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Training boosts survival odds



They hope it will never happen here, but fire and police officials are preparing in case a Columbine-type tragedy occurs in Westland. Firefighters are receiving special training to provide emergency medical care in a crisis.

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Local residents and police officers injured in potential hostage situations, mass shootings and other crises would be more likely to survive due to an imminent Westland Fire Department program.

The new Tactical Emergency Medical

Support program will prepare firefighter paramedics to enter a crisis scene alongside police officers and possibly save lives by providing immediate medical help.

TEMS training will help Westland if the city should ever suffer a tragedy similar to the Columbine High School massacre that occurred one year ago in Colorado, TEMS Commander Michael

Reddy said.

"If we had a major incident like Columbine, we would enter with the police department SWAT team and proceed to provide advanced life support care to those who are injured but can't be retrieved from the scene," he said.

Reddy touted Westland's fire department as the first in Wayne County to start a TEMS program. Reddy, a battalion chief and emergency medical services coordinator, will be in charge of the team that will soon attend a five-day tactical training school.

In all, 20 firefighters applied for the

training. The group was pared to 12 following physical agility tests and oral interviews, but only six will make the cut after competing today (Thursday) in tear gas exercises at Fire Station No. 2 on Merriman Road south of Ann Arbor Trail.

"We're going to see if six is enough," Reddy said.

Police Chief Emery Price said the fire department program will complement his 10-member police Tactical Response Unit.

"Any time you have an injured person, whether it be a citizen or a

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Love is kind: Holding hands and repeating their vows are Rudy and Beth Kilponen, married Nov. 25, 1938. The Willow Creek Apartments couples took part in the anniversary brunch.

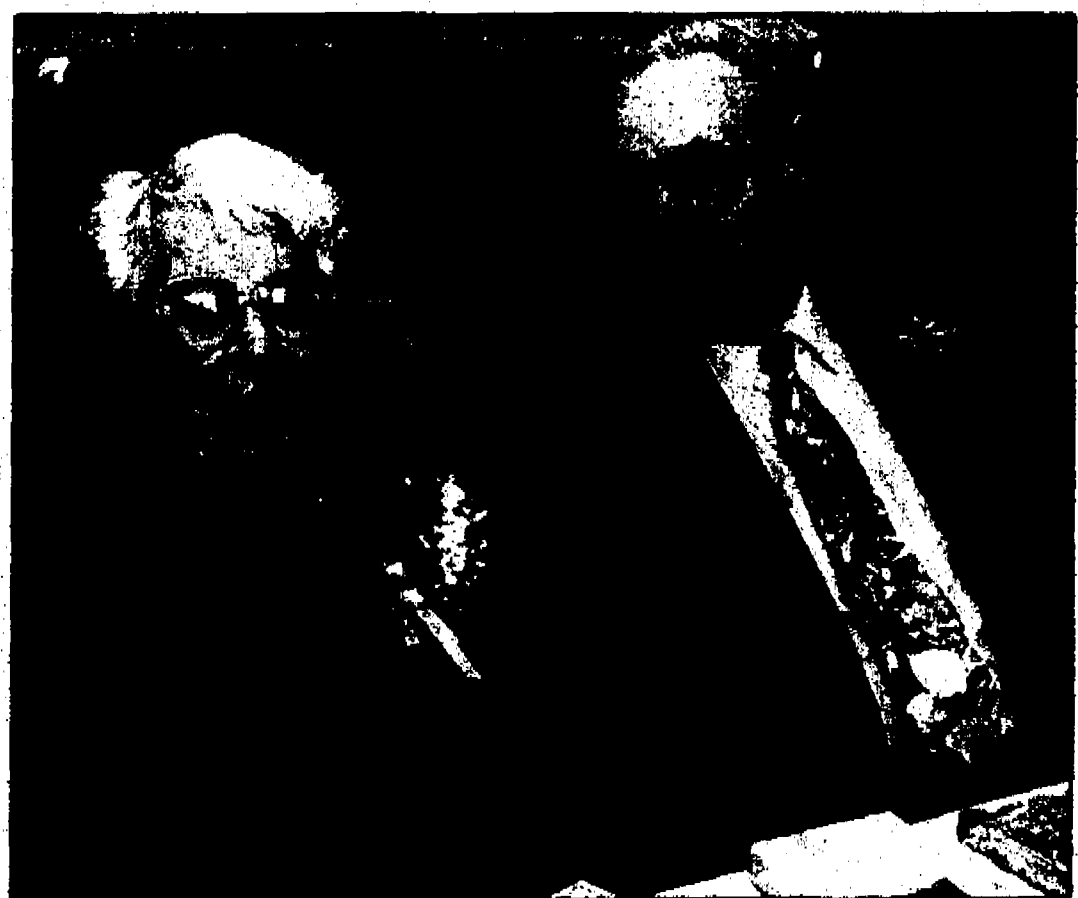
So much in love

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Love, God and respect are the ingredients to long-lasting marriages, according to a group of couples, who have been married at least 50 years. They gathered last week to renew their wedding vows at Willow Creek Apartments Clubhouse in Westland.

"Our faith and love - that's the glue that holds it together," explained Rudy and Beth Kilponen, who have been married 61 years.

With four children, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, Rudy said the occasion "brings back a lot of memories."



Loving look: Mary Alice and Elmer Trosien, married Aug. 25, 1950, join in the singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

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Scott staying for now

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Westland City Councilwoman Sharon Scott conceded Monday that she has considered resigning - a move that would thwart a recall effort aimed at forcing her from office.

"I can't say that I don't think about it," she said, "but no decision has been made."

Scott, in her ninth year on the council, also declined to end speculation about whether she will seek the 18th District state House seat being vacated by Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

Scott repeated earlier statements that she will announce her decision before the May 16 filing deadline passes.

Scott would face at least one other Democrat, Westland Councilman Glenn Anderson, in the Aug. 8 primary.

One Republican, Georgia Conant, has

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Watchdog work starts

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A citizens watchdog group, claiming it wants to restore ethical behavior to Westland city government, is emerging from a public uprising that followed the Jan. 18 firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

But one critic, Westland City Councilman David Cox, is questioning the group's internal ethics.

The group, We The People, plans to register as a formal political committee with the Wayne County Clerk's Office - a move that leader Brenda Gracin said could come as early as Friday.

While We The People members support recalling four council members who fired Gibbons on Jan. 18, the group has a more comprehensive vision

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Effort blooms

Rotarians are pleased with Flower Sale's success

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Scholarships for local students got a boost last weekend as Rotarians took to the streets for the Westland Rotary Flower Sale.

Sales were brisk, despite the inclement weather part of the time. Rotarian Len White has been involved with the sale since it started 20-some years ago.

"It's varied," he said of the amount given. "It depends on how much we take in."

Scholarships, which are need-based, go to students from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools and the William D. Ford Career/Technical Cen-

ter.

The sale this past weekend, which began on Good Friday, had two locations, Wayne and Warren roads and Central City Parkway at Ford. There's a friendly rivalry between the two to see who can sell the most flowers. The winning team gets a trophy.

At one time, the Westland Rotary sale had more locations, said White, giving credit for the sale's start to Ken Davelstein of Ken's Country Produce. "A lot of the other clubs picked up on it."

Sunny skies can help flower sales, he agreed. "It depends on the weather. That's the biggest thing."

Many Rotarians gave part of their weekend to work the sale, which was

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headed up by Ann Elliott, club president. Rotarian Barbara Douglas gave several reasons for her involvement.

"One is I really like to help people," said Douglas, also a member of the local Lions Club. She sees her small contribution as having a big effect throughout the world through Rotary International.

Any leftover flowers are donated to area senior facilities, White said. The sale featured flowering plants, rather than cut flowers.

"Actually, it turned out really well," said Elliott of this year's event. The 30

lilies left were donated to Marquette House in Westland.

"Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day," she said. "It was successful. We made a good profit."

Organizers were concerned with Friday's gloomy weather, but that didn't last. Elliott noted other Rotary efforts, such as 50 Easter baskets for a local homeless shelter and baskets for the Good News Gang kids.

A Good News Gang effort, sponsored by Rotary, is starting locally for kids in Norwayne. Elliott said, "plus the international work we do."

Over the weekend at the sale, the Easter bunny was present at one site. "Everybody liked that," she said. "He was a real attention getter."

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Honored seniors have a knack for giving back to their community

For volunteering their efforts to help others, eight senior citizens have become the latest inductees into the Senior Hall of Fame at the Westland Friendship Center.

Honoring the winners was the last feat accomplished by now-retired Senior Resources Director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek.

The winners' pictures will be displayed in a Friendship Center hallway alongside other Senior Hall of Fame honorees.

Those inducted are:

■ William Anderson, a local resident of 40 years who still coordinates the local Health Advocacy Program for the American Association of Retired Persons. He has served on the Westland Housing Commission and the Westland Planning Commission. He is a longtime member of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association and has served on the City Charter Commission, Nankin Township Board and Westland City Council.

■ Eleanor Doherty, who worked as a U.S. Army nurse in

Africa, Italy and France until 1945. She has spent much of her time as a Girl Scout leader, a Friendship Center volunteer, an election precinct server, an Easter Seal Foundation volunteer and a PTA officer, and she has been active in the Woman's Club, Senior Club, Project FISH and Parish Council of St. Bernadine.

■ Miriam Forrester, a long-time secretary involved in many professional organizations. She helped publish a senior citizen cookbook. Her mother was editor, but Forrester helped with typing, editing and assembling the book for printing. She often drove her mother and other seniors on field trips; now she continues to volunteer at the Friendship Center and serves as co-chair of the bingo committee. She is a representative on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee. She was an officer for the Westland Business and Professional Women's Club from 1993 to 1996.

■ Alice Jarman, president of

the senior advisory council. She also was past treasurer, and her leadership has been called exemplary. She has chaired many Friendship Center fund-raisers including a raffle for a 44-seat passenger bus for seniors. She visits the sick and goes to nursing homes.

■ Josephine Mosiej, who devotes her time at St. Theodore, where she has attended church for 30 years. She has volunteered for 25 years at the Little Sisters Organization for the elderly. She has served on the Friendship Center bingo committee for 14 years and always volunteers to sell tickets for center events. She has been on the advisory council for 10 years. She often crochets hats and scarves for the needy at Christmas time. She is a member of the Westland Friends of the Library.

■ William J. Rands has assisted in keeping the scores for the Westland Friendship Center Senior Golf League since 1992. He is a longtime member of Wayne Masonic Lodge and has

been a member of Wayne R.A.M. No. 182 (autistic children), the Moslem Shrine Detroit (helping disabled children) and ALMATTA Grotto (helping fight multiple sclerosis). He is a member of Odd Fellows and the Moose.

■ Kathryn Ruth, a retired secretary, is a member of the Wayne Metro Charter, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, St. Richard's Parish 50-Plus Club, the Friendship Center, the Red Cross blood program and a former Girl Scout leader. She is a lector and eucharistic minister for St. Richard's. She has been known to drive those who are ill to their doctor appointments.

■ Carl Simcox, a former Navy member who later became involved in Westland youth sports, including boys baseball and boys/girls basketball. He has served on the Westland Senior Advisory Council and now serves on the Commission on Aging. He and his wife, Martha, have helped with fund-raisers for senior Friendship Center furnishings and for a senior bus.

Moving Wall remembers Vietnam legacy

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For family members and spouses of those killed, imprisoned or missing in Vietnam, seeing their loved ones' names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington can be an emotionally moving experience.

The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the memorial, will be displayed Thursday, June 22, through Monday, June 26, at the Canton Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. Canton is one of only two Michigan communities to sponsor the wall's visit this year. The Moving Wall will be on display in Dearborn Oct. 15-21.

There are more than 58,000 names listed on the wall, including roughly 1,300 names of those listed as POWs and MIAs. Visitors will be able to view the Moving Wall in Canton 24 hours a day.

Veterans from the Plymouth-

Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Post 528, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will participate in guarding the memorial and assisting visitors, said John Spencer, treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton VVA. Spencer, a U.S. Army veteran, served in Vietnam 1965-67 as a specialist fifth class.

The volunteers' assistance won't stop with helping find people's names on the 6,600-pound, 253-foot long, 6-foot high memorial made up of 74 aluminum panels.

"We expect some people will be kind of overcome (with emotion) by finding someone's name on the wall," Spencer said. Volunteers will be expected to help console grieving visitors, he added.

Bob Dates, recreation supervisor with Canton Township, said he sent an application to host the moving wall two years ago. Spencer also sent an application at around the same time.

Finding out they would host the wall during the Liberty Fest was serendipitous.

"We were prepared to host the Moving Wall any time during the spring and summer," Dates said. "We are excited — it's an attraction in itself. We think it's going to be a wonderful attraction for Canton."

He estimated the Moving Wall will draw thousands of visitors from across Michigan and Ohio.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, June 22. There, the Livonia Church Hill High ROTC will perform drills and planes from the Yankee Air Force at Willow Run and Selfridge Air Force Base are expected to do fly-over demonstrations, Spencer said.

Karen Newman, who sings the national anthem at Detroit Red Wings games, has been asked to sing and former presidential candidate and U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a Vietnam veteran, has been invited to speak.

Neither have confirmed their attendance as of yet, according to Spencer.

Closing ceremonies will take place 6 p.m. Monday, June 26, and will include the honoring of POWs and MIAs from Canton.

The Moving Wall was built in 1984 by veterans John Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and several other volunteers. According to the Moving Wall official Web site, www.movingwall.org, the creators wanted others to be able to experience the wall's emotional power, even if they couldn't make the trip to D.C.

The Moving Wall is shown annually all over the United States March through December and was paid for by contributions from the public.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the Moving Wall should call Debby Bradley, Canton's volunteer coordinator, at (734) 397-6450.

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 - Greenville, Miss., May 5-11
 - Bloomington, Ill., May 14-20
 - Atlanta, May 26-June 5
 - Zanesville, Ohio, June 9-15
 - Canton, June 22-26
 - Rockford, Ill., June 30-July 6
 - Spencerport, N.Y., July 10-16
 - Marathon, N.Y., July 18-24
 - Falmouth, Mass., July 27-Aug. 2

- Rochester, N.H., Aug. 4-10
- Chicopee, Mass., Aug. 22-28
- Waterford, Conn., Sept. 3-9
- East Hampton, N.Y., Sept. 21-27
- Bedford, Mass., Sept. 3-Oct. 5
- Tobyhanna, Pa., Oct. 7-12
- Dearborn, Oct. 15-21
- St. Marys, Ga., Oct. 25-30
- Hinesville, Ga., Nov. 1-7
- Sebring, Fla., Nov. 10-16

For more information about the Moving Wall, visit www.movingwall.org on the World Wide Web.

Waste drop-off is Saturday

Local residents have a chance to get rid of some toxic household waste in a safe and legal manner.

The Central Wayne Energy Recovery Authority is holding a one-day drop-off for household special waste 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

The authority is located at 4901 S. Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights.

Residents must show identification when dropping off materials.

Accepted items are oil-based

paints and varnishes; cleaning solvents; household batteries; oven cleaners; transmission fluid/anti-freeze; metallic mercury (thermometers); wood preservatives; pesticides and weed killers; mothballs; pressurized cans, and lead (found in shot and sinkers).

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With the approach of summer, library staffers have been busy preparing for the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is *Sporting Around the World*. There will be special programming, storytimes and activities. The Friends of the Library will once again be sponsoring the Summer Reading Program and will provide the prizes for the children's and young adult reading contests. In addition, there will be a special party for those participants who complete the program. Information on the Summer Reading Program will be contained in the summer edition of "Kids' Happenings" program guide, which will be available in May. Those interested in volunteering to assist staff during the program are asked to call Julie Chwalk, children's supervisor, at (734) 328-6123.

■ WEB SITES OF THE WEEK

Below are more of the great 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.nwf.org/kids>

National Wildlife Federation. The kids' page features articles in English and Spanish from Ranger Rick, the environmental magazine for children; a homework help section; and briefings on issues such as the wetlands, endangered animals, water quality and more.

<http://www.kidshhealth.org/index2.html>

KidshHealth. Accurate, up-to-date information about growth, food and fitness, medical and surgical conditions and the latest treatments. You'll find health games, How the Body Works animations, the KidsVote health poll and tons of surprises. Special sections for kids, parents and professionals.

■ PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Internet 101: An Introduction

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Learn what the Internet is and the basics of how to navigate the Internet and find the information you want. Designed for the individual with little or no comput-

er 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.

Adult Reading Club

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett. Call today to reserve your copy! These

are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. All are invited to participate. No fee. No registration.

Home Schooling Discussion

7 p.m. Monday, May 8. How to get started with home schooling ... and how to keep going. Learn about library resources, current Michigan laws, and local support groups to help you. Program includes a panel discussion with time for questions and answers. No fee. No registration.

■ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Vacation Special

2-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 27-28. This is a drop-in program for all school-age children which provides an opportunity to make crafts and play games. Have fun while on your spring break. No fee. No registration.

Baseball Cap Creations

2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Bring in your own baseball cap and decorate it at this fun, hands-on craft. No fee. Registration is required. Please register at the Children's Service Desk.

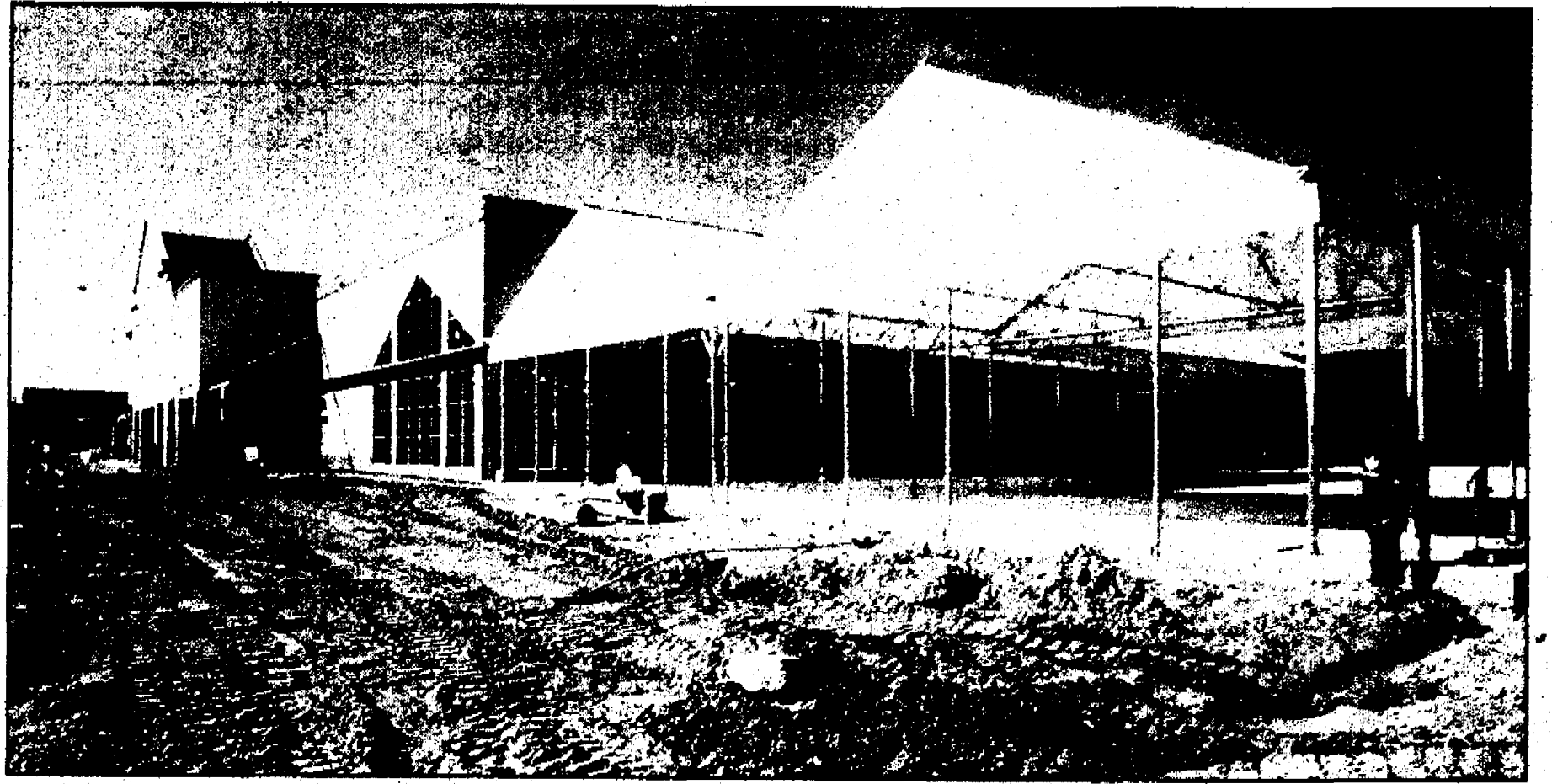
Science Olympiad

7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 1. Come to the library for this fun, hands-on science fair. Try experiments, predict outcomes ... you won't believe your eyes. No fee. Registration is required. Please register at the Children's Service Desk.

■ FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends board meets the second Tuesday of the month to discuss fundraising and program planning. All are invited to attend. Stop in and find out how you can help in providing quality programs at the library! Next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.

Getting ready



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Opening soon: An early July opening is planned for Lowe's at Newburgh and Warren roads in Westland. The store (www.lowes.com) specializes in home improvement materials.

National Day of Prayer observed locally

In front of Westland City Hall from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 4, there will be a gathering to observe the National Day of Prayer. Participants will also show support for prayer at Westland City Council meetings.

Local pastors will be guiding prayer at the multid denominational event. All are welcome. The National Day of Prayer is an annual event in which participants acknowledge the creator and seek divine favor for the nation, state, community, families and youth.

Such days have been part of the nation's heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775.

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In 1952, by joint approval, both houses of Congress called upon the president to set aside a day each year as National Day of Prayer. The Judiciary's Committee's report to the U.S. Senate explained the need:

"Prayer has indeed been a vital force in the growth and development of this nation. It would certainly be appropriate if ... the people of this country were to unite in a day of prayer each year ... reaffirming in a dramatic manner the deep religious convictions which have prevailed throughout the history of the United States."

On May 5, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill changing the National Day of Prayer from a yearly observance proclaimed by each president to an actual commemorative day on the calendar the first Thursday of each May.

ACHIEVERS

Herman D. Locust has joined the Army Reserve under the delayed training program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Westland.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education and \$20,000 for repayment of college loans.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$5,000 enlistment bonus.

Locust, a student at John Glenn High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on May 11.

Chris Darvis of Wayne has been named a United States National Award Winner in mathematics. The announcement was made by the United States Achievement Academy.

Darvis, who attends Franklin Middle School, is the son of Robert and Nancy Darvis. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

Granholtm to visit

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholtm will be an honored guest Wednesday, May 17, at Westland Convalescent Center.

Her 10:30 a.m. visit will be during the annual National Nursing Home Week celebration.

"The center's elders are looking forward to meeting with Ms. Granholtm," said Judith Caroselli, administrator. "They are very proud of their home and welcome the opportunity to meet and socialize with such a distinguished guest."



Jennifer Granholtm

Mother's Day is marked

Starfish Family Services is challenging people to replace traditional Mother's Day gifts with a gift that makes a difference.

The agency is asking people to donate \$100 to Starfish Family Services in honor of their mother or another special "mother figure" in their life. In return, the honoree will receive personalized notification of the gift and a limited edition ceramic tile.

The commemorative tile was designed specifically for Starfish Family Services "Make a Difference on Mother's Day" promotion, by Royal Oak artist Mary Blackwell and is being handcrafted at Motawi Tileworks in Ann Arbor. The 4 by 4 inch tile is the first in a series of Mother's Day tiles that will be offered each year. Only 200 tiles are being created for the special program.

According to Starfish Chief Executive Officer Ouida Cash, the tile signifies the important role mothers play.

"This tile is a tribute to all mothers, but particularly the mothers we work with at a Starfish Family Services," she said. "These mothers are challenged

by poverty, illiteracy, domestic violence and other obstacles that hinder their ability to provide a warm, safe and enriching environment."

Anyone interested in participating can call the Inkster-based agency at 727-3108.

Starfish Family Services is a private, nonprofit human service agency with 18 programs that annually serve more than 12,000 children, youths, adults and families in southeastern Michigan.

Proceeds will go to programs that help mothers in need, such as:

■ After Baby Comes, a practical and emotional support program for first-time mothers.

■ Even Start West for low-income mothers to earn their GED and realize their role as their child's first teacher.

■ Safe Stay Crisis Nursery and Family Respite Center, which provides respite and crisis support to single mothers, foster mothers, grandmothers and other mothers who need a safe place for their children while they work through a crisis or take a time out.

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for improving Westland city government, Gracin said.

The organization will continue its government involvement even after a recall attempt at ousting council members Cox, Sharon Scott, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David James, she said.

"We will address council and other entities with concerns and issues of Westland residents - and be a citizens watch group for governmental ethics," Gracin said.

Council members under threat of recall for Gibbons' dismissal have defended themselves, saying they voted their conscience amid hopes of finding a better city clerk. They have since promoted former Deputy Clerk Joann Seaberg.

Cox defended his decision again on Tuesday.

Seaberg won praise from Scott during a recent council meeting for the job she has done since being chosen as clerk on March 23. Scott said Seaberg has swiftly responded to council requests.

Gibbons also won her share of praise from citizens and council members Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc.

We The People members are concerned with issues beyond a council recall, Gracin said.

"We will also be fielding candi-

'It's very difficult to justify how a group supposedly formed to protect the interests of a Westland employee can reconcile, in their minds, turning around and attempting to create difficulty for a Romulus employee.'

*David Cox
-Westland councilman*

dates for various political posts within the city and county - who knows, maybe one day the state," she said in an e-mail statement.

Some group members this week were involved in filing several Freedom of Information Act requests through the city clerk's office. They want to learn what taxpayers shell out for government pensions, cellular phones, gasoline and other expenses.

The group also will likely sponsor events such as candidate forums during local elections, she said.

But Cox, for one, said he believes the group has become too zealous in its efforts. He denounced Gracin and others for taking their criticism of him to the Romulus City Council meeting on Monday.

Cox is employed as assistant to the mayor in Romulus.

"What they've done is they've

gone to my employer," Cox said. "It's very difficult to justify how a group supposedly formed to protect the interest of a Westland employee (Gibbons) can reconcile, in their minds, turning around and attempting to create difficulty for a Romulus employee."

Cox said he remains in "good stead" in his Romulus post.

Gracin has said she and others simply want to learn more about issues such as whether Cox should legally be living in Romulus.

Cox's critics have questioned whether his loyalty lies in Westland or Romulus, but he labeled their actions as "pure vindictive hatefulness."

"This is a very vicious and vindictive group of people who are just unhappy ... and their cause doesn't have anything to do with furthering the quality of life in Westland," Cox said.



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Meaningful words: Mayor Robert Thomas (right) recites the marriage vows for senior couples at Willow Creek Apartments.

Love from page A1

He smiled intently at Beth as he described how they first "knew of each other" in Sunday school in the Upper Peninsula when he was 15 and she was 13. They started dating four years later and married two years after that. He's 84 and she's 81.

They were among seven couples honored at a luncheon Wednesday, April 19, at the apartment complex clubhouse, with Westland Mayor Robert Thomas officiating for the marriage vow renewals.

The key to a successful marriage, according to Bertha Large is: "We got along real good and we respect each other."

"Love goes a long way, you know," she added.

Bertha should know. She and her husband, Roy, have been married 64 years, and they dated five years before that. They had two sons, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

With a playful giggle she said: "Besides, he couldn't get rid of me."

Roy chirped: "You didn't try too hard."

Sitting next to them, Margaret and Joe Elenich will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 5. After all those years,

'I was introduced to her and I asked her if she wanted to go skating. That was our first date.'

*Joe Elenich
-married to Margaret*

apparently, people start to think alike.

Joe said couples have to "give a little and take a little" to make their marriages work. As soon as the words were out of his mouth, Margaret added: "I was going to say the same thing."

"I was introduced to her and I asked her if she wanted to go skating," Joe said. "That was our first date."

Elmer and Mary Alice Trosien met at an office they both worked at in Ohio. Without a moment's hesitation, Mary Alice recalled their first date: Jan. 7, 1950. They were married Aug. 25, 1950, and had four children. They also have nine grandchildren.

"Talking to each other is the main thing and have church as the background," she said. "We always went to church."

Victor Rosa said he asked his wife of 57 years to go out with

him the same day they met. She was visiting her sister in a house he rented out. He happened to be there working on a repair when Rose came visiting. She accepted his offer.

"It was a real hot August day and we went for a ride," he said.


Rose, who has been active at St. Raphael Church in Garden City for 57 years, said "faith in each other and accepting one another" have been important elements of their marriage.

Kui and Hui Wang have been married 68 years. Their daughter, Shu, said that they stayed married so long by having "patience with each other."

Fred and Gayla Morantes, who were married Oct. 30, 1948, were also honored, but were not present at the luncheon.

A brochure at the luncheon summed the emotion of the day well: "Today, the 19th of April, at Willow Creek Apartments, we honor those couples who have spent over half their lives walking hand in hand. It is that union which we honor here today. A union of love and trust, laughter and tears; promise and hope. Never looking back in regret, but learning from the past to make a better future."

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responding officer ... the quicker they get medical treatment, the better," Price said.

The police Tactical Response Unit in March responded to a barricaded gunman firing random shots from an apartment at The Landings, near Hunter and Central City Parkway.

