams, could present a problem.

There's time to work on that. "We'll see them again in the districts," predicted Nora.

Indeed, they could also clash again in the WLAA playoffs.

If Monday's game is an indication, none of the meetings will be a run-away.

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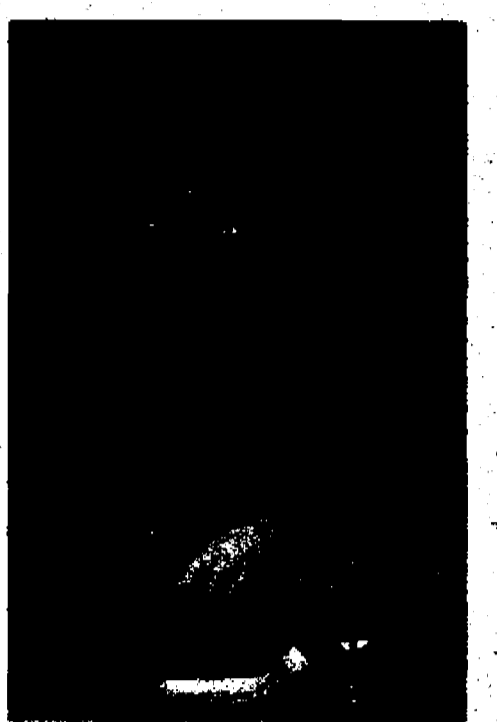


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Sheila Taormina
200 Olympic hopeful

Triathlete undaunted by mishap Taormina falls in Sydney trial

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Livonian Sheila Taormina may be Down Under, but not down and out just yet.

Despite an uncharacteristic and sub-par performance which left her a bit bruised and battered in Sunday's first-ever Olympic triathlon trials held in Sydney, Australia, Taormina plans to forge ahead in her quest for one of the two remaining spots on the U.S. team.

That final test will come Saturday, May 27 in Irving, Tex.

"It's not too pretty, but I'm smiling," said the former Olympic gold medal swimmer (women's 800-meter freestyle relay at the 1996 Atlanta Games). "I have no regrets about how things went. It just wasn't meant to be. I did everything I could have with the time I had to prepare."

The Livonia Stevenson grad and former All-America at the University of Georgia has made a meteoric rise in her new sport in just 18 months of training. She was one of nine Americans invited to compete at the trials on the Olympic course, which consists of a 1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 6.2-mile run.

Usually the first out of the water in most of the International Triathlon Union races she has participated in, Taormina experienced her first ominous sign of things to come when she found herself 40 seconds behind American Barb Lindquist (17:53) and 25 seconds back of Australian Nicole Hackett (18:08.6).

"I just had a horrible swim and had no feel for the water," she said. "The bike pack I was in, however, worked great together."

"We caught Barb and Nickie on the second of six bike laps."

On a tight, technical course with a series of 180-degree turns, Taormina and her fellow competitors were thrown another curve.

"The rain started pouring down making for very slick conditions," Taormina said. "Our lead pack was putting time on the chase pack every lap, so it was a pleasure to be part of that."

That lead pack included Lindquist, Jennifer Gutierrez, Susan Bartholomew and Taormina, all Americans.

Olympic rules allow drafting on the bike, causing tight packs of riders.

Disaster struck on the fourth lap just under the famed Sydney Opera House.

"There was a crash in our pack and I went down," Taormina said. "The good news... I slid along the pavement and my bike was kind enough to slide right next to me. I got up quickly with Magali Messner (of Switzerland), and we decided to pedal hard to try to catch the pack again. We did. I was feeling like the race might go perfectly from that point on."

It didn't go according to plan as Taormina began to experience leg

Please see **TAORMINA, C6**

Lady Crusaders hit skids

The wheels have fallen off the wagon for Madonna University's young softball team the past couple of days.

On Monday morning, the Lady Crusaders were tied for second in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 9-7 record; they were 24-15 at that time.

But in a 24-hour span their status changed dramatically, after losing a pair of WHAC double-headers.

On Monday at Livonia Ladywood, Madonna was trimmed by WHAC leader Aquinas College 6-4 and 10-0. The opening game was tied at 2-2 entering the seventh inning; with one out, a single by Kristen Jones and a double by Renee Bolitho gave the Saints a lead they would not lose.

Melinda added a two-run double in the inning; a sacrifice fly by Jodi Overkleeft made it 6-2. Aquinas would need all of it; in their half of the inning, the Crusaders scored two runs on a single by Emily Cunningham and a bases-loaded walk to Jennifer Kruzal that put the tying run at second with two out.

With Cassi Gragg on the mound, Devon Fletcher grounded out to end it.

Vicki Malkowski led Madonna with three hits; Cunningham had one hit and three runs bat-

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ted in, and Kruzal and Stacie Wilson each had a hit and an RBI.

Jenny Tenyer took the loss for Madonna, giving up five earned runs on nine hits and a walk, striking out two. Melinda Rose was the winning pitcher for Aquinas; she surrendered two earned runs on seven hits and five walks.

The second game was, again, close until the sixth inning. That's when the Saints struck for nine runs to increase their 1-0 lead to 10-0 and force a mercy after six. Gragg got the win for Aquinas, stopping Madonna on four singles and three walks, striking out four.

Jennifer Staup took the loss for Madonna; four of the 10 runs she allowed were earned, on 13 hits and a walk. She fanned five.

Tuesday's games against Cornerstone weren't any better. Madonna lost both, by 9-1 and 1-0 margins in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders totaled four hits in the twinbill. In the opener, four Madonna errors led to four unearned runs and a loss for Tenyer, dropping her to 9-7; she lasted three innings, giving up six runs (two earned) on

seven hits and a walk, striking out two.

Tarah Brown tossed three perfect innings for the Golden Eagles to get the win.

The second game was a pitchers' duel, with Cornerstone getting a run off Staup in the first inning and making it stand up. Staup allowed just two hits and a walk, but fell to 10-6 with the defeat. Brown again was the winning pitcher, also giving up two hits and a walk. She's 12-1.

Last weekend, Madonna competed in the University of St. Francis Tournament in Joliet, Ill., and came away with a 3-3 record.

On Saturday, the Crusaders lost to St. Xavier (Ill.) 4-2 and to host St. Francis 4-2, and defeated Iowa Wesleyan 5-1.

On Sunday, they lost to Grand View 4-3 but beat St. Francis (Ind.) 16-6 and Mt. Mercy 12-6.

In Sunday's two wins, Kristy McDonald (from Redford Thurston) was a combined 5-for-6 with five runs scored, two home runs and five RBI.

Madonna was 24-19 overall, 9-11 in the WHAC through Tuesday.

Cornerstone improved to 17-7-1 overall, 9-6 in the WHAC; Aquinas (through Monday) was 30-13 overall, 14-4 in the WHAC.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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AGATHA SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

Registration for the Redford St. Agatha 2000 Summer Skills & Conditioning Camp, as well as the 2000 football season, will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6 at the school's gymnasium, located at Beech Daly and Pembroke.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 10-13. The cost is \$100 (fee includes lunch all four days and camp T-shirt).

The camp is highly recommended to anyone playing football this fall with an emphasis on skills and conditioning development.

For more information, including football season registration fees, call Bernie McMahon (high school) at (734) 427-1788; Brian Wilson (grades 7-8) at (313) 531-7261; and David Majewski (grades 4-6 CYO) at (734) 762-7279.

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AAU WORLD SERIES BASEBALL QUALIFIER

The AAU World Series qualifying tournament for 15-year-old teams will be in June in Waterford.

The entry deadline is Friday, May 19.

The double-elimination tournament is a gateway to the AAU World Series, July 27-Aug. 6, in Kingsport, Tenn.

Teams interested in competing should call Paul Flanbaum, AAU Michigan Tournament Director, at (248) 682-5440; or E-mail pmnnt@hotmail.com.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 99	
FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 48	
April 18 at Church Hill	
Shot put: Mary Jacoby (LC), 34 feet, 31 inch	discus: Jenny Heffer (LC), 120-1; high jump: Lindsey Cecil (LC), 48; long jump: Beth Knapp (LC), 14-9; pole vault: Kari-Cezai (LC), 9-0; 100-meter hurdles: Lisa Rosemary (FHM), 16-9; 300-meter hurdles: Amanda Gardner (FHM), 52-7; 100 dash: Laura Gyris (FHM), 1:06-2; 200: Sarah Westrick (LC), 2:32-5; 1,000: Michelle Phillips (LC), 5:44-2; 3,200: Colleen Hayden (LC), 12:55-0; 400 relay: Churchill (Angela Anieros, Alison Diakov, Keesha, Stephanie), 54-9; 800 relay: Harrison (Angel Todd, Rosemary, Glynn, Shelby Grabeck), 1:55-9; 1,600 relay: Harrison (Glynn, Corinne Pickett, Kristina Hill, Rie Hill), 4:33-4; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Westrick, Rachel Wodyka, Phillips, Dana Leparskas), 10:30-3
Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 2-0 Western Lakes Activities Association-Western Division; Harrison, 2-1 overall, 1-1 WIAA-Western Division	
DEARBORN DIVINE 75	
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 53	
April 18 at Ladywood	
High jump: Alexis Noel (LL), 4-10; 100-meter hurdles: Noel (LL), 18-0; long jump: Karen Kuzynsk (LL), 14-8; 300 dash: Sierra Miller (LL), 13-19; 400 relay: Ladywood (Noel, Kelly Carey, Miller, Kelly Pedresky), 53-11; 200: Carey (LL), 27-5; 1,600 relay: Ladywood (Carey, Andrea Doud, Rachel Malfant, Elaine Thompson), 4:31-41	Dual meet records: Doud, 800, 2:29; Laura Yales, 100, 13:31; Christen Juy, discus, 84-9; Noel, long jump, 14-6
Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-1 overall	
LUTHERAN WESTLAND 87	
GROSSE POINTE LIBERTY 47	
N.W. LUTHERAN EAST 30	
April 18 at Lutheran Westland	
High jump: Karen Abramczyk (LW), 4-8; long jump: Jodi Rolf (LW), 14-7; discus: Jen Dash (LW), 102-0; pole vault: Kelly Clark (LW), 7-0; 330-yard hurdles: Rolf (LW), 59-0; Erin Jung (LW), 2:44-9; mile: Tess Kuehne (LW), 5:58-3; 2 mile: Kuehne (LW), 13:12-0; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland (Rolf, Jessica Montgomery, Mary Eberdick, Jung), 11:24-0	Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 2-0
BELLEVILLE TIGER RELAYS	
April 15 at Belleville	
TEAM STANDINGS: 1, Livonia Churchill, 114; 2, Willow Run, 73; 3, Wyandotte, 48	CHURCHILL 1ST PLACES
Long jump: Beth Knapp, Melissa Loken, Alison Diakov, 44 feet, 1 inch; shot put: Jenny Heffer, Mario Jacoby, Kristen Rader; discus: Jennifer Jacoby, Rader; pole vault: Kari-Cezai; high jumper: 18-6; 3,200-meter relay: Michelle Phillips, Sarah Anagnostou, Amy Settles, Christy Smith, 10:50-8; 1,600: Susan Duncan, 5:42-5; distance medley: Rachel Wodyka, Mandy Hein, Sarah Westrick, Dana Leparskas, 13:53-7; 6,400 relay: Duncan (5:33-5), Westrick (15:43-7), Ang nostous (15:46-8), Phillips (5:47-7)	CHURCHILL 2ND PLACES
Shuttle hurdles: Kari Kotzian, Peterman, Diakov, Hein, 1:13-9; 1,300 relay: Wodyka, Hein, Westrick, Stephanie Dean, 4:32-1	CHURCHILL 3RD PLACES
High jump: Lindsey Cecil, H-H, 8-6; 400 relay: Loken, Diakov, Knapp, Dean, 54-5; 800 relay: Loken, Diakov, Angela Anieros, Dean, 1:57-3	LADY CHEF RELAYS
April 15 at Plymouth Canton	LADYWOOD FINISHERS
1st place: High jump (Alexis Noel, 5-2; Karen Kuzynski and Kelly Ward, 4-10 each)	5th place: 1,600 relay (Rachel Malfant, Karla Bridges, Andrea Doud, Kelly Carey), 4:24-5; distance medley (Doud, Carey, Stacey Schroeder, Anna Paganis), 13:46
MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL	
April 15 at Monroe-Jefferson	
TEAM STANDINGS: 1, Grosse Ile, 109; 2, Erie Mason, 72; 3, Monroe-Jefferson, 60; 4, Trenton, 54; 5, (tie) Lutheran Westland and Carleton Airport, 53; each; 7, Flat Rock, 43; 8, (tie) Wood Haven and Monroe St. Mary, 38; each; 10, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 21	LUTHERAN WESTLAND FINISHERS
long jump: 4, Anne Rolf, 15-7; Amanda Sales, 14-4; high jump: 3, Sales, 4-10; 7, Karen Abramczyk, 4-10; discus: 8, 91-4; 100-meter hurdles: 1, Rolf, 17-8; 300 hurdles: 5, Rolf, 52-5; 800: 4, Tess Kuehne, 2:34-6; 1,600: Kuehne, 5:42-9; 400 relay: 4, Chelsea Romero, Sarah Veltling, Abramczyk, Rolf, 55-6; 800 relay: 6, (tie) Romero, Jessica Goniule, Beth Rush, Abramczyk, 1:58-3; 1,600 relay: 6, Romero, Erin Jung, Abramczyk, Kuehne, 4:34-4; 3,200 relay: 5, Jessica Montgomery, Jung, Mary Eberdick, Kuehne, 10:45-6	