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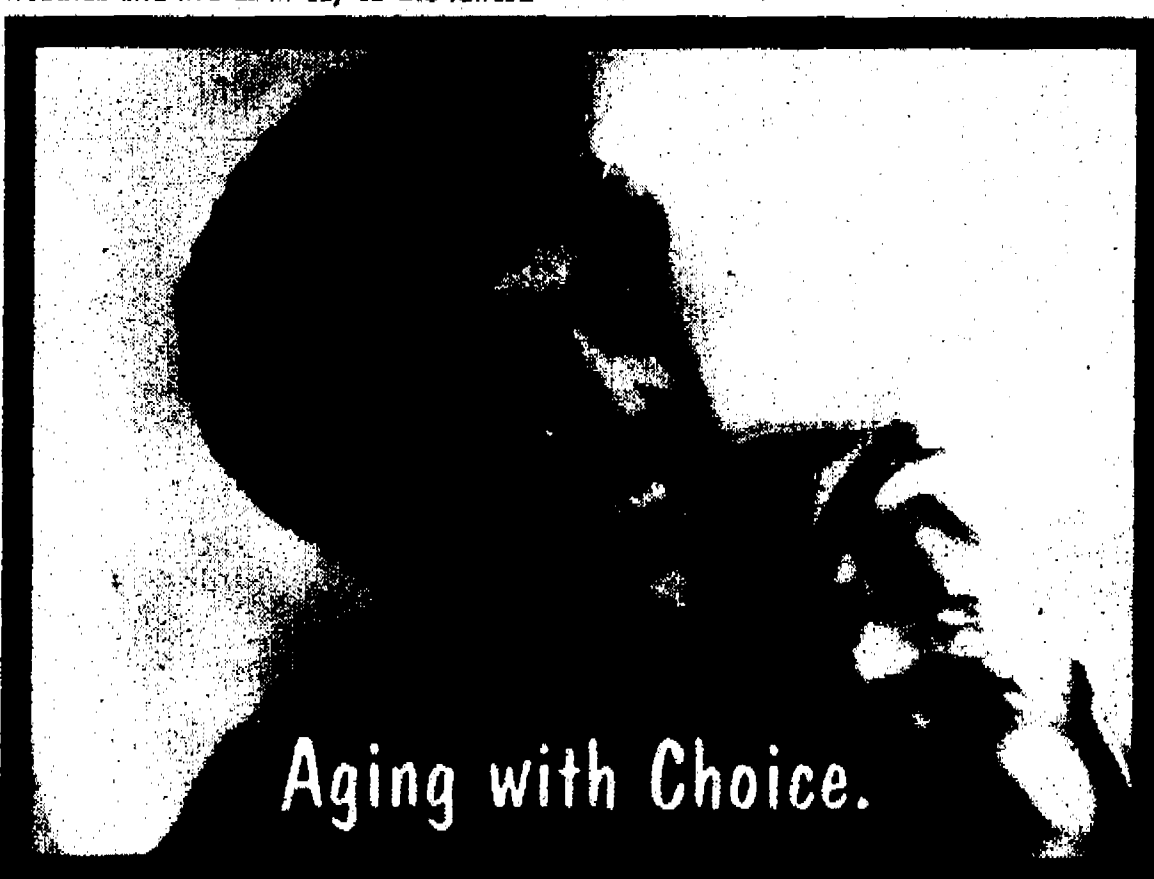
and fire officials say such situations can easily lead to multiple injuries requiring immediate attention from paramedics.

But Reddy said the TEMS program isn't intended to help only victims of shootings or other violent acts. He said firefighters could be called in to help protect police officers from dehydration

or frostbite as they work in extreme weather conditions.


Officials say the TEMS program means the Westland Fire Department will remain a Wayne County leader in implementing new programs. The department received accolades in 1997 for being on the forefront of starting paramedic services.

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Harmonica shows style

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A harmonica might not have the highbrow reputation of a violin, but to the die-hards who've played since childhood, a well-played harmonica composition can be just as beautiful as a violin concerto.

Cowboys in the old West were said to play harmonicas to calm anxious horses. Nowadays, harmonica melodies can be heard in all types of music, including pop, rock, blues, folk, country and jazz as well as Celtic and German music.

A local group keeping harmonica music alive is the Garden City Harmonica Club, formed in 1988 by Al Boehnlein, the current president, and Walt Runchey and John Uhelski, all of Garden City. Other club members hail from Redford, Westland and other metro communities.

Club members agreed that skilled playing requires a keen musical ear — something not everyone possesses. But they disagreed about whether it's better to be taught to play or self-taught.

"I don't think anyone can teach you to play the harmonica," club member Harold "Happy" Vincent of Westland said. "You have to go by sound — you can't see what you're doing."

Vincent taught himself to play

as a child, and not too much later won first prize in an amateur contest. He improvises his own material and can even belt out tunes on a 1-inch harmonica he keeps on a key ring.

Vincent said even the fast-paced classical piece "Flight of the Bumblebee" by the Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov can be played by a skilled harmonica player.

Member Jim Maher of Redford, unlike Vincent, was taught to play the harmonica. His sister, Loretta, a master of eight musical instruments, taught him to play when he was 6.

"You almost have to have someone who knows how to play to learn how to play," Maher said.

Harmonica lessons generally aren't taught in band classes at school, and most bands and orchestras don't have harmonica sections. This makes organizing harmonica players a challenge, said Maher.

Garden City Harmonica Club members are part of the Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica, founded in 1963. The society's goals include cultivating, developing, improving, fostering, promoting, preserving and advancing the harmonica and harmonica playing. SPAH has also helped experienced members to locate harmonica players to form local



Sounds: Al Boehnlein (front), Robert Srock (center), and Harold "Happy" Vincent (back) show their talents.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

groups, such as the Garden City club.

The society sponsors annual conventions as well. This year's convention will take place Aug. 22-26 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Romulus. Performers will include William Galison, the Harmonica Express, Charlie

McCoy and Rick Estrin.

When they're not practicing at Maplewood Community Center, the Garden City Harmonica Club plays gigs at area churches and senior citizen homes. The fare that pleases the crowds most comes from the 1940s and '50s, Vincent said.

The harmonica continues to be a popular instrument among all age groups. But younger harmonica players tend to gravitate toward different musical styles than their older counterparts.

"Most younger people are going into blues," group president Boehnlein said.

For more information on the Garden City club, contact Al Boehnlein at (734) 421-3999 or on the Web at mugwi@juno.com. Meetings are 7 p.m. Monday at the Maplewood Community Center. For information about SPAH, see www.members.aol.com/harmonica on the Net.

Instrument an interesting one

The harmonica was invented in 1821 by German clock maker Christian Friedrich Ludwig Buschmann, who was 16 at the time. His prototype was made up of 15 pitch pipes. It was patented in 1822.

Matthias Hohner began mass producing harmonicas in 1857. The Hohner company, headquartered in Germany, still manufactures harmonicas.

Harmonicas come in all sizes — German harmonica manufacturer Hohner produced a 1 3/8-inch "Little Lady" model and a 2 3/8-inch model made of two harmon-

icas hinged together, listed as the world's largest in the Guinness Book of World Records.

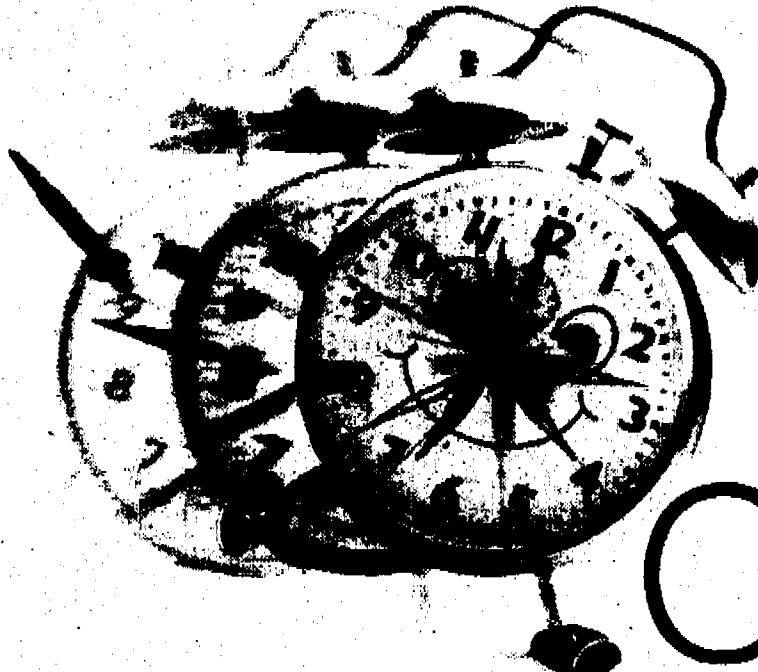
The most expensive harmonica ever produced was solid gold (excluding its brass reeds) and was made for Pope Pius VI.

The standard 6-8-inch harmonica familiar to most people costs between \$50 and \$100.

Harmonica ensembles typically consist of a large bass harmonica and a variety of other harmonica types, including diatonic, chord, chromatic and the less common echo harmonica, which vibrates when played.

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Schoolcraft approves alliance with Ohio 4-year college

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A recent vote by the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is making location less important in choosing an institution of higher learning, according to a school official.

For the second time in about three years, the Livonia-based community college's board approved an educational alliance with a private university, thereby expanding its students' range of choices in four-year degree programs.

The new arrangement, with Franklin University of Columbus, Ohio, permits Schoolcraft students to earn a bachelor of science degree in one of six disciplines without having to leave the Schoolcraft campus.

The arrangement "makes the idea of location irrelevant," said Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft vice president for instruction and student services.

"You don't have to quit your job and move to Ohio if you want the education offered there," he

said.

Schoolcraft first offered programs for earning bachelor's and master's degrees three years ago through the establishment of Omnibus - for Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business - with Madonna University of Livonia.

With Franklin, a combination of on-line offerings originating there, together with on-campus offerings at Schoolcraft, will allow students at the Livonia school to earn a bachelor's in either business administration, computer science, technical administration, health service

administration, public safety management or management information systems. All are fully articulated with existing programs at Schoolcraft, said its president, Dick McDowell.

Jeffress said Schoolcraft might make some additional degree offerings available through the Franklin alliance in the fall. Franklin, which serves about 5,000 students, is a fully-accredited, private institution like Madonna.

Madonna's Omnibus, which permits students to earn their associate's, bachelor's and master's of science in business

administration in three years through a combination of e-mail, the Internet and tapes, is "doing well," Jeffress said.

He said there are 51 students in the cohort group between the two Livonia institutions and that the program has "very good retention."

Offering four-year degrees through the two-year college "Obviously is something we want to do more of," Jeffress said.

"We've got Eastern Michigan University right down the street, there's Central Michigan University and we've got Wayne State University at 12 Mile Road" in

Farmington Hills, any one of which could conceivably expand Schoolcraft's offerings in the future, he said.

You can look at other institutions as competition, he said, or as the basis for offering more to your students. If an arrangement means each school can offer something more than both can do separately, "then it's a greater service," he said.

"We look at it as one of providing choices for the students," Jeffress said. "We like to provide as many opportunities as we can offer."

"Our aspiration would be to

have the best collection of opportunities we can put together," he said.

The computer is the key, Jeffress said: "It's opened up doors and windows to the possibilities of partnerships" between colleges.

Besides, "People are insisting things be faster, more convenient and have more utility," he said. "They want things they can apply right now, as opposed to 10 years from now."

Those factors "are shaking up education these days," Jeffress said.

Police target local highways

Aggressive drivers on western Wayne County state and interstate highways are being targeted today and Friday (April 27-28) by Michigan State Police.

The Metro South post, responding to road-rage complaints, has both marked and unmarked patrol cars on the freeways to pull over those who speed, follow too closely or make improper lane changes, among other things.

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GOP gun safety proposals draw fire in Wayne County

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State lawmakers are preparing to fire off 18 to 20 rounds of new legislation, aimed mostly at increasing firearms safety. Among the proposals is a call for \$1 million to help municipalities hand out free trigger locks to gun owners. And the package would require that trigger locks be included in all future gun sales.

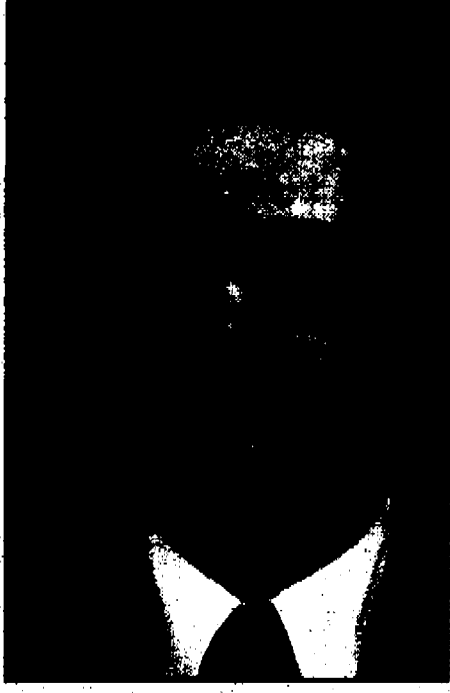
The plan, unveiled in a media roundtable Thursday, April 20, by House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, and expected to be introduced within the week, also calls for a list of new "family safety" measures, including the addition of 50 child protective service workers and requirements for background checks for day care workers.

But the "Family Safety Priorities" package is also drawing return fire from Wayne County officials. One portion of the package would eliminate the right of municipalities to file lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Only the attorney general would be allowed to take such legal action.

Wayne County and the city of Detroit filed suit against 35 gun makers last year in circuit court. The case alleges that the gun



State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski



Prosecutor John O'Hair

manufacturers are engaging in "willful blindness" to the illegal distribution of the guns they make. Similar lawsuits have been filed by Cleveland, Chicago, Miami, New Orleans and Bridgeport, Conn.

Nonetheless, if the new legislation is passed, it would stop Wayne County's suit.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair said he sees no reason why local governments should be blocked from filing such suits. Wayne is winning its case, he argues, and has already received significant concessions

from four gun manufacturers.

The most notable concession was Smith & Wesson's announcement in March that it will add child safety features to the guns it makes, and add "smart gun" technology to its products, making it impossible for someone other than the owner of the gun to use the weapon.

The Springfield, Mass., gun maker also agreed to hold its distributors to a new "code of conduct." Smith & Wesson's concessions came in return for the dropping of lawsuits filed by a

number of cities.

"I can think of no reason why the right of a person or a community to sue should be restricted," O'Hair said. He said he wasn't satisfied with the idea the state attorney general would retain the power to sue on behalf of city governments.

Rather, he said cities should keep their authority to sue. If they can make a case in court, it would show the suit was indeed valid. If they could not, the courts would toss the case out.

Lorri Rishar, spokesperson for House Republicans and speaker Perricone, said it is not unusual for states to restrict the right to sue gun makers. Nineteen states restrict the right of individuals and cities to sue gun manufacturers; 12 give the power to the state, and two restrict the power to their attorneys general.

If the case is legitimate, she said, it could proceed. It would simply have to be reviewed by the attorney general first.

Rishar argued that reserving the authority for the state would "level the playing field" among communities. Few have the resources of a Wayne County, and so few would be able to take on gun makers in a suit. Restricting the authority to sue to the attorney general would give all Michigan communities the same ability to file cases

through that state office, she explained.

State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, who expects to be called on to sponsor a portion of the package, favors the provision.

"It would keep people from filing a lot of silly lawsuits," he said. "This is a product that is doing what it is supposed to do. It is not malfunctioning. If you want to sue them for the proliferation of violence in our society, you should also sue Hollywood. We should sue Miramar. We should sue Hostess for making Twinkies."

Unveiling the plan for the package of safety bills, Perricone explained he believed "youth violence has more to do with families than firearms ... We are giving many new tools to parents, students, educators, day care workers, and law enforcement personnel as they work together to maximize family safety."

The package of bills would also:

- Require trigger locks be sold with all new purchases of guns.

- Raise the age for those seeking to purchase guns at gun shows from 18 to 21, or 18 with a high school diploma.

- Provide firearms safety and training classes in public schools. State police would visit classrooms to raise awareness of

firearms safety. Michigan State University's Criminal Justice program would train 400 police officers to conduct the classes.

- Provide tax credits for the purchase of trigger locks and gun safes.

- Establish a toll-free state school safety hotline.

- Increase the number of school counselors in public schools. At present, the ratio of counselors to students is one to 700. Perricone said he would like to cut that ratio in half.

- Add \$45 million in spending for childhood intervention programs.

- Add 50 employees in the state Child Protective Services.

- Add \$50 million to the Family Independence Agency budget for increasing day care in impoverished neighborhoods.

- Require background checks on day care workers.

- Permit mental health assessments of children who have committed acts of arson or animal cruelty to determine if they are dangerous.

- Create a program to be known as the Project Exile Fund Commission, which will put more prosecutors on the job to lend technical assistance to local police departments when they are prosecuting defendants on firearms charges either in the state or federal courts.

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At attention: Caleb Mel-las, 10, stands still during Zeemo's trick. Tricks using both hands are the toughest in the yo-yo repertoire, Zeemo said.



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Front and center: Zeemo entertains the library crowd with juggling during the Monday program. Below, he works with Autumn Brown, 9½.

Young and older agree Zeemo's a hit

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Zeemo the Yo-yo Man brought his show to the Westland library Monday night, much to the delight of some 40 children and their parents.

The yo-yo was part of his repertoire, which also included juggling, magic and jokes. "But my middle name is danger," he told the children, reminding them not to get too close while he juggled.

Under-the-leg juggling was featured, along with such juggling impressions as a trained seal at the circus.

"When I was a little kid, I was into yo-yos," he said, adding he started around 8 or 9. "I saved up my money, got a yo-yo." Years of practice and self-denial enabled him "to master the macho art of the yo-yo."

Yo-yo tricks he showed Monday included the Eiffel Tower, in which that familiar Parisian shape is formed with string, the bow tie and eating spaghetti. "Don't eat the yo-yo," he advised.

The slam dunk was included "for all you basketball fans." Zeemo, who got help from several children with his show, uses a regular \$5 yo-yo

from a toy store.

"I used to practice this trick on my brother," Zeemo told an appreciative audience. "Now, he's my half-brother."

Stuffed animal Rocky aided Zeemo with impressions. Zeemo encouraged children to come to the library. "You never know what's going to happen."

Learning takes place at the library, he said, and there are books about yo-yos available.

He encouraged children to practice outdoors or in other open spaces, such as an uncrowded gym. "Be careful with yo-yos because if you hit somebody in the head with them they do hurt."

Zeemo told the audience about the Smithsonian Institution, which houses the world's largest yo-yo. That yo-yo had to be dropped from a crane.

Zeemo, who also does science shows in schools, has been performing since 1972 when he graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in kinesiology/physical education. His shows are designed with the whole family in mind.

In a post-show interview, he told how yo-yos first came along in the late 1920s. They were basic wood designs.

Donald Duncan saw them, bought the company, and did a great deal to manufacture and promote the yo-yo. Later promotions included top yo-yo users performing and contests.

The yo-yo was big in the post-World War II era, Zeemo said, with no TV competition and fewer toys. "But this was an action toy. This was something you could do."

Zeemo, who's Paul Kyprie in private life, noted kids today don't read and are used to a fast pace. He remembers the thrill of the 15-cent kite. "It wasn't all of this high-tech stuff."

Even so, yo-yos remain popular, and some of the children at Monday's program were adept. Zeemo told them to keep up the practice.

Girls, too, play with yo-yos, he said, and there are no physical limitations to keep girls and women from excelling.

Kids at the show liked Zeemo, who can be reached at (800) 205-3275.

Kahtia Brown-Cook, 7, said "My favorite part was when he put the orange and pink yo-yos on string." Sister Autumn Brown, 9½, liked the Chinese yo-yo, which made a sound when used.

Children who helped with the show each received a yo-yo, and yo-yo drawings were held at the end.

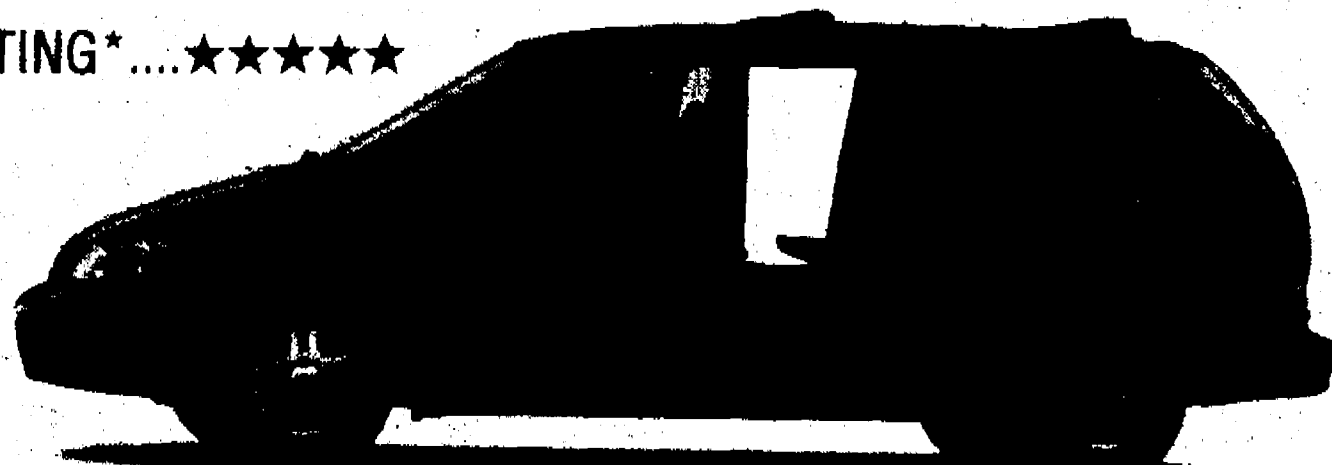
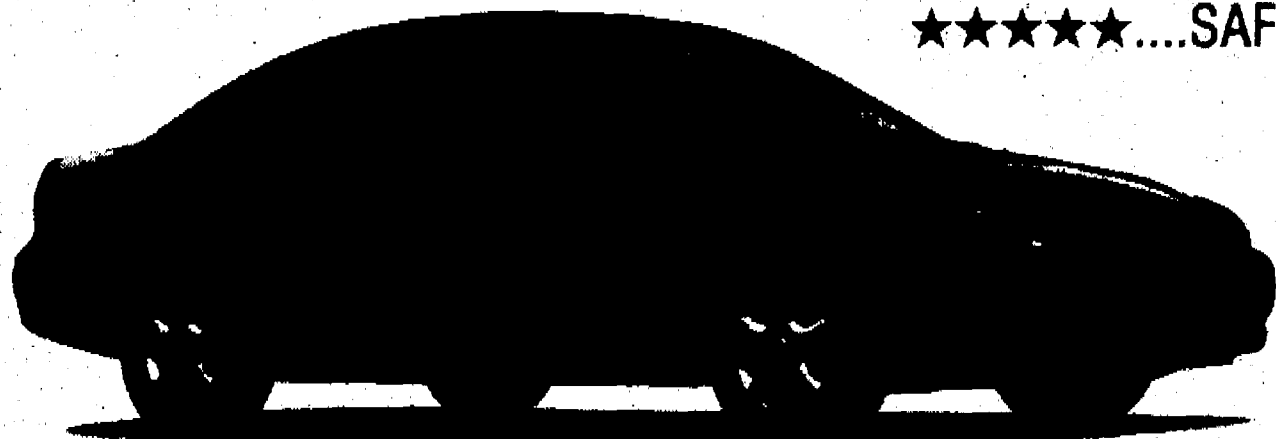


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Husk pushes advisory panel to oversee Friend of Court

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A western Wayne County commissioner is pushing for creation of a citizen advisory committee to oversee the county's Friend of the Court operations.

"People are asking for this committee," said Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, who earlier this month introduced a resolution urging its appointment.

"County Commissioners receive many complaints about Friend of the Court operations which could be better directed to such a committee," Husk said in the resolution.

A state law on the books since January 1997 authorizes county

executives across Michigan to appoint such committees, but Husk said to date, only Saginaw County has acted.

The problem, she said, is that the state "didn't make clear" who would fund or administer such a committee.

Husk's resolution, introduced April 5, is expected to be taken up today by the commission's committee on public safety and judiciary and Husk plans to be present.

According to the resolution, the state authorizes citizens advisory committees to investigate grievances filed by a party to a domestic relations case about FOC operations. However, it does not accept "grievances

about the conduct or behavior of a (FOC) staff member."

The FOC office "is required by law to cooperate with the committee in responding to a grievance," the resolution says.

The law directs the county executive to appoint, subject to county commission approval, six citizens who are not public officers.

They are to be an advocate for children, a representative for non-custodial parents, a representative of custodial parents, an attorney who engages primarily in family law practice, a mental health professional who provides family counseling, and "A member of the public who could not serve in any of the foregoing

capacities."

Serving with the six citizens would be the county sheriff, prosecuting attorney and the director of the Michigan Family Independence Agency or their designees.

Appointees would serve three-year terms, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms, she said. The committee would meet six times per year.

The advisory committee "cannot change the court's legal order" in any domestic case, Husk noted. It would only "be used to monitor the operational procedure of the FOC."

Because the committee's basic role "will be to help track problem areas" in operations, it "will help to keep communication

open between the public and the FOC.

"By knowing the problem areas, (county commissioners will) be able to work on them and correct them," she said.

Husk, who said she has received numerous complaints from constituents alleging the FOC is unresponsive to, or mishandles, their inquiries, also is continuing to push for an audit of FOC operations by the county commission.

"We've been trying to do an audit, but they say no, we can't audit their operations, only their finances," said Husk.

The advisory committee is "definitely one approach" to resolving grievances, "but we still need to do an audit."



Kathleen Husk, R-Redford

County promises top-notch triathlon to mark Newburgh Lake restoration

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Wayne County may be in the very early stages of organizing its first-ever triathlon, but the event will be top-notch all the way, a Wayne County spokeswoman said Wednesday.

"We plan on running a first-class race," said Barb Farrah about the scheduled Aug. 20 competition showcasing the clean-up of Newburgh Lake.

Two years ago, the county spent \$12 million to dredge the lake - which is part of the Rouge River system - to remove PCBs and other contaminants.

Earlier this year, the county health department rated the water quality at Newburgh Pointe in the lake sufficient for a swimming competition, but not

for public swimming. A triathlon consists of swimming, bicycling and running events.

Farrah, who handles community relations for the county's department of environment, said that, in addition to the triathlon, the county also is planning a "happening" at the lake.

She said it is expected to offer "general informational displays" about the lake "and hopefully some interactive things" so it will be "fun for kids" and their parents as well as for those watching the competition and for others unfamiliar with the lake and Hines Park in which it is located.

Vendors of food and other items also are expected to be on hand for the event, which will consist of a half-mile competitive swim, a five-kilometer run

around the lake and an 18-mile bike race through the park.

The county hopes to begin working next week with a metro-Detroit consulting firm which stages triathlons, Farrah said, although there is no formal contract as yet. The firm is staging a triathlon in Australia this week, she said.

"This is something way different for us and we want to make sure everything" is on the mark, Farrah said.

Applications to enter the triathlon - a sanctioned event open to qualified athletes only - are expected to be ready by mid-May, she said.

The environmental department, which supervised the lake's dredging, is coordinating the event with the county's parks department.

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House task force proposes hotline for consumers

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Slamming, cramming, credit reporting problems, medical billing fraud and nursing home care are among the concerns most on the minds of consumers, according to the findings of the House Republican Task Force on Consumer Issues.

But the biggest frustration for consumers, said state Reps. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, and Mark Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, is that when they have a problem they often do not know whom to call.

In fact, many of the phone calls lawmakers receive in their Lansing offices from constituents turn out to be not government related, but consumer complaints.

Complaint hotline

To address that, the representatives are proposing to create a "universal complaint hotline." Not only would staffers operating the toll-free number provide a referral service for complaining consumers — directing the callers not only to the correct level of government, federal, state or local, but to the specific department — and would compile lists of the calls it gets to keep lawmakers informed about what kinds of consumer complaints are on the minds of constituents.

Toy and Jansen are also asking that lawmakers begin to receive quarterly reports about consumer complaints from the various state departments that typically handle them — the attorney general, Consumer and Industry Services, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Transportation and others. The purpose is to keep elected officials "pry to the most common consumer complaints and help develop legislative solutions to

Who do you call?

Consumer complaints go nowhere without the right numbers

When a consumer has a complaint, knowing whom to call is a key issue. And according to Rep. Mark Jansen, R-Grand Rapids, it can be very confusing because the regulatory agencies are spread out about across all levels of government — federal, state, county and local — as well as among various departments at each of those levels. As the House Republican Policy Committee Task Force on Consumer Issues released its report Monday, April 24, outlining proposals for new legislation it would like to see enacted to address consumer concerns, it also compiled a list of already available phone numbers to which consumers can take their complaints. Numbers to call include:

- To file a **slamming or cramming** complaint against any unauthorized provider, contact the Michigan Public Service Commission at **1-800-292-9655**.
- If unresolved, consumers can also file complaints to the Enforcement Division of the Federal Communications Commission at **1-888-228-6322**.
- For complaints regarding **nursing home care**, call the state's Bureau of Health Systems in the Department of Consumer Industry and Services on its health care facility hotline at **1-800-882-6000**.
- The Health Care Financing Administration provides a national database on where consumers can find the most recent survey results for nursing homes. The administration has a website accessible at www.medicare.gov/nursing/home.asp.
- For help finding the right **long-term care facility**, consumers can contact the Elder Care Locator at **1-800-877-1118**.
- For **legal advice**, seniors can contact the Legal Hotline for Older Michigianians at **1-800-347-8297**.
- For assistance and **advice on health benefits**, seniors can contact the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program Hotline at **1-800-803-7174**.
- The Attorney General's **Consumer Protection Division** can be reached at **1-617-373-1140**.
- For **complaints about licensed professionals**, the state's Consumer and Industry Services Bureau of Health Systems can be reached at **1-617-373-1820**.
- **Complaints regarding the environment** can be made to the Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Assistance Center at **1-800-882-9278**.
- **Complaints about service in the state's Family Independence Agency** should be made to **1-617-373-2035**.
- **And complaints regarding potholes in the road and about state Department of Transportation services** can be made to **1-517-373-2090**.

those problems."

Those proposals were among a list unveiled April 24 by Toy and Jansen at a press conference in Livonia. They were contained in a report issued by the task force

as a result of hearings held around the state last summer. Members of the task force — including Reps. Toy, Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, Steve Vear, R-Hillsdale, Clark Bisbee,

R-Jackson, Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph, and Jason Allen, Traverse City — conducted six hearings across the state from Monroe to Traverse City which drew, on average, crowds of 25 attendees.

This is the 32nd task force report to be issued by the House Republican Policy Committee, chaired by Jansen, since its formation in 1987. Toy said task force efforts are intended to keep the lawmakers in touch with their constituents. Past task force reports have generated many new state laws.

Slamming and cramming

In the hearings, lawmakers identified three areas of consumer concern they can address in legislation — telephone slamming and cramming, nursing home care and medical billing practices.

Slamming is already illegal in Michigan under a law passed in 1998, but it remains the number one source of complaints from state residents to the Federal Communications Commission. Some 2,800 slamming complaints were filed in 1998 to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Phone companies are supposed to receive a "letter of authority" or verify the customer's request through a third party before switching long distance services, but "there are many ways in which unscrupulous companies prey on unknowing consumers and use deceptive measures to obtain service," according to the task force report.

"For instance, there are phone companies named Hold, I Don't

Care, I Don't Know. During a typical phone solicitation, the caller (representing the company Hold) may ask in the middle of the call, 'Can I put you on Hold?' An answer in the affirmative results in the switching of the consumer's telephone carrier."

Likewise, according to Toy, cramming is also illegal. That is the practice of adding charges to a consumer's phone bill that the consumer did not ask for. But it is still a source of many complaints.

Recommendations

To address these concerns, the task force is recommending a number of changes in the law, including:

- Legislation requiring "truth in billing." This legislation would require any company adding a charge to a consumer's phone bill to also include a toll free number at which the company can be reached and the company's address. Residents who testified before the committee hearings complained that when they find unauthorized items on their phone bills, there is often no phone number or address where the company can be reached to file a complaint.

- Increase the penalties for slamming and cramming. Already, consumers can dispute their bills when they have been slammed, and the law prohibits the company from collecting more than what the customer would have paid the old phone company for the same services. However, the task force believes that allows slammers to still

make a profit. So, the task force is proposing legislation to prohibit slamming companies from collecting any fees.

- Legislation requiring background checks for anyone seeking to enter the telecommunications market in Michigan.

- Creation of a "no call" list which would allow consumers to block phone solicitors from dialing them up.

Toy noted that lawmakers, learning the lesson from telephone deregulation, also are proposing bills to prevent slamming and cramming when the state similarly deregulates electric and gas service. Reps. Richardville and Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, have already introduced bills to outlaw the practice in those utilities.

Nursing home care was not an area the task force anticipated reviewing, Toy said, but the number of complaints heard by the committee prompted several recommendations for new laws, including:

- Continuing the state's Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage program and promoting it better to make more Michigan seniors aware that it is available.

- Requiring criminal background checks for employees of nursing homes and county medical care facilities. Such background checks are already being proposed in legislation sponsored by Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth.

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Seniors tell task force of problems

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A chairwoman's job is never done.

Or so it seemed Monday morning, just after state Rep. Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia, chair of the House Republican Consumer Issues Task Force, presented her panel's findings about Michigan consumers' top complaints:

As soon as Toy announced that phone-slamming, nursing-home loopholes and medical-billing problems were top concerns, a quartet of Livonia senior citizens introduced some new ones that gave Toy some pause.

The new complaints help underscore the panel's recommended toll-free constituent hotline, Toy said. "What is often missing is who to call or write, where to go, just where to get answers," she said.

People often see Lansing as if it's "some big Wizard of Oz-type thing," unreachable or un-knowable, she noted. By helping find answers, the hotline will bring some "clarity," she said.

Regina Dunne told Toy she wanted billings for unauthorized long-distance charges stopped. Her husband, Bill, said the same about altered credit-card receipts.

Cornelia Blaga said the flood of unwanted telephone solicitations she gets are making her "nasty" while Betty Ronayne protested being excluded from Livonia's free mindr home-repair service because she now has a condominium.

Dunne said her phone was billed for calls made while she and Bill were out of town. The phone company told her the number apparently was stolen, but did nothing about it.

Bill Dunne said credit card companies who let restaurant employees boost tips on already-signed bills — which happened to him — should be penalized.

The new law should "whack them (card companies) big-time if they're going to let people pull this stuff," he said, suggesting a penalty five times the increase.

Blaga said she can't pick up the phone "without finding a telephone marketer on the other end — a problem she believes

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■ Requiring care facilities to provide prospective patients with written descriptions of the services they provide.

■ Creating an insurance program to provide for long-term care.

To deal with complaints about medical claims, the task force recommended requiring the use of a standardized medical claim form.

Additional recommendations of the task force included having the Department of Consumer and Industry Services make its disciplinary data base more

accessible to state residents so they can find out when a professional licensed through the state, such as a health care provider, has been disciplined.

And the task force suggested legislation requiring that security deposits required by hotels be credited back more quickly to consumers' accounts. Toy said some credit card companies do not reverse the security deposit charge until as much as 30 days later. This is particularly a problem for travelers, she explained, who may quickly find their credit cards are at their limits due to unreturned security deposits.

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increases as people get older. "Too many solicitations" have made her "nasty to everybody" - to the point she once almost hung up on winning raffle. "I don't know what approach to take," Blaga said.

Ronayne said since she moved from a house to a condo, "new government regulations" have excluded her from the City of Livonia's free minor home-repair program. She related paying \$55

recently to have a light switch repaired.

But her condo fits the description of "a freestanding, single-family dwelling," she said, so "What's the difference?"

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Bills aimed at speeding HMO reviews

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Insurance consumers who have disputes with their Health Maintenance Organizations would get faster, independent reviews of their health care coverage claims under a set of new bills introduced recently in the state House of Representatives.

Additionally, Michigan's Insurance Commission would be required to publish "Health Plan Report Cards" about the state's HMOs, to help consumers select the right plan when shopping for coverage.

In return, HMOs would avoid the specter of lawsuits over those coverage disputes. And the reforms include new rules aimed at protecting the solvency of Michigan HMOs, which have been losing money in the past few years.

The package, House Bills 5572-5576, unveiled in the House by Reps. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Muskegon, and Gary Woronchak, R-Deerborn, Charlie LaSata, R-St. Joseph, and Sandy Caul, R-Mount Pleasant, and Sens. Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, and Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, is a follow up to the governor's State of the State address.

Susan Shafer, spokeswoman for Gov. John Engler, said the bills matched the proposals

■ 'Consumers need to have more leverage when dealing with health care plans and providers.'

Sen. Shirley Johnson
R-Royal Oak

Engler called for in his address and that he will push for their passage.

The bills will also likely see the support of the insurance industry. Patrick Foley, director of communications for the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, said his organization supports the intent of the bills, but has yet to review them in detail. The MHHA is expected to testify regarding the bills and offer a formal position when committee meetings get under way in early May, he said.

"Providing a review for managed health care systems or all insurance providers appears to be the central point of the law," he said. "Certainly, providers are leery of additional lawsuits, so this would appear to be the best route."

"Consumers need to have more leverage when dealing with health care plans and providers," Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said. "Too often, when a

conflict arises involving a health care plan, the consumer is left at the mercy of the health care providers. It's time to strengthen patient rights in Michigan. The bills will keep health care plans accountable while giving patients the ability to resolve complaints quickly. If patients continue to encounter problems, the Office of Financial and Insurance Services gives them somewhere to go for help."

"Michigan residents deserve consumer choice and the highest quality care at a price they can afford," House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, said of the bills. "That care needs to include rights for the patients. This package furthers the effort we started a few years ago and ensures the rights of all patients to appeal care and coverage decisions. To the patient, the HMO or health insurance company can seem intimidating and impersonal. These bills are

intended to keep health care plans accountable and to help patients feel that there is an avenue open for resolving their complaints in a fair and timely fashion."


The package expands on Michigan's current Patient Bill of Rights, and also calls for:

■ Handing all external, independent reviews of health care delivery or coverage problems to the newly created state Office of Financial and Insurance Services. That would put all reviews of coverage, including HMOs and other insurance firms, under a single state office.

■ Increasing the net worth, deposit and working capital requirements for HMOs to better ensure their solvency.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2000

A good man Franklin's made a difference

The words "firm but compassionate" were used last week to describe John Franklin, chairman of the Westland Housing Commission.

The speaker was city Housing Director James Gilbert, among many honoring Franklin for his 30-year tenure on the commission. Franklin serves as chairman and president.

Housing officials have worked hard to help low-income families, particularly in neighborhoods such as Norwayne and Carver that have shown signs of rebounding.

The housing situation in Westland isn't perfect, as Franklin has acknowledged. Still, efforts to help with affordable housing and to

reduce poverty have come a long way in the past 30 years, with Franklin's guidance certainly a factor in that improvement.

Franklin also has been active for three decades in the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, a citizens group that has helped Precinct 28 become known for one of the highest voter turnouts in local elections. Franklin has served in offices such as president, helping the association to flourish.

He's still going strong at 77. We wish Franklin well in his endeavors and congratulate him on reaching this 30-year milestone on the Westland Housing Commission. We're sure he's also appreciated by local families whose lives he has touched.

Head Start deserves respect

Head Start can trace its roots back to the vision of Lyndon B. Johnson, who in his first State of the Union message called for a war on poverty and the creation of a "Great Society."

Johnson devised and signed into law more than 200 pieces of major legislation, including the Economic Opportunity Act that gave rise to Project Head Start.

Initially, Head Start started out in 1965 as a summer program for 3-4-year-old children, but evolved into a school-year program that, since its inception, has served more than 17.7 million children and their parents. It has provided them with a variety of individualized services in education and early childhood development, medical, dental, and mental health and nutrition.

It is one of the real success stories of LBJ's Great Society, a popular program that legislators flock to support like birds flock to a feeder.

That might explain why a such highly successful program like Head Start has become mired in controversy and highly respected community agencies have been sucked into the dispute in Wayne County.

After being managed for more than 25 years by the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, the 18 out-county programs have come under the control of Wayne County. The change of grantees last year provided the opportunity to make Head Start community-based. Instead of naming school districts that had supported the programs for years as its delegates, the county divided up the programs between three community agencies.

While the plan may have looked good on paper, it didn't translate well in reality. The YWCA of Western Wayne County found itself on the outside looking in after providing Head Start programs in Dearborn, Garden City and Taylor, and Starfish Family Services, which is providing Head Start for most of Inkster, ended up in charge of most of the western Wayne County programs.

The news landed like a lead balloon on many Head Start employees and parents who have directed their wrath at Starfish Family Services.

Employees, who thought of themselves as school district employees, have had to be fired, interviewed and rehired for their jobs, and parents, in looking at the Inkster-based agency, fear their children will be sent to programs outside of their district.

Such controversy is unheard of for Starfish, which started out working with children in the 1970s as Youth Living Centers. It had

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hoped for a two-three-year transition and a partnership with the county, much like what it worked out with the Lovelight Foundation and Gleaners to become a food distribution center in western Wayne County.

It has a proven track record providing such things as shelter for runaway teens, a Safe Stay home for the children of families in crisis and an early intervention program for disadvantaged children. The fact that it has become embroiled in such a controversy is testimony to the county's heavy-handed handling of the program.

It's nice to hear the county executive talk about the estimated 30,000 children who are eligible for the program and wanting to increase Head Start numbers as the county heads into the 21st century, but what about the 3,700 children and their parents already in the program?

According to Carolyn Gray, Wayne County's director of Children and Family Services, school systems love Head Start because it helps children become emotionally and socially ready to learn. If that statement's true, then why are districts balking at providing the in-kind space that the county estimates is worth almost \$5 million?

Awarding delegate status for Head Start programs to community agencies isn't like handing out concessions at Detroit Metropolitan Airport - in one day, out the next. Politics has no place in a program that is meant to work with families that have been on the short end of the stick for years.

Thrashing out the problems in the newspaper isn't the answer either. If Wayne County wants to expand Head Start, it needs to sit down with all concerned - the parents, employees and delegates - and listen to what needs to be done to make the change as smooth and as painless as possible.

The county also has to stop moving the programs around like they're nothing more than chess pieces on a board. Just two months before the delegates take over the county is still shuffling programs between agencies. Such wheeling and dealing should have been worked out before the county went public with its plans.

Instead of leaving the delegates, families and employees hanging, the county needs to state the case for the change, tell how it will be done and who will do it then leave it at that. Anything less is an insult to those who have made Head Start a great program.



LETTERS

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Traffic safety

The citizens of Westland are getting sick about things being shoved down their throats (see sidewalk letter below) and our smart (really dumb or don't care) city officials do not enforce the Michigan driving laws like speeding and running stop signs, just to mention a few. You could come to our house and look out the window and see this is an everyday occurrence and it is just a matter of time before some child or adult gets killed. It seems silly to have this sidewalk regulation when the city of Westland does not enforce driving regulations. Please help some child who is going to get killed by a vehicle here. Thanks.

(A letter to Mayor Robert Thomas and the city council.)

It seems that our elected officials of Westland have really lost their minds. We are faced with a sidewalk program (which I never knew existed) to replace a slab of sidewalk even if it has a little crack in it. Now comes the part where it seems like our elected officials are taking STUPID PILLS because the city does not enforce the state's DRIVING REGULATIONS. I have written to you about this before and we had a police car near the house for about a month and for a very short time.

I realize that you can catch a house because it does not move (really stupid), but a vehicle does move (not stupid) and you cannot take care of the speeding and running the stop signs. How many houses or sidewalks have killed people, and if you can answer that maybe you can find out how many vehicles kill people. Get with it, get your head out of the sand and enforce the Michigan state DRIVING LAWS. I do not want to hear from you that something will be done, I want to see it done. No written reply is needed to this letter as action is louder than words.

James Nesler
Westland

Cost too high

I am a longtime resident of Westland and a longer patron of Westland Center. I have already sent them a letter regarding this issue and still feel the need to express this to more people. I can only speak of Westland Center on this matter, but I'm sure they aren't the only one.

What happened to the days when a mall would hire an Easter bunny, or Santa Claus for that matter, to bring customers in? Now, instead of a \$5 Polaroid, it cost \$18 for a package of pictures! I can't see why anyone would

need, or want, eight wallets of their child with the bunny. These are supposed to be keepsake photos. They go in baby books and photo albums.

My first grandchild was born five weeks ago. My daughter and I brought her to the mall for a picture with the bunny on her first Easter. I was just appalled. Yes, I expected the cost would have gone up, but this is ridiculous. They don't even give you a frame with the picture unless you buy one. I always looked at Westland Center as a family-oriented mall. This has changed my outlook.

Gone are the days of good old-fashioned holiday traditions. This is nothing more than money mongrels out to get rich quick at the expense of our children.

The people need to stop paying this. Let the malls know this is a ripoff! For \$10, you can take a child to lunch with the Easter bunny at several restaurants and get a picture (Polaroid), too. Not only is it cheaper, but you get a lunch out of it also. Does anyone else agree with me?

Sandy Pinion

Honesty key

An Easter card and letter arrived recently from California stating that people didn't appreciate me, but that God did. Not that I'm using God as a political tool, which I abhor, but it was nice to know that the people who wrote that letter appreciated all of my many articles over the years, whether they were poems, Christmas stories, or whatever. And, those people could relate to my articles because they, themselves, were having problems with two of their own council members.

As I report to people in various OTHER states about what all goes on in THIS state, I really must ask myself if I believe, deep down in my heart, that there is any such thing as truth and justice? I decide "yes" ... and, that the truth must always be reported ... as I learned long ago ... when I first interviewed people for my high school newspaper.

My journalism teacher was strict but fair ... and taught all of us to observe and report. To always get our facts straight ... and, above all, to be honest.

I add to that by saying, "... for after all, it is the TRUTH about someone or something that we like or don't like. There is no reason to lie."

My teacher would be proud of me, as I was of him. He would be proud that I never resorted to lies.

Angela Frances Todd

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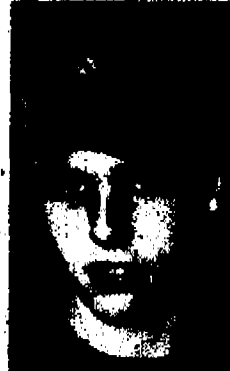
Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. government reunited Elian Gonzalez with his father?

We asked this question at the Westland library.



"I approve. The natural place for a child to be is with his parents."

Anita Hindsa



"I disapprove. They don't need to go waving guns in his face. They didn't give the relatives a warning or anything."

Wayne Kliger



"I disapprove. I had a lot of respect for (Attorney General) Janet Reno on other issues, but I think this was a mistake."

Carol Jeez



"I don't agree with it. It's a shock to the boy. It's not the way to handle it."

Judy Prince

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— Philip Power

LETTERS

Seeking support

This Saturday, citizens will gather in parks across Westland to garner signatures for a few issues within the city: the recall of Sharon Scott, city council member, the ballot initiative to allow Westland registered voters the opportunity to decide whether they choose to elect their city clerk, and a nominating petition for Elizabeth Grant Potter, a retired Wayne-Westland teacher, seeking the position of Wayne County Community College trustee.

Each petition is doing very very well. This past Saturday, several of us met and circulated petitions in the neighborhood at Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail. Response was great, and the general view from the citizens of this community is that it is time for renewal and fresh faces. We couldn't agree more.

We will get to your neighborhood, as we are now going by precinct, but this Saturday is the PERFECT opportunity for those who wish to sign by coming to the parks listed in today's news! Change cannot be brought about by merely talking, change is a good process, a needed process, but can only be achieved by each individual's involvement. Let your voice be heard. Come to the parks and talk to us, sign the petitions and participate!

We will also be in the City Hall parking lot before the council meeting Monday, beginning at 4 p.m. until approximately 7 p.m.

We are giving you the opportunities. Give us your support!

Brenda Gracin

Cast of characters

I was at both council meetings this month, but had to leave before the first one was over but stayed for the last one, and I wore the colors I wrote about at both.

I think Charlie got a tear of joy in his eye April 3, but I'm not sure. For those who don't know the meaning of dark blue pants and a brown shirt,

well, I'll tell you.

The fore-runner of the Nazis was the brown shirts who bullied their way into power. They took over the German government and became as we all know the Nazis of history ... and you can check that out in our library.

The council meeting of April 17 was a little different than the last two, however, (no prayer) just because April 10 I made a request to open the April 17 meeting with a prayer and good ole Charlie canceled the prayers ... for a while. I guess, just bad timing?

At the last council meeting, Charlie and Angelo Plakas weren't there. I guess with prayers and his radio goof they went to Miami to try and get little Elian Gonzalez so he could lead in the pledge, or did they go to Vatican City with a house deed in hand to get the pope ... I can't think of anything else left for them to try.

But all the rest were there ... Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Cicirelli, Mr. LeBlanc, little Davie Cox (aka Bubba Davie), Sharon Scott and Dave James ... wait a minute, two Daves could cause a problem ... What to do? ... I know, with two things I know of, I'll just call Mr. James Don Ho. Yeah, works for me!

And our cast of four (minus Charlie) stayed on course by deferring answering questions until the end at council comments, along with Bob Thomas unless as I call them fluffy ones or softballs.

But with Sharon Scott there I asked her if she had announced that she was running for state rep yet. But once again Sharon said she had not made up her mind yet ... SHARON, get off that old script ... it don't float!

I have a cousin who works for a consulting firm in St. Paul, Minn.

I guess with prayers and his radio goof they went to Miami to try and get little Elian Gonzalez so he could lead in the pledge ...

(spin doctors). I wanted to know why this is going on.

When he got back to me, he said if they are in trouble with the people ... try to limit the amount of people (don't go to the Bailey Center), flood the airwaves and papers with happy and positive stuff (I can't wait to see Bob and little Davie planting that tree at City Hall) and don't answer any questions put to you by people when they ask them because if you do they can correct any misstatements you may try to make. But during your time they can't comment, and hope if you can do it long enough people will get tired and go home.

Make no mistake, they started this last year when somebody wanted little Davie back on the council after the people said "No, thanks" ... "get lost" ... to get something you have to give something. Charlie voted yes (what's new). Justine Barns voted yes (she's on the planning commission). Sharon Scott voted yes (she will announce she's running for state rep) and Sandra Cicirelli voted yes (??? jury's still out).

Bob, Charlie and little Davie say this is a good city (and it is) and we are doing good as a people. Well, not quite. If everyone in Westland could be a department head, police chief, fire chief, council member "or" mayor or deputy mayor for a few years with the sweetheart package we have, they could all retire and live high on the hog ... then we as a people would be doing good ... but that's not going to happen.

And that's what you call top heavy "or" the me people.

Once again, I say if the people get involved and vote this nightmare will end, "but" not if people turn off and tune out as they have done in the past. Only time will tell.

And one last point, little Davie says his legal residence has been Westland since 1984 ...

"Hey," little Davie ... why don't you tell the reporters about the first time we met, "you remember the special council meeting on the paving and me with my tape recorder and briefcase."

I'll wait until after you put your spin on it before I respond to it ... I'm not going anywhere!

James R. Davis

Writer disagrees

I am writing to refute a letter by Mr. Bob McNally of Westland, "Prayer works" (April 20).

The effectiveness of prayer is not germane to the problem of government-sponsored/endorsed religion. The United States was in no way founded on any religious holy book. The founding document of the United States is the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and it is a secular document establishing the United States as a secular state.

United States Constitution
"We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

There's no mention of any god here, this is a secular statement.

Article II
Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Swear:
1) To make a solemn declaration by some sacred being or object.
2) To bind oneself by an oath.

Affirm:
1) To declare or assert positively.
2) To confirm or ratify.
3) To declare solemnly but without oath.

Here there is an option for the Oath of Office. But there is no men-

tion of placing a hand on any holy book; this would be consistent with a secular state. A religious state would demand that a person swear and place a hand on its holy book.

Article VI
"But no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office of public Trust under the United States."

Here we have an absolute prohibition against any religious test for qualification for office. This clearly shows that the Constitution of the United States is a secular document and that the government of the United States was and is constituted as a secular government with a provision for those persons who are religious to take a religious oath if they so choose.

Amendment I
"Congress shall make no laws respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Secular wording that the government of the United States shall be a secular government. No religiously inspired document would ever prohibit the establishment of religion. Religion is a private matter that belongs in the homes and churches of its adherents.

Henry Morgan
Westland

Competition key to meaningful reform of state's telecommunications service

How much do you pay for telephone service? For cable TV? For your cell phone? For modem connections for your computer?

If your household is anything like mine, these bills add up to a big piece of change each month.

Michigan law has a lot to do with the cost and quality of telecommunications services. The current law, which governs all phone companies in the state, was passed in 1995 and expires at the end of the year. A big fight is already under way in Lansing about how best to write the new law.

Everybody says they want the same thing: better consumer protection, better service, more competition, more innovation, reasonable rates. The argument is how best to do it.

Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, proposes to restore some authority to the state Public Service Commission to regulate telephones and other telecommunications services. His House Bill 4804 would give the PSC the power to hear complaints from competing local service providers when they believe "incumbent companies" - meaning Ameritech and GTE - have engaged in anti-competitive practices.

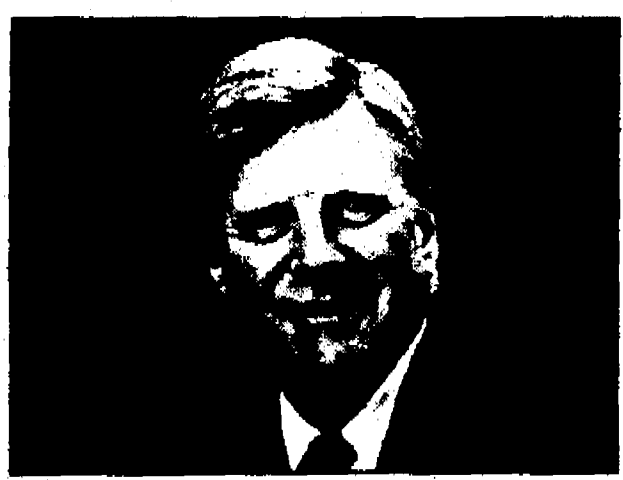
Shulman argues that the net effect of the 1995 telecommunications law was to usher in an essentially unregulated monopoly to the big phone companies. He says the law allowed existing phone companies to keep competitors out while charging customers high prices disguised by confusing bills.

There is little doubt there's virtually no competition in Michigan for local phone service. And, despite detailed denials from Ameritech, most evidence suggests phone rates here are relatively high.

The Michigan Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (an alliance of phone companies trying to gain entry into the Michigan market) says the cost for base phone service in Michigan is \$10.77 per month, higher than any other Great Lakes state. By another estimate, phone users here pay overall \$250 million more per year than they would in a freely competitive market. A Small Business Alliance of Michigan survey of members found that high phone rates are the biggest obstacle to business growth in Michigan.

State Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, takes the opposite approach. His Senate Bill 1193 simply repeals the 1995 telecommunications act, so as to provide the Legislature with a "new starting point" before determining what regulations are in fact needed. While Ameritech spokesman Mike Barnhart says this approach amounts to a "zero-based approach to regulation," critics charge that repealing the 1995 act would simply let Ameritech continue to dominate the market.

Certainly, allowing the 1995 act to lapse at the end of the year without a successor would



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leave the big phone companies with an unregulated monopoly. Rep. Shulman says hearings will have to start within two weeks in order to get legislation moved by the time the Legislature quits for the summer.

Shulman is also trying to start an "Internet Caucus" in the legislature. In a notice faxed around to members of the House and Senate, he pointed out, "Michigan has always been in the forefront of technology. However, to remain there, it is essential for us to understand the innovations in the changing of the technological landscape."

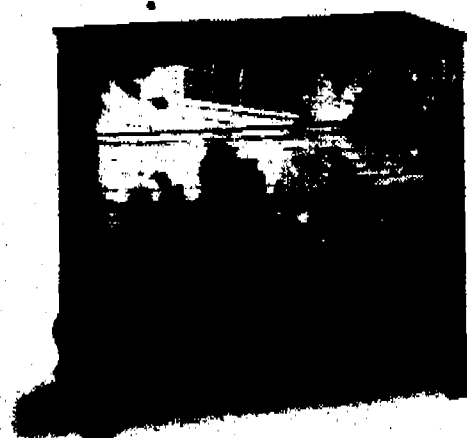
Shulman's dead right. If Michigan is to stay anywhere near the forefront of the Information Revolution, members of the Legislature must inform themselves about what's going on in this very rapidly changing world. More than that, they need to be prepared to act as a bipartisan group to enact sensible legislation.

In this case, a good starting point might be for Rep. Shulman and his Internet Caucus to read the report of the Michigan Information Technology Commission, issued a couple of years ago. I served on that group, which concluded that Michigan had a big future in information technology, but that much needs to be done to bring our telecommunications infrastructure up to snuff.

The Legislature needs to frame the debate in terms of how best to achieve an ultra-fast, reliable, state-of-the-art telecommunications environment rather than engage in ideological arguments about regulatory philosophy. Once this is done, it should not be difficult, even for the Legislature, to realize that the best way to do this is by opening the Michigan market to competition rather than hobbling along with unregulated monopolies.

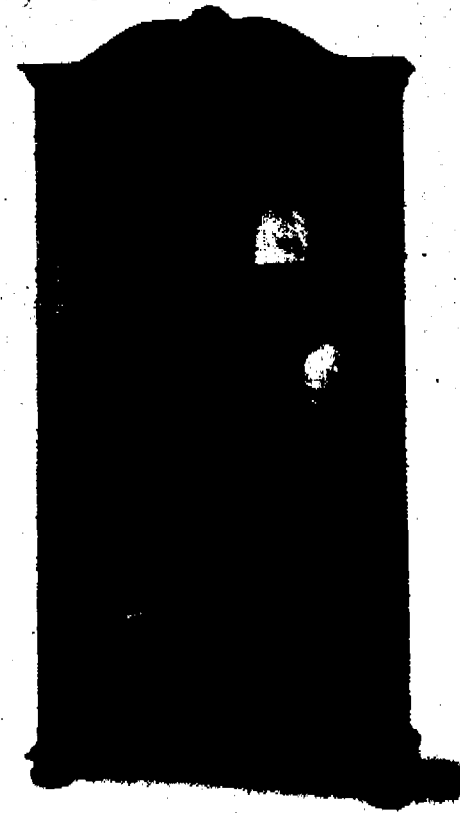
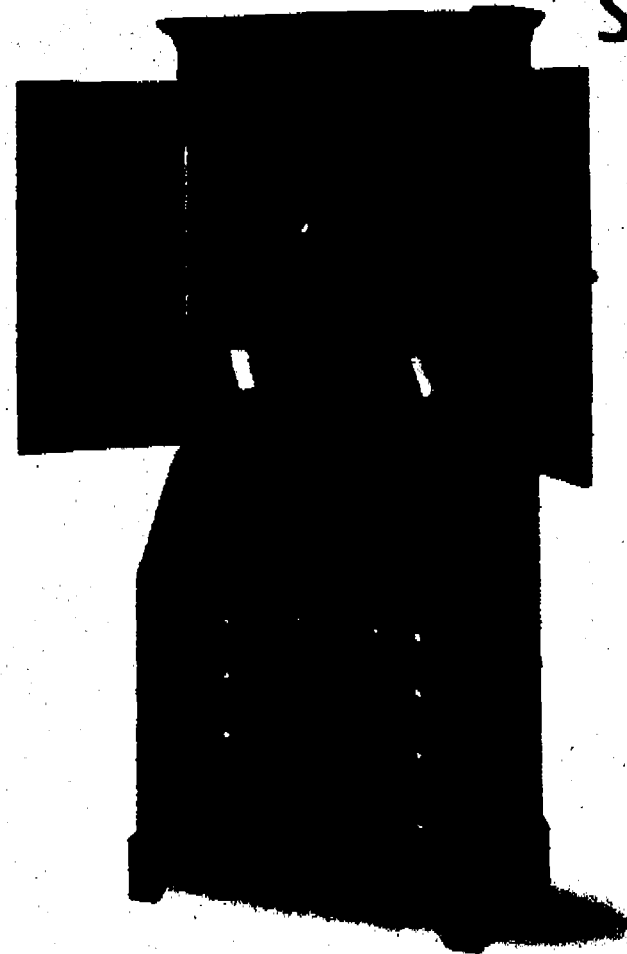
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Madonna University to honor four at May 6 commencement

Madonna University's 53rd commencement is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit.