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SHOT PUT
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51.1
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 50.11
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47.5
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 46.1
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 45.2
Jason McCallif (Franklin) 42.11
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 42.9
Brad Arsenauff (Stevenson) 42.4
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 42.1
Asa Hensley (Canton) 42.0

DISCUS
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 150.7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145.1
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 137.1
Asa Hensley (Canton) 131.9
Roy Crittenden (Farmington) 131.4
Brad Person (Harrison) 130.6
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 129.9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 128.11
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 124.7
Nick Samples (John Glenn) 121.3

HIGH JUMP
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 66
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 62
P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 60
Chris Kalls (Canton) 60
Ryan Silva (Salem) 60
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 60
Brad Person (Harrison) 60
Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-10
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 5-10
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 5-10
Joe Daman (Redford Union) 5-10

LONG JUMP
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20.11
Ugo Okumabua (Canton) 20.4
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 19.7
Ryan Silva (Salem) 19.7
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 19.6
Matt Dukes (Canton) 19.6
Jawon Spinks (Farmington) 19.6
James Cook (Harrison) 19.1
Justin Cook (N. Farmington) 18.11
Ken Page (Canton) 18.11

POLE VAULT
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14.2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13.0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12.0
Brian Page (Canton) 11.6
Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11.0
Jim Bizzuch (Salem) 10.6
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 10.6
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 10.6
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 10.6

110-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
Chris Kalls (Canton) 15.5
Brian Hauck (Churchill) 15.5
Dennis Kusiek (Franklin) 15.6
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.6
Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.8
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.9
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 15.9
Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 16.0

300-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 41.2
Chris Kalls (Canton) 41.2
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 41.2
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.8
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 43.3
Ryan Silva (Salem) 43.3
Brian Hauck (Churchill) 43.5

100-METER DASH
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 11.0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.2
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.2
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.3
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 11.3
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.4
Randell Means (Redford CC) 11.4
Eric Scott (Churchill) 11.5
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.5
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 11.5

200-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 23.1
Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.2
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 23.3
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 23.3
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.3
Gabe Coble (Salem) 23.4
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 23.4
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.5
Darryl England (Burgess) 23.5

400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.5
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 52.3
Justin Combs (Lutheran Westland) 53.0
Ryan Kravch (Franklin) 53.2
Dave Novara (Stevenson) 53.7
Terril Mayberry (Harrison) 54.0
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 54.4

800-METER RUN
Steve Keskreneth (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Ryan Gail (Churchill) 2:04.0
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 2:07.0
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:08.0
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:08.0
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:08.5
Matt Rae (Lutheran Westland) 2:08.7
Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:09.0
Brian Holt (N. Farmington) 2:09.0
Yale Hanrick (Redford Union) 2:09.4

1,600-METER RUN
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:33.9
Eric Mink (Stevenson) 4:43.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:44.0
Scott Gillen (Canton) 4:48.6
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 4:49.0
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:49.0
Dorrie Warner (Salem) 4:49.0
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farm.) 4:49.0
Isaac Kaufman (N. Farmington) 4:50.0
Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 4:52.0

3,200-METER RUN
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:51.0
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:56.0
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 10:13.9
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:25.0
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farm.) 10:45.0
Mansur Gill (Salem) 10:50.0
Dorrie Warner (Salem) 10:51.0
Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:53.0
Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 10:53.4

400-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 43.7
Farmington 43.9
Plymouth Canton 44.9
Plymouth Church 45.7
Plymouth Salem 45.8

800-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 1:31.6
Farmington 1:31.7
Plymouth Canton 1:33.9
North Farmington 1:34.9
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.0

1,600-METER RELAY
Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
Farmington 3:35.3
Livonia Franklin 3:37.8
Livonia Stevenson 3:38.5
Farmington Harrison 3:39.0

3,200-METER RELAY
Redford Catholic Central 8:47.0
North Farmington 8:51.2
Livonia Stevenson 8:55.7
Plymouth Canton 8:57.8
Plymouth Salem 8:59.7

Ladywood after season

Livonia Ladywood... On Monday... 2-1, after posting... 2-1 in Division II... falling 3-2.

Megan Knight and Stephanie... goals against... as the Whalers led 3-1.

Becky Lewis... 14 shots on the... center-defender... 14 shots on the... Rozum and Stachurski... Hecena assisted on the first goal... "Against Foley we played an excellent game,"... "We stepped up to the challenge and did a great job..." Foley is one of the toughest... Ladywood is now 2-7-1 overall and 1-4-1 in the Central Division of the Catholic League.

STEVENSON 10, WARREN 0: Dara White and... scored hatricks Monday, leading Livonia Stevenson (3-1 overall) to the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover ice... Hills Harrison (3-4).

Danielle Lewis contributed two goals for the Spartans... tributed a goal and two three assists, while Lindsay... one assist.

Other assists went to White, Casey... Dobbyn, Katie Beaudoin and Ashley Aja.

"We've been working on finishing our... net. It was a good night for us from that standpoint."

FRANKLIN 2, W.L. WESTERN 2: Annie... including the game-tying goal in the second half... Franklin (1-4-2, 0-2-1) and Walled Lake Western played to a drawlock in the WLA Western Division matchup.

Bowman scored on a penalty kick and off an indirect restart. Megan Farrell was in goal for the Patriots.

NORTHVILLE 6, JOHN GLENN 2: Lindsay Durmead notched a pair of goals Monday for the host Mustangs (4-3 overall) in a WLA crossover victory over Westland John Glenn (2-3 overall).

Whalers ice Windsor, 4-1

In the end, the Plymouth Whalers proved too fast and too deep for the Windsor Spitfires.

The Whalers clinched the best-of-seven-series with a 4-1 triumph Saturday in front of 2,109 fans at Compuware Arena.

It was their fourth win in five games against the Spits, and their eighth in their last nine playoff games.

Plymouth now advances to the Ontario Hockey League Western Conference finals 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware arena, the winner of tonight's Erie-Sault Ste. Marie game (tied at 3-all).

Goals by Damian Surma and Justin Williams got the Whalers started Saturday against Windsor. Surma scored his fifth playoff goal 6:01 into the opening period, with assists going to Tomas Kurka and Jared Newman.

Williams made it 2-0 at 10:42 with his ninth goal of the playoffs, assisted by Newman and Libor Ustrnul. The Spits closed the gap to a single goal with a power-play marker by Vince Grant with 5:39 left.

But that was all Windsor could manage against Plymouth and goalie Rob Zepp. The Whalers had a commanding 38-21 shot advantage.

Randy Fitzgerald made it 3-1 with a power-play goal — his eighth of the playoffs — scored at 2:53 of the second period. Shaun Fisher and Williams assisted. Kurka's empty net goal with 1:14 left in the game sewed it up.

Zepp stopped 20 of the 21 shots he faced. Mike Leighton had 35 saves for Windsor.

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 141
GROSSE POINTE LOGGETT 22
HARPER WOODS LUTHERAN EAST 12
April 18 at Lutheran Westland

High Jump: (tie) Rickert (LW) and Burkee (LW), 5 feet, 4 inches each; shot put: N. Meckes (LW), 45.7; long jump: J. Meckes (LW), 18.7; pole vault: Davis (LW), 10.6; discus: N. Meckes (LW), 141.5; 2-mile relay: Lutheran Westland, 9:42.5; 120-yard hurdles: Doherty (LW), 16.4; 100 dash: Clark (LW), 10.5; 800 relay: Lutheran Westland, 1:36.2; mile: Bahadu (GPL), 4:57.6; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland, 46.8; 400: Combs (LW), 54.5; 330 hurdles: Doherty (LW), 43.3; 880: Rae (LW), 2:13.1; 220: Clark (LW), 23.9; 2 mile: Bahadu (GPL), 11:38.3; mile relay: Lutheran Westland, 3:46.4.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 20.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 92
DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD 36
April 17 at Farm. Hills Mercy

Shot put: Mike Morris (CC), 51.1; discus: Morris (CC), 147.6; High Jump: Aaron Velthoven (CC), 19.7; long jump: Velthoven (CC), 5.6; 110-meter hurdles: Tom Grant (CC), 15.6; 300 hurdles: Grant (CC), 44.1; 100 dash: Randell Means (CC), 11.4; 800: Robert Tymowski (CC), 2:08.0; 1,600: Matt Daly (CC), 4:49.0; 3,200: Daly (CC), 9:56.0; 400 relay: Redford CC (Means, Matt Gable, Doug Goldschmidt, Mike Mach), 48.5; 3,200 relay: Redford CC (Daly, Tymowski, Jeff Haller, John DiGiovanni), 8:47.0.

CC's dual meet record: 20 overall.

DEARBORN ELKS RELAY
April 15 at Dearborn High

TEAM STANDINGS (12 schools): 1. Adrian, 47 points; 2. Plymouth Canton, 45; 3. (tie) Redford Catholic Central and Romulus, 29 each; 5. Dearborn, 28; 6. Plymouth Salem, 22.

(Redford CC finishers)

Shot put relay: 1. Morris, Charlie Rozum, Jeff Dueueke, 177.1; discus relay: 1. Morris, Rozum, Dueueke, 439.9 (school record); 3,200 relay: 1. Daly, Haller, DiGiovanni and Dan Krawiec, 18:51.

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Haeger gets 100th win at Madonna

COLLEGE BASEBALL

There were a couple of milestones reached by Madonna University's baseball team last weekend.

First, in Saturday's double-header sweep of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Concordia College, Crusader coach Greg Haeger collected his 100th career victory. Now in his fourth season as Madonna's coach, Haeger (a Redford Catholic Central graduate from Livonia) was 101-91-4 through Saturday.

Another milestone: Senior left-hander Mitch Jabczynski became the third-consecutive Madonna pitcher to be named WHAC pitcher of the week (through April 16). Jabczynski was 2-0 with a 1.50 earned run average for the week, allowing two runs and no walks with eight strikeouts in 12 innings.

For the season, Jabczynski was 3-2 with a 3.38 ERA, 37 strikeouts and just eight walks in 37 1/3 innings (through April 17).

On Sunday, Madonna split a double-header with WHAC foe Tri-State University, losing the first 7-1 and winning the second 6-2 at Madonna Park.

In the opener, Eric Williamson was the losing pitcher for Madonna, giving up five runs on 13 hits in 6 1/3 innings. Ray Sterling was the winner, allowing the Crusaders just three hits.

In the second game, Jabczynski got his third win of the season, giving up two earned runs on six hits and no walks, striking out four. Tim Hancock took the loss for Tri-State.

Derick Wolfe and Lance Siegwald each had three hits, including a double, for Madonna. Jason Brooks had a hit and two runs batted in, Mark Cole and Joe Pruchnik had two hits and an RBI apiece, and Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) had a hit and an RBI.

The split left Madonna at 22-12-1 overall, 11-7 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 18-14 overall, 7-7 in the WHAC.

MADONNA 12-4, CONCORDIA 2-3: Saturday at Madonna Park, the host Crusaders swept the Cardinals 12-2 and 4-3.

In the first game, Ryan Andrzejewski improved to 3-1 with a two-run, two-hit performance over five innings. Jason Maykovich was the loser for Concordia (3-24, 0-14 in the WHAC).

Dave Kwiatkowski and Joe Pruchnik (Lutheran Westland) each slugged solo home runs for Madonna. Kwiatkowski had two hits in the game.

Wildfong added two hits and two RBIs, while Todd Miller and Bob Harp each had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Wolfe added a two-run triple.

In the second game, an error followed by singles by Mario D'Herin and Miller delivered the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Wolfe got the pitching win in relief of starter Nick Newman (two runs in five innings) and Jeremy Stevens.

Wolfe and Jason Brooks each had two hits (including a double) and an RBI. D'Herin had two hits, and Miller and Pruchnik had a hit and an RBI apiece.

TIFFIN 12-13, MADONNA 9-6: Last Friday in a non-league double-header at Tiffin (Ohio), the Crusaders lost twice, 12-9 and 13-6. Mark Cole took the loss in the opener, allowing eight earned runs in four innings. Eric Lightie and Wildfong had two hits apiece, Lightie driving in a run, and Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) and Kwiatkowski had a hit and two RBIs apiece.

In the second game, Wolfe had two hits and two RBIs to pace Madonna's offense. Miller also had two hits, and Nick Dedeluk, Siegwald and Wildfong each had a hit and an RBI. Tiffin was 14-17 through Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Churchill pitcher Bescoe throws darts vs. Franklin



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Masterful: Livonia Churchill hurler Brad Bescoe fanned 14 batters in an 8-3 win over Franklin.

Location. Location. Location. Livonia Churchill pitcher Brad Bescoe had it Monday afternoon in the Chargers' 8-3 baseball victory over Livonia Franklin.

Bescoe (1-1) struck out 14 and walked just one in his complete-game three-hitter that was highlighted more by where he spotted the ball than how fast he threw it, according to Churchill coach Herb Osterland.

"Brad has a pretty good fastball, but his control was outstanding (against Franklin)," Osterland said. "When you strike out 14 batters in seven innings like Brad did, you're doing a lot of things right. He was in control from the first inning on."

The win improved Churchill's record to 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chargers manufactured one run in the top of the first against Patriots' starting pitcher Joe Ruggiero. They blew it open with a four-run third, which was keyed by Josh Odom's RBI single. Churchill, which rapped out eight hits, added two runs in the fourth and one in the seventh.

Rory Cesarz paced the Chargers' offensive attack, going 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. Tim Greenleaf and Bescoe also laced a pair of hits.

Tony Clark, Ruggiero and Ryan Tracy had one hit a piece for the Patriots (1-5, 1-2), who were hampered by six errors.

STEVENSON 5, FARMINGTON 4: Livonia Stevenson's Ronnie Williams applied the polish on a pitching gem carved out by two of his teammates Monday afternoon.

Williams delivered a two-out, bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning to propel the Spartans to a WLA-Lakes Division victory over Farmington High.

The clutch hit prevented a masterful pitching performance by Stevenson's Joe McCrohan and Mike Byberg from going up in smoke. Byberg and McCrohan combined to hold Farmington to two hits.

The win improved the Spartans' overall mark to 5-2 and their division record to 3-0. Farmington dropped to 8-3 overall and 1-2 in the division.

ROUNDUP

"Our pitchers have thrown well all spring, and today was no exception," Stevenson coach Harvey Weingarden said.

Byberg started on the mound for the Spartans and left the game with a 4-3 lead after four innings. He struck out five Falcon batters.

McCrohan struck out six during his three-inning relief stint. Tim Lawson had a strong offensive game for the Spartans, knocking out two hits and two RBIs.

Trailing 1-0, the Falcons pushed across three runs in their half of the third.

Stevenson bounced back with a single run in its half of the third and two in the bottom of the fourth to regain the lead.

Farmington tied the game in the top of the seventh only to lose on Williams' dramatic, two-out single.

N. FARMINGTON 9, JOHN GLENN 5: Westland John Glenn coach Todd Duffield sees two trends developing in the early stages of the 2000 baseball season — and he doesn't like either one of them.

Both of these trends — a lack of clutch hitting and the knack of giving the opposition one big inning per game — reared their ugly heads in the Rockets' loss Monday at North Farmington.

The loss dropped John Glenn to 1-6 overall and 0-3 in the WLA-Lakes Division.

"We're leaving way too many men on base," Duffield lamented following the loss to the Raiders. "We left 10 men on this afternoon. We're getting the hits, we're just not bringing them in."

"We also have to eliminate giving up the one big inning to teams. In our six losses, the teams we've lost to have had one inning in which they've scored four, five or six runs. That's killed us. If we're going to turn this around, we have to eliminate the big innings."

The Rockets were stymied by Raider starting pitcher Ethan Goodman, who scattered eight hits to earn the victory.

Dave Mijal (0-2) was the starter and loser for Glenn, which led 2-1 heading into the bottom of the third inning when North Farmington (2-2, 1-2), put a six-spot on the board.

The Rockets scored single runs in each of the final three innings, but it wasn't enough.

Brandon Ajlouny and Chad Sansom each stroked two hits for the Rockets. Sansom also knocked in two runs.

Wayne coach Wakefield gets 1st victory

Sophomore Ryan Ybarra hurled a complete-game five hitter Monday, striking out five, to make Tom Wakefield's debut as the Wayne Memorial baseball coach a success.

Gary Stevens had two RBIs for the host Zebras while John Ferris drove in one.

"It was a good game," said Wakefield, a graduate of Spring Arbor who played his high school ball at Taylor Baptist Park. "Our guys played hard and played very well."

"My first victory as a high school coach is by far my best victory."

"I expect a lot of good things out of this team. It has a lot of leadership. It's a great bunch of guys with a lot of heart."

JOHN GLENN 2, EDSSEL FORD 1: Sophomore right-hander Nate Campbell spun a walk-free four-hitter Tuesday, striking out four Thunderbirds in a 91-pitch performance for the visiting Rockets.

Westland John Glenn (2-6) committed three errors, but overcame them with single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Brandon Ajlouny reached on a walk in the sixth, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored the game-winner on Dave Holloway's single.

Ajlouny walked and scored on an RBI double by Jeff Mitchell in the fourth to negate a first-inning Edsel Ford run.

GARDEN CITY 3, FRANKLIN 1: Ryan Krol kept Livonia Franklin off the board for five innings Tuesday and Justin Ockerman hit a home run to lead Garden City to its sixth win in as many games.

Krol, who also went 2-for-4, struck out two in his five innings, then turned the game over to Marco DiMichele for 2 1/3 innings. Robbie Hudson came in to throw a game-ending double play ball.

Hudson had an RBI triple in the first and Angelo DeMichele had an RBI single to take Krol to a 2-0 lead.

Franklin (1-6) got five strong innings from losing pitcher Dave Morning, who walked three and struck out one. Jim Priebe finished up.

John Nagle had an RBI single in the seventh for the Patriots' lone run. Joe Ruggiero had a double as the second of Franklin's three hits.

Franklin turned two double plays in the game and Garden City pulled off one.

HARRISON 11, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Matt Zatkun scattered four hits over four innings Tuesday and Nick Vitonis completed the mercy win with two innings of one-hit ball for the 50 Hawks.

Zatkun fanned four, walked one and allowed the lone Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) run. Vitonis fanned three.

Tim Riedel worked four innings for the Trojans and gave up eight runs.

Kevin McVay and Kent Taylor each went 2-for-3 with two RBIs while Tim Doig went 2-for-3 and scored three runs.

FAIRLANE 21, HURON VALLEY 7: Fairlane scored in every inning of the mercy shortened game.

Rene Arnal hit a solo home run for Westland Huron Valley Lutheran while losing starter Alan Kleinke went 2-for-3 and Jeremy Hucby went 2-for-2. The Hawks (2-2) lost their first league game.

Kleinke posted the win April 13 in a 12-2 Huron Valley victory over Canton Agape.

BELLEVILLE 9-8, JOHN GLENN 4-11: It took a while for Westland John Glenn's bats to wake up Saturday morning, but once they did, they made a lot of noise in a non-league doubleheader at Belleville.

The Rockets (1-5) managed just five hits in the first game of the twinbill, which the Tigers captured 9-4. John Glenn bounced back in the nightcap, winning 11-8.

"We didn't start to hit until the seventh inning of the first game when we scored all four of our runs," Glenn coach Todd Duffield said. "That carried over to the second game and we kept it going."

Brandon Ajlouny took the defeat on the mound for Glenn in the opener, allowing four runs in the first inning. Brian Toth took over for Ajlouny and pitched the final five innings, yielding five runs on five hits. He struck out four and walked three.

Dave Mijal contributed the biggest hit for the Rockets in the opener, a two-run double in the seventh.

Glenn sophomore pitcher Nate Campbell may have been making his high school debut in game two, but he displayed the poise of a seasoned senior in the Rockets' first win of the year.

Campbell scattered six runs and three hits over five innings to earn the victory. He struck out five and walked five.

Jeff Mitchell hurled the final two innings, allowing two runs and four hits while striking out five.

"I thought he pitched fairly well, considering it was his very first start," Duffield said.

After going down quietly in the first inning, the Rockets exploded for two runs in the second inning, four in the third and three in the fourth. The barrage of runs helped offset Belleville's five-run third inning.

Ajlouny led the Glenn offensive onslaught. He slapped out three hits, scored two runs and had an RBI.

Chad Sansom and Josh Day also excelled at the plate for the Rockets, combining for four hits and three RBIs. One of Day's two hits was a key run-scoring double in the Rockets' four-run third.

REDFORD CC 9-18, SALEM 8-9: Sophomore Ryan Rogowski earned a win in his first prep decision in the opener, allowing just five hits over 4 1/3 innings.