Of the more than 800 graduates joining the university's alumni ranks, approximately 508 will receive bachelor's degrees, 373 master's degrees, and the rest either associate's degrees or certificates.

Honorees

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed on Eleanor M. Josaitis of Detroit, executive director, Focus:HOPE; Frank D. Stella of Detroit, chairman and CEO, F.D. Stella Products Co. and F.D. Stella International Co.; and Bloomfield Hills resident Major General Lucius Theus, United States Air Force (retired), president of The U.S. Associates and chief operating officer of The Wellness Group Inc.

A distinguished alumna award will be given to Andrea R. Nodge of Livonia, a 1984 graduate and the university's director of marketing and public relations.

Madonna University will confer the degree of doctor of education on Josaitis for her unwavering commitment to the mission of Focus:HOPE, which she co-founded with Father William T. Cunningham in the aftermath of the 1967 Detroit riots.

As the organization's executive director, Josaitis has made important contributions to public awareness of hunger and malnutrition. Through her leadership and advocacy, national policy has been formulated and responsible legislation enacted. Among her most noteworthy accomplishments is the major role she has played in the development of Focus:HOPE's nationally recognized educational and training programs which promote the movement of people away from poverty and into America's economic mainstream.

Stella, of F.D. Stella Products Co. (food service and dining equipment) and F.D. Stella International Co. (consulting firm for businesses in Italy and France), will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree. It has been due to his dedication and strong support that major strides have been made particularly in the growth and success of cultural institutions, including the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Opera House.

Stella has become a leader in metro Detroit and across the globe. Whether working on a local fund-raiser, business event or with national and international leaders from all ends of the



Josaitis Stella Theus Nodge

religious, business and political spectrum, his influence has made him a driving force in getting the job done.

Pre-eminent in his profession and distinguished in service, Major General Lucius Theus' driving force has always been his desire to serve. Retired from the United States Air Force, Theus held the positions of commanding general, U.S. Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, and deputy director of the Defense Security Assistance Agency. He currently is president of the management consulting firm, The U.S. Associates, CEO of the Wellness Group Inc., and a member of several corporate boards. Madonna University will bestow on Lucius Theus an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

His accomplishments as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II and in various command and staff positions in the United States, Germany, France, Greece and Vietnam attest to his superior leadership. He became the first African American combat support officer to be promoted to general and only the third African American in the entire history of the United States Air Force to become a general.

Following active duty, Theus joined The Bendix Corp. as assistant corporate controller and subsequently became corporate director of civic affairs for that company and its successor, Allied-Signal Corp.

He has served as a member of Madonna University's board of trustees (1958-91).

A Distinguished Alumna Award will be presented to Andrea R. Nodge for her generous support and devotion to Madonna University. Graduating with high honors from Madonna in 1984, Nodge has served as the University's director of marketing and public relations for the past 15 years.

As a student at Madonna, Nodge felt fortunate to receive a scholarship and vowed that she would one day help to make edu-

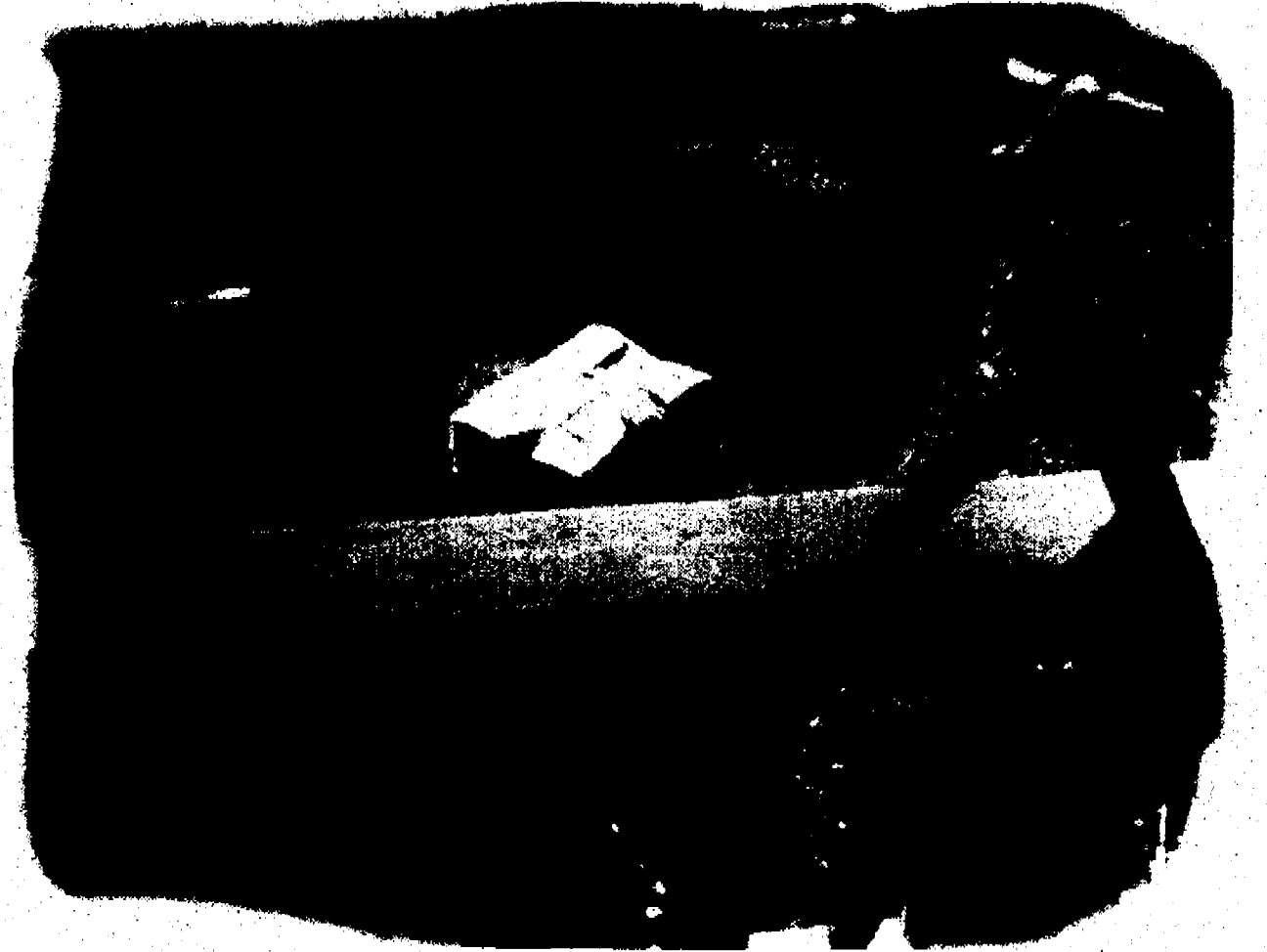
cation accessible to others. In 1997, she and her husband established the Andrea R. and Joseph C. Nodge Family Endowed Scholarship in honor of her family to benefit students in teacher education at Madonna. Upon completing her master's degree in communications, Nodge taught in the journalism/public relations program for seven years.

Currently, she serves on various committees within the university, including Marketing Team chair, World Wide Web Task Force chair, steering committee member on the Institutional Committee on Planning and Mission Effectiveness, and university representative on the Alumni Association Board.

Graduation activities

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Dr. Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by the Most Reverend Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit, and pastor, Church of Precious Blood. The mace bearer will be Dr. Robert Q. Kimball, dean of the College of Education.

All graduates and their families are invited to attend Baccalaureate Mass at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, in the Presentation Chapel located at the Felician sisters' Motherhouse. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sister Mary Francilene, CSSF, will be held in the Residence Hall dining room following Mass.



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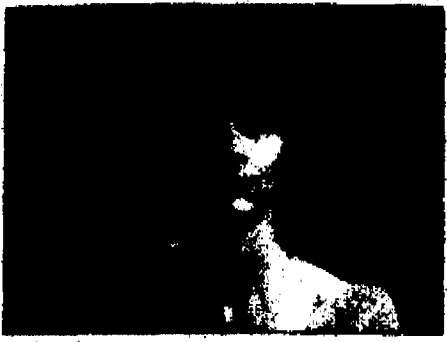
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SYLVIA KAMBOURIS

Mom realizes gun violence has to stop

There comes a time in a person's life when you feel it is necessary to step out of the safety of your everyday routines, cut through all of the excuses and rationalizations and come out of your comfort zone to take a stand for something you deeply believe in.

For me, the reason to take a stand comes from the obscene statistic that each day 14 children die from gun violence. Whether by suicide, accident, or homicide, close to 5,000 children will be dead every year and the lives of their families will be shattered and forever changed.

I am not the only one who is awakening to the realization that the current status of gun-related deaths involving 36,000 people a year is unacceptable. We are joining together in a movement called the Million Mom March.

A tapestry of women, from all walks of life, are coming together with a common goal: the enactment of common sense gun laws to protect and ensure the safety of that which is most precious to us, our children. The common threads weaving us together are our shared feelings of horror, outrage and tremendous sadness when a child's life is lost to a gun.

How do we ever recover? When a child dies like this, we face a collective loss and an enormous void as it strikes a chord deep within our soul. Million Mom March is about the belief that there is personal responsibility and accountability — that the time has come to realize that all children have a right to live in safety — that not one more child should die — that individuals can and must make a difference.

We have been patient too long. It is taking too long to pass reasonable, common-sense laws, laws that the majority of the people support. This is where women come in. There is great power in women, by sheer numbers.

The Million Mom March is giving us the opportunity to make our view known and to be heard. On Mothers' Day, May 14, we will march in Washington and in Lansing.

This is not a political issue. It is not an anti-gun issue. It is a public health issue. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, firearm violence is a national epidemic and a national emergency. Guns are dangerous and lethal when they get into the wrong hands. In an article recently published in the American Journal of Public Health, 35 percent of people living in a home with children 18 or younger said they keep at least one firearm. That means 8 million children living in homes exposed to unsecured guns.

Million Mom March is asking for common-sense laws involving gun registration and licensing, safety locks, sensible cooling-off periods, background checks, limiting the purchases of handguns to one a month, and a no-nonsense enforcement of these laws.

This in no way infringes on anyone's 2nd amendment right to bear arms. If anyone thinks it is, then I ask how can being able to purchase one handgun a month be an infringement of anyone's right? Where does it say in the 2nd amendment that guns cannot be regulated?

The women who have joined this effort are a remarkable group of women — mothers, non-mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters. Women who have anguished over the unbearable loss of a loved one. One thing is for sure — for the sake of our children, we will be heard. It is an exquisite phenomenon taking hold.

Sylvia Kambouris is a Farmington Hills resident and the mother of two children. For more information about the Million Mom March, contact mimommarch@yahoo.com or call (248) 851-5389. A meeting is scheduled 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Busch's Market in Livonia, Six Mile and Newburgh, in the upstairs meeting room.

LISA KAY MATTERS

Abuse survivor pledges to raise awareness

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Until January of 1996 LisaKay Wojcik mattered to no one.

During her first two marriages the only thing her husbands seemed to care about where she was concerned, was how they could abuse her. She said even her core family members follow an every-one-for-themselves philosophy.

Physically, emotionally and sexually abused by her first husband, Wojcik found solace in food and weighed as much as 340 pounds during her second marriage.

"I found a good friend in food," said Wojcik, who now weighs 130.

Tragically, it was a stillbirth during her first and only pregnancy in December 1995 that awakened her sense of self-worth. She would have been a mother to someone who would have loved her unconditionally, she now realized.

Those emotions, combined with being dangerously overweight, served to empower her in a way she had never known before.

"The stillbirth changed my whole life around," remembers Wojcik, who began walking and watching what she ate. Eventually she lost 210 pounds.

"The more I got picked on and the more my second husband complained, the easier it got to lose the weight," said Wojcik.

More than four years later and 18 months into a new marriage to a man she says loves her for herself, Wojcik uses walking as a means of raising awareness and collecting donations to stop domestic violence. The 33-year-old will begin a crusade May 6 to walk 30 miles in 50 states — starting in Plymouth. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit First Step — the Western Wayne County Project On Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Pure hatred

It was the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department in 1987 which first contacted First Step about a battered Salem Township woman who needed a safe place to stay. First Step placed Wojcik in a shelter called Safe House for 30 days to seek counseling and help her "work out" her problems. Wojcik says the 30 day "vacation from her husband" solved nothing and she returned.

"Nothing changed. I'm sure he had an idea of where I had gone but he didn't care," said Wojcik.

Married at 18 to a truck driver, she said the physical and verbal abuse started approximately two months into the marriage and ended one day after her final beating.

"It started with some minor slaps and name calling. Then he started telling me I couldn't do things. I couldn't take the car or go here or there and when I asked him why he said, 'Because I told you so.' He took away my freedom."

Over the next nine years she endured horrendous physical, sexual and mental abuse from a man who would cry and say he never meant to hurt her and, in the next breath, would turn the blame on her. "Somehow it always came back to me and something I did," said Wojcik.

During her first marriage she estimates she was treated in the emergency room 24-27 times for injuries such as a fractured nose, knocked out teeth, broken fingers, cuts, bruises and black and blue eyes.

"I kept everything to myself. In a way I thought I could change him and make him better. At the hospital once they asked me what happened and I told them I fell down the stairs — what I didn't say was that I was assisted down the stairs."

Wojcik partially blames her Catholic upbringing for her unwillingness to leave her spouse. "I was taught that when you got married you were married for life and that divorce was the ultimate sin. If you got a divorce you'd go to hell. I don't know if it was my young age or what but I didn't really know any better and I didn't have a fam-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURKIMANN

Fighting back: LisaKay Wojcik poses in front of a GMC Yukon at Bob Jeannotte Buick/GMC on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township. She will start and finish her 30-mile walk from the dealership who is sponsoring her fund-raising effort. The black and white inset photograph is LisaKay in September 1994. She was at her peak weight, 340 pounds, and her face is badly scratched after a physical altercation with her abusive husband.

ily to turn to."

Finally, Wojcik says she suffered her last beating Sept. 9, 1994. She says her husband came home at 3 a.m. to find her outside their apartment walking their dog.

"He asked me what I was doing outside and I said, 'What does it look like, I'm walking the dog.' Wojcik says her husband, upset by her challenge, smashed her face against the brick facade of the building and dragged it down the wall. A more severe beating ensued inside the house and subsequently she called the police.

The next day she left him for good and filed for divorce.

"I knew if I didn't leave him he would kill me and I figured I couldn't endure any more head blows or I'd end up with brain damage. It would be better to get a divorce and go to hell for that than continue on living in the hell I already was," said Wojcik.

Her divorce was finalized in January 1995 and she took the next couple of months to get her "senses

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Unique 'Discovery' found in Livonia Volunteers find, offer comfort in ACS shop

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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You can find a lot of things at the Discovery Shop in Livonia — clothing, housewares, unique collectibles, peace of mind and closure.

Not necessarily the norm for a retail shop, but that's because the Discovery Shop isn't just any store. It's a business inspired by its donors, customers and, most importantly, its volunteers.

Founded by the American Cancer Society in 1965 to benefit research, education and support services for cancer patients and their families — The Discovery Shop deals in resale clothing collected through public donations and sold in strip mall and stand alone stores nationwide.

Headquartered in Glendale, Calif., there are approximately 100 stores throughout the United States — 50 in California alone. Promoted as "the leaders in the resale world for designer clothing, furniture and one of a kind collectibles" store employees turn donations into beautiful displays in a boutique environment.

The latest Michigan store opened in early January in Newburgh Plaza employing approximately 40 volunteers, from throughout Wayne and Oakland counties, who work in three shifts under the direction of store manager Holly Bernath.

"You can truly say you're shopping



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Helpful: Sandy Fraze has been a Discovery Shop volunteer in Farmington and now Livonia for seven years.

for a good cause when you purchase things from a Discovery Shop," said Bernath.

Currently the store receives donations of merchandise and personal property from estates, individuals and retailers. Volunteers sort, price, tag, steam, display and sell clothing and other merchandise in a manner different from most thrift shops. Donors, if they choose, receive a tax

deduction

Team work

Bernath shuns the praise that volunteers give her, saying she just offers guidance. "They're the ones that do all the work."

"Holly does all the fussing and arranging and works really hard to keep the store looking as beautiful as

Nearly all the volunteers of the Discovery Shop in Livonia are either cancer survivors or their lives, in some way, have been touched by the disease.

According to the American Cancer Society their investment in cancer research nationwide has grown from \$1 million in 1946 to more than \$2 billion to date "yet this is simply not enough."

For the volunteers who log countless hours in the Discovery Shop every effort they make, big or small, in some way contributes to the pursuit of finding a cure.

Joan Remus of Farmington says she read about the shop in the Farmington Observer and was looking for a way to "contribute to society."

"I work with a great bunch of people. This place is a support group in a way as well as a way for me to give my time to a worthwhile cause," said Remus.

Kathy Thornton initially came across the Discovery Shop when she was jogging in downtown Farmington. It was the removal of her sister's left

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it does," said Lois Kliver, Livonia resident, Farmington science teacher and Discovery Shop volunteer. "She's really an inspiration for everyone who works here."

Bernath, a cancer survivor who was diagnosed at the age of 18 with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, has since undergone a bone marrow transplant and the replacement of both her hips as a result of the disease. Today, at the age of 36, the Novi resident is grateful for her good health and her involvement with the American Cancer Society.

The only paid employee of the Discovery Shop, Bernath first volunteered at one of two Farmington Discovery Shops beginning in 1998 before the shops consolidated then closed last fall. A new resident to the area,

Bernath says she was looking for something to do to help her become acquainted with the community and its residents.

The Livonia store manager says thankfully dozens of the Farmington store's loyal volunteers, customers and donors have followed the Discovery Shop to its newest location.

In addition to gently worn clothing, Bernath receives donations of new clothing from Petite Sophisticate, August Max and Casual Corner in Laurel Park and Twelve Oaks retailers.

Partnership

Bernath and Steven J. Williamson, director of Community Relations at Brighton Garden by Marriott of Northville, are collaborating to help people become more aware of the Amer-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Inspiration: Holly Bernath, manager of the Discovery Shop in Livonia.

ican Cancer Society and about assisted living.

"We're working together to let the local community know what the American Cancer Society is and what it does and what assisted living is and how people can benefit from that," said Williamson. "Our partnership helps us offer benefits to the public through this forum."

Williamson said he and Bernath came to know each other through the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program and look forward to several joint programs this year, including a version of the "Antiques Roadshow" this June.

"I'm pleased with the opportunity we've created by working with the Discovery Shop to participate in fun and educational events. Cancer hits all spectrums of life and the Discovery Shop does a wonderful job of

reaching all levels of marketing that cancer is touched by," said Williamson.

Donations can be made to the Discovery Shop Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drop-offs should be made in the back of the shop which is clearly labeled. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Livonia shop is located at 3737 Six Mile Road. For information call (734) 542-7467. The cure for cancer may be in your jewelry box. Plan to donate to and attend the "Jewelry Extravaganza," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Please bring your donations of costume and fine jewelry to the ACS Discovery Shop as soon as possible.

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breast to cancer that made her focus her efforts on doing more. She says she started volunteering in 1991 in addition to collecting donations from family and friends.

"I like to welcome people into the shop and tell them how their donations and purchases go toward cancer research and into finding a cure," said Thornton. "Sometimes they tell me their whole story about cancer and treatment and then I tell them I care for them."

Now a resident of Canton, Thornton volunteers three days

a week for 16.5 hours. "I do whatever I can," said Thornton.

Doing your part

Along with casual, dressy and business attire for both men and women, the Discovery Shop sells glassware, jewelry, shoes, children's clothes, a limited amount of furniture and some unique collectibles thanks to the generosity of donors.

Christine Cafaro of Westland hasn't been donating to the Discovery Shop long but her gifts of bears and dolls will be a special purchase for someone and a good return for the Livonia shop.

"The Franklin Mint Gibson Girl dolls that I've donated are still selling in Franklin Mint retail stores for between \$200 and \$299. I have contributed four of these dolls so far. Donating to such a worthy cause made it far easier to part with them than it would be if I'd sold them. It is really the only way that I could bear to part with the collection," said Cafaro, whose sister has also donated handsomely from her collections as well.

"I am still searching through the house and deciding which of my other bears will go to the

shop. Every time I think about holding on to one, I look at it and think that maybe the money that it brings into the Cancer Society could help a little child somewhere that is suffering from cancer. That is all the convincing I need, and into the box they go," added Cafaro.

Team effort

Holly Bernath, store manager of the Livonia Discovery Shop, lauds the efforts of her volunteers and donors.

"This is really a lifestyle boutique and if it weren't for the efforts of our volunteers and

donors the Discovery Shop couldn't come close to having the quality selection of clothing and merchandise that we do," said Bernath.

Bernath said due to the sometimes sensitive nature of a donation, volunteers find themselves rallying around an individual to show their support.

"Because some of our volunteers are cancer survivors or have lost loved ones to the disease they know what our clientele are going through and how to offer help in a compassionate manner," said Bernath.

Not all of Bernath's volunteers are human either: Lois Kliver and her dog Lady spend every Wednesday evening volunteering. Kliver, a Farmington science teacher, lost her fiancé and best friend to cancer in the past three years.

"I donated for a long time but their deaths intensified my awareness that I should be doing more. It also makes me aware of how thankful I am for my good health," said Kliver.

If you would like information on becoming a Discovery Shop volunteer, call (734) 542-7467.

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back together."

A mutual friend from her past, who was fully aware of the degree of abuse she sustained, had now become her lover. By the fall of 1995 the pair were married and in a short time he began to prey on her emotions.

"He used my weight as a control factor. He would tell me the weight didn't matter to him but then when we were in public he would ignore me or he and his friends would laugh and make stupid jokes about me," said Wojcik. "I had a better job at the time and a better vehicle and I think he couldn't handle that."

At the end of that year she gave birth to a stillborn baby that would stop what she referred to as an "emotional roller coaster ride."

"I started walking. I wanted to lose some of the weight that ironically saved my life during those beatings but was going to kill me health-wise."

Things have never been the same since. Wojcik's second husband became more controlling and the more weight she lost the more upset he became with her new looks and improved attitude. "He wasn't very receptive to my weight loss."

Wojcik sought to end her second marriage in 1997.

New leaf

Today, LisaKay is married for a third time to Richard Wojcik and they make their home in Romulus. The couple met while getting haircuts and found out both their sisters worked at the styling salon. Before leaving the place, Richard boldly asked her for her phone number and she declined.

Married in August 1998, LisaKay says Richard has given her the space and the freedom to finally figure out who she really

is.

Richard encouraged his wife to return to college and to start her own business, "LisaKay Does Matter Inc.," a health and self-esteem consulting firm. It was also her new husband who gave her the idea to walk 30 miles to raise awareness of domestic violence.

"We were laying in bed one morning and I was telling him all the things I had to do that day and all the places I had to go and he said, 'You can't run a marathon,' and I thought to myself, 'But I can walk one.'" And so began LisaKay's effort

to walk 30 miles beginning at Bob Jeannotte Pontiac in Plymouth at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 6. Her route will take her through Hines Park in Westland and Livonia and will conclude at the dealership which is serving as her sponsor. She hopes to walk 30 miles in 50 states within the next five to seven years.

"I don't have a goal to raise any certain amount of money in particular but to prevent this kind of violence from happening to someone else," said Wojcik.

In addition to training for the walk, Wojcik appears at various speaking engagements to talk

about domestic violence, weight loss and nutrition.

"I'm not doing this for anyone but myself. I don't want to look 18 again but I want to be able to wear clothes that I feel confident and comfortable in because I finally realize I really do matter."

Sponsors include Bob Jeannotte Pontiac and The Fitness Experience. All donations can be sent directly to First Step, 44567 Pinetree, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call (734) 416-1111. Checks should be made payable to First Step.

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ENGAGEMENTS

LaMey-Lomazzo

John and Janis LaMey announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Marie, to Matthew Dominick Lomazzo of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ypsilanti High School and works for Ford Motor Company in Saline.

Her fiancé, son of Dominick and Nancy Lomazzo, is a University of Michigan graduate who will begin working on his master's degree this fall.

He works for the United Parcel Service as a manager.

An outdoor ceremony is planned for June at the Mill



Race Historical Village in Northville.

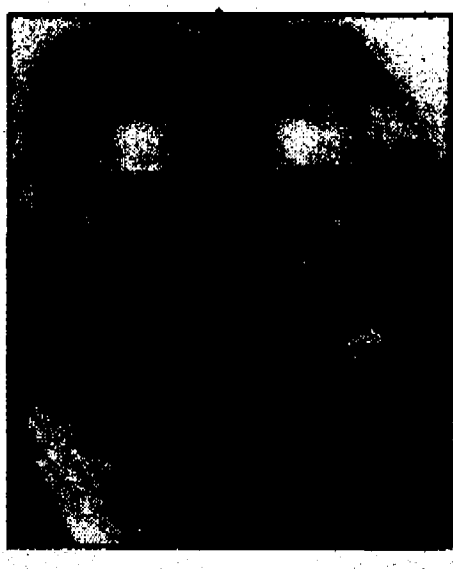
Goff-Barnhart

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Goff of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to T.K. Barnhart Jr.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1990 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works as an account executive for Barron's Magazine in Chicago.

Her fiancé, son of Ted and Nancy Barnhart of Rochester Hills is a 1985 graduate of Troy Athens High School and a 1990 graduate of Michigan State University.

He is a proprietary trader for Peters Securities in Chicago.



A June wedding is planned at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Farrell-Garvin

Clayton and Joan Farrell of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Caroline of Grand Rapids, to Peter Christian Garvin of Comstock Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University and works for Mani's Photography Studio in Jenison, Mich.

Her fiancé, son of Melford and Joann Garvin of Byron Center, is a 1995 graduate of Grand Valley State University and works for Kforce in Grand Rapids.

A June wedding is planned at St. James Catholic Church.



Bolton-Schramski

Milt and Glenda Bolton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nicole, to Thomas-Michael Schramski of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 Salem High School graduate and will graduate from Central Michigan University in December.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Deb Schramski of Canton, is a 1999 graduate of Central Michigan University and works for Pulte.

A September wedding is planned at Livonia Baptist Church.



Megan (Nairne) Scott and Kevin Scott of Redford announce the birth of Brienna Ellen born March 23 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Deb Nairne of Redford, Skip Nairne of Livonia and Karen Scott of Alabama. Great-grandparents are Marilyn and Chet Nairne of Livonia and Sally and Jim Copely of Florida.

Lesla Russette and Eric Liddy of Detroit announce the birth of twins Daniel Jacob and Derrick Joseph Liddy born March 23 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Daniel and Derrick join siblings Lynn, 10; David, 9; Michael, 8 and Brendan, 1. Grandparents are Tom and Cindy Russette of Canton, Uncle Paul Russette and Tim Russette of Canton and Great Aunt Shirley Russette of Wixom. Great-grandparents are Marion and Walter Russette of Redford.

John and Shelley Smith of Garden City announce the birth of Cassandra Raylyn March 3 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins Darian Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Sara Allor of Westland and David Allor of Garden City.

George Smith and Amanda Myers of Westland announce the birth of Austin Michael March 5 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins sister Autumn Marie, 1. Grandparents

are Carla and Howard Fry of Westland and James Smith and Beverly Kilpatrick of Detroit.

James and Antonia McQueen announce the birth of Ronald Lee March 7 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Emma McQueen is his grandmother.

Eric Matyjasik and April Mayle of Westland announce the birth of Alexis Jade March 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Denise and Mart, James, Dave and Linda Borton, and Delbert Mayle, all of Westland.

Ryan Price and Dawn Sajewski of Detroit announce the birth of Domonique Giavonna March 10 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Dolores Sajewski of Detroit and Terry Jodway of Livonia.

Philip and Rhonda Hotz of Canton announce the birth of Devin Robert March 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins Alexis, 7. Grandparents are Shirley and (the late) Robert Barthold of Canton.

Shawn and Teresa Udics of Westland announce the birth of Breanna Nicole March 13 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Don and Darlene Udics of Novi, Sandra and Mike Schieber of Canton and George and Cathy Bell of Redford.

NEW ARRIVALS

Chad Gustafson of Garden City and Robin Rice of Dearborn announce the birth of Edene Elaine Candice March 17 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Sidnie Kubien of Midland and Janice Gustafson of Garden City.

Charles Woods and Lori Yurgens of Inkster announce the birth of Michael Malin March 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Ken and Julie Kijek of Redford and Bob and Paulette Allen of North Carolina.

John Buja and Cris Jessee of Garden City announce the birth of Austin Kyle March 20 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City.

Dewayne and Laurie Dunivant of Redford announce the birth of Hannah Marie March 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins sister Rachel Nicole, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunivant, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Honke and Great grandmother Della Dunivant, all of Livonia.

Michael and Susan Sartan of Garden City announce the birth of Darian Renee March 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins brother Dakota Robert, 2. Grandparents are Ken and Deb Compagnoni and Virginia Sartan of Garden City.

Walter Mosby Jr. and Jennifer Ellis of Detroit announce the birth of Justin Lee March 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brothers Walter Mosby III, 3, and Devin, 1. Grandparents are Terry Ellis and Marvin Ellis and Ruby Williams.

Robert and Nancy Avey of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Camden Parker Ronald Avey March 25 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins siblings Jarret, 7 and Lynday, 22 months. Grandparents are Henry and Barbara Cholewa of Garden City and Chuck and Susan Wood of Farmington.

Michael Decker and Rachel Ollis of Westland announce the birth of Kevin Lee March 27 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. He joins brother Michael Edward, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Charlotte Decker of Westland.

Ronald and Shirley Haney of Westland announce the birth of Billie Gene March 31 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Billie joins siblings Melissa, 19, Amy, 17, Mike, 14, Tim, 12, Joe, 8, Rikki, 4 and Jacob, 7. Grandparents are Jim and Glenda Morris of Taylor and Ronald and Mildred Bargerstock of Garden City.

ANNIVERSARY

Prieur

Lawrence and Beverly (Cowell) Prieur celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed April 29, 1950 in Angola, Ind., and have lived in Livonia for 32 years.