Rogowski struck out two and walked three with Kevin Entsminger protecting the win with 2 1/3 innings of relief. Entsminger gave up five hits but struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Matt Loidas hit a two-run home run in the fifth and doubled home two more in the seventh. John Hill drove in a run with a 2-for-3 game.

The Shamrocks (6-1) were held scoreless by Steve Gordon until breaking through for six runs in the fifth and tacking on three more in the seventh. They had 11 hits and made two errors.

Salem held a 3-0 lead after three, scored a run in the fifth and added two in the bottom of the seventh. The Rocks made three errors.

The Shamrocks started the second game with

seven runs in the top of the first, featuring Jake Viane's grand slam, and put it away with four in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Charlie Haeger's grand slam accounted for the four-run fifth as CC pounded out 16 hits in the game and made two errors.

Salem chipped away until tying the score at 8-8 in the third. Walks added the Rocks as they only got five hits in the game.

Haeger went 2-for-2 and drove in six runs in the second game.

Hill stroked three hits, two singles and a double. Loidas had two hits, a single and a double and drove in a run.

Dave Tovey went 3-for-5 with two doubles, a single and a walk, and scored three runs. Rogowski drove in two runs with two hits.

Jeff Niemiec, brought up from the junior varsity to offer some pitching help, came in to get his first varsity victory with 3 1/3 innings of one-hit relief. He fanned two and walked five.

Jason Lukasik paced the Salem attack with a single, triple and home run in two games.

Steve Stiles went 2-for-4 and scored three runs in the first game. Gordon had three hits in the first game.

REDFORD UNION 7-5, STEVENSON 2-1: Mike Hayes broke the first game of Saturday's doubleheader open in the fourth inning with a two-out, two-run single with the bases-loaded.

Mike Macek went 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI and Brad Michael was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI. Mike Sweers was the winning pitcher in the opener, giving up six hits with just a walk and four strikeouts.

Sophomore Gary Zielke went 3-for-4 with a home run, triple and a double for Livonia Stevenson, which lost its first two games of the season. Zielke also walked once.

In the second game, RU used a three-run fifth inning to decide it. Tim Strzalowski was 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs in that frame, while Mike Dayton was 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI and a run scored. Dayton also got the win on the mound.

Steve Kinzer had an RBI double for Stevenson in the fourth.

Coach fired from page C1

put in more than 30 years.

"Jim said some things he shouldn't have, but I don't want to say what it is. It's unfortunate it had to end because he was close to 400 wins and he's done a great job over the years. He went above and beyond. He'd done everything we've asked. He had a very difficult job. He's done a great job. Baseball is going to miss him."

Chronowski's 2000 Wayne team was off to a 1-3 start. The Zebras are 1-1 under Wakefield, who played college baseball at Spring Arbor and is a graduate of Taylor Baptist Park.

Wakefield, 25, coached the Lake Erie Monarchs summer team in the Great Lakes Collegiate League, winning a league title and going on to qualify for the National Amateur Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Kan.

In college he played for Spring Arbor's Hank Burbridge.

"Really, without him, I would

n't be where I am today," Wakefield said. "I'm still helping out at Madonna in my spare time, but that's rapidly diminishing."

Chronowski was a catcher at Eastern Michigan University after graduating from Saginaw St. Andrew High School.

After five years as an assistant at Wayne, Chronowski began coaching the Zebras' varsity squad in 1971.

Between the old Mid-Wayne and Great Lakes Eight leagues, along with the current Michigan Mega Conference, Chronowski guided the Zebras to seven titles.

Wayne also captured four district and two regional championships. His 1976 club, led by former EMU standout and Major League outfielder Pat Sheridan (Kansas City, Detroit, San Francisco), reached the state semifinals before being ousted by Hazel Park.

His best records included a 25-7 season in 1977, a 20-9 mark in 1980 and a 20-4 ledger in 1988.

Several of Chronowski's players were drafted by Major League teams including Sheridan, Don Johnson, Billy Crews, Jim Canfield, Rich Browe and Ron Way.

In 1993, Chronowski missed part of the season to have a pacemaker installed.

"I had never planned to quit," he said. "I'm certainly not in it for the money. I don't smoke, drink or do drugs. I hope to coach somewhere. I'm still physically fit and mentally balanced."

In addition to his teaching and coaching duties, Chronowski is an accomplished guitarist and trumpet player, touring during the summer with various bands. He's played throughout the Midwest, and up and down the East Coast, including the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, N.J.

"I play those jobs to pay for my milk money," he said.

But as it stands now, he's played his last gig as baseball coach at Wayne High.

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Warriors outslug N'west; Churchill rolls

Highlights of Lutheran Westland's 15-14 victory over Lutheran Northwest Monday afternoon won't be appearing anytime soon in an instructional softball video.

But the game's final results will show up in the only place Warriors' coach Ron Gentz cares about — the win column.

"It was an ugly victory," Gentz admitted. "But they all count the same when it's all said and done. Any time two teams combine for 11 errors in a softball game, it's not good. But we played good defense when we had to (the Warriors turned two double plays) and we got some key hits at important times."

Lutheran Westland committed six errors while Lutheran Northwest misplayed five balls.

Lutheran Westland went to 2-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Metro Conference. Lutheran Northwest fell to 2-1 and 0-1.

Heather Rose did it all for Lutheran Westland, both on the mound and at the plate. Rose (2-2) tossed a complete game, striking out three while allowing nine hits and seven walks. Offensively, Rose bashed out three hits and four RBI.

With her team trailing, 14-13, in the bottom of the seventh and runners on second and third, Rose hit a hard ground ball to the backhand side of the shortstop, who was unable to keep the ball in the infield. The tying and winning runs scored on the play.

"It was ruled an error, but it easily could have been her fourth hit," Gentz said. "They had their infield in and she hit the ball hard."

Kelly Pruchnik and Heather Haller each contributed two hits and two RBI for the Warriors. Katie Walker added a key double in the game-winning final frame.

Heather Durand took the loss on the mound for the Crusaders.

LADYWOOD 4-3, REGINA 1-8: Shelley Moros won her first game in four decisions in the opener.

Moros held Regina to just two hits, walking a pair and striking out three.

Shawn Fallon lost for the fourth time in five decisions in the nightcap Tuesday as three errors led to a four-run fifth inning that turned a 3-0 lead into a 4-3 deficit. Fallon allowed three hits in five innings, walking three.

Kristen Barnes had an RBI single in the opener while Megan Wilkenson had a triple plus a home run and a single in the second.

Ladywood (2-8) fell to 1-3 in the Catholic League. Harper Woods Regina is also 1-3 in the league.

CHURCHILL 10, FRANKLIN 0: Meghan Misiak twirled a three-hitter

Monday and center fielder Carly George got the Chargers off on the right foot with a fine defensive play in the first inning.

Patriots' DH Tara Muchow singled up the middle with a runner on second and two out in the first but George threw the runner out at the plate to squelch the Livonia Franklin rally.

Livonia Churchill then came up to bat and too control with a four-run first inning.

Misiak worked all five innings of the mercy shortened game, striking out four and not walking a batter.

Sallie Kuratko and Sheila Gillies led Churchill's hitting attack. Kuratko had three hits and scored four runs while Gillies drove in four runs with her three hits.

George had a pair of hits, drove in two and scored two.

Nikki Zabkiewicz pitched for Franklin and was touched for 10 hits, five walks while striking out three.

Churchill (3-2) raised its WAAA record to 2-1 while Franklin (5-3) remained winless in the league after three games.

HURON VALLEY 18, FAIRLANE 3: Mandy Cherundolo went all three innings of the mercy shortened MIAAC contest.

She gave up five hits but didn't walk a batter and struck out two for the undefeated Hawks (4-0, 3-0).

Lauren Marian went 2-for-3, drove in three runs, stole six bases and scored twice. Sam Pelligrino went 2-for-3, drove in two runs, hit a double and stole three bases.

Katie Lutz went 1-for-1 and drove in a pair of runs.

FARMINGTON 10, STEVENSON 0: Senior hurler Melissa Mytty tossed a two-hitter and struck out eight as host Farmington (7-3, 3-0) took five innings to mercy Livonia Stevenson.

Kelley Hutchins, the losing pitcher, gave up 11 hits.

Tricia Krause had three hits, including a pair of doubles, and two RBI, to pace the victorious Falcons. Becky DePottter also went 2-for-2 and Mytty's two-run double in the fifth ended the game.

Kim Giller and Lindsay Rayburn had the lone Stevenson hits.

DIVINE CHILD 2-5, LADYWOOD 1-4: A total of 21 hits in two games didn't add up to a single victory for the Blazers.

Livonia Ladywood pounded out 14 of those hits in the marathon nightcap of Monday's doubleheader, decided in the bottom of the 10th inning. The Falcons scored two in the bottom of the seventh after the Blazers had scored in the top of the inning to take a 4-2 lead.

Shawn Fallon drew the loss, working all 10 frames, striking out six and walking four. She gave up four hits.

Dawn Rini had two hits and drove in

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three runs for Ladywood. Fallon had two hits and Kathy Day contributed an RBI single.

In the first game, Ladywood scored in the top of the sixth but its rally fell a run short.

Shelley Moros worked seven innings, striking out four and walking three. Becky Mitchell had two hits.

N. FARMINGTON 10, JOHN GLENN 0: North Farmington (4-4, 2-1) cruised to the WAAA-Lakes Division win Monday at Westland John Glenn as Samantha McComb and Christina Colombo each collected two hits.

Beth Danielowicz, who struck out nine and walked two over four innings, combined on a no-hitter with Colombo.

The game was stopped after six innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Ruthie Kieltyka, who gave up seven walks, was the losing pitcher. Stephanie Fedulich finished up.

PIONEER 7, FRANKLIN 1: Muchow, limping on an ankle sprained in an earlier game, was tagged for four

runs in a third of an inning Saturday in the semifinals of the Taylor Invitational Tournament.

Muchow, who struck out one, left the game after giving up just one hit and two walks. Two of the four runs she gave up were unearned.

Zabkiewicz relieved and gave up three runs, two earned, in 5¹/₂ innings. She allowed five hits, walked two and struck out one.

Jerie D'Annunzio had an RBI single in the seventh for Franklin's only run.

In Franklin's second game of the tournament it edged Taylor Kennedy, 6-5, in an eight-inning international tie breaker.

Sara Knopsnider, placed on second for home team Franklin under tie-breaker procedure, was sacrificed to third by Jamie Linden and scored on Shari Drayer's triple. Rachel Bramlett's sacrifice fly brought Drayer in with the winning run.

Muchow worked all eight innings of that game, giving up all five runs on five hits despite striking out 15. She walked four and two of the runs were unearned due to five Franklin errors. Drayer also contributed an RBI single to the Patriots' attack while

Jeanette Bertrand had an RBI double. D'Annunzio had a single and a double.

Franklin scored four in the first but Kennedy chipped away and tied it with two in the sixth before taking a 5-4 lead with a run in the top of the eighth.

In the tournament opener, Franklin defeated Plymouth Salem, 3-1, behind Muchow's four-hit, nine-strikeout pitching. Muchow walked three and the lone run she allowed was unearned.

Liz Dekarske held the Patriots hitless until Franklin broke through with three runs.

Bertrand singled, Amy Sandrick singled, Zabkiewicz hit a two-run triple and scored on Muchow's groundout.

Dekarske went all six innings for Salem, giving up three hits, striking out two and walking one.