The Prieur's have six children, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Lawrence worked for Jones Transfer Company and retired after 42 years.

Their children: Beverly, Lawrence, Patti, Debra, Ronald and Mark will join them and the rest of the family for a dinner in celebration of their anniversary.



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3306 Adult Beginning Swimming	MW, 5-6 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$70
3307 Adult Intermediate Swimming	MW, 6-7 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$70
3308 Adult Intermediate Swimming	MW, 5-6 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$70
3309 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3310 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3311 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$68
3312 Aquatic Exercise & Deep Water Running	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$68
3313 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	MW, 5-6 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$70
3314 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	TR, 5-6 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$70
3315 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	TR, 5-6 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$68
3316 Deep Water Running and Hydro-Toning	TR, 5-6 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$68
3317 Kayaking I	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3318 Kayaking I	W, 7-9 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$68
3319 Lifeguarding	TR, 6-8 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$130
3320 Lifeguarding	MW, 6-8 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$130
3321 Water Safety Instructor	MW, 11 am-12 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$130

Land-Based Classes

3322 Aerobic Kickboxing	S, 11 am-12:30 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$61
3323 Ballroom Dancing - Beginning	MW, 6-8 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$70
3324 Ballroom Dancing - Intermediate	TR, 6-8 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$70
3325 Belly Dancing	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$67
3326 Fencing - Beginning	TR, 6-8 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$88
3327 Fencing - Advanced	TR, 6-8 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$88
3328 Fencing - Club	TR, 6-8 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$78
3329 Karate	T, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3330 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	M, 7-9 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$68
3331 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	M, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3332 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	T, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3333 Inline Skating Beginner & Intermediate	T, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$68
3334 Introduction to Massage Therapy	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$70
3335 Modern Dance	M, 7-9 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$67
3336 Power Yoga	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$70
3337 Power Yoga	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$70
3338 Tai Chi Chuan I	W, 7-9 pm, 5/10-6/28 \$70
3339 Tennis - Beginning	MW, 3-4 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$70
3340 Tennis - Beginning	MW, 4-5 pm, 5/8-6/28 \$70
3341 Tennis - Beginning	MW, 3-4 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$70
3342 Tennis - Intermediate	MW, 4-5 pm, 7/3-8/21 \$68

S P O R T S C A M P S

Girls Basketball Camp Grades 5-10, June 26-30, 9-11 am, 12-1 pm
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Camp Director: Derek Skans, Brook

Classes and camps are held in the Health and Physical Education Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
For registration information call (248) 522-3572 or (248) 522-3509

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 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.

GARAGE SALE

The Westland Community Garage Sale will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Westland City Hall parking lot, on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh roads. The city of Westland event is sponsored by Westland Therapeutic Recreation and Westland Youth Assistance. A rain day will be the following day, if needed. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

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 2 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

WALKERS

Westland Walkers meets the second Wednesday of each month except during the summer. Westland Center, located at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC 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 Trippi, 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).

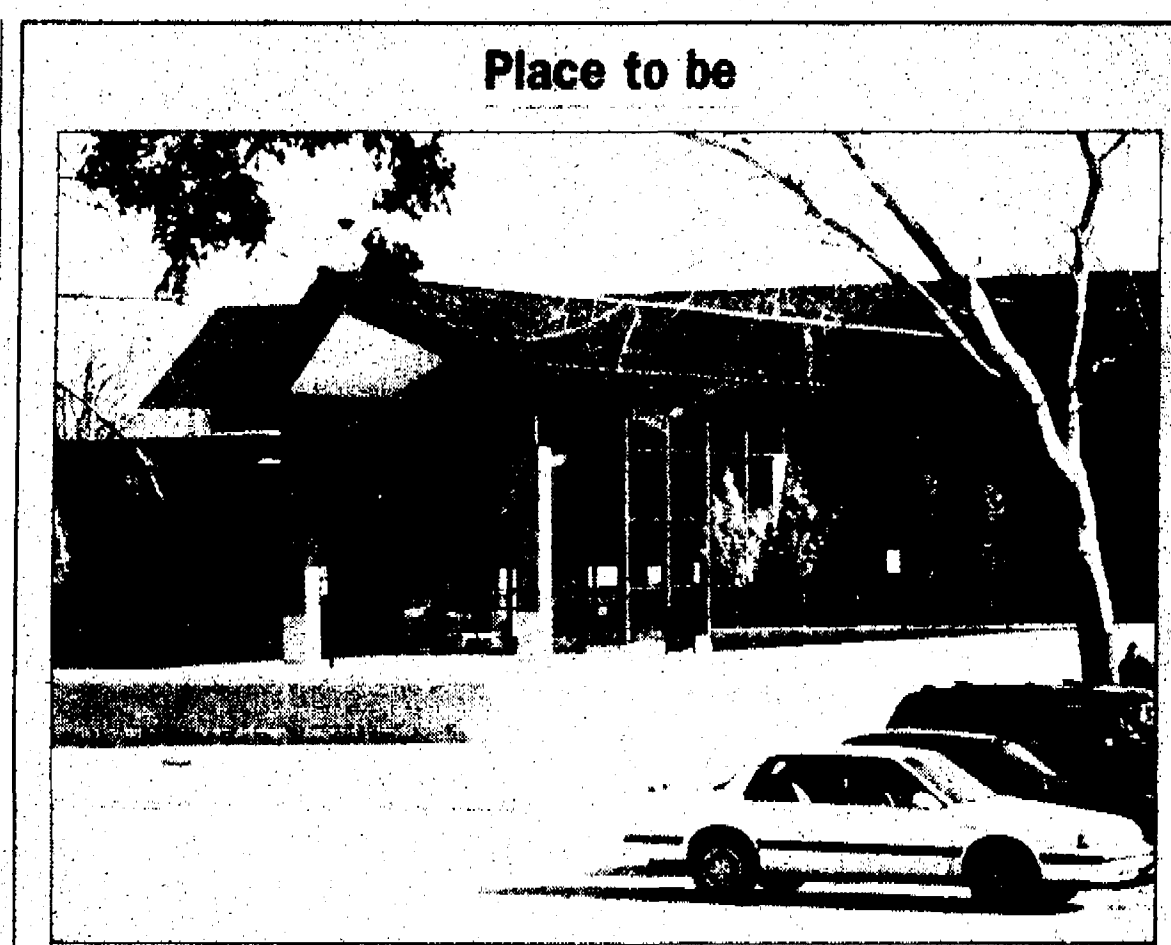
CAMELOT HALL
Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is located at 35100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity 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) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes



Place to be

Learning: The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is located at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford. Current library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

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.

PRE-SCHOOL 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 Sparkey Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-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

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tot's 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 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

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

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

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool

in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-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

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 Thurs-

days. 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 cop, 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 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 for information.

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

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 information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

FLOWER SALE
We are having a flower sale from 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. People wishing to participate in this distinctive giving opportunity should call Starfish Family Services, (734) 727-3108.

GIANT YARD SALE
The National Transplant Assistance Fund will hold a yard sale in honor of Barbara Farver, lung transplant candidate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 and 28; and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road in Livonia.

SPRING SALE
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church (16700 Newburgh) in Livonia will host its Annual Spring Rummage Sale (some-what used, still good sale) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4-6.

SOCK HOP
50s and 60s Sock Hop at 6:30 p.m. May 5 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (37775 Palmer Road in Westland). Period apparel optional. Special guest Vinnie Johnson former Detroit Piston hopes to attend. Proceeds go to youth groups for summer mission trip. Cost is \$25 per person. Call Joan for tickets, 722-1735.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Our Lady of Loretto (Six Mile and Beech Daly) will host its Spring Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Call (313) 534-9000. Also includes bake sale.

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 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 treat-

ures. 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.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE
Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt - Livonia) will host a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 28. Great prices!

MOM TO MOM SALE
Mom to Mom Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29. Hot dogs, drink, bake sale and clown with free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (racks also available). Free childcare for table rents and free lunch ticket for table renters. Call the church at 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

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

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

LONGEST DAY OF GOLF

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

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

RUMMAGE SALE
Orchard United Methodist Church will host a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 5 and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 6 (bag sale). Church is located at 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Call (248) 626-3620.

DINNER DANCE BENEFIT
Eric Filipowicz of Allen Park is three-years-old and has Cerebral Palsy. We are holding a fund-raising dinner/dance to help raise funds for medical and associated expenses not covered by insurance. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 7 p.m. until midnight Friday, May 5 at VFW Hall (16736 Ecorse Road) in Allen Park. \$25 donation per ticket. Music for the evening is by Lost Highway and guests have the opportunity to win

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MYSTERY DINNER THEATER
St. Agatha Church (St. Agatha gymnasium) is located on Beech Daly between Grand River and Eight Mile Roads) will host "The Case of the Confidential Source," during a mystery dinner theater program at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. For tickets call (313) 532-3317. All proceeds go to the schools' audiovisual programs.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Our Lady of Loretto will host their Spring Rummage Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 6 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Call (313) 534-9000. Also includes bake sale.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Mark your calendars May 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon is the Spring Rummage Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. Call 422-0149 for information.

MOM 2 MOM SALE
Spring is just around the corner and so is the St. Edith/St. Kenneth's MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mom's Sale. Rent a table at the sale and turn your child/children's gently used items into cash. Come to the sale to find just the right items for your nursery or child's needs. The sale will be held at St. Edith's Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 13. St. Edith is located just south of Five Mile on Newburgh Road. Call Karen to reserve a table (734) 266-6182.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
The First United Methodist Church (3 Towne Square) of

Wayne will host their annual Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12; and 9 a.m. to noon May 13. The church is located across from the Wayne Post Office. A bake sale will be held Thursday, May 11.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION
Garden City Presbyterian Church will host a Mother/Daughter Spring Celebration at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) May 11 in Sutherland Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Virgil Norgrove and Friends "Ventriloquial Ventures." Mother's Day Boutique and handmade gift items will be available. Adults \$6; ages 6-12, \$4; and ages 3-6, \$3. All proceeds go to mission.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Habitat for Humanity Detroit's Second Annual Benefit Golf Outing and Auction will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at the championship 18-hole Eagle Crest Resort and Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The event features a noon shotgun start with a reception afterwards, dinner buffet, and auction. Putting contest, longest drive and closest to pin contests, 50/50 raffle. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; lunch at 11:00 a.m. Reception, buffet dinner, and auction begin at 5:30 p.m. Individual golf tickets are \$125, a foursome is \$450. Includes golf, lunch, buffet dinner, and auction. All proceeds from the event benefit Habitat for Humanity Detroit. Contact the Habitat office at (313) 521-6691 for registration and information.

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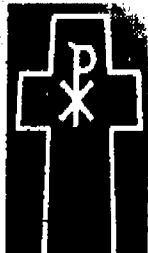
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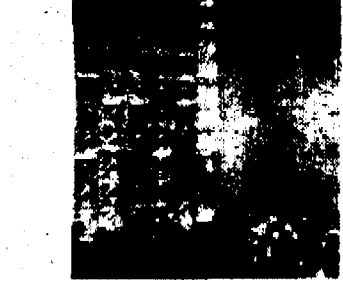
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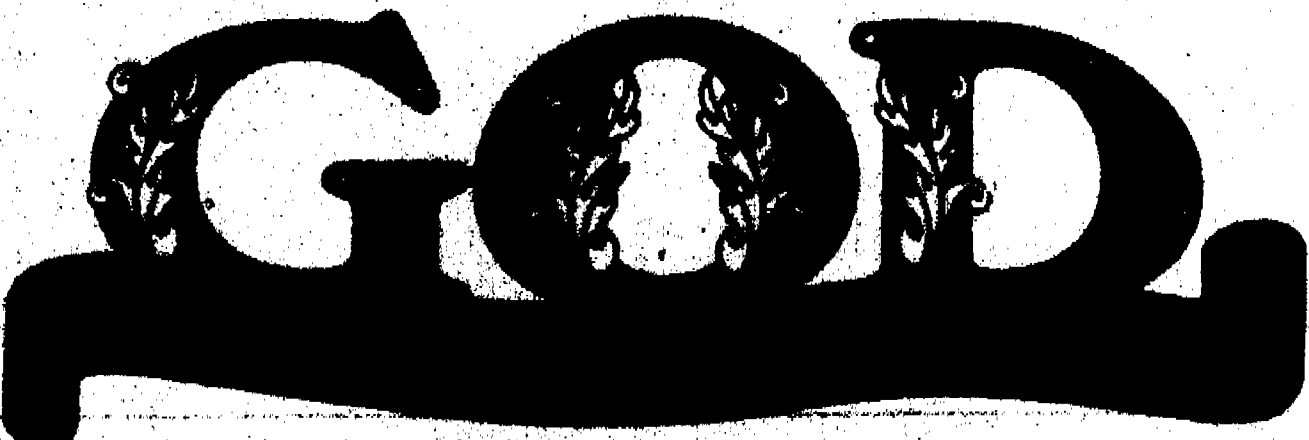
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Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 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 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

FALL CRAFT SHOW

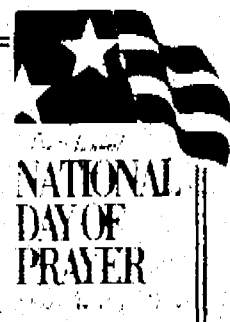
Crafters sought for the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11-12. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category. 12' by 12' space is \$55; a 10' by 10' space costs \$40; an 8' by 9' space is \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. \$15 electricity. Contact (734) 462-4417.

Local churches, municipalities observe National Day of Prayer

People will stand hand-in-hand together at the 49th Annual National Day of Prayer May 4, in a concerted effort to pray for a moral rebirth of America.

Held the first Thursday in May, the National Day of Prayer unites Americans from all denominations for a brief prayer service —

many of which are held around flagpoles at churches, government buildings and schools.



"In recognition of our country's heritage and tradition of prayer, our leaders have set aside a special day for Americans to continue to call upon God's guidance in our common national welfare," said Senior Pastor Luther Werth, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. "The National Day of Prayer also encourages to pray, praise and give thanks to God for His innumerable blessings upon America. All of the community is invited to our observance of this day."

The following churches have National Day of Prayer observances planned:

■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Farmington Road, north of Schoolcraft) will host a special prayer and praise service at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The service will be led by Pastor Robert Bayer, with inspirational and patriotic music by the church's senior choir.

■ A non-denominational prayer service will take place at the Garden City Hall. Plan to meet out in front by the flagpole at 12:20-12:40 p.m.

■ 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. Canton Township Administrative Building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

■ The city of Westland will have a public observance of National Day of Prayer from noon-1 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in front of City Hall on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

Equal opportunity

Football academy targets women participants

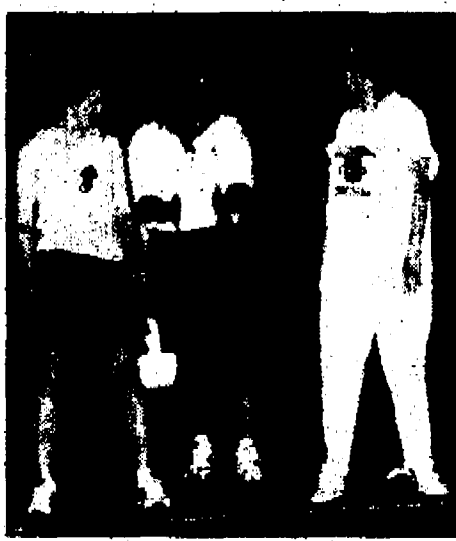
BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Traditionally, women are left on the sidelines when it comes to the game of football. Advertising and merchandising target men in their campaigns as the primary audience that not only understands the sport but actively participates on occasion.

University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr wants to change all that. The head coach of one of the best-known teams in the United States initiated a football academy in 1999 tailored toward women.

The Michigan Football Women's Academy brings together the entire coaching staff of the U-M football team with hundreds of women from Michigan and across the U.S. who want to gain a better understanding of the game — everything from terminology to strategies.

According to Janet Roth, development officer at the U-M Cancer Center, the day-long event scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17, is open to women ages 18 and up (13-17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult) who are interested in comprehending all



Tackle: Lloyd Carr, University of Michigan head football coach, discusses a play with two participants from the 1999 academy.

aspects of the game while getting an equal opportunity to receive individual attention from the coaching staff.

The event, sponsored by the 31 Metro Detroit Ford Dealers, is simultaneously a fund-raiser for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund to benefit patient services at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor.

Last year, after expenses, \$40,000 was applied to the

endowment fund created by Carr, according to Roth.

"The philosophy coach Carr shares with the students and his coaching staff is that it's not just about playing football," said Roth. "The academy gives the players a chance to meet the community and to let individuals know what it's like to be a part of Michigan while having a fun day and raising money for cancer."

Forty-five dollars of the \$65 registration fee can also become a tax deductible gift if participants choose that designation.

In the trenches

Of the 450 women who participated in the 1999 program, Roth said ages ranged from 13 to 81 and guests included Michigan residents as well as out-of-staters from Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. Women have the choice of observing or actively participating in all of the discussions and activities with the offensive and defensive coaching staff as well as some players from the U-M football team.

"After an introduction in the morning, women are broken up into small groups and rotate amongst the eight individual

coaches to learn the position they are responsible for in the game as well as moves, strategies, rules of play, philosophy of the staff and more," said Roth. "There will be several new activities offered different from last year and we hope to have a Big Ten official talk about the rules and regulations of playing football."

Roth credited the 31 Metro Detroit Ford Dealers for their corporate sponsorship. "This would not be possible without them," he said. He also acknowledges the efforts of Carr and academy director Erik Campbell, who is also an assistant coach with the U-M football staff.

"The academy is taken very seriously by the coaches who volunteer their time," said Roth. "This is run like real football."

At the end of the day women have a better grasp of ball throwing, plays, positions, and receiving and can put their new skills to the test in an optional exercise against one another in small groups.

If you are interested in participating, the registration deadline for the Michigan Football Women's Academy is June 7. Cost is \$65. Parking is free and a brochure with a map will be provided after you register. Call (734) 615-0665 for more information.

Counselors sought for MDA camp

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is currently seeking applications from people who would like to volunteer to spend a week as counselors at the MDA summer camp in Lexington, MI.

Volunteers will act as companions to campers (ages 6-21) with neuromuscular diseases during the camp sessions to be held June 18-24 and again June 25-July 1.

Counselors must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a child. They will be called upon to push wheelchairs and assist with grooming, dressing, and feeding, plus help kids participate in the fun activities that come with summer camp, including swim-

ming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and canoeing.

"Camp is the highlight of the summer for the campers and volunteers. It's one week of the year when youngsters with muscle-wasting disorders are able to fully participate in a wide range of group outdoor activities that are tailored for their limited mobility," says John O'Rourke, MDA Regional Director. "MDA summer camp has a relaxed atmosphere which allows campers to develop self-confidence and form lifelong friendships."

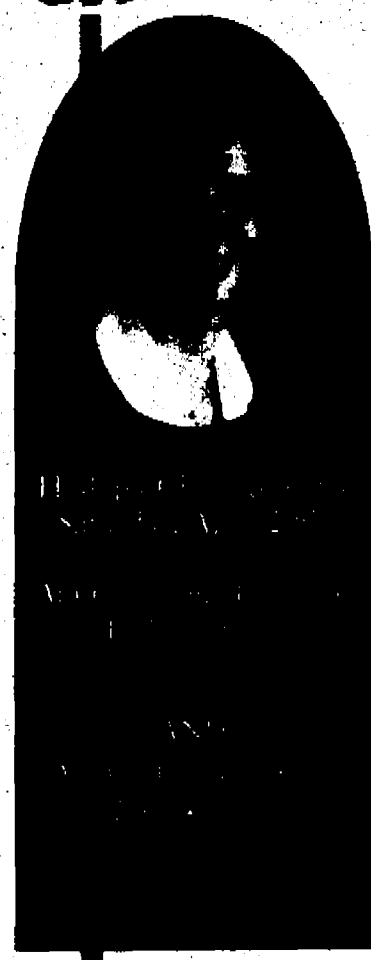
More than 4,000 campers are expected to attend MDA camps this year. With the help of one-on-one volunteers, campers will

enjoy a wide range of sports, recreation and nature activities.

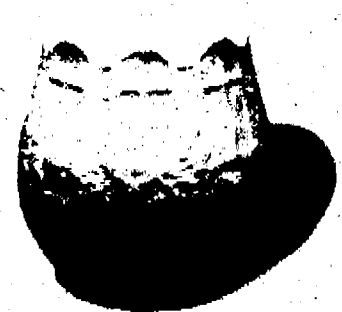
MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for neuromuscular diseases affecting more than a million Americans. The Association receives no governmental grants, nor does it seek fees from the families it serves.

For more information or to volunteer, call the local MDA office in Canton at (734) 416-7076 or MDA national headquarters at (800) 572-1717. Information about MDA programs and research advances is also available on MDA's Web site at www.mdaua.org

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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.

MADONNA PRAYER GROUP

Madonna University Prayer Group will have a guest speaker, Evangelist Don McCain and his wife Carol, from St. Clair Shores at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in Patio Classroom #1 at 14221 Levan Road (north of Schoolcraft Road and I-96). Everyone is welcome join. Call (734) 422-5611, John; or (734) 591-3247, Cecile.

SUNDAY SERVICE

UU Church of Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday program for April 30: Rev. Bob Renjilian presents "The Wider Movement: An exploration of how we each might fit into something that goes beyond our own local circumstance." UUCF is a family-oriented liberal religious community nurturing the human spirit, social action, and the global environment. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River) Information: (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf/

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.

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.

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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.rc.net/detroit/wmme. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

VALIANT WOMEN PROGRAM

The Aldersgate United Methodist Church will host a continent breakfast at 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 5 (1000 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.

SPRING CONVENTION

The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit Michigan are planning their annual spring convention. The convention will be held at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. 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

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. Ticket price is \$7 per adult; \$3.50 for children ages 4-10. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (313) 274-6379.

OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church are sponsoring a presentation on "The Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis." The presentation will be at noon Sunday, May 7 in the chapel at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (Hubbard

and West Chicago) of Livonia. The featured speaker will be Kristie Forester, a nurse practitioner specializing in osteoporosis. The presentation will be open to the public and all are invited to attend.

CHAI DINNER

Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold the 41st annual Chai Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the synagogue (31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia). The honoree couple will be Sally and Larry Stein. Advance reservations are required. Call Elaine Gittleman, (248) 544-0674.

EXERCISE FOR LIFE

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry invites you to attend a seminar on Exercise: Can it Save Your Life? Dr. Steven Keteyian,

exercise physiologist from the Henry Ford Heart & Vascular Institute will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. St. Colette Church social area is located at 17600 Newburgh Road in Livonia. To reserve a seat call (734) 464-4436.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CELEBRATION

Garden City Presbyterian Church will host a Mother/Daughter Spring Celebration at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) May 11 in Sutherland Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Virgil Norgrove and Friends "Ventriloquial Ventures." Mother's Day Boutique and handmade gift items will be available. Adults \$6; ages 6-12, \$4; and ages 3-6, \$3.

Symposium links faith to global concerns

Once a year, individuals of different religious backgrounds converge to push the limits and begin to understand how building relationships across the boundaries of faith can impact global concerns.

The 14th Annual Interfaith Symposium offers just such an opportunity.

Steve Spreitzer, interfaith program coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit, says he looks forward to the annual symposium.

"The main purpose of the symposium is to create a forum enabling people of different Abrahamic religions (Muslim, Christian, Jewish) to come together and learn about one another," said Spreitzer, a Plymouth resident and Livonia native. He said the purpose is to take interfaith interaction from a level of tolerance to apprecia-

tion and engaging one another in activity. The symposium is the culmination of "trialogues" among members of the three faiths that take place during the year.

From 1:30-7 p.m. Sunday, April 30, the Muslim, Christian, Jewish Leadership Symposium will be hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom, 14601 W. Lincoln, Oak Park. The public is invited and more than 400 people are expected to attend the event titled "Religion and Responsibility in the Global Community," sponsored by National Conference of Community and Justice.

The NCCJ is one of 66 such organizations across the country that works on issues of diversity and conflict resolution.

Keynote speakers at this year's symposium include Rabbi Everett Gendler, Professor Mahmoud Ayoub and Sister Amata

Miller who will speak on how their religions relate to world issues such as sweatshops, labor, global warming and third world debt.

Gendler educates Tibetan exiles in strategic non-violence. Ayoub is a Muslim Mystic/Sufi. And is an economist who will focus on forgiveness of third world debt. In addition, six workshops will span topics of global interest for those who participate.

Spreitzer said the symposium allows participants to appreciate their own traditions and religion by gaining an understanding of other faiths. "It's something sacred," he said. "There's also a sense of what's possible. We all believe in one God."

Child care will be provided. For more information, call Sonia Morton at (313) 567-6225.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Kruschka MSU hero

Livonia Franklin High School product Ed Kruschka scored the game-winning goal with just 3.9 seconds left to lead Michigan State to its second straight National Collegiate Roller Hockey Championship with a 5-4 win over Colorado State, April 16 in Ellenton, Fla.

MSU, seeded No. 1 and repeat champions of the Midwest Collegiate League, finished the year 37-3 overall.

The Spartans, coached by Rejean Tremblay of Farmington Hills, also includes Nick Lewarne and John Hunt, both of Livonia, along with Dan Tremblay of Farmington Hills.

In pool play, MSU defeated Texas A&M, Central Florida and Rochester Institute of Technology. The No. 1-ranked Spartans also went on to defeat Kansas, University of California-Davis, Penn State and Penn State-Altoona en route to the title.

Dante Daminani (Trenton) assisted on Kruschka's game-winning goal, his second of the game.

Other team members include: Alan MacMillan and Mike Penner, both of Brighton; Jamie Bufalino, Grosse Pointe; Justin Bayer, Bloomfield Hills; Dan Morrell, Novi; John Schroder, Grand Rapids, Erik Swonder, Dearborn, Kyle Milley, Kalamazoo, Mike Mackert, Wakasha, Wis.; Dave Thomas, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tyler Miles, Waterdown, Ontario.

Spartan swimmer signs

Livonia Stevenson's Meghan Mocerri, a four-time state meet qualifier, recently signed a national letter-of-intent to swim at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Mocerri will specialize in the distance and individual medley events for coach Dave Allen, of the Lady Seahawks.

As a senior, Mocerri served as team captain on the Spartans' Western Lakes Activities Association championship team.

She is also a member of the Spartan Aquatic Club where she has qualified for the short and long course state and zone meets. She has been coached the past 10 years by coach Dave Seagraves.

Mocerri, who carries a 3.25 grade-point average, plans to major in nutrition/dietetics, as well as psychology.

More Boston notables

There were several other noteworthy performers from the Livonia-Westland coverage area who competed in the 2000 Boston Marathon (April 23).

Among those finishers included Michael Selke (Westland), 3 hours, 9 minutes, 53 seconds; Jeffery Lees (Livonia), 3:10:41; Pete Garcia (Livonia), 3:13:22; Todd Biggs (Westland), 3:26:18; Robert Nagy (Westland), 3:32:28; and Shannon Swish (Livonia), 3:37:43.

Collegiate track notes

• Junior Kim Beechuk (Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) helped the Aquinas College women's track and field team win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference outdoor championship with a third-place hammer throw of 142 feet.

Aquinas, which totaled 250 points, easily outdistanced runner-up Siena Heights.

She will now participate in the NAIA National Track and Field meet May 25-27 in Vancouver, B.C.

• University of Detroit Mercy sophomore Guy Diakow (Livonia Churchill) scored points in four different events for the Titans' men's track team in a meet April 18 at the University of Toledo.

Diakow finished second in both the shot put, 42-5½, and discus, 133-9, as well as third in the javelin, 122-11. He also took a fourth in the hammer throw (150-1) to qualify for the USA Junior Nationals.

All-Star Whalers hailed

Coach Peter DeBoer of the Plymouth Whalers, already named the Ontario Hockey League's Coach of the Year, was named Monday the league's All-Star coach.

The Whalers' Rob Zapp was picked as the second-team All-Star goalie.

The OHL All-Rookie team also had two Whalers honored. Tomas Kurka was picked first team left wing while Plymouth's Stephen Weiss was named second team center.

Hoskin joins Schoolcraft cast

BY BRAD EMONS
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The recruiting season never stops for Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs.

Three more players have been added to the fold and the biggest catch is 6-foot-8, 247-pound center Sam Hoskin, a Redford Bishop Borgess High product who is leaving Eastern Kentucky University after leading the Colonels in scoring (15.7 points per game) and rebounding (8.0).

Schoolcraft will also get 6-6 forward Keenan Weir, another transfer from EKU, along with 6-2 guard Colin Wilkinson, a transfer from Hillsdale College. Earlier this month Briggs



Sam Hoskin
Now an Ocelot

COLLEGE HOOPS

signed 6-6 Emir Medunjanin, a first-team All-Observer pick from North Farmington.

Hoskin, who sat out the 1998-99 season at EKU to concentrate on academics, shot 51.8 percent from the field and 69 percent from the line as a freshman. He had a season high of 31 points. He also grabbed 14 rebounds in a loss back in January to the University of Detroit Mercy.

He was named to the Ohio Valley Conference's All-Newcomer Team.

"Sam is a major college player who can be a dominate force inside for us at Schoolcraft," said Briggs, who has an impressive 74-19 record in three seasons with the Ocelots. "His inside presence should open up the perimeter game."

This season, Schoolcraft finished

runner-up to Flint Mott in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament and won the Eastern Conference title.

The Ocelots wound up 24-7 overall, falling to national power Vincennes (Ind.), 96-83, in the NJCAA Division I-Region 12 semifinals.

Against Vincennes, which wound up third in the NJCAA Tournament, Schoolcraft was hurt by the Trailblazers' inside tandem of 6-7 Cincinnati transfer Aaron McGhee and 6-8 Purdue transfer Cam Stephens.

"Sam brings us some things we didn't have in our game against Vincennes (Ind.), which is a strong inside post game," Briggs said.

As a junior, Hoskin and teammate Aaron Jessup, now a starter at Wisconsin-Green Bay, helped Borgess to the 1996-97 state Class C championship.

As a senior, Hoskin made All-Catholic and second-team All-Observer.

Former University of Michigan assistant Scott Perry, who became head coach at EKU, then signed Hoskin to an NCAA letter-of-intent out of Borgess.

But the Colonels never took off under Perry, who resigned following a 6-21 season (2-16 in the OVC). EKU lost its final 16 games this year as Perry finished 19-61 in three seasons.

Weir, a swingman, averaged 3.2 points per game for the Colonels, starting eight of 25 games during the 1998-99 season. He appeared in only one game during the 1999-2000 season after going down with a knee injury.

Weir averaged 16.3 points and 9.6 rebounds per game during his senior year at Detroit King.

"At King, Keenan was more of a role player," Briggs said. "But like

Please see 1B3, C3

Shamrock bats, arms too strong RU swept by CC

PREP BASEBALL

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Usually, Catholic Central pitcher Andy Smith has one of his coaches determine what he is going to throw.

After Tuesday, Smith might get to call his own game more often.

Smith struggled early, but wound up with a two-hitter on the mound and helped his own cause at the plate as the Shamrocks mercied visiting Redford Union in the first game of a doubleheader, 10-0.

In the second game, teammate Kevin Entsminger matched Smith on the mound with his own two-hitter as CC earned a 9-1 win over the Panthers.

"I had to do something," said Smith after he improved his record to 4-1 and the Shamrocks moved to 10-2. "I wasn't getting much on my fastball and had to rely on my curve late. Today's (pitches) were pretty much up to me. I was in synch with (catcher John Hill). I only shook him off once today."

Smith only allowed one walk and struck out seven in the opener, allowing just two hits - a second inning single by Jason Dunning and a third inning single to Mike Dmytro, but no base runner got past second base.

CC, meanwhile, scored early and often against RU (7-4), with a run in the first and cracking three more in the third and four more in the fourth.

"We played poorly and they didn't," said Union coach Rick Berryman. "The kids who I expected to play well, didn't. I'm disappointed, but hopefully we'll use this as a wake-up call."

The Shamrocks opened the scoring in the first when second baseman Dave Tovey reached on a walk and eventually scored on a groundout. The beginning of the end came in the third, as Smith opened the inning with a 385-foot homer to left and Tovey followed with a walk that chased RU starter Mike Macek (2-1). Mike Wadowski's single scored Tovey and Charlie Haeger, who reached when he was hit by a pitch, wound up scoring on a passed ball.

CC stuck it to Union reliever Mike Hayes in the fourth inning, using a



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Vacuum cleaner: Catholic Central's Dave Tovey goes into the hole to make the putout in Tuesday's double-header sweep against Redford Union.

combination of singles by Adam Kline, Smith and Wadowski, a double by Phil Marrone, Hill being hit by a pitch, a two-run homer by Haeger and two RU errors, for a 9-0 lead.

Tovey capped off the mercy win in the bottom of the fifth when his single scored Kline for the game-ending run, earning a little retribution for last season when Union handed CC its lone regular season loss in a 3-2 game.

"I'd like to think that was part of it, but there's not a lot of returning guys from last year who know what this means," said Smith.

Macek gave up three runs and four hits, with two walks, in taking the loss. Hayes was credited for six runs and six hits with a strikeout.

"Macek's a good pitcher and Hayes is a good pitcher," said CC coach John Salter. "We're starting to come around with the bats. Two weeks ago, we were struggling at the plate."

The second game was no different other than Entsminger earning the win (2-0) and the game played under the Catholic League's 3-2 count for balls and strikes.

The junior struck out eight batters.

Please see CC SWEEPS, C4

Homers abound as Glenn splits

Juiced ball?

The evidence pointed in that direction Tuesday as Westland John Glenn and host Dearborn High divided a baseball double-header.

In the opener, Glenn racked up 16 hits, including three homers, en route to a 16-5 triumph in the opener.

Brandon Ajlouny clubbed a grand slam to highlight an eight-run fourth inning for Glenn. Winning pitcher Jeff Mitchell added a two-run shot.

Chad Sansom, who went 3-for-3 with two walks and four runs scored, belted a two-run homer in the sixth inning.

Other Glenn offensive standouts included Dave Mijal, who collected four hits, including a triple and two RBI; Dan Fedulchak, 3-for-3 with a double; and Mike Grant, 2-for-4.

Mitchell allowed five runs on four hits in six innings. He struck out eight and walked two.

In the nightcap, Dearborn scored seven times in second inning and seven runs in the fourth to win 17-12. The Pioneers out-hit Glenn, 13-12, and took advantage of five Rocket errors.

Sophomore Chris Pappas and winning pitcher Aaron Hipple each collected three hits for the Pioneers (6-8).

Glenn (3-7) was led by Ajlouny and Jeff Koslowski, who collected three hits apiece. Josh Day knocked in four runs, including a three-run homer in the seventh inning.

Brian Tott added two hits, including an RBI and two runs scored.

Koslowski also had two RBI.

Glenn starter Andrew Copland, who went 3½ innings, suffered the loss.

Churchill grad Eszes GLIAC's top player

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It was the proverbial "icing on the cake" story for Wayne State University senior tennis player Matt Eszes.

The Livonia Churchill High product was awarded the 2000 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, the first time a Warrior netter received such an honor following last week-end's conference championships in Midland.

"I was taken totally by surprise," said Eszes, who finished the year 13-6 at No. 1 singles and 15-3 with doubles partner Brad Sawicki. "It was an excellent career, but a short career. It's a little sad. But it couldn't have ended up on a better note."

MEN'S COLLEGE TENNIS

The coaches voted Eszes GLIAC Player of the Year over Ferris State's dynamic duo from the Czech Republic of Martin Krbec and Jan Talian, the 1999 Rolex Small College National Doubles champions.

"The coaches recognized that Matt played beyond his level," said Brent Dickman, WSU's coach since 1992. "Matt may not be the winningest player in the conference, but he proved he could play with the top players."

His only two losses in the GLIAC were to the number one players from Ferris and Northwood.

"This year it was amazing to watch because Matt

would always stay calm the first two sets, then figure out how to beat them by the third set," Dickman said. "And some of those third set wins were pretty convincing."

Wayne State finished third in the GLIAC team tournament for the second straight year. The Warriors were 11-6 overall and 8-2 in GLIAC dual matches. (Northwood defeated Ferris State for the team title in the all-defeat match format.)

In the GLIAC tourney, Eszes finished undefeated in five matches (between No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles).

"In high school Matt never came to the net, but now he serves and volleys, gets people out of position

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BEST GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

Following are the best Observerland track and field results. Coaches can fax updates to (734) 591-7279 or call (734) 953-2143.

- SHOT PUT**
 Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40.7
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 34.9
 Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34.8
 Lisa Balco (Franklin) 34.3
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 33.10
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33.3
 Kristen Rader (Churchill) 30.65
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 30.6
 Becky Loftus (Thurston) 30.3
 Gaybriel Newton (Harrison) 30.1
- DISCUS**
 Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143.6
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 120.1
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 114.11
 Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 102.0
 Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 100.3
 Miranda White (Salem) 99.7
 Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 98.7
 Jenny Harb (Franklin) 98.4
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 98.3
 Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 98.0
- HIGH JUMP**
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5.5
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5.2
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5.2
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5.1
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.1
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5.1
 Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5.1
 Krystal Dennis (St. Agatha) 5.0
 Angela Adams (John Glenn) 4.10
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 4.10
 Amanda Sales (Luth. Westland) 4.10
 Karen Kuszyński (Ladywood) 4.10
 Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 4.10
 Kelly Ward (Ladywood) 4.10
 Elizabeth Lanning (Canton) 4.10
- LONG JUMP**
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16.41
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16.21
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 15.8
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15.7
 Allison Diakow (Churchill) 15.5
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 15.5
 Celina Davis (Salem) 15.4
 Leyna Kasparek (Stevenson) 15.3
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15.1
 Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 15.1
- POLE VAULT**
 Kim Wise (Garden City) 10.0
 Kari Cezar (Churchill) 9.6
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9.2
 Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9.0
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8.6
 Julieta Iarina (Harrison) 7.8

- Kristen Schlik (Canton) 7.6
 Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 7.6
 Diane Morton (John Glenn) 7.6
 Nicole Simonon (John Glenn) 7.0
 Kelly Clark (Lutheran Westland) 7.0
 Ashley Bolard (Canton) 7.0
- 100-METER HURDLES**
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.4
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 16.1
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.2
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 16.6
 Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.9
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.0
 Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 17.1
 Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.2
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 17.2
 Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 17.4
- 300-METER HURDLES**
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 49.3
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 49.6
 Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 49.4
 Valerie Brown (Salem) 49.4
 Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 50.6
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 51.4
 Kristen Kukhahn (Salem) 52.3
 Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 52.5
 Amanda Gardner (Harrison) 52.7
 Mandy Hein (Churchill) 52.8
- 100-METER DASH**
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8
 Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 13.0
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 13.0
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 13.0
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 13.1
 Celina Davis (Salem) 13.1
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 13.2
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
 Sierra Miller (Ladywood) 13.2
- 200-METER DASH**
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.8
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 27.2
 Kelly Carey (Ladywood) 27.3
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 27.6
 Celina Davis (Salem) 27.6
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.8
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 27.8
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 27.8
 Melissa Lokken (Churchill) 27.8
 Dominique Whittier (Borgess) 27.8
 Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 27.8
- 400-METER DASH**
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:02.6
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:02.6
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:02.6
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 1:04.1
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:04.1
 Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:04.2
 Elin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:04.3
 Mary Lou Liebau (Salem) 1:05.7

- Jessica Levey (Canton) 1:06.1
 Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:06.2
- 800-METER RUN**
 Andrea Doud (Ladywood) 2:29.0
 Heather Vardette (Stevenson) 2:31.8
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:32.5
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:33.0
 Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:34.6
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:34.6
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 2:34.9
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:35.0
 Miranda White (Salem) 2:35.2
 Jill Grey (Salem) 2:36.7
- 1,600-METER RUN**
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:33.5
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:34.0
 Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
 Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:37.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:39.0
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 5:39.5
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:42.2
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5:42.4
 Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 5:42.9
- 3,200-METER RUN**
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:13.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:36.7
 Kim Woods (Salem) 12:42.5
 Megan Annarino (Farmington) 12:45.0
 Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12:47.0
 Diana Leparskas (Churchill) 12:47.5
 Claire Czapliski (Farmington) 12:50.0
 Marissa Montgomery (Stevenson) 12:53.0
- 400-METER RELAY**
 Plymouth Salem 51.3
 Westland John Glenn 52.0
 Livonia Ladywood 52.7
 Redford Union 53.6
 Plymouth Canton 53.7
- 800-METER RELAY**
 Westland John Glenn 1:49.4
 Plymouth Salem 1:50.0
 Plymouth Canton 1:52.6
 Livonia Stevenson 1:53.5
 North Farmington 1:53.7
- 1,600-METER RELAY**
 Plymouth Salem 4:12.8
 Plymouth Canton 4:21.7
 Livonia Ladywood 4:24.6
 Livonia Stevenson 4:25.4
 Livonia Churchill 4:32.1
- 3,200-METER RELAY**
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 Plymouth Salem 10:34.6
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BOYS TRACK

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- 500-METER RUN**
 Mike Spivey (Redford CC) 1:50.7
 Charlie Rozan (Redford CC) 1:47.9
 Nate Maclean (Lutheran Westland) 1:45.1
 Brad Person (Harrison) 1:44.7
 Jeff Durewke (Redford CC) 1:41.6
 Nate Henahan (Franklin) 1:37.1
 Aaron Hensley (Canton) 1:31.8
 Roy Crittendon (Farmington) 1:31.4
 Mike Geura (Charon) 1:29.9
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 1:29.11
- HIGH JUMP**
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6
 Layne Boddy (Farmington) 6-2
 Chris Katis (Canton) 6-2
 P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6-0
 Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
 Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6-0
 Brad Person (Harrison) 6-0
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6-0
 Jeremy Mares (Farmington) 6-0
 Paul Karolik (Churchill) 6-0
- LONG JUMP**
 Eric Scott (Churchill) 22-4
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-11.4
 Ugo Okwumeku (Canton) 20-4
 Aaron Valkhoven (Redford CC) 19-7
 Ryan Silva (Salem) 19-7
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 19-6
 Matt Dukas (Canton) 19-6
 Javoin Spinks (Farmington) 19-6
 Jarnell Johnson (Harrison) 19-5
 Andy Zak (N. Farmington) 19-4
- POLE VAULT**
 Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14-2
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13-0
 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 12-8
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12-0
 Bryan Page (Canton) 11-6
 Justin Shofar (Harrison) 11-0
 Jim Brzuch (Salem) 10-6
 Erik Oswald (Harrison) 10-6
 Trevor Moore (Farmington) 10-6

- 100-METER DASH**
 Mike Spivey (Redford CC) 15.8
 Charlie Rozan (Redford CC) 15.2
 Nate Maclean (Lutheran Westland) 14.8
 Brad Person (Harrison) 14.7
 Jeff Durewke (Redford CC) 14.1
 Nate Henahan (Franklin) 13.7
 Aaron Hensley (Canton) 13.1
 Roy Crittendon (Farmington) 13.1
 Mike Geura (Charon) 12.9
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 12.9
- 200-METER DASH**
 Marcus Woods (Harrison) 31.0
 Anthony Best (N. Farmington) 31.1
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 31.2
 K.J. Singh (Canton) 31.2
 Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 31.2
 Blair Wiles (N. Farmington) 31.2
 Pat Johnson (Salem) 31.2
 Chris Robinson (Harrison) 31.3
 Mark Detain (Farmington) 31.3
 Annie Brown (Canton) 31.4
 Randal Moore (Redford CC) 31.4
- 400-METER DASH**
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 1:02.9
 Agon Shabib (Harrison) 1:02.7
 Blair Wiles (N. Farmington) 1:02.9
 Mark Detain (Farmington) 1:03.1
 Mike Sparks (Garden City) 1:03.2
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 1:03.3
 K.J. Singh (Canton) 1:03.3
 Chris Robinson (Harrison) 1:03.3
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 1:03.4
 Marcus Woods (Harrison) 1:03.4
- 800-METER DASH**
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 2:00.8
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 2:01.5
 Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 2:01.5
 Anthony Best (N. Farmington) 2:01.7
 Tessa Mayberry (Harrison) 2:01.7
 Justin Corbin (Lutheran Westland) 2:01.9
 Ryan Kratch (Franklin) 2:02.2
 Dave Kovara (Stevenson) 2:02.7
 Mike Schultz (Franklin) 2:03.1
 Dustin Gress (Farmington) 2:03.4

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Trio from C1

Sam, he comes from a winning program. He has that winning mentality and he's used to hard work and discipline like we are here.

"Keanan can hit the 15 foot shot. He likes to run in the transition game and rebound."

Wilkinson, Dearborn High's all-time leading scorer, is the second player to transfer from Hillsdale to Schoolcraft.

The Ocelots' starting center, Nick Evola, a 6-7 product from Warren Woods-Tower, also attended Hillsdale for one year.

As a freshman for the 16-11 Chargers, Wilkinson appeared in 17 games and averaged 2.1 points. He played 8.6 minutes per game.

At Dearborn High, Wilkinson lettered in four different sports. He was a standout in football as a running back and was a 6-8 high jumper in track.

He averaged 20 points and six rebounds per game his senior year en route to All-Metro honors and All-Mega Conference Red Division.

"Colin can shoot the ball and he'll give us perimeter scoring," Briggs said. "He was also a good student at Dearborn High. The fit was not there at Hillsdale and he elected to come here."

"All three players bring experience and leadership. They understand what it takes to win as far as time and effort. All three are also good kids who come with no baggage."

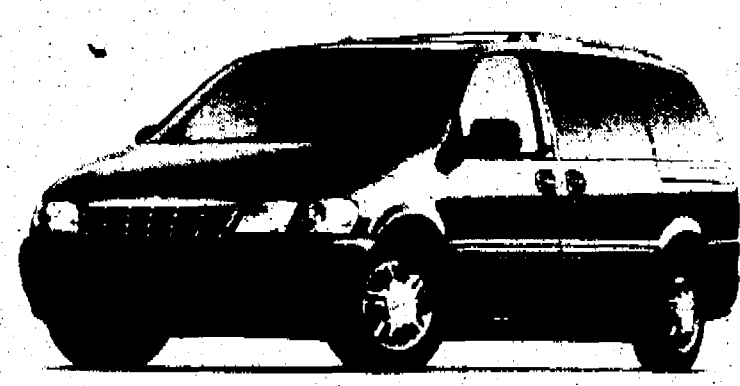
Briggs, however, just missed out on signing Hamtramck's 6-5 Class B All-Stater Eli Warren, who elected to go to Pensacola (Fla.) JC.

"We thought we had an opportunity to get him and that says a lot about where our program is at right now," Briggs said. "People have seen how many of our players are going Division I and want to be a part of that along with our strong academic program."

Three Schoolcraft players have signed letters-of-intent including guards Gilbert Mitchell and Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial), both with Western Illinois, and Reggie Kirkland with Wayne State.

The team's top two scorers, Robert Brown and Lamar Bigby, will make visits this weekend to Wisconsin-Green Bay and Texas A&M, respectively.

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MU turns 2 against Saints

The season continues to progress well for Madonna University's baseball team.

Madonna swept a doubleheader Saturday from visiting Aquinas College by scores of 3-2 and 2-1 to move 10 games above .500.

The Crusaders ended the twinbill 24-14-1, including a 13-9 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Saints (25-12-2) are 11-7.

Jason Brooks singled home the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning of the first game to make a winner of Ryan Andrzejewski (4-2), who worked the final two innings.

Westland John Glenn product Dale Hayes started and pitched a two-hitter, allowing both runs in the sixth on a home run by John Pike. He struck out four and walked three.

Derick Wolfe provided Madonna with its first run in the second inning, stroking his fourth home run of the season.

Wolfe walked with two out in the eighth, Joe

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Pruchnik was hit by a pitch and Brooks singled to left center.

Andrzejewski faced just six batters, striking out two.

Brooks also came through in the second game, delivering a double down the right field line in the bottom of the sixth.

Mitch Jabcezenki (4-2) went the distance, allowing one run and scattering eight hits. He limited his walks to one and struck out five.

Eric Lightle doubled in a fourth-inning run for the Crusaders to negate a 1-0 lead the Saints had taken in the top of the inning.

Neil Wildfong singled leading off the sixth for Madonna and was sacrificed to second. Wolfe was hit by a pitch, Lightle forced Wildfong and Brooks then unloaded his double.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM BAWLEY

Round tripper: Redford Catholic Central's Charlie Haeger (No. 7, right) is congratulated by his teammates after belting a homer against Redford Union. Last year RU was the only team to beat the state champions.

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allowed just two walks and took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, when Dunning led off with a single and Justin Rosin drove him home two batters later with another single.

"That's his second strong outing in a row," said Salter, whose team hosts Detroit Country Day this afternoon in a 4:30 single game.

The Shamrocks banged out 11 hits - all off of RU starter Dmytro (1-1) - but the senior did strike out seven with just two walks. As in the opener, two big innings solidified the win. CC opened with a run in the second when Matt Loidas walked, moved to third on singles by Kline and Jake Viane, then scored when Entsminger was hit by a pitch.

It was 3-0 through three as Haeger and Hill singled and scored, while Wadowski added an RBI single and Kline brought home a run on a sacrifice fly.

The floodgates opened in a six-run sixth inning as Entsminger, Tovey, Loidas and Kline reached on singles, Marrone had a single and kept going to third on a two-base error while Viane had a double.

"It's been ages since we've lost a doubleheader and I can't remember one like this," said Berryman. "We didn't hit and we made too many errors."

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and puts points away," Dickman said. "He was always a good player and had some talent coming out of high school, but he didn't understand how to win. He's really matured on the court."

As a freshman, Eszes started out at No. 2 singles and moved up to No. 1 his sophomore year.

"He got knocked around a bit, No. 2 was probably too high for him as a freshman," Dickman recalled. "I think he was about 4-12 as a sophomore at No. 1, but as a junior his game started to develop. He got more aggressive and he was around .500. During his senior year his game took off."

Eszes simply began to figure out what it took to win. "I'm not your classic serve and volleyer," he said. "Last season I tried to do it, but I missed those volleys. This year I was able to sneak into the net and hit volleys for winners. I tried to do it when my opponent least expected it."

For his career, Eszes finished 39-32 in singles (.549 winning percentage) and 35-25 in doubles (.583).

Not too shabby for a guy who played soccer for nine years and didn't pick up a racquet until his freshman year at Churchill.

Dickman recruited Eszes to Wayne not only to play tennis, but also to add a quality student on the Detroit campus.

A Presidential Scholarship recipient, Eszes has even more impressive credentials on the academic side.

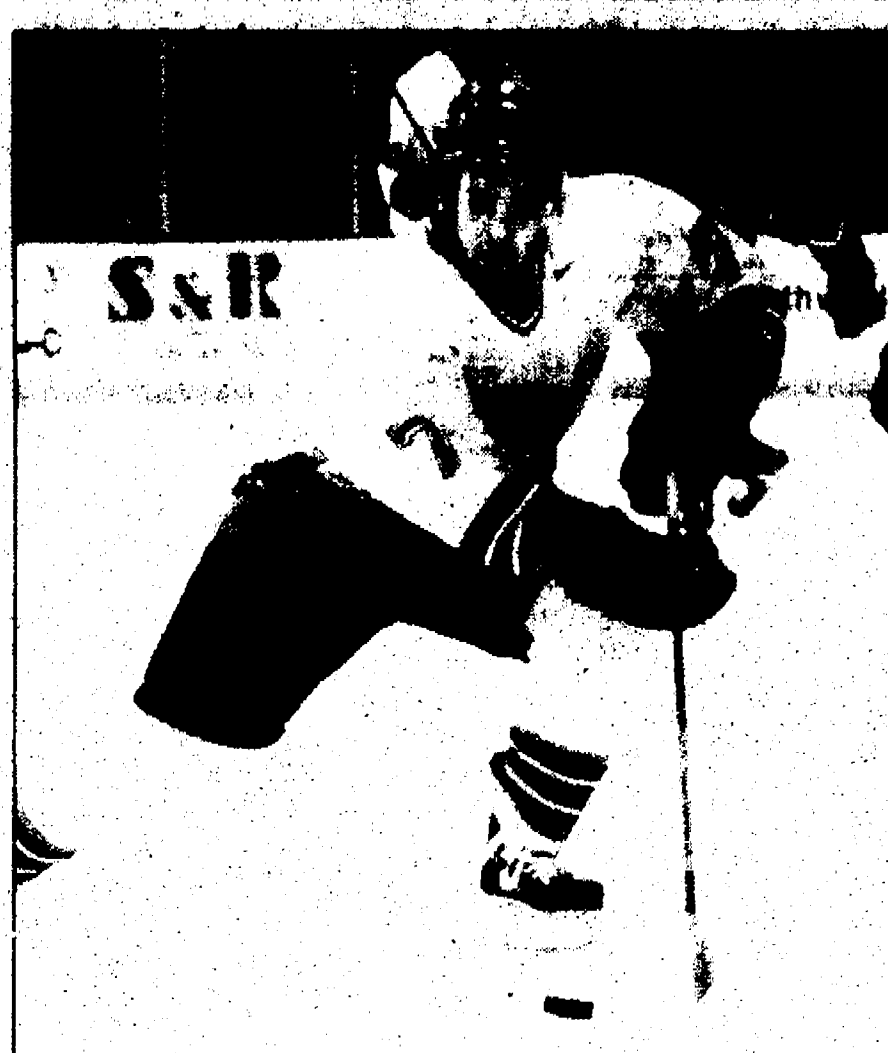
He will graduate Summa Cum Laude next week with a 3.97 grade-point average in Elementary Education.

Eszes has been on the Dean's List and Athletic Director's Honor Roll each and every semester at WSU. He holds a Golden Key given by the National Honor Society and has received the All-American Scholar Collegiate Award, and is on the National Dean's List.

He plans to begin teaching somewhere on the east side once he is certified this fall and will also continue to teach tennis during the summer at Walnut Creek Country Club.

"I intend to stay in the game, but I realize this is the best I'll ever be," said Eszes, who was the Warriors' co-captain the past three seasons. "I plan to renew my USTA membership and play some tournaments. I want to keep active because it's so much fun to play."

Make that frosting on the cake.



Plymouth shut down

They had their chances, but Sault Ste. Marie goalie Ray Emery proved unbeatable Monday in the second game of this Ontario Hockey League Western Conference final.

Emery stopped 40 Plymouth Whaler shots in guiding the Greyhounds to a 2-0 victory in Sault Ste. Marie. The win evened the best-of-seven series at a game each.

The Whalers had a 14-5 shot advantage in the first period and a 12-7 edge in the second, but failed to solve Emery.

In the second period, the Greyhounds scored twice. Ryan Milanovic, who had 13 goals in 55 regular-season games, got his fourth of the playoffs at the 6:02 mark, and Jeff Richards made it 2-0 at 14:37 with his first playoff goal of the season.

The Whalers' Rob Zepp stopped 22 of 24 shots on goal.

Motoring: The Whalers' Stephen Morris skates with the puck into the Greyhound zone in Game No. 1.

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Whalers draw 1st blood in series with 4-1 win vs. Soo Greyhounds

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Following Saturday night's fisticuff-filled opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference finals between Plymouth and Sault Ste. Marie, it was safe to assume that the two teams would not be sitting down to Easter dinner together the following afternoon.

"No, I think we'll be eating in different restaurants," cracked Whalers coach Pete DeBoer moments after his team posted a convincing 4-1 home-ice victory in the series opener.

It was a hockey game that started to evolve into a World Wrestling Federation event midway through the third period.

"Everybody on the ice was battling for territory. Both teams went out to send a message, and I think we did.

"Even though there were a lot of penalties and fights, I think our team played with discipline. We didn't have any retaliatory penalties that gave them power plays."

Game-misconduct penalties were distributed as generously as marshmallow bunnies at an Easter egg hunt in the rugged third period, which ended like it began — with players from both teams squaring off in a series of mini-boxing matches.

The teams were whistled for 40 minutes of penalties including five 10-minute majors in the game's final 20 minutes.

During a post-fight stoppage of play with 22.2 seconds left, Greyhound left-winger Josh Bennett boldly skated slowly in front of the Plymouth bench, gesturing with his stick at Whaler players. He was eventually escorted off the ice by officials to a chorus of boos from the 2,987 people in attendance.

The home team was not immune from taunting in this intensity-packed struggle.

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Following one fight late in the game, a Plymouth player directed a universal hand gesture at the Greyhounds' bench to show them that the Whalers were "number one" — only he didn't use his index finger to get his point across.

DeBoer predicted the excessively chippy play would not continue throughout the series despite the bad blood that is brewing between the two teams.

"I don't think you'll see as much of (the extracurricular activity) out there the rest of the series because neither team wants to risk getting in a lot of short-handed situations in the playoffs," DeBoer said. "It's not worth it."

After allowing the game's first goal six minutes into the contest, Whaler goalie Rob Zepp was flawless over the final 54 minutes, smothering 20 Greyhound shots.

"Our best penalty killer is Rob Zepp," DeBoer said, smiling. "He didn't do anything real spectacular tonight, but he was solid throughout the game."

Plymouth, which hadn't played in over a week as it waited for a winner in the Sault Ste. Marie series, looked rusty in the game's opening period.

The Whalers managed 10 shots on Greyhound goalie Jason Flick during the first 19 minutes, however none came close to finding the mark.

Trailing 1-0 with the final seconds ticking down in the first period, the Whalers received an injection of momentum from Justin Williams.

The smooth-skating winger controlled a pass from linemate Stephen Weiss at mid-ice, outmaneuvered two defensemen and faked a shot to Flick's glove side before depositing the puck

in the net past the falling goalie's outstretched glove-hand. The goal, scored at the 19:37 mark of the period, tied the score at 1-1.

"That was a huge goal," DeBoer stressed. "If you let them go into the lockerroom with a 1-0 lead, they start believing in themselves even more. The goal was a big boost for us."

The momentum generated from Williams' Jagr-like goal carried over into the second period for the Whalers, who grabbed their first lead when George Nistas fired a slapshot past Flick to make it 2-1. Nistas was assisted by Chris Cava and Andre Robichaud.

The Whalers put one game on ice a short time later with a pair of power-play goals.

Left-winger Tomas Kurka made it 3-1 at the 9:40 mark when he whistled a one-timer past Flick from 10 feet in front of the net. Kurka was set up by a perfect pass from defenseman Shaun Fisher.

The game's final goal came less than seven minutes later off the stick of Damian Surma, who wristed in a rebound at the 16:44 mark. It was Surma's team-leading sixth playoff goal.

The Whalers outshot the Greyhounds, 12-8, in the second period and 32-20 for the game.

While the Whalers skated into the game rested, the Greyhounds were coming off an exhausting seven-game quarterfinal series against Erie. The series-deciding game seven ended less than 48 hours prior to Saturday's Easter-vee opening face-off.

"Early in the game, I think the layoff worked against us because we weren't real sharp," DeBoer assessed. "But as the game went on, we started playing a lot better and their fatigue started to show."

Busy off-season on mat

By PAUL BEASLEY Staff Writer

Some athletes just can't get enough of their sport. Take Catholic Central sophomore Jay Abshire and senior Mitch Hancock.

The high school wrestling season ended in March, yet the two have fared pretty well in national competition since then.

Hancock, a Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I champion at 160 pounds in March, came up with a third-place finish at the National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh late last month.

Abshire, a second team all-Observersland selection at 140 pounds, won four of five matches at the Kellogg Scholastic Duals in Battle Creek earlier this month.

"I go into every tourney to win," said Hancock. "I'm disappointed I didn't win, but I came out and wrestled hard, wrestled well and the only person to beat me won the whole thing."

Before going into the tourney, Hancock was faced with a dilemma.

"I would have been big at 152 or small at 160," said Hancock. "Unfortunately, the wrestlers were tougher at 152 than what they would have been at 160. Every wrestler there was a state champion or a state placer. Any one of the top four guys could have won."

Hancock did pretty well actually, going 7-1 on the tourney. His only loss came from eventual champion and the nation's second-ranked wrestler, Ryan Bertin of Cleveland (O.) St. Edward's in the winner's bracket semi-final, 7-

1. Abshire went 4-3 in the third period and I closed, closed and then slipped. He got me for a single (point) and I lost all the momentum. I had to chase him the rest of the match."

And it was a long way up in the consolation bracket as well. Hancock beat Tyson Springer of Washington in his first match, then stopped Nick Ransberger of New York, 7-2, in the quarterfinals. A 7-3 win over Carl Holmqvist in the consolation semifinals was next, then he faced the nation's third-ranked wrestler at 152, Jason Woodall of Pittston, Pa., in the consolation final.

"And I just went after him," Hancock said. "I jumped on him, 5-0, at the start and kept going. I wasn't sick like I was at the state tourney. I wound up beating him 12-5."

Hancock wound up being the highest finisher for Team Michigan and helped the squad to a sixth-place finish out of 48 teams.

Abshire didn't get to wrestle for a national individual title like Hancock.

The sophomore was a member of Michigan's Green team that finished 10th out of 16 teams at the team tourney.

"I thought I wrestled pretty good there," said Abshire. "I won four out of five matches and we were only together for a couple of weeks."

South Dakota edged Michigan-Green for a ninth-place finish, but Abshire did his part as he stopped Justin Sisson at 145, 9-8 in an overtime thriller.

He also posted wins against

Jared Clouse of Ohio-Gold, 4-4, Josh Kelly of Indiana-Gold, 3-2, a 9-2 win over Brian Webb of Ohio-Navy, before suffering an 11-1 setback against two-time Colorado champion Jared DeGregorio.

"It was a fun time," said Abshire. "Everyone there was a sophomore or junior and the rules were normal high school rules as opposed to freestyle."

Abshire won his spot at try-outs in Goodrich and began working with wrestlers and coaches from around the state, such as the Green head coach Dave Beasly of Montrose and Michigan-Blue coach Roy Hall of Davison.

"I learned a lot of things from them," said Abshire. "Normally, we practice moves and technique. They showed us ways to get into position and how to get them out of position to take our shot."

Neither Hancock nor Abshire is done with wrestling. Abshire wants to keep going in several tournaments, including the Ironman Tournament in Ohio.

Hancock is wrestling with something outside the mat — where to spend time on the mat next year. Both Central Michigan and Michigan State have offered him full scholarships for next season, while Michigan weighed in just shy of a full ride. And Bertin, the man who beat him in Pennsylvania, has also signed with Michigan, although Hancock would probably end up wrestling at a heavier class than Bertin.

"It's something I have to think about while I'm on spring break," said Hancock, enjoying his trip in the Florida Panhandle. "There's a lot of good offers on the table and sooner or later I have to make a decision."

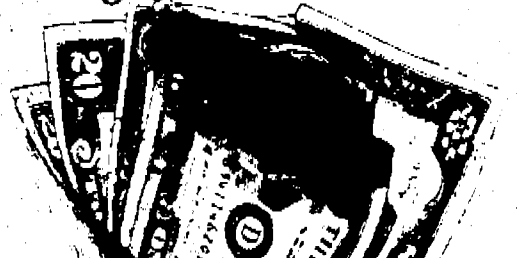
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League investigates Borgess

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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This was not the ending that Redford Bishop Borgess principal Sister Joan Charnley wanted to see for athletic director and girls basketball coach Dave Mann.

Mann resigned April 12 after an investigation by the Detroit Catholic League resulted in "concerns" of undue influence regarding tuition payments for his players.

"It's unfortunate because Dave worked hard and was respected by parents and students," said Charnley. "This really happened more quickly than I thought."

Charnley will assume the athletic director duties until a permanent replacement is found and hopes to have both positions filled by the end of the school year. Charnley met with the coaches and staff last Friday and told them of the change. Mann told his players the same day and cleaned out his office and turned in his keys the following day.

DCL officials were concerned when four players transferred out of school in January. The Spartans were 11-12 overall in 1999 and were eliminated from the Class C tournament by Detroit Communication and Media Arts — coached by James Rogers, a former assistant under Mann at Borgess. One of the four players, DeShawna Hoskins, is now at CMA. Mann is also the women's basketball coach at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"Incidents occurred that we were concerned about," said DCL director Tom Rashid. "It's inappropriate for specifics, but incidents occurred and (both the school and the league) investigated. We feel that it was thorough in scope. During the course of the investigation, he resigned and we accepted."

The investigation revolved around possible violations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's rule involving undue influence, which prohibits schools from offering partial or full payment of tuition based on a student's athletic ability.

Parochial students and their families are allowed to reduce their tuition payments through academic scholarships, volunteering their time at school and church-affiliated aid.

Current tuition at Bishop Borgess is \$3,975 and will rise

again for the 2000-01 school year to roughly \$4,100.

"People can get help in paying the tuition," Charnley said. "Some parents donate time to the school and so do the students. We've also found they get help from their extended family, such as grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, for example, to help pay the tuition. And there are students who are eligible for help from programs, the Archdiocese sponsors."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association had no comment on the matter. Under its rules, the MHSAA can not take action until a formal complaint has been made. Usually, a school would report the violation then police itself.

If the MHSAA deems the action unsatisfactory, it could issue additional sanctions to a program. If a coach is still at the school in violation of the rules, he could face penalties. But once that coach leaves the school, he would not be subject to penalty.

Should a formal complaint be lodged against Borgess, it would be heard before the MHSAA's representative council to determine guilt and/or subsequent sanctions. Should Borgess be found guilty by the MHSAA of violating the undue influence rule, only the school would face penalty. Mann would be allowed to coach at any other school without being held to the same sanctions as Borgess.

"It's still an ongoing investigation," said Rashid. "We take the rules very seriously and have reported regularly to the MHSAA on this."

Mann, who did not return phone calls at home or at Michigan-Dearborn, still has the support of his current employer.

"I have only had a brief conversation with Dave about this," said Wolves' athletic director Peggy Foss. "At the present time, he's still our basketball coach. We have no immediate plans to make changes. At Bishop Borgess, I think there were only allegations. I don't know what was proven."

Mann had been the athletic director at the school for the past two years, replacing alumnae Diane Convery. His record in 11 seasons at the school was 198-79 with Class C championships in 1993, 1994 and 1997.

This is not the first time that Mann had come under scrutiny while at the school.

In 1997, the DCL investigated Mann for improprieties in paying his high school players to work at unofficial AAU tournaments run by him at Michigan-Dearborn. DCL officials ruled that Mann could pay his players up to \$500 per school year to work, but the money had to be applied to their tuition at Borgess.

Students were paid \$6 per hour to work at the tournaments for doing things like keeping score, running the clock, setting up and breaking down for the tournaments. The workers were not exclusively students from Bishop Borgess, but from several metro Detroit high schools. Borgess students needing the tuition credit had their limit capped at \$500 and the money was supposed to go to the school. Students who had their tuition paid in full and the students at other schools received their earnings in cash.

"There was an investigation three years ago and at that time, the ruling was everything was fine and in line," Charnley said.

That same year, in perhaps his most controversial act, he openly admitted encouraging people to join the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan in order to help Ayisha Smith win the group's Miss Basketball Award. Several ballots came in as the deadline neared with only Smith's name on the ballot instead of the three names allowed.

When the voting was tabulated, she easily won the award — 818-463 and 145-45 in first-place votes — over runner-up Tawana McDonald of Flint Northern.

While within the voting rules at the time, the perceived abuse of the rule forced BCAM to change membership rules to no longer allow game officials to vote and all new members must wait until the following school year to be eligible to vote.

Charnley would not comment on charges by Convery that she knew what Mann was doing with the tuition and that Mann carried more clout as basketball coach than she did as athletic director.

"She turned in her resignation in late August (1998) and I accepted it," Charnley said. "She told me it was that she was moving to Waterford and time wouldn't allow her to continue. That's the reason she gave me."



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SUNDAY



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Bands triumph at Detroit Music Awards

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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When Kid Rock declared the State Theatre to be "The house that Rock built," his words rattled from stage to mezzanine. He might've been addressing his own success, but the musicians and sold-out crowd at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards heard those words echo a promising future for the local scene and shout: yes, the rest of the country is watching — and listening.

It's no secret that big winners at the April 14 awards — such as country rock favorites The Forbes Brothers, reggae quintet Immunity and bluesman Johnnie Bassett — would still be basking in their glory. But the annual show rose to new heights. Attracting national celebrities, such as hosts Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, The Contours and an appearance by Bloomfield Hills' spiciest Red Hot Chili Pepper, drummer Chad Smith, the show shook the foundation of that historic theater in Detroit. The show was sponsored by the Motor City Music Foundation and The Metro Times, with proceeds going to Pontiac-based non-profit organization The Rainbow Connection.

All eyes focused on the Motor City, and performers flocked from all around the metro area. With record labels, MTV associates and media crawling around Woodward Avenue's State Theatre and newly opened State Bar, the evening was buzzing like Seattle in the early 1990s.

"This is the first time the Detroit Music Awards has been this big," said Paradime, also known as Freddie Beauregard of Livonia. Paradime may not have walked off with an award, but the blue-eyed rapper still rocked the stage accompanied by DJ Mark E.P. of Westland and the band, Plaidipus. "We're playing to a sold-out crowd," said Paradime, "you can't really beat that with a bat."

Kicking out a funkified hip hop trilogy: "Broke," "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "Ode to



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

I know what you did: Paradime kicks out three songs at the Detroit Music Awards. The Livonia resident is being touted as the next big thing in hip hop.

LASTING impression

Guinness," Paradime reaffirmed his space on the verge of national notice. Plaidipus' Mike Schiller, Jason Mood and Dan Trenz knew the performance would be a "pretty big jump" for the band. "We hope Kid Rock will dig what we do," said Trenz, a Franklin native.

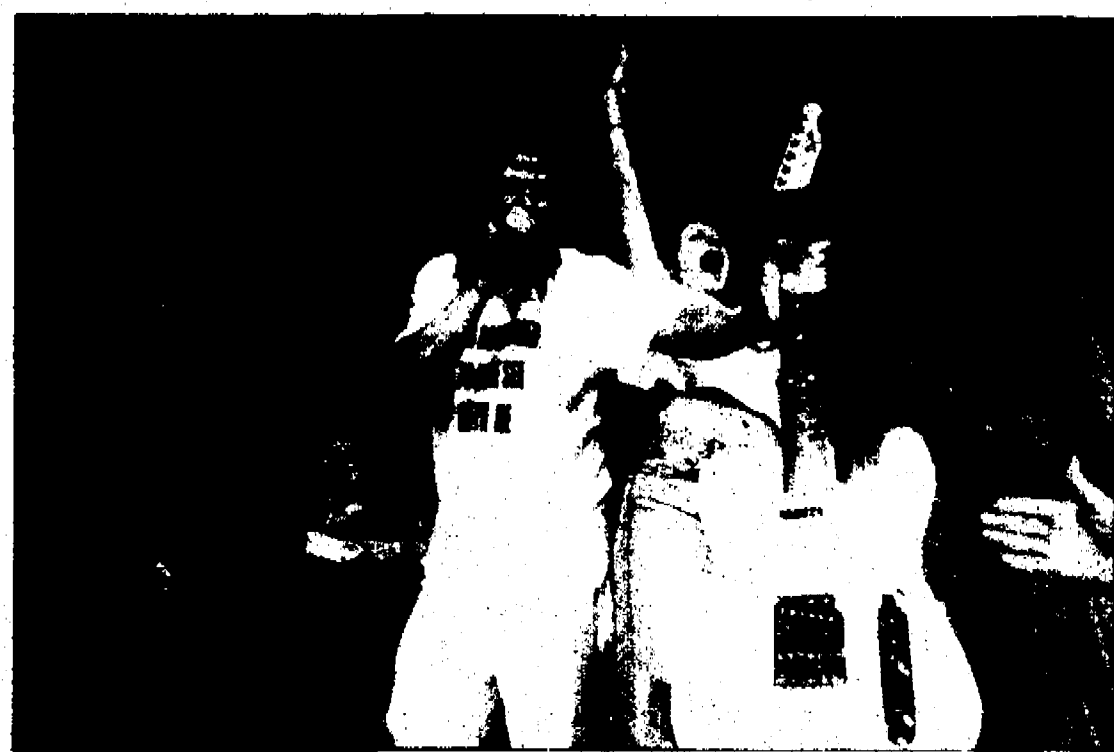
Local scene

One thing's for sure: Kid Rock's DJ Cracker, Outstanding Hip Hop DJ winner, couldn't say enough about the hot local scene. "This is bigger than the Grammy's," he said while hanging backstage with Paradime. "It's all about Detroit."

Though winning wasn't everything, The Forbes Brothers got a good gulp of that victory cocktail. Nabbing group awards for Outstanding Country Group, (Scott Forbes for) Vocalist, (Dennis Forbes for) Instrumentalist and (Scott and Dennis Forbes for) Songwriters, The Forbes Brothers accepted the recognition gracefully, while friends and family looked on. The Forbes Brothers is Farmington Hills resident and guitarist Scott Forbes, guitarist and Keego Harbor resident Dennis Forbes, drummer Dave Jack, bassist Jon Ross, guitarist J.C. Whitelaw, keyboardist George Canterbury and new vocalist and Troy resident Ron Jacob.



Number 19: Scott and Dennis Forbes of The Forbes Brothers accept yet another award for making great country music at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards.



For the kids: (left to right) Red Hot Chili Pepper's Chad Smith of Bloomfield Hills, The Rainbow Connection's executive director Patricia Tessmer-Flack of Oxford, Kid Rock and an avid fan auction off an autographed axe for \$4,000 to grant wishes for ill children at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards.

Accolades

"It's nice to get the accolades from your peers," said Scott Forbes in a telephone interview. "It's a driving force that really makes you want to keep going." With 19 DMA's under their belts, The Forbes Brothers are currently

working on their second CD, "Three Chord Truth." For those skeptics who feel jilted by the awards, Forbes said it's time to "make themselves known to the people voting. You do that by playing out and getting in the media."

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Plymouth Theatre Guild

Delivering a laugh-a-minute

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Barry Levine and Bob Weibel trade one-liners so fast it makes your head spin. But this is just a prelude. The rehearsal for the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of Squabbles hasn't even begun. The banter between Levine, the Southfield resident playing Abe Dreyfus, and Weibel, the director, mimics the squabbling overheard as several of members of a dysfunc-



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Squabbles:

Barry Levine (left) as Abe Dreyfus, Nicole Ludwig and Robert Purcell as Jerry and Alice Sloan, and Dorothy Dunne as Mildred Sloan make up the core of the dysfunctional family in Marshall Karp's comedy.

Livonia Redford Theatre

Guild 'Fun' Raiser invites interaction

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Steve Belcher wants everyone to look for the merrily and guitarist they'll encounter before stepping through the door of The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford Cabaret Calypso. A New and IMPROVED Calypso means to get the audience members — the invite they exit the room. The fun doesn't stop until they're heading home after the poster of a evening to benefit the community theater.

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Awards from page E1

For a band that didn't win, two of three Brothers Groove members made it to the podium more times than most nominees. Vocalist Chris Codish tied with Butler Twins' Clarence Butler for Outstanding Blues Songwriter and vowed to share his award with his father Bob Codish, also a nominee. Codish and his brother-in-groove, bassist Jim Simonson of Clarkston, accepted awards on behalf of Johnnie Bassett - who won for Outstanding Blues Recording, Instrumentalist and Group. Both musicians performed on the winning album, "Party My Blues Away."

The reggae wild men in Immunity were all smiles while accepting four awards. Jonathan Pettus, who works in Birmingham, took the Outstanding Reggae Vocalist award from nominated band mates Tom Varga, Tom Wall and Tony Mitchell. Bassist Bill Koggenhop won for Outstanding Reggae Instrumentalist. His wife, band manager and MCMF member Terri Koggenhop, was proudest when Immunity seized the Outstanding reggae group award, a category Immunity's been nominated for three years running. "It was quite a night," she said.

That night finished off on a hopeful note for 13-year-old Ryan Rischack and Kathleen Coules, 17. Michigan's favorite "Cowboy," Kid Rock, sauntered out with the two representatives of The Rainbow Connection. The organization grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. Kid Rock, who has a long history with The Rainbow Connection, sponsored both of the kids' wishes to go to Disney World. He handed them cowboy hats and both Detroit Music Awards he earned that night. "He's been very kind to this organization," said Patricia Tessmer-Flack,

executive director of the charity and an Oxford resident. "He obviously cares about the kids. We've seen the softer side of him. He's a very gentle person." The Rainbow Connection raised \$4,000 by auctioning off Kid Rock's guitar. The rest of the money raised has not yet been tabulated. For a complete list of DMA 2000 winners, please refer to the Web site at www.detroitmusicawards.com/winners.html. For more information on The Rainbow Connection or to donate, call (248) 338-7760.

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Delivering from page E1

tional family attempt to live together - all under the same roof. After reading the script for *Squabbles*, Bob Weibel is amazed that the play hasn't been done with any regularity since it premiered in 1982. Written by Marshall Karp, the comedy, which is produced by Mary Lynn Kuna of Plymouth, opens Friday, May 5, at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. "It's a nifty script and a funny, funny show," said Weibel of Westland. "The name is apropos. It's about a 30-something couple and a man who moves in with his kids. He lives to argue. He's a retired cab driver and they're trying to figure out what to do with dad when things get worse when his mother moves in after her house burns down. They both think the other one has to go. Then the daughter gets pregnant. One night the lights go out and the next thing you know they're not thinking about getting married but are going to live together."

Even though Weibel stepped in at the last minute to direct, he's not worried about the quality of the production because of the seasoned actors with whom he's working. Weibel, who's been in theater since 1958, sees a lot of plays as a reviewer for the *Observer Newspapers*. He believes theater is a living organism that only happens once. "This is the kind of play that's pure escapism," said Weibel. "They'll have a lot of fun watching this dysfunctional family and the warm ending where they go off into the sunset together." Levine continues to go through the script delivering one funny line after another. He thinks it's the quality of writing that makes *Squabbles* a hit with audiences.

"It's a contrast of characters," said Levine. "Abe and Mildred are different but similar. He's always trying to get her and she's trying to get back at him with plays on words. She says, she had a dream about being in a cab that stops suddenly but there's no jerk. Get it? Because I'm not in the cab." Levine empathizes with his character who's "a loud mouth, insulting kind of guy but deep down inside he really cares." He's physically comfortable with the part as well. It's usually difficult

for Levine to find roles such as Dreyfus or the rabbi he played in *Fiddler on the Roof* with the Village Players of Birmingham. Over the years, the types of roles Levine is able to play have changed. In fact his busy life as drama director at several metro Detroit high schools in the '60s and '70s and his current position as principal of the Academy of Westland, has left little time for acting during the last 30 years. He returned to the stage last season in the guild's *Wait Until Dark*. "You have to have a sense of humor," jokes Levine, a short, graying man on the rotund side. "No longer could I play the handsome, 6-2 hero."

Robert Purcell is Jerry Sloan, the son frequently in the middle of the rows between his father-in-law and mother, Mildred Sloan, played by Dorothy Dunne of Livonia. Nicole Ludwig plays his wife. Ken Kuna and Sara Ellsworth have spent the last six weeks constructing the set and perfecting the lighting. Nancy Adams is responsible for costuming the actors in clothing from the 1980s. "In the play he's a commercial jingle writer who took in her father who had a heart attack, then his mom moves in," said Purcell, a Canton resident, "and all heck breaks loose when the lights go out."

That's when Jim Christiansen takes over as Hector Lopez, the Puerto Rican handyman who can never correctly pronounce Dreyfus' name.

"My challenge has to be consistent with the accent and to remember to mispronounce Dreyfus," said Christiansen of Livonia. "There's a running gag but if I forget and pronounce it right, it blows the gag."

Delores Pearson, who plays Mrs. Fisher, is looking forward to her role as the nanny.

"It's wonderful to get to be so bossy," said Pearson of Canton. "She thinks nobody should touch the baby but she's just a fun character." Becoming a member of the guild has made Pearson's recent move to Michigan easier. She'd been experiencing a sense of isolation. Back in Pennsylvania, Pearson hosted her own syndicated TV program on crafts and cooking.

"It's a marvelous way to meet new people and that's what community is all about in community theater."

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"It's kind of hard to explain the production," said Belcher, vice president of The Theatre Guild's board of directors. "It's an interactive evening. There's some people planted in the audience. You'll never know what's the show and what's not." Debbie Tedrick of Farmington Hills wrote the cabaret-style production with help from Tim Jeffreys. The comedy opens on the final rehearsal for a cabaret show that's gone awry. Tedrick, who also directs the *New and IMPROVED Comedy*, is an old hand when it comes to theater. She's the music director and plays the part of Celeste Romano in *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* at the Bac Theatre in Pontiac.

"We're blurring the lines," said Tedrick. "It's like *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* which mimics incidents you might encounter if you were attending a wedding. There's improvised bits going on even during intermission. I always like to do a skeletally improvised show with actors making up their lines as they go along." Chip Duford, a cast member along with Tedrick in *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*, plays the emcee. Stacie Guerreso is one of the younger actors in the production. A Canton resident, Guerreso recently played the lead role in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of *Oliver!* During the 1998-99 season at Meadow Brook Theatre, she won the Peo-

ple's Choice award for Best Supporting Actress as Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker*. Gary Blumer, a musician who toured with Martha Reeves, plays piano in *Cabaret Calypso*. "We're working with a lot of professional performers who come from such venues as Second City, the Michigan Opera Theatre and Meadow Brook," said Belcher. "It's going to be a fun evening and ticket sales go to support our 2000-2001 season. The nearly \$10,000 spent last year in renovations dried up the budget."

"We're coming out of a one-show season which didn't make enough to keep the theater alive, so we're shifting our reliance from membership to a board of directors. It's a different approach for community theater but one we hope will work. We'll still have members who want to act in plays but it will be run like a business."

In addition to restructuring the way The Theatre Guild is operated, Belcher and the rest of the board plan to renovate the exterior of the building. Many people, said Belcher, don't even know the theater is there. But the group has come a long way since December when its very existence was in doubt. Today, thanks to the help of members interested in carrying on the nearly 50-year tradition, The Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford is making plans to open a five-production season with *The Fantasticks* in fall.

Local 'Guys and Dolls' star in musical at Upstage Theater

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Negativism, Ralph Rosati believes, is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"The only thing to fear is fear itself," said Rosati, quoting President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he talked about directing and choreographing *Guys and Dolls*, the first musical comedy ever to be presented by the Rosedale Community Players.

Some people said "we're not a musical group," but Rosati who has been involved with the Rosedale Players since 1973 encouraged them to do the show.

Rosati describes *Guys and Dolls*, which takes place in the 1950s, as "a great ensemble show." The show opens Friday at the Upstage Theater and continues weekends through Sunday, May 13. Some shows are sold out, so call ahead for ticket information.

"Most people are having a great time," said Rosati about the rehearsals. "They've gotten

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over their fear and trepidation. I think it will lead to the group doing other musicals."

Over the past 43 years, Rosati, who lives in Wixom, says he's covered a lot of territory performing in, and directing shows for the Rosedale Community Players, Plymouth Community Theater, SRO Players in Southfield, and Farmington Players.

He recently directed PTG's production of *Oliver!* which also featured his son, Marc, as Fagan.

Marc, a resident of Walled Lake, stars as Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*, with Judy Hill of Southfield who is Adelaide.

Dennis Day of Livonia portrays Rusty Charlie.

"There's some really good talent in this show," said Day. "Ralph is a very good director. If you've never seen *Guys and Dolls*, this is something good to catch. It could be a life memory. Some people can't get to New York to see a Broadway play and this production is very good."

Guys and Dolls, The Broadway hit musical by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows with words and music by Frank Loesser, is about two gamblers, a woman at the Save Our Souls Mission, and showgirl.



Cast: The cast of "Guys and Dolls" takes a break from rehearsal for a group photograph.

Frank Sinatra starred as Nathan Detroit in the movie version, and even if you're not familiar with the show, you've probably heard some of the songs - Luck Be A Lady, Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat, and I've Never Been in Love Before.

Drama at Meadow Brook tells of family love and destruction

Years before Hollywood put the box-office star power of Jessica Lange, Sam Shepard and Diane Keaton behind *Crimes of the Heart*, the story appeared on the Broadway stage, where it received the Pulitzer Prize for best drama in 1981.

While the movie introduced a wider audience to the quirky and bizarre world of playwright Beth Henley, the play remains one of the best examples of the indescribable love that holds together most dysfunctional families.

Crimes of the Heart runs through May 14 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus.

The play represents the final presentation in Meadow Brook's season.

With a story filled with the gothic and grotesque — including a horse struck by lightning, a woman who commits suicide by first hanging her cat, then her-

Crimes of the Heart

When: Continues through Sunday, May 14, performance times vary.
Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills
Tickets: \$19.50-\$35
Call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 645-6666

self — *Crimes of the Heart* presents itself as a tale of three rather "ordinary" sisters living in the south.

The story, however, is anything but ordinary.

The off-center McGrath sisters of Mississippi are as complicated as figuring out the relationships at a down-home family reunion. One sister is destined to become an old maid, another sister has returned home after a failed attempt at a singing career, and the youngest sister has recently shot her husband after he found her with a 15-year old boy.

After they sort through their emotional — and legal — entanglements, the McGrath sisters stumble upon the truth of their lives: Life isn't too painful as long as they have each other's company.

It's a lesson delivered with plenty of off-beat humor.

Crimes of the Heart features several local actors, including Christopher Howe and Angel Maclean of Rochester Hills; Kate Willinger Manfredi of Auburn Hills and Denise McCauley of Bloomfield Hills.

Meadow Brook recently

announced the lineup of plays for its 2000-2001 season.
Next season's schedule includes:
■ *Dancing at Lughnasa* — Sept. 13-Oct. 8
■ *The Diary of Anne Frank* — Oct. 18-Nov. 12
■ *A Christmas Carol* — Nov. 25-Dec. 24
■ *The Lion in Winter* — Jan. 10-Feb. 4
■ *Killing Time* — Feb. 14-March 11
■ *The Crucible* — March 21-April 5
■ *Little Shop of Horrors* — April 25-May 20
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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE:

"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

PLANET ANT THEATRE: "555-1212," an original comedy starring Nancy Hayden and Michelle Murphy 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 27-29, at the theater, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: "Sweeney Todd," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, May 5-6 and 12-13 and Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15; student/senior/group rates available. (248) 608-9077

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE: "West Side Story," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, May 3-6, and Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13 and 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium. \$16. (313) 881-4004

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 of Detroit. \$13. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

TRINITY HOUSE 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

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: "Kiss Me Kate," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13 and May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 14, 21 and 27, at the barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (248) 553-2955.

DINNER THEATER

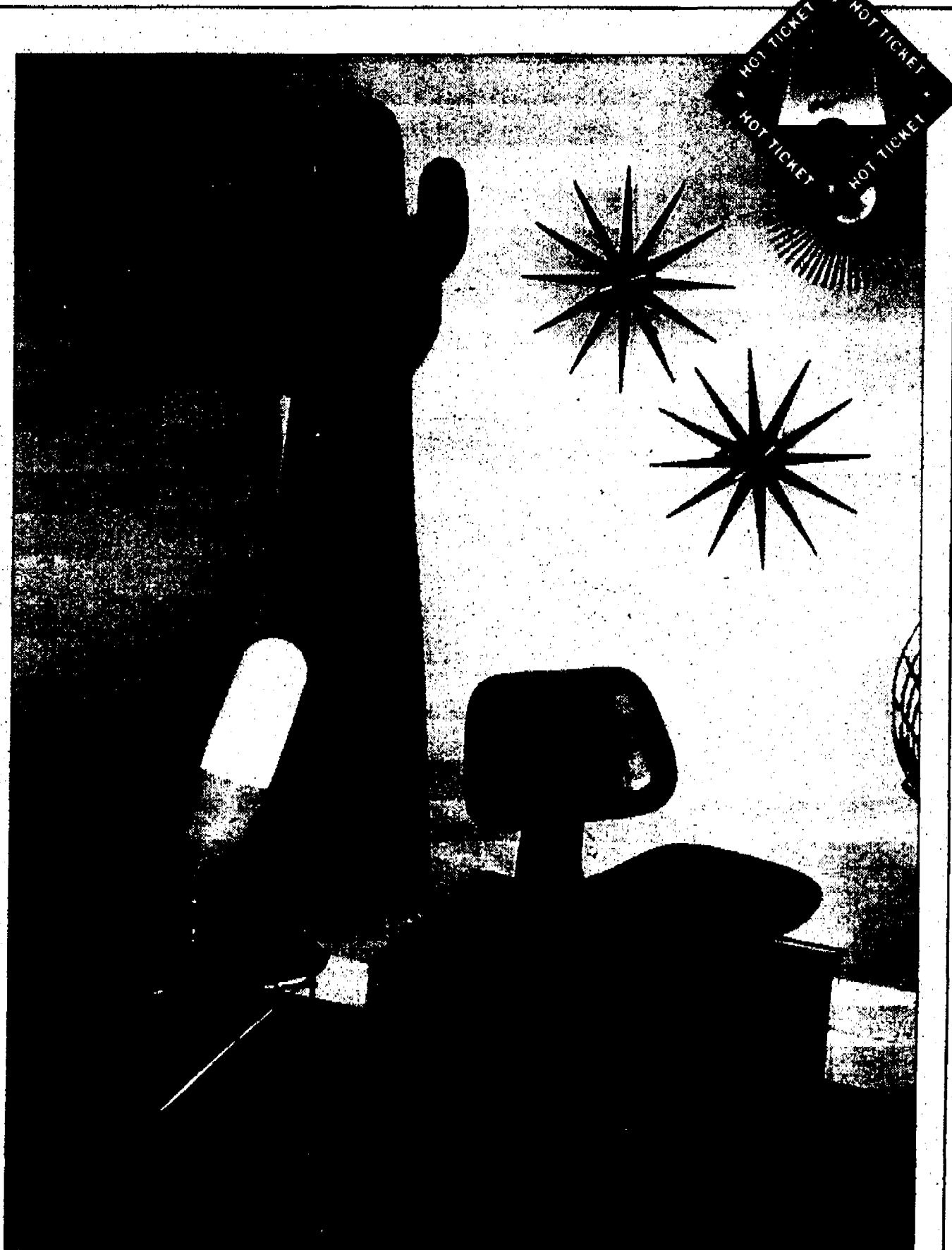
BACI THEATRE: "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," runs through Sunday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through April 30, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: "Crane Maiden, a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppeteers in traditional Japanese costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, May 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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



Modern: Superb examples of modern furniture, lighting, vintage jewelry, costumes, posters and more will be displayed and offered for sale by 100 exhibitors at the Michigan Modernism Exposition, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at the Southfield Civic Center, Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile Road), exit south on Greenfield from I-696, Southfield. Gala preview party 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 28, benefits the Detroit Area Art Deco Society. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine while viewing the modern treasures. The Satin Dolls will entertain with tunes of the '30s, '40s and '50s. Tickets for the preview party are \$60 per person in advance, call (248) 582-DECO. Admission to the Michigan Modernism Exposition is \$8, one paid admission is good for both days of the show. No charge for children ages 12 and younger. Call (810) 469-1706 or (810) 465-9441 for information.