CABRINI 5-14, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 4-3: An unearned run in the seventh let host Allen Park Cabrini tie the game and the Monarchs tallied a run in the eighth to escape with the Game 1 victory.

Cabrini achieved the second game mercy on just two hits, thanks to 13 walks and a hit batter

Kelly Pruchnik had three hits in the doubleheader, as did Liz Unger. Freshman second baseman Jennia Hess was solid defensively with eight putouts, three assists and no errors in the two games.

Lutheran High Westland is now 2-5-1 while Cabrini improved to 7-3-1.

The Warriors scored three in the first on three hits and one in the second inning of the opener but couldn't score again.

Winning pitcher Amy Demmer struck out 16 while losing pitcher Heather Rose twirled a nine-hitter, fanning five and walking just one.

Saturday, in the New Boston Huron contest, Lutheran Westland went 0-2-1.

Milan drubbed Lutheran Westland, 17-0, in the first game, restricting the Warriors to just two hits.

Whitmore Lake defeated Lutheran Westland, 10-5, in the second game as both teams collected nine hits.

The game against Flat Rock ended in an 8-8 tie.

Kelly Pruchnik and Heather Rose had five hits apiece in the three games while Heather Haller had four hits.



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PREP GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 230 BELLEVILLE 243
April 18 at Lake in the Woods
Medalist: Amber Hent (Wayne), 49.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 217 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 276
April 17 at Whispering Willows
Medalist: Ashley Johnson, 46 (Churchill); Katy Reck, 51; Erin Kleba and Julia McLaughlin, 60 each; Nicole Gaffney, 78; Kristin Galko, 84.

John Glenn scores: Cheryl MacKay, 60; Nicole Ziegler, 71; Jude Lagure, 72; Dawn D'Angelo, 73; Katie Probst, 75; Angie Kitting, 81.

Churchill's dual-meet record: 31 overall, 20 Western Lakes Activities Association.

KENSINGTON GIRLS GOLF INVITATIONAL
April 15 at Kensington G.C.
TEAM STANDINGS (scramble format): 1. Livonia Churchill, 163.172-335; 2. Brighton, 186.166-352 (won tiebreaker); 3. Livonia Stevenson, 182.170-352; 4. Farmington, 174.180-354; 5. Milford, 173.189-362; 6. Northville, 166.198-364; 7. South Lyon, 197.168-365; 8. Novi, 190.201-391; 9. White Lake Lakeland, 177-219-396; 10. Livonia Franklin, 209-199-408.

Churchill scores: 1. Churchill (B team) Ashley Johnson, Kelley Parzuchowski, Julia McLaughlin, Gina Polce, 163; Churchill (A team) Heidi Attiana, Jennie Lusa, Katy Reck, Kelly Polce, 172.

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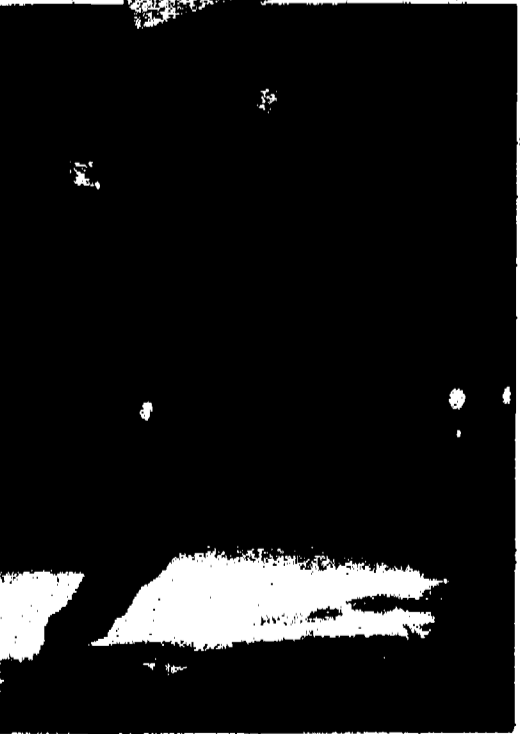


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SUNDAY



Jeffrey Mickens portrays Jesus Christ in T.J. Hemphill's Easter musical Perilous Times, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. Tickets \$21.50-\$30, call (313) 963-2366.



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For dancers only: Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra swing the night away on their For Dancers Only tour.

SWINGS the night away

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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It's 10 a.m. California time and Rodney Whitaker is awakening to a view of the ocean outside his room at a West Coast hotel. Santa Cruz is the second stop on the 23-city tour the native Detroiter is playing with trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

Sound grueling? Not for Whitaker who loves swinging the nights away. Together with Marsalis and the orchestra, Whitaker spends eight months a year on the road introducing audiences to jazz and swing dancing. Their *For Dancers Only* tour, named after Sy Oliver's 1937 chart for the Jimmie Lunceford Orchestra, is reawakening people to the fun of dancing to swing music.

On Saturday, April 22, the orchestra will stop at Eastern Michigan University as part of its tour. The tour will continue on to concert and dance halls including the Roseland Ballroom in New York where the performance will be broadcast by the BBC. A free lesson with national swing dance champions Janice Wilson and Paola Lanna precedes the April 22 dance concert presented by the University Musical Society. It is one of Jazz at Lincoln Center's educational efforts. It is being presented at EMU because the venue allows room for dancing.

"I love it," said Whitaker who plays bass with the orchestra. "Anything swing is good to me. We're trying to expose people to jazz. The best way is to have them come out and have fun dancing. When I was a kid in Detroit,

I played with J.C. Heard and did a lot of dances. Growing up I thought it was a drag but now I enjoy it. It's enjoyable to see somebody inspired to swing to your music."

At age 32, Whitaker is too young to remember the era when dancers stopped moving to the sounds of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman. Nonetheless, he's glad to see people back on their feet dancing to the timeless works of the legendary Big Band leaders along with new tunes by Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra trombonist Wycliffe Gordon and others.

"People have the tendency to think bebop brought about the end of swing dance," said Whitaker. "What a lot of people don't realize is that it was rock 'n' roll. People stopped dancing to jazz and started dancing to rock 'n' roll."

Whitaker thinks the rebirth of swing and jazz is a good thing. A professional jazz musician since age 17, Whitaker

has performed with everyone from Branford Marsalis, Joe Henderson, Joshua Redman, Stanley Turrentine, and Kenny Garrett to Marcus Belgrave and Alma Smith. He joined the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra in August of 1996 at the request of artistic director Wynton Marsalis. Whitaker had run into Marsalis in New York shortly after his *Children of the Light* album came out. He had recorded with Marsalis a few years before. Now Whitaker was asking the legendary jazz trumpeter to play on his next album *Hidden Kingdom*. Whitaker has appeared on more than 70 recordings. *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, his fourth album as a leader, will be released in May. The

title is taken from a poem by Khalil Gibran.

"Sometimes we try to possess life instead of living life," said Whitaker. "You have to embrace life and live it while you can. This is my coming of age album."

Bass wasn't Whitaker's first love. He began playing violin in fourth grade and "fell in love with it" but eventually switched to bass at the suggestion of his teacher Hoşea Taylor at Remus-Robinson Junior High in Detroit. The only child in a family of eight to become a musician, Whitaker now is passing on his love of music not only to his five children but to others as well.

Whitaker was in town in February to perform with the Lincoln Center Jazz Sextet which served a week-long residency in conjunction with the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor. Whitaker gave several master classes in Detroit-area schools and narrated a program broadcast by Wayne RESA to students in Wayne, Oakland and several other counties around the state of Michigan.

Whitaker believes educating young people about jazz is one of the most important things he can do. Since September, he's been coaching students in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's jazz band. Whitaker played with the civic orchestra from age 15.

"That organization has a lot to do with me being a professional musician," said Whitaker, a jazz studies professor at Michigan State University since 1995. Whitaker formerly taught at the University of Michigan. "They paid for my lessons through high school so I'm just giving back. It's great to be able to inspire these kids and it's inspiring to see someone inspired by your words. And I'm learning a lot about teaching and patience."

What: Dance the night away to the music of Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Free swing dance lesson begins at 6:30 p.m. Ticket required for entry.

Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti.

Tickets: \$25, call (734) 764-2538.

DANCE

Dancers are ready to 'Burn the Floor' at the Fox

What: Detroit debut of Burn The Floor, dance revue featuring 44 of the world's top ballroom dancers and such dances as the tango, cha cha cha and lindy hop.

When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29; 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. Detroit

Tickets: \$10-60 at Fox Theatre box office. (313) 983-6611; or through TicketMaster. (248) 433-1515

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Ballroom dancing looks like a rising phoenix — a rage that hit up movie screens and dance halls in the 1940s only to burn out and resurface as an exercise in nostalgia at the turn of the century.

But local instructors and aficionados of ballroom dancing prefer to use the term "rediscovery" to describe the form's recent rise in popularity, a movement fueled by younger generations' attraction to swing and salsa on the night club circuit and a steady stream of Latin-inspired music in popular culture.

The fire now engulfs the stage in *Burn The Floor*, a sensuous, no-holds-barred ballroom revue that runs April 25-30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

"For those of us who are hooked on it, it

never died," said 71-year-old Nora Nader, a local ballroom instructor who fondly recalls when "touch dancing" flourished in the Detroit area. "What's happened is through television and movies there's been a revival," said Nader, an instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Others have simply discovered ballroom's many benefits — healthy social recreation, source for entertainment and a good form of physical and mental exercise, said Glenn Clark, a professional ballroom dancer and co-owner of Stardust Ballroom dance studio in Southfield.

"You can go to the gym and work out, but you can't go to a night club in a short shirt and show off your abs unless you're there to dance," Clark joked.

People also have tired of being specta-



White hot: More than 40 of the world's best ballroom dancers strut their stuff in *Burn The Floor*, an electrifying and fast paced showcase of standard and Latin dance styles.

Gilda's Club honors memory of comedian

BY KEELY WYGNIK
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Just thinking about comedian Alyce Faye makes me smile. She was kind-hearted, funny, and generous with her time and talent. Most of her phone calls to the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* were to ask if we could do something to help someone in need, not to promote her latest gig at a local club.

Diagnosed with lung cancer in August 1999, Faye kept making people smile until she died in November.

On Wednesday, May 3, Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit is honoring her memory by presenting the "It's Always Someone Special" award to her husband Fred Sewell at *Gilda's Big Night Out II*. The award is presented to the person who has demonstrated a strong commitment to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit.

Faye, a resident of Farmington, was one of the early supporters of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, which opened on Jan. 28, 1998. She founded Motor City Women of Comedy with

Alyce Faye

comedian Mary Miller in 1994, and hosted an annual fund-raiser for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. The last one was held in 1997.

Named in honor of comedian Gilda Radner, a native Detroiter who died from ovarian cancer in 1989, the club offers men, women and children and their families and friends opportunities to share experiences, develop strategies for living with cancer and make new friends. The 6,000-square-foot clubhouse in Royal Oak offers a home-like atmosphere where members can participate in support and networking groups, workshops, lectures and social events.

"Alyce came to us out of the blue," said Geri Lester of Franklin, treasurer of the board of directors for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, and one of the club's founders. "She begged and borrowed from friends, and worked hard to put on a successful event to benefit Gilda's Club. She had all of her comedian friends donate their time; none of them charged a penny. They all gave of their time and talent, it was really something. She was a very wonderful person who had no trouble motivating others."

Miller, who lived in Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township and Berkley before moving to Ohio, met Faye at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

"Gilda Radner was an inspiration to women," said Miller. "I heard about Gilda's Club and thought wouldn't it be cool if we all got together to make Gilda's dream come true. I immediately called my

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Gilda's Big Night Out II

What: A night of comedy, food and fun to benefit Gilda's Club Metro Detroit

When: 6 p.m. silent auction and strolling supper; 8 p.m. performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, Wednesday, May 3

Where: Temple Beth El, 1400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: \$125 donor, \$200 patron, call 248-577-0800, Ext. 22

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tors, added Nader. "We need to be participators. We need to be a part of what's going on, and not just visually," she said. "Plus, we're more health-conscious. We need other ways to work out our calories and our feelings, and dancing is a nice, safe way to express yourself."

And, while more couples and individuals are taking up or rediscovering ballroom dancing, the 44 professional dancers who perform in *Burn The Floor* are offering audiences an opportunity to see the tango, cha cha cha, waltz, lindy hop and six other ballroom styles at their technical best.

The performers, some of the world's top ballroom champions, are the "black belts" of the form, said Clark, who has scheduled a *Burn The Floor* field trip for instructors and more than 40 of his studio's students, from beginners to competition-level dancers.

The show promises a high level of technical and athletic ability, but *Burn The Floor*, unlike ballroom competition, isn't bound by rules or, for that matter, image. *Burn The Floor* showcases a group of top-notch professionals "pretty much doing what they do best and just going all out ... kind of like *Riverdance* but with ballroom," said Clark.

Traditions and new twists

Inspired by a crowd-pleasing ballroom performance at Elton John's 50th-birthday party, *Burn The Floor* appropriately skirts the rules in favor of energetic theatricality, invention and individuality.

"It's anything but about rules," said Jason Gilkison, a member of

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the cast and the show's artistic director. "This will change people's perspective on what ballroom dancing is."

Created by Harley Medcalf, promoter of *Lord of the Dance*, the show not only takes audiences on a journey through the world of ballroom dancing but also puts a new spin on several dance styles. "We take a dance like the cha cha cha, and put the dancers in street clothes and Dock Martens, and then the nature of the dance starts to change," said Gilkison.

Likewise, the show begins with a traditional rendition of the waltz. "With the innocence between men and women, the man gently leading the woman, and the woman never looking at the man," Gilkison said. "At the end of that, one of the dancers rips his tuxedo off - the man sort of sheds off the mask of the old ballroom to reveal the opposite of that innocence."

A form evolving

The show's opening metaphor is an appropriate one, given ballroom's recent growth and continuing evolution.

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More importantly, technique levels are higher than in years past, and athleticism is playing a significant role in today's ballroom competitions.

Some have even dubbed competition-level ballroom "dance sport." Once more, there's a push to bring ballroom competition to the Olympics.

"Most people think of ballroom dancing and think of Lawrence Welk and the bubble machine. Ballroom dancing today is for all ages, and it's enthusiastic and very physical. It's really a new generation of dancing," said Clark.

Ballroom training has also become much more sophisticated, said Nader, who was trained at one of Detroit's first Arthur Murray dance studios in the late '40s. Likewise, interpretation of the form and specific styles has become more of an art form, she said.

Even ballroom's most basic principle - man leading woman - may gradually undergo transformation, Nader added, recalling a recent class in which a young male student asked her why he had to lead when his partner had better timing. "And, that was true," said Nader. "But tradition says the guys are supposed to lead. I think it may be whoever is the stronger of the two that will be the leader."

Partnership

One thing that will never come under siege in ballroom dancing is partnership. "That's what ballroom is about," said Gilkison. Take away partnership, two dancers engaged in a dialogue

and working together to express themselves, and ballroom, by definition, becomes freestyle dance.

And, partnership is perhaps what makes *Burn The Floor* so accessible to audiences. "The audience identifies with relationships in their own life," said Gilkison. "And, it's not just happy all the time. We look at all aspects of life."

Off the stage and in the dance studio, partnership is a learning experience, Nader said of ballroom's appeal. While younger generations are discovering the form, they're also just learning that "someone has to lead and someone has to follow," she said. "I see this all the time ... a little power play, 'He can only be as good as I let him.' Then, a give-and-take, the considerations in life, the respect in life, the helping of each other."



Physical flirtations: *Burn The Floor*, a marathon of ballroom dancing, churns out lusty renditions of such dances as the tango, samba and rumba.

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best friend, Alyce. She was already planning the event before we got off the phone."

Together, Miller and Faye enlisted the help of other comedians to host an annual benefit for Gilda's Club. In 1997 these Motor City Women of Comedy enlisted the help of a few good men, too.

"Alyce had a real knack for making everything an event, she thrived on it," said Miller. "She made it a spectacular, elegant event. She made it happen. She was the ultimate hostess."

Miller also commented on Faye's ability to motivate others. "When Rosie O'Donnell got her own show, Alyce and I sent her flowers to congratulate her. The card that said 'you go girl,' we signed it Motor City of Comedy. Alyce kept in touch with Rosie, and in 1996 when it was time to begin planning our benefit for Gilda's Club, she asked Rosie to make a donation. From watching the show, Alyce learned that Rosie had just lost a friend to cancer. You can imagine her excitement when Rosie sent a check for \$10,000.

"Alyce touched so many lives, and her laughter lives on. I miss

being able to see her perform because she was so talented. I was fortunate to be able to visit her when she was sick, just to help out. Even when she was tired from the treatments she would think of something to say to bring a smile to someone's face. She wanted everyone to feel good.

"I'm so thankful they're doing this (giving her the award). She's an inspiration to me."

Miller - who works as a comedian throughout the Midwest, including Ohio, and books comedians at various clubs and venues - will be attending the event.

Also being honored is the memory of Linda Kozlowski, who volunteered her time to Gilda's Club and the community before dying of breast cancer in 1996.

"Linda's mission was to bring the need for breast cancer awareness and education to the community's attention," said Lester. Kozlowski's mission continues in a fund called "Women Alive."

In honoring her memory, Kozlowski's husband, Dr. Jay Kozlowski, her mother, Evelyn

Kasle, and sister and brother-in-law, Lisa and Gary Shiffman, will serve as honorary chairpersons for *Gilda's Big Night Out II*.

The event will feature a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, a silent auction, and a strolling supper.

"We have some lovely pieces of jewelry, car leases, sports memorabilia, tickets to baseball games - a wide variety of exciting items in different price ranges," said Lester about the auction.

Ross has appeared on *The Late Show* with David Letterman, *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, and *Late Night* with Conan O'Brien. Comedy Central fans know Ross for his *Friar's Club* Roasts and stand-up specials, *Pulp Comics* and *Lounge Lizards*.

He is currently writing and appearing on Comedy Central's *The Man Show*, and also stars in the Showtime original film *Karaoke Knight*. He will star in a cameo role in *The Rocky & Bullwinkle Movie*, starring Robert DeNiro and Renee Russo.

"Gilda's Club is a special place," said Lester. "We hope people will support us."



April Events!

Special Weekday Planetarium Programs

April 24-28

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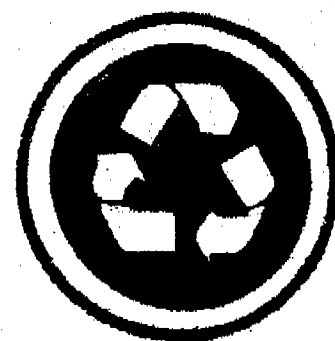
Fridays, 5-10pm

The Institute remains open every Friday night until 10pm with astronomy and Laser programs in the Planetarium at 7, 8 and 9pm. Observatory open until 10pm and Reflections Cafe open until 9pm.

Eco-Week

April 24-30, 11am-4pm

Celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and learn about different ways you can do something good for the environment. Cranbrook's own unique setting is our laboratory for learning about important environmental issues like recycling and water quality. Activities take place both outdoors and indoors, so dress appropriately. Free with museum admission.



SCIENCE

THEATER

'Trial of God' commands attention at Trinity House

Trinity House Theatre presents Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel's "The Trial of God" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday through Sunday, April 30. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia, (immediately west of I-275). General admission \$10; Sunday matinees \$5. For tickets or more information, call (734) 464-6302.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Trial of God" is a tragic farce that puts God on trial in the aftermath of a devastating pogrom that all but annihilated a small Russian Jewish community.

Inspired by events during his childhood in Auschwitz, Nobel Peace Prize winning author Elie Wiesel has created a play whose characters demand to know why God allows innocent people to suffer at the hands of their persecutors. Wiesel insisted that humor in his script be preserved amidst the horror of the survivors' accounts. As they hold court against God, we find the prosecution subconsciously defending God, instead of becoming more vehemently opposed to him.

In addition to presenting high

quality community theater productions, Trinity House has pledged to present works that it believes are - "brave, necessary and truthful." In the midst of ethnic cleansing atrocities around the world daily, it becomes imperative that the horror of such crimes against humanity become more personal than a sound bite on CNN, lest we become desensitized. Trinity House accomplishes this by bringing this compelling story to its intense and intimate theater setting. Director Thomas Malcolm Olson has assembled and honed a strong and talented cast.

Cast

Mark Hammell of Lathrup Village portrays the embittered innkeeper Berish, who, along with his daughter Hannah, portrayed by Hannah Riddell of Canton, are the only surviving Jews after a brutal Pogrom in their village. Berish struggles with grief and guilt, and mourns silently over Hannah's devastated emotional state. Into this setting come three Purim Players, who are aghast when they discover their heart-wrenching error: they have come to a town where the intended celebrants

have been massacred.

Hammell's portrayal of Berish is strong and intense. His agony and frustration with life's cruelty is reflected in both his words and his actions - his body is a mass of defeated tension, and his words ring out with the finality of bitterness toward God and man. His face is a fluid mask of emotions: anger, frustration and guilt.

Anessa Martin of Redford plays Maria, a lapsed Catholic servant at the end, with unremitting intensity. She too carries a heavy burden of anger and distrust, since she witnessed the massacre of close friends, but she harbors her own secret tragedy. The physical defeat of her anger and grief is reflected in both her face and slumped body. She moves mechanically, without any joy, never allowing herself to relax. Her face shows the tension and debilitation of one always on guard and unable to seek of receive solace. Martin delivers her lines with force and intensity, commanding attention, and returning all verbal volleys with intense ferocity.

The three Purim Players, played by Paul Henry of Westland, Scot Martin of Redford and Art Colling of Livonia, are strong

as a trio as well as in their individual roles. Henry, the unofficial leader of the band of players, exuded wisdom and patience, and became the judge during the trial of God. Martin, the youngest and least patient of the three, exhibited the group's collective anxieties with his body language and expressions. However, his impatience disappeared when Hannah's muddled recollection of the Purim legend called upon his chivalry and patience. Art Colling, the third of the trio, blends well into the camaraderie of the group.

Hannah Riddell's portrayal of the emotionally shattered and physically battered daughter is haunting and trancelike. Though her madness limits her character's cognizance, she effectively vents Hannah's suppressed rage and sorrow through her explosive grief for Queen Esther's ordeal.

Guy Snyder of Livonia effectively portrays the startling conflicts of the village priest. Clumsily anti-Semitic, as demanded by his indoctrination, he is non-the-less uncomfortable with the absolutes of the positions, and its contradictions of Christ's exhortations to love one's neighbor. He returns to Berish three

times, ostensibly to drink, but in reality to warn him of an eminent attack by an angry mob of his own parishioners.