Center, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9 seniors, \$8 children. (248) 352-7172/(248) 354-0545

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE OF DETROIT: "Crossing 8 Mile" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. \$15 adult, \$11 student/seniors, \$8 ages 18 and under. (248) 645-6666. (313) 554-1422.

OPERA

LOVE SUBLIME: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, original staged adaptation of Dante's divine comedy with operatic selections from Bellini, Donizetti and Verdi with soloists, chorus, instrumentalists and dance, presented by Musica Viva International Concerts with Cranbrook and Hostia Performing Ensemble at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$20, reception follows concert, (248) 851-8872

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss continues to Sunday, April 30, performance times 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30; Detroit Opera House, tickets \$18-\$98. (313) 237-3429/(734) 425-0857

JESSYE NORMAN: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Detroit Opera House. \$30-\$250. (248) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

ALL BREAD AND DOGS SHOW/OBEDIENCE TRIAL: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30, at Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. \$4, children under 5 free; \$5 parking. (248) 477-8477/(734) 425-0857

BLUES CLUBS 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. Call (248) 433-1515 for details.

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS:

Farmington area arts organizations present art exhibits, concerts, theater, dance and poetry readings, Sunday-Sunday, April 30 to May 5. Gala Preview Dinner Party 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile (gate four), Farmington Hills. \$20, \$35 couple. (248) 473-1816. Free except for gala, Farmington Community Chorus concert, and Farmington Players production of Kiss Me Kate.

GREAT LAKES INTERNATIONAL BANJO COMPETITION: Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, at Holiday Inn Fairlane Center, Dearborn. (734) 282-6635

THE KINGSLEY HOUSE: Author Arliss Ryan will give a presentation about the process of researching a historical novel, show slides of historic documents and photographs, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30 at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. Arliss is author of *The Kingsley House*, a novel that takes place in Livonia. The Kingsley House will be open 2-7 p.m. for tours on Sunday. Ryan's book will be available for purchase, and she will be present to sign books and answer questions. (248) 477-7375.

SERIOUS MONEY: Financial analyst Richard A. Ferri of Troy will sign copies of his book, *Serious Money: Straight Talk About Investing for Retirement*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at Barnes & Noble in Northville.

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 Kozlowski, 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 Gilda's 104.3 WDMC will emcee. (248) 577-0800.

CLASSICAL

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY: Jessye Norman sings 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Detroit Opera House. \$30-\$250. (248) 645-6666

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

PRO MUSICA: Pianist Leif Ove Andsnes, violinist Christian Tetzlaff and cellist Tanja Tetzlaff perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$30; specially priced "Van Gogh: Face to Face" tickets available at 4:30 p.m. (313). (313) 833-6855/(313) 886-5639

CHORAL

MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD: "Movie Magic," 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, St. Hugo of the Hills, Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15. Call (810) 445-6199 for more information

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Spring concert, Touched by Song. 8 p.m. Friday, May 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at First Church of The Nazarene, Haggerty and Eight Mile roads, Novi. \$8. Call (734) 456-4080

FORD CHORUS: Presented by the Community Concert Association of Troy. 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Athens High School, 4333 John R., Troy. Tickets \$15 at the door. (810) 979-6406 or (248) 435-5307.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS:

It's a Grand Night For Singing 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, Farmington High School on Shiawassee Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. (248) 788-5322 or www.farmingtonchorus.com

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through May, at Andiamo Italia West, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

DAVID SYME: Performs at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Tickets \$8, and include opportunity to meet Syme after the concert. (248) 424-9041.

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

HIP HOP DANCER: Needed for featured solo in June 11-16 performances. (248) 666-1971

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

PLOWSHARES THEATRE: Performing Arts Training Workshop begins Monday, May 1 and runs to June 19, at the Hermitage museum & Fine Arts Center, Detroit. \$150. (313) 872-0279

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions began Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Broadway Bound, a 6-week performing arts session began Saturday, April 19 for students ages 5 to adult, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

JAZZ

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

ALEXANDER ZONJIC: 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7, at Tiffany's, Detroit. (313) 964-8900

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

WORLD MUSIC

IRISH MUSIC COMPETITION: The Detroit-Windsor branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann presents the Midwest Regional Fleadh Cheoil 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at the Doubletree Hotel, 31500 Wick Road, Romulus. Group competitions and a concert continue from 7-10 p.m. \$5 each for day and evening events, or \$8 for both. (734) 420-0962

TWO BAND NIGHT: Pipers' & Band Society of Ontario, Windsor-Detroit Branch, presents its annual Two Band Night, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$12, advance purchase recommended. Two world class Grade 1 Pipe Bands from Toronto also Highland Dancers and Celtic music by The Jar. Scottish fare will be available for purchase, cash bar. (248) 477-0584 or (248) 477-7542.

DANCE

AFTERNOON IN BAVARIA: Bavarian dances and music 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Carpathia Hall, Sterling Heights. \$10, ages under 16 free. (81) 786-9058

DEARBORN DANCE FESTIVAL: Celebrate National Dance Week at the Dearborn Dance Festival which showcases a professional dance workshop and performance, Saturday, April 29 at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. Tickets for the dance performance are \$5, seniors free. The public may watch the dance classes for free. (313) 278-1035

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

WIELICZKA DANCERS: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Tom Dooley K of C, Livonia. \$12, \$7 ages 10 and under, includes dinner and recital. (734) 591-2079/(313) 531-6986

COMEDY

CLUB BART: Open Mike 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: at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. Andre Fernandes, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 3-4; 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

FARMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE: Soup Sales and Marv Welch, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Farmington Civic Theatre. Tickets \$25-(248) 473-7777.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mitchell Walters, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Vic DiBittetto, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-7, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the club, Dearborn. Tickets \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, dinner show package \$24.95 Friday-Saturday, \$22.95 Sunday. (313) 584-8885.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Heywood Banks, Thursday-Sunday, April 27-30. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

BOGEY'S BAR & GRILLE: Keith Ruff with Keith Lenart & Dee Profit, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29. Admission \$10, reservations recommended, 142 E. Walled Lake Dr. (248) 669-1444.

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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. Call (734) 995-5439 for more information.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: "On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3, \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest" at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. Call (313) 577-8400 for additional information

DOBBIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: Visit the newest exhibition "Fork Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. Call (313) 852-4051 for additional information.

Guays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours 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

ARIZING: With Too Many Gods. Pooch, Left, One, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 29, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

JOSEPH ARTHUR: With Scott Fab. 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.

THE BACK DOORS: 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030

BEATING REASON: With Lifethread. 2 Ugly 4 Porn, Saturday, April 29, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday, May 19, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in May, Friday, May 5, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLOODHOUND GANG: With Nerf Herder, A, Powerface and Isabel's Gift. 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$17. (248) 645-6666

BLOWTOP: With Gypsy Moths. Saturday, May 6, Berkeley Front, Berkeley. (248) 547-3331

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, Paychecks. April 29, Berkeley Front, Berkeley. Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

BRANDED: With ProtoStar, AntiBever, Voodoo Blue and Channel 78. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Churchill High School, Livonia. \$3 at door. All ages.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS: 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$35 pavilion / \$20 lawn. (248) 645-6666

CHISEL BROTHERS WITH CHEF CHRIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

TERRI CLARK: 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666

COMPANY OF STRANGERS: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

COUPLA FAT GUYS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat. 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Maestria Theatre, Detroit. \$12 advance. (313) 833-9700

THORNETTA DAVIS: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

DISTURBED: Saturday, May 6, Harpo's Detroit.

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Left Undone, Convulsions, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

FRICTION: With J. Money, Equinox, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555.

FUNTOWN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 9, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

MICKEY HART BAND: Featuring Vince Welnick, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25. (734) 668-8397.

JULIANA HATFIELD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS: 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

HIP HOP TOUR 2000: With NAS, Black Rob, Sole, Three 6 Mafia, Hypnotized Mind and Lay It Down Records, 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35 advance. (248) 645-6666.

CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302.

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25-\$75. (734) 668-8397.

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Mondays in May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

JUDGE: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, I-Rock Nightclub, Free. (313) 881-ROCK.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VRELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

BB KING BLUES FEST: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row. 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$75, \$25. (248) 645-6666.

CHANTAL KREVIAZUK: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Maestria Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Lily's Seafood, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459.

KD LANG: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

JOHN LAUTNER: "A Little Bit of Bluegrass Country." 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Redford Theatre, Redford. \$10, with 50 cents going toward restoration. (248) 258-5806.

LIL ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS: 9 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Sisko's, Detroit. (313) 278-5340

LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free. (734) 427-0622.

TARA MAC LEAN: With Verbow. 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesday's, In-Street Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2474

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science, The Lab. 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free.

(313) 438-4146.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals. 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666.

EDWIN MCCAIN: With Pete Riley. 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

PAT MCGEE BAND: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

MEDESKI, MARTIN AND WOOD: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22.50. (248) 645-6666.

BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO: 7:30, 10 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 662-8310.

STEVE MILLER BAND: With Gov't Mule. 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

JONI MITCHELL: With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$55-\$75, pavilion tickets only. (248) 645-6666.

MOEN ALONE: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Lakeview Bar and Grill, Novi. (248) 624-2800.

MONK: Featuring Ric Hordinski, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 theater members. (734) 464-6302.

ZAK MORGAN: 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$8 theater members. \$10. (734) 464-6302 (for children of all ages).

MR. BUBBLES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29, Deer Lake Inn, Clarkston. Free. 21 and over. (248) 625-7788.

NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR: With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque. Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts NO DOUBT: With Lit, Black Eyed Peas. 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$26.50. (248) 335-9497

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION: 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

ORCHESTRA MORPHINE: Featuring former members of Morphine, with Airplane Man, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, May 1, 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages.

(248) 644-4800

ZZZFEST 200: Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mayhem, POD, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

POISON: With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666

PROJECT LOGIC: Featuring DJ Logic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030.

PUNK-O-RAMA: Featuring Dropkick Murphy's, Bouncing Souls, The Dwarves, The Distillers, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666.

DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Wednesdays in May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

REEFERMEN: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, April 29, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

REVEREND HORTON HEAT: With Hank Williams III, 8 p.m. Monday, May 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance/\$18 day of show. www.ticketmaster.com.

DUKE ROBILLARD & HERB ELLIS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$25. (248) 645-6666.

DIANA ROSS AND THE SUPREMES: "Return to Love" 8 p.m. Monday, June 19, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$125. (248) 645-6666.

RUTH'S HAT: With Flashlight, Hoppin' Mad, Caulfield, 5 p.m. Friday, May 5, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT.

SANTANA: With Macy Gray. 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$25.50 lawn and \$59.50 pavilion. A 50 cent donation per ticket will be given to the Miragro Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

MERL SAUNDERS & HIS FUNKY FRIENDS: 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA: With Twistin' Tarantulas. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

SHIVAREE: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$10. (248) 544-3030.

SLEATER-KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs. 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

SONIC YOUTH: With Stereolab. 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$23 advance. Anyone holding tickets for Stereolab's postponed Dec. 9, 1999 show may return them to Ticketmaster for a refund. (248) 645-6666.

SPACE NELSON: With Kicking Water, Velvet. Friday, April 28, Griff's Grill, Pontiac. (248) 334-9292

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out. 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$26 lawn and \$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

RICK SPRINGFIELD: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$17.50-\$27.50.

STATIC X: With P.O.D. and Revelation. 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT.

STEELY DAN: 8 p.m. Sunday, May 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

MIKE STERN: 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$17. (248) 544-3030.

STING: Friday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

STYX AND REO SPEEDWAGON: 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$30-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

TAPROOT: With Papa Roach. 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.

SALLY TAYLOR: 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8.

(248) 544-3030.

TESTAMENT: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$17.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE THE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22-\$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

MARY TIMONY: Of Helium. 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Stick, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

TRAIN: With Gas Giant, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666.

RANDY TRAVIS: With Darryl Worley. 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC: 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$7, \$5 theater members. (734) 464-6302.

TOOTS & THE MAYTALS: 9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

THE UNTUNED: Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, Confetti Lounge, Dearborn. Free. (313) 565-4956.

U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT.

JOHN "DR. DIRTY" VALBY: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$25. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666.

VANS WARPED TOUR: NOFX, Suicide Machines, Green Day, Jurassic 5, Long Beach Dub Allstars, MXPX, Millencolin, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Good Riddance, Flogging Molly, Dilated Peoples, Unwritten Law, Snapcase, Save Ferris, Hot Water Music, Animal, Avail, One Man Army, Anti-Flag, One Minute Silence, Gob, Nippon, Camp, Beastieks, The Line, Bueno, Scooter Trash, The Hippos, Stringrays and Toledo Show, plus local bands to be announced May 10; noon Sunday, July 23, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. All ages. \$27.50. (248) 398-4436 or (248) 645-6666.

VELVET BEAT: With Chowder, Fat Mama. 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.

VERUCA SALT: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.

VILLAGE PEOPLE: With Lisa Lisa. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES: 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, April 28-29, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

WEEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. (248) 645-6666.

THE WHO: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$85. (248) 645-6666.

WHO CARES: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, May 26-27, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

WISH YOU WERE HERE: Pink Floyd tribute. 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Maestria Theatre, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700

THE WITCH DOCTORS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609

TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews. 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

YOUNG COUNTRY DOWNTOWN HOEDOWN: With Trace Adkins, Wade Hayes, Travis Lawrence, Chad Brock. And more. May 19-21, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Details to come

311: With Incubus. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

7000 DYING RATS: With Boulder. 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA VEIN: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays, 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILL'S: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoronellis.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELMIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 925-9960

LOVELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHEIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorlounge.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROCKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheatre.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

313 JAG: Upstairs from Jacoby's. 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY: 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7839

VELVET LOUNGE: 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/SIBBY'S CUB & BREW: 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

WAGON WHEEL TAVERN: 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB: 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

XNIDOS CAFE: Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club. 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

ZIN'S WISH TAVERN: 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

Take a wild ride to find out 'Where The Money Is'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Restless, wired-for-action type. Former prom queen, married to former prom king. Bored silly by her small-town life. One day, she meets a bank robber. Why not enlist his help, she figures, recruit her oh-so-malleable husband, and steal a big bunch of money? That should take some edge off the ennui.

So goes the basic concept of Marek Kaniwsky's "Where the Money Is," which, in itself, is not a bad movie, especially if you go for crime-is-cute stuff. The trouble lies in what has come before it. Watching Paul Newman as the bank robber, many moviego-

ers may suffer an unwelcome sensation of déjà vu. It's a little like witnessing a slightly frayed mix of Butch Cassidy, "Fast Eddie" Felson, Henry Gondorff, and other wily types played by the screen icon through the years. Maybe he's done this variation on a theme enough already. Or maybe I've just reached my limit on caper flicks.

Partners-in-crime, Carol and Wayne, are played by deep-throated Linda Fiorentino and hunky Dermot Mulroney. Carol works in a nursing home and, one day, Henry Manning (Newman) is wheeled in, apparently the victim of a stroke. He's been transferred there from a nearby prison, where he's serving a sen-

tence for bank robbery. Though he looks to be paralyzed and seems aphasic, we will soon learn that he's faking the stroke in order to slip the bonds of the slammer.

Maybe because it takes one to know one, Carol begins to suspect that Henry is not exactly trustworthy, that he is, in effect, "playing possum." To test her theory, she tries everything from whispering sweet nothings in his ear, to a lapdance, to shoving the poor guy into deep water, wheelchair and all. (Professionalism, you will note, is not Carol's strong suit.) This last finally blows his cover.

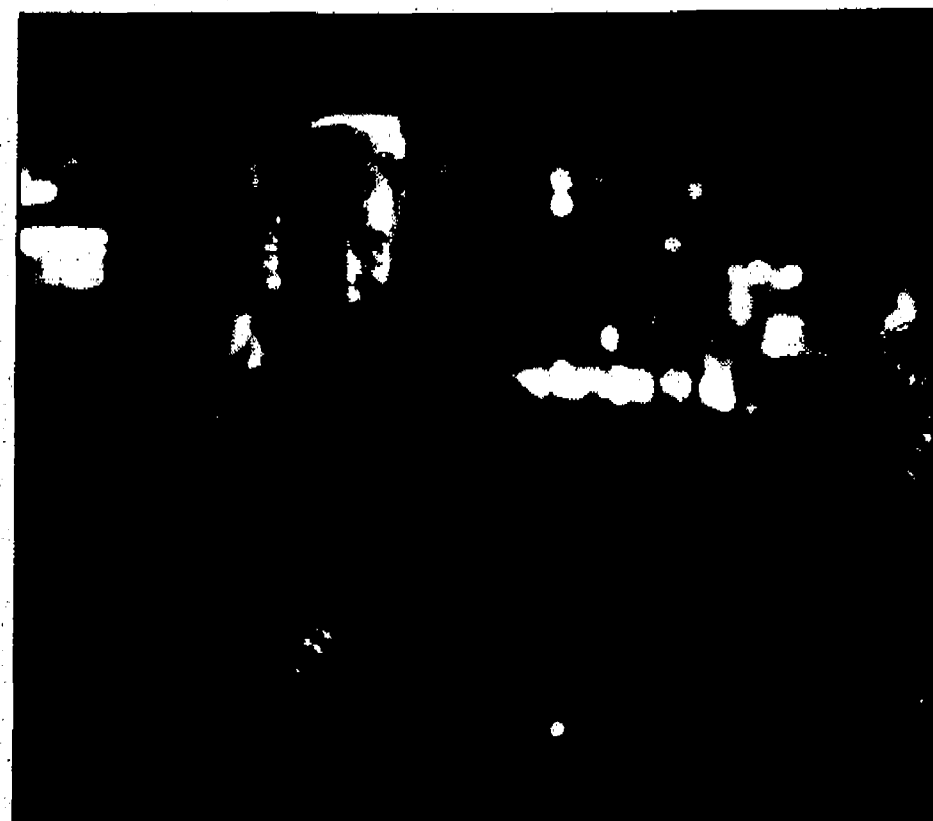
Sometime shortly after this splashy event, Carol persuades

the two slightly reluctant guys to go along with her dreamed-of heist, and the unholy trio eventually begins to iron out details. (One "practice run" involves Carol nabbing a giveaway toaster oven from the local bank.) Though all parties involved have slightly differing motivations, they nevertheless seem to fit together like the pieces in a crazy quilt and, one night, off they go.

Newman dons a fake mustache and everybody gets to dress up like an armed courier and tool around town in an armored truck as they lift the day's earnings from a retail outlet, a show bar, an amusement park, and several other spots. All of this is highly unlikely, of course, but we sweat a bit, anyway, and even laugh a little along the way.

Newman has this character down pat, of course, but then he's had plenty of practice. Fiorentino lends a kind of off-kilter charm as Carol, while Dermot Mulroney's slightly seedy Wayne is maybe the most understandable character of the three—although he'd never be mistaken for a rocket scientist.

Director of photography



Tango crime spree: Linda Fiorentino and Paul Newman dance their cares away in "Where the Money Is."

Thomas Burstyn and production designer Andre Chamberland add some engaging visual style to the film, and the script by E. Max Frye and Topper Lilien & Carroll Cartwright provides some real punch now and then.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 28

BOSSA NOVA
International love story of an American schoolteacher and a Brazilian lawyer who, alone and unhappy, have given up on finding their life-long soul mate until a chance encounter brings them together. Stars Amy Irving.

COMMITTED
Heather Graham stars as a woman convinced she can save her marriage by traveling across the country to track down her AWOL husband. Also starring Casey Affleck.

DETERRANCE
Provocative political thriller set in the year 2008 stars Kevin Pollack as the embattled incumbent president of the United States. Trapped in Colorado by a freak snowstorm, an international incident occurs and the president must act quickly and threatens nuclear confrontation in a live worldwide broadcast.

THE FLINTSTONES' VIVA ROCK VEGAS
In a prequel to the 1994 release "The Flintstones," centers around Fred, a boy from the wrong side of the rocks, who courts the beautiful Wilma. Joined by Barney and future-wife Betty, they take a romantic getaway to Rock Vegas.

FREQUENCY
Thriller about a man who is able to communicate with his dead father and tries to prevent his own death, in the process discovering his mother's killer. Stars Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel.

TIME CODE 2000
Psychological drama set in Los Angeles, the film was shot on four hand-held cameras recording separate but simultaneous action. Stars Saffron Burrows and Selma Hayek.

EAST IS EAST
A comedy about a house full of teenagers who decide to rebel against their father's archaic traditions. Stars



Thriller: Paramount Pictures presents "Deterrance," starring Kevin Pollack. See it in metro area theaters now.

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WHERE THE HEART IS
Based on the best-seller by Billie Letts, the story of a young woman who finds the strength to overcome adversity and begin a new life for herself and her child. Stars Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing and Joan Cusack. Directed by Matt Williams.

SOUTH PACIFIC
Film version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical stage hit and adapted from James Michener's "Tales of the South Pacific," the film stars Mitzzy Gaynor, Ray Walston and Rossano Brazzi. Exclusively at The Historic Red-

ford Theatre Friday-Saturday April 28-29.

BILLY ROSE'S DIAMOND HORSESHOE
Betty Grable and Dick Haynes star in this lightweight classic love story about a medical student who gets into show business and falls for his nightclub's sultry headliner. Will she choose love or a life of luxury? Special showings 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 at Showcase Cinemas in Pontiac and 1 p.m. Wednesday May 3 at Showcase Cinemas in Westland.

Scheduled to open Friday, May 5

ADRENALINE DRIVE
Part of the Shooting Gallery Film series at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills, the film shows how a timid young couple savor their first taste of real life as they fall in love dodging vengeance in this suspense comedy by director Shin-bu Yaguchi.

THE VIRGIN SUICIDES
Set in a Michigan suburb in the early 70s, the story tells of a quirky high school math teacher and his five daughters and the tragedy that changed their lives.

GLADIATOR
An exiled general seeks vengeance against the Emperor of the Roman Empire, played by Joaquin Phoenix. Stars Russell Crowe, Ridley Scott, Connie Neilsen and the late Oliver Reed.

SCARY MOVIE
Spoof of horror films stars Jonathan Abrahams, Shannon Elizabeth, Regina Hall and Kimberly Jones.

UP AT THE VILLA
Kristin Scott Thomas plays a woman who retreats to a villa to get over the death of her husband. While there she becomes entangled in intrigue, romance and crime and begins a romance with an American visitor.

Twist adds intrigue to 'Gossip'

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It's no Sixth Sense or The Crying Game but the surprise, twisted end of the drama Gossip makes this too-hip movie fun to watch.

When three beautiful, ultra-trendy, martini-swilling university students decide to use the concept of gossip as a thesis for their journalism final, the assignment spins wildly out of control and leads to violence, sex and deception... or does it?

Nearly everyone will be able to relate to the basic moral dilemmas that Gossip's main characters face. Starring up-and-coming actors James Marsden (Disturbing Behavior and Party of Five), Lena Headey (Waterland) and Norman Reedus (Six ways to Sunday), the characters decide to start a rumor by claiming a rich virgin at their school isn't so scrupulous after all. Their goal is to see what form the rumors will take - and that's where the wild ride begins.

The students - a sexy, aspiring female journalist, a handsome rich slacker and a brooding-but-kind male artist - learn the hard way that gossip not only ruins the reputation of the victim, it also smashes their own reputations in ways they could never imagine. Also worth attention is the modern, multi-phase collage (created by Robert Reinhardt)



Surprise: James Marsden stars in "Gossip," a Warner Brothers film in theaters now.

that one of the characters creates to visually describe the evolution of the rumor. Reinhardt used more than 2,000 elements to create the visually-stunning piece.

Gossip, though, is not without its problems. The lies and deception are so purposely constant that the end, while it's a shocker, is a bit muddled. And while the movie seems a bit too hip, director David Guggenheim said that was intentional.

"This is intentionally a very idealized, high-stylized vision of college life," writes Guggenheim (NYFD Blue, ER, and Party of Five). "In creating this film we worked very hard to come up with a campus life that is hyper-real. Here (the main characters) are on top of the world. They feel so intellectually superior that they actually see themselves as

invincible."

Produced by Outlaw Productions' Jeffrey Silver and Bobby Newmyer (Sex, Lies and videotape and Don't tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead) and screenplay by Gregory Poirier (Lion King II: Simba's Pride), the Warner Brothers film will probably be appreciated best by college students who can relate to the fact that gossip is a popular, but harmful, form of entertainment. But, then again, don't most adults also take part in rumor mills?

We won't give away the end of Gossip - let's just say that when it comes to gossip, truth and perception sometimes become synonymous.

Lies, sex, deceit and goodness prevail to make Gossip an unpredictable picture.

Detroit Music Awards revisited

Though the Detroit Music Awards have nearly faded from mind, I thought we could all use a recap, a little something for those who didn't attend, those hiding backstage before they performed, and those who just weren't paying attention. Besides, like many, it was my first time at the event. So music fans, here goes:

Pulling a no-show

The story at the preshow was, a no-show. This year it was almost fashionable to be too late or not show up at all to receive one of the (gasp) 63 awards given out at the event prior to the 2000 Detroit Music Awards. While the State Bar was packed back to front, only a few of the winners were present to accept their statuettes. Perhaps it was a simple

matter, like parking. With a ball game across the avenue at Comerica Park (where Kid Rock tossed out the first ball) and the entire music community converging on the State Theatre, the minimal parking spots went fast and cost more than ever before. If the winners weren't stuck looking for a spot to park in the Motor City, maybe they just didn't know about the preshow. Whatever the case, presenters Peter Shorn and The Impaler cracked endless jokes about the abundance of statues and lack of winners present. There's always next year.

DMA fashion

The awards show drew musicians from all genres, and people whose fashion sense ran the gamut from dingy jeans to tailored suits, and even a few Cinderellas searching for the ball. The common threads included the obviously-symbolic cowboy hats worn mostly on stunning blondes in honor of the First Cowboy of Detroit, host Kid

Rock. Then there was an abundance of low-cut dresses, outlined in faux fur and feathers, tight silver arm bands and some daringly short skirts. Oh, I almost forgot about sequined halter tops, imagine that. With all the shimmer and glitter around, the room lit up like fireworks in July. But I don't think anyone could feel out of place, not even naked.

Not so secure

Security at the awards seemed to be lacking something called organization. I can't recall how many times security personnel asked me where I should be. Some even changed their minds half-way through the show. I wasn't wearing a sticker on my gold dress for nothing. Despite the kinks, it was a fabulous event.

"Live"ning it up

The performers at the DMA kept the event rolling along even as it ran late into the night. Those Howling Diablos - fronted



The winning groove: The Brothers Groove's Chris Codish sings Outstanding Blues Songwriter at the preshow.

by twice-charmed DMA winning vocalist and songwriter Tino - filled in with funky spots as house band. The Diablos managed to snag the Outstanding Local Funk Group award as well. Livonia native, Paradime, got the crowd out of their seats and hooked onto a hip hop vibe. The Contours catered to the crowd with meticulously timed move-



Backstage: Paradime gets support from the hottest Chili Pepper around, Chad Smith, 10 minutes before showtime.

ments in sync, both musically and rhythmically, and The Frost got everyone talking. Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise stole the stage last.

While the list of performers, winners, happenings and gossip is much too long to mention, The Detroit Music Awards certainly left its mark. If only there were more opportunities for local

musicians to mingle, perform and support one another. I can't wait to see how the sponsors top this one next spring.

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Reverend Horton Heat sizzles with new release, nationwide tour

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Rockabilly can be a religious experience. No one knows that better than the reverend himself, Reverend Horton Heat.

To his friends and his dog, Chuck, the Rev is known simply as Jim Heath, a Texas native with a knack for stirring up rock, punk, swamp, surf, swing and country into a musical genre he alone can rightly preach to the masses. Backing him up at the pulpit are bassist Jimbo Wallace and drummer Scott Churilla.

The Reverend Horton Heat released their seventh album, *Spend a Night in the Box*, to prove that rockabilly is alive, well and hotter than ever. Tearing through the Bible Belt and beyond, the Rev's been touring since late January.

Talking to the guitar-slinging rock 'n' roll rabble-rouser while at his Las Vegas hotel April 12, the Observer Eccentric got a healthy dose of the Reverend's dogmas.

Spend a Night in the Box is a throwback to Reverend Horton Heat's earlier rockabilly rhythms with enough references to women, booze and bad relationships to make listeners shiver. A good-time cocktail of wailing tracks, the album is the band's first for Time Bomb Recordings.

"I'm always trying to do something different; that gets me in trouble, I think," he laughed. "On this particular one, we kinda backpedaled a little."

With some songs written in the '80s, *Spend a Night in the Box* revisits a freedom that was long stifled by previous record companies. "It's a little bit rootsi-

er than the last album," said Heath. "Our label Time Bomb didn't really care."

Whenever he strayed from the formula under previous record contracts, the songs wouldn't make the final cut. "The real energy