Dan Gumina of Redford is intriguing and contradictory as Sam, the mysterious stranger who arrives to defend God. Sam approaches the defense unemotionally, forcing the characters holding God up to judgment to constantly reassess their positions and justify their anger. Gumina is clever with a phrase, with well placed inflections and impeccable timing. His gaze is intense and startling, and he effectively shakes up the collection of humanity gathered in the inn.

Costumes

The costumes were mostly superb, from Maria's worn and dirty yet provocative tavern wench gown, to Hannah's innocent white night gown. The Purim Players' masks added an appropriate flavor to the show, providing much needed humor to a tense play. However, while the Purim players, Berish and the

priest seemed to be costumed from compatible time periods, Sam's modern turtle-neck and Alpine jacket seem out of place.

The set captured the elements of a rough countryside tavern well, but Trinity House's stain glass windows should have been masked - what were they doing in a Jewish tavern? And the three cabaret style tables with checkered cloths would have been better served by rough wooden benches. And Maria needs to stop sweeping into corners - get the poor girl a dustpan! The modern green glasses, seemed out of place; mugs or tankards, or at least shot glasses might be more appropriate to our conceptions of the era.

While it is a long production, nearly three hours with two intermissions, Trinity House's presentation of "The Trial of God" is an intense, well-acted and thought-provoking drama, and is a compelling choice for those who like to be moved and challenged by their theater experience.

'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' perfect family event

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Northville, presents "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28 and Saturday April 29 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$7.50, call (248) 349-8110. Please, no children under age 3.

BY EMILY PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

Maybe, it is the moral of the story - "Parents, love your children well and children, learn to read and spell" - that made this a perfect family event. Or it could be the squeaks of the rats, which brought a smile to everyone's face. It could be these and so many more things that make "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," now playing at the Marquis Theater in Northville, a great spring event and a nice vacation treat for children and adults of all ages.

Hamelin, a mystical village somewhere, has a problem with an infestation of rats. Enter the Pied Piper. Through the magic of his flute, he promises to get rid of the rats. When he doesn't get paid for his work by the mayor, he takes the children for payment.

So goes the story, which, luckily, has a happy ending. In the process, the audience is treated to delightful musical presentations.

Ken Haering, who plays the Piper, leads the talented cast of 18 adults and children, ranging in age from 8-15, with his strong voice.

Three young actresses do an exceptional job and are believable in male roles. They are Emily Moses, an eighth grade student, and Ashley Hernandez, a seventh grader, both at Power

Middle School in Farmington, and Lauren Branstetter, a fifth grade student at Country Oaks Elementary in Commerce Township.

Another noteworthy performer is Debbie Lannen, who plays "Mabel" and serves as the production's director. She sings "Great Day" in a great way that gets a great response from the audience. One of the show-stopping numbers, which especially appeals to the youngsters in the audience, is the dance and squeaks of the rats to "Hall of the Mountain King."

In addition to the lively music, the show is enhanced by simple but believable scenery and creative and colorful costumes. One of the best trademarks of Marquis Theatre productions, which is also found in "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," is that they are

short, sweet, but complete. The musicals are never too lengthy. This is especially good for young audience members.

Another feature that appeals to the youthful theatergoers is that audience participation is encouraged. Audience members are invited to join in the singing and are asked questions by the cast. The cast also performs in the aisles making the audience truly a part of the production.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is still another of The Marquis Theatre's child-appelling presentations intended to introduce youngsters to the joy of live theater. It is worthwhile entertainment, like all the theater's offerings.

Emily Prysby is a junior at Birmingham Groves High School in Beechey Hills.

TV program showcases a broad range of talent

As host of Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass" series, I'm often asked how the performers are selected to appear on the program. The truth is that there is no consistent formula that is used. It might be the result of some scouting by our music producer Ron Pangborn or the suggestion of one of our music segment hosts. I've even been known to campaign successfully for some of my favorite artists. With so many worthy bands and musicians to choose from, the final decision is never easy.

Standouts
During the month of April, "Backstage Pass" has featured in-studio performances by such standouts as Al Jarreau, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise and Marshall Crenshaw. In

addition to tremendous talent, each had something special to offer.

Al Jarreau is coming off a hiatus from the recording industry and has released a new album. But mostly he's Al Jarreau, and if you have a chance to book him, you take it.

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise was making a return visit to the program after an astonishingly successful year for the Detroit-based rhythm-and-blues band. We were able to feature music from a new album and also showcase a group that will be among the headliners at the Detroit Music Awards.

The Marshall Crenshaw appearance, which you can still catch on Detroit Public TV 5:30 p.m. Thursday, or 1 a.m. Friday, was special to me for several reasons. His music is outstanding, of course. It was an important acknowledgment of a gifted, homegrown artist, who contributed much to the national music scene at a time when there were few performers emerging from Detroit. What

made it especially memorable was the purpose for the Berkley High grad's return to our area: Marshall Crenshaw was the top name on the marquee for the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation benefit concert at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Local bands


Although we've featured big names in jazz (Jarreau), blues (Bradley), and pop/rock (Crenshaw), lesser-known local bands also had an opportunity this month. Perhaps you caught the outrageous performance by Stunning Amazon last week or are looking forward to the Atomic Numbers this Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Maybe the classical piano playing of Joel Hastings presented this week or the classical guitar and flute of the Dearing Concert Duo on this Sunday's show is more to your taste.

The criteria for selecting the music performers for Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass" I don't know where it ends, but it starts with talent and diversity.

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"Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

FISHER THEATRE: "Cabaret" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (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. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Crimes of the Heart" continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "Perilous Times" 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$21.50-\$30. (313) 963-2366

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "555-1212," an original comedy starring Nancy Hayden and Michelle Murphy opens 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 20-21, and runs through Sunday, April 30, at the theater, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948

COLLEGE

WSU HILBERRY: "The Marriage of Figaro" runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO: "All in the Timing," David Ives six one-act comedies, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-29, at the theater, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

JACK-IN-THE-BOX: "The Butler Did It," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29 and May 5-6, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7; at the University of Michigan Dearborn School of Management Building, Auditorium B. \$10 at door, \$9 advance, seniors/students \$8 at door, \$7 advance. (734) 797-JACK

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Old Redford area or Detroit. \$13. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

TRINITY GOD THEATRE: "The Trial of God" continues to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Finagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

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 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

TEDO E. BEAR PRODUCTIONS: Nancy Gurwin presents "Broadway Kids 2000," a new musical review, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7 and 14, Aaron DeRooy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9 seniors, \$8 children. (248) 352-7172/(248) 354-0548

OPERA

EVERETT DMITRIYEV: The Russian baritone performs 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the Detroit Public Library's Main Building. Free, but reservations required. (313) 833-4042



Ice show: Champions on Ice dancers Jerod Swallow and Elizabeth Punsalan of Birmingham are among the skaters performing 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, in the John Hancock Champions on Ice Summer 2000 Tour at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. The show also features 1976 Olympic gold medalist Dorothy Hamill and 1988 Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano; the 1999 world dance champions and five-time U.S. dance champions. Tickets are \$25 to \$55 at all TicketMaster outlets and at the Joe Louis and Fox Theatre box offices. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss continues to Sunday, April 30, performance times 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Detroit Opera House, tickets \$18-\$98. (313) 237-3429/(248) 645-6666

JESSYE NORMAN: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Detroit Opera House. \$30-\$250. (248) 645-6666

FREDERICA VON STADE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$50, \$35. (734) 764-2538

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

DETROIT WALK OF STARS: 6 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$10, \$50 VIP reception. (248) 948-9854

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. (734) 455-0022

POLETOWN PILGRIMAGE: 5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, begins with mass and dinner at St. Hyacinth Parish. \$28. (810) 772-2378/(248) 683-0518

BENEFITS

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II: Honors two women who helped open the doors of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit - Alyce Faye and Linda Koziowski, Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Event features a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, silent auction and strolling supper. Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3 WOMC will emcee. (248) 577-0800.

CLASSICAL

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD: Colin J. Meek performs on violoncello, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Library of Cranbrook House, Bloomfield Hills. \$25, \$15 students. (810) 751-2435

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. \$18-\$22. (248) 326-9329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: All Mozart concert conducted by Carlos Kalmár, Donald Baker, oboe, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 27-28, 10:45 a.m. Friday, April 28, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-\$66. (313) 576-5111

NON SEQUITUR: With Tim McAllister debuting new saxophone concerto, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 769-2999

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

HIP HOP DANCER: Needed for featured solo in June 11-6 performances. (248) 666-1971

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "Sylvia" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), at Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances June 16-25. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions began Saturday, April 19 and run for three weeks at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-

9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 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

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA: With Wynton Marsalis perform music for dancing, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, free swing dance lesson begins at 6:30 p.m., ticket

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MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Judie Cochill, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

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DANCE

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FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, at Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. \$8, \$6 students/seniors. (313) 845-6314

TANGO AND FOLKLORE ARGENTINO: Featuring Ballet Los Pampas with special guests Hugo Daniel Gonzalez and Silvia Cespedes, and Pampa Cortez and Ana Valeria, 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, in Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti (\$40, \$45 students); 6 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Royal Oak Music Theater \$40, \$50 VIP tickets, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, Windsor (\$40 U.S., \$50 Canadian, \$70 VIP ticket includes afterglow). (313) 561-3236/(313) 565-3329

COMEDY

CLUB BART: Open Mic Ladies Night featuring comedienne from the metro-Detroit area, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the club, Ferndale. \$2 cover. (248) 548-8746

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: J. Medicine Hat, also Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Darwin Hines, Thursday-Sunday, April 20-23, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Kevin Naughton, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222. (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours 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) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and

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MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

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

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Lowertown Grill, Plymouth. Cover. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Chevy Cola, Warren; 3rd Annual Blues

Benefit for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, with Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph and Alberta Adams and Joe Weaver with RJ Spanglers All Stars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

APHASIC PRESS PARTY: With DJs Infinityone and Solekorea, 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Detroit Science. 18 and over. Cover charge. (313) 438-4146.

ARIZING: With Ioo Many Gods, Pooch, Left, One, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

CHICO BANKS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

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BEATING REASON: With Lifethread, 2 Ugly 4 Porn, Saturday, April 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292.

BENNY AND THE JETS: With Mitch Ryder, Noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Motown Harley-Davidson, Taylor. \$5. (313) 730-1627.

BLACMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

BRILLEHOUSE: With Shipwreck Union, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067.

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, Paychecks, April 29, Berkley Front, Berkley; Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

BRANDED: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Holiday Inn Southgate Heritage Center. Donations to Leukemia Foundation of America appreciated at free show. (313) 875-5925 for details.

THE BREAKDOWNS: With 3D Invisibles, CD release, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$7, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

Train taking success slowly, rolling back this way

There's something to be said for word-of-mouth.

■ 'They are really dedicated. I have a lot of respect for them.'

Chris Johnston
19 Wheels

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

I first heard about the San Francisco-based quintet Train from a friend of a friend, who happens to be a strawberry farmer living somewhere in Florida. "If a band called Train ever comes here, you gotta see em," he said to me in a smoky Ferndale club more than a year ago. For some reason, the conversation stuck in my mind.

That's basically how the Southern folk-rock band has risen from status as San Francisco Bay-area darlings to regular rock radio rotation. Together since 1994, vocalist Patrick Monahan, guitarists Jimmy Stafford and Rob Hotchkiss, bassist Charlie Colin and drummer Scott Underwood have done it grass roots style, touring incessantly. Train didn't want to be a one-hit wonder. Though the second single off their self-titled 1998 debut, "Meet Virginia," has since catapulted the band to platinum status, the musicians never intended to be the "Meet Virginia" band.

But hey, I'm just going by what Jimmy Stafford told me when he called April 11, over a week into the headlining tour set to stop in Detroit Thursday, April 27. "We just pulled up to the venue in a van," said Stafford, calling from what sounded like a temperamental cell phone somewhere in Sacramento, Calif. He was far from the starting point of the tour - Marquette, Mich.

"The Marquette show was at a college, in an area we hadn't played before. We flew up there. A show like that is kind of out of the way; it's a really good place to start, to get over the first day jitters. Actually, it was one of the best shows. The crowd was outstanding."

It wasn't always this way. While Train won over a strong following in its birthplace, the

Bay area, it took constant work to spread the word. High profile tours with the likes of Counting Crows, Dave Matthews Band, Hootie and The Blowfish and Ben Folds Five helped. But Ferndale resident and 19 Wheels frontman Chris Johnston remembers the very first time Train went on the road. "We went on the road with them," said Johnston, calling from Boston, while 19 Wheels was on tour. "We had a record on Aware the same time they did. They had a deal that took them to Columbia (Records)." Johnston said not only is he a fan of Train's music, "they're a good bunch of guys." The last time Train made it to the metro area, they performed at Ferndale's Magic Bag and had a chance to stop in at the Woodward Avenue Brewery, which Johnston owns just a few doors down from the club. "They have really good food and stuff there," recalled Stafford of the brewery. He said he was looking forward to seeing his 19 Wheels friends.

Now headed back to Michigan as the final act to take the stage, Stafford could hardly contain his enthusiasm: "We're really excited about this tour," said Stafford. "It's the best-looking tour and the best-sounding tour."

Stafford admitted that it still took time for radio and MTV audiences to catch on to songs like "Free" and the latest single, "I Am."

"That was partly intentional and partly the way our single was released. Our plan with Columbia Records was to develop the band slowly. We didn't want to be an overnight, smash hit. Those fans buy your records up fast and forget about you."

So Train took the long track, building a core fan base one city

at a time. "I think it's working," said Stafford. "Our fans are the greatest. We get hundreds of fan letters a day. We're not a band that's going to go away tomorrow."

Johnston said he's happy to see Train succeed. "I know they've done it the hard way," he said, predicting the band will have a long career. "The songs have done well. It's really the amount of touring. If you watch the charts, they've never really been in top-10 record sales. They've just had steady, steady sales."

"They are really dedicated. I have a lot of respect for them."

Chugging along non-stop since January 1998 in support of the album hasn't been easy. "In the beginning it was frustrating, in a van playing in front of 30 people every night. But it grew and we felt it grow."

The strength of Train's music lies in the way it reaches people. Stafford said one of his favorites, the sentimental ballad "Blind," "somehow hits a spot." "I Am" is another song that really touches a nerve," he added. "It's a goosebumps song." Train is currently working on a video for "I Am."

The focus now turns to a follow-up album. "We recorded a new record on our time off," said Stafford. "It's exciting to have new songs. Every night there's more energy for the show. It's a really diverse record, a little bit of something for everybody. We're pretty much playing the uptempo, exciting stuff off the new record. It's a hint of what's to come."

Train worked with producer Brenden O'Brien (Korn, Pearl Jam, Rage Against the Machine) on the CD, which should hit stores by this fall. The working



Tracking down Train: From left, Scott Underwood, Charlie Colin, Rob Hotchkiss, Jimmy Stafford and Pat Monahan are Train, a sublime San Francisco quintet headed to a station near you. Train performs Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit.

title is "Something More," reflecting what Train fans have been thinking for about two years.

"(Brenden) is a dream come true," said Stafford. "He is the rock producer of the day. Everyone wants to work with him, including the Stones. He was our first choice. We weren't seriously going to ask him. Then we found out, he's a Train fan! The timing was right. He's got great ideas." A month and a half after going in, the album was recorded.

Long before its scheduled release, the only way to hear new Train material is to catch the band when the bus rolls into town next week.

And Train's looking forward to this stop. "Detroit is actually going to be a lot of fun for us," said Stafford.

My advice? I'm certainly not a strawberry farmer, but I know this - a band called Train is coming soon. You won't want to miss the show. Pass it on.

Catch Train with guests Gas Giant, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 in advance, call (248) 645-6666.

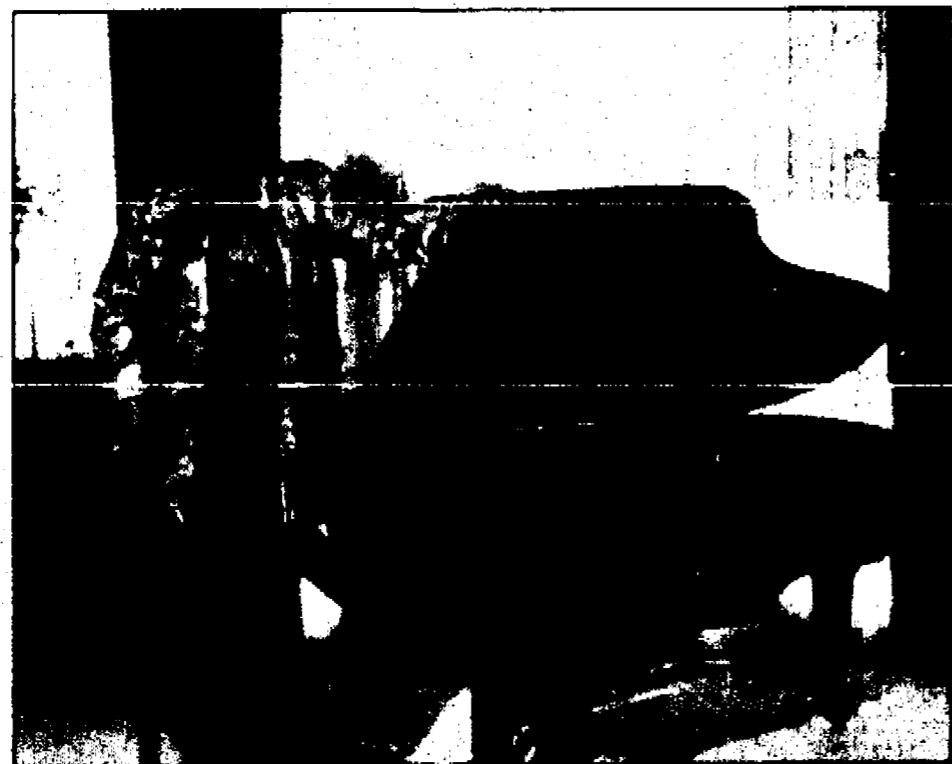
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STAY TUNED



Women aloud: Aretha Franklin is among a host of female artists on the newly released CD, "A Woman's Voice," from Universal Music Group.

More Mitch Ryder you asked? Well J-Bird Records has answered with the scheduled release of seven solo CDs by the former frontman of the Detroit Wheels. Fans can get online May 30 and order "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" (1978), "Naked But Not Dead" (1979), "Live Talkies" (1981), "Got Change For A Million" (1981), "Smart Ass" (1982), "In The China Shop" (1986) and "Red Blood and White Mink" (1988). All previously unavailable in North America, Ryder's solo CDs were the result of an alliance between his Seeds and Stems label and German record label, Line. Check it out at www.j-birdrecords.com

What would you say is the definitive women's anthem? "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, or maybe Gloria Gaynor's disco classic "I Will Survive." How

about Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You," brought back to life by Whitney Houston, or possibly Patti Smith's "Because The Night." Don't forget that shoulder-shaking '80s hit "We Belong," by Ms. Pat Benatar. They've all made it to CD, with a host of other evocative hits by Etta James, Gladys Knight

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Mackinnon's offers fabulous fare in charming setting

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

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After occupying the same address on East Main Street in downtown Northville for the last 20 years, you wouldn't think Mackinnon's Restaurant would need much of an introduction.

But it does, for this is a restaurant that constantly infuses the old with the new while retaining all its enduring Scottish-Victorian charm.

For instance, many fine dining restaurants serve foie gras. But at Mackinnon's, it's served with brandied-apple slices and "Cinnamon Fire Sauce" made from cinnamon, apple juice, cayenne pepper and a splash of grenadine. It's both daring and delicious.

Mackinnon's Restaurant

Where: 126 East Main Street, Northville, (248) 348-1991, fax (248) 348-9470

Hours: Lunch: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Dinner: 5-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Atmosphere: Inviting, sophisticated, intimate
Menu: Classical, French-inspired with regional American flair. Appetizers, soups, salads, seafood and meats. Be-still-my-heart desserts.

Price: Expensive: Appetizers \$6.95-\$8.95; entrees \$29.95-\$35.95; desserts \$4.95-\$7.50.

Seating: 80-plus, non-smoking except for bar area Monday-Thursday. Four tables smoking Friday and Saturday.

Reservations: Recommended one week in advance for weekends.

menu - including debuting a seafood cornucopia - it will never abandon long-time house favorites like Beef Wellington Bordelaise and "Blown-up" Duck.

"We fill it with air and that puffs out the skin so the meat

and contemporary Victorian chic.

Walk into the warmly lit entrance area, a mini parlor with wingback chairs and antiques, and a huge buck head looming over a carved Victorian fireplace greets you. More heads - ram, buffalo, boar and caribou - line the wall in front of the bar. There's also several mounted fish, caught by Tom Mackinnon.

However, it's the 21-foot wood plank bar, which Tom Mackinnon made in his garage 21 years ago, that finally catches and keeps your attention. Simply put, this is the bar at which you want to swirl your cognac and smoke your favorite cigar.

"We are cigar friendly," said Victoria Siegel, general manager. In fact, Mackinnon's sells cigars, and Wednesday nights are known as "Cheers" nights.

Thanks to a van that came crashing through the front windows at 6 a.m. one Monday last November, the dining room has been completely remodeled. Recovery was quick. "We were open for dinner that day. I had five carpenters in here, and they just rocked," said Tom Mackinnon.

The new look, set off by beautiful plaid carpeting and a stained glass focal piece, is artful, warm and inviting. It calls for a bit of lingering over dessert and coffee.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Best bottle: Tom Mackinnon displays a premiere vintage from his wine cellar. Wednesday night is "Cheers" night at the Northville eatery. Customers say Mackinnon's 21-foot wood plank bar is a great place to savor cognac or smoke a fine cigar. The "Cheers" crowd are regulars at Mackinnon's.



Creative chefs: Chefs Chuck and Ian Mackinnon display two of their creations - Foie gras with "Cinnamon Fire Sauce" and Napoleon topped with a chocolate-covered potato chip.

"I believe it's the passion we have for the food," said chef Chuck Mackinnon, cousin to owner Tom Mackinnon, about his culinary inspiration. "You have to love what you do. I love cooking the food and coming up with new ideas, trying new combinations."

Although Mackinnon's is in the process of creating a new

and skin roast separately," said Chuck Mackinnon. He seasons the duck with just salt and pepper - why mess with perfection? - and serves it with a raspberry sauce. Some customers consider the duck the restaurant's signature dish.

Mackinnon's decor is also an inspiration, a combination of gentrified country hunting lodge

the shape of a car. "It drove itself in. All the lights worked. It was cool."

Don't expect car-shaped cakes when dining at Mackinnon's Restaurant. However, expect Snapper Turtle Soup, Sweet Potato Crusted Superior Whitefish, Rack of New Zealand Spring Lamb with black currant sauce, and White Chocolate Ice Cream en Crouete with raspberry puree. Expect the best and come hungry.

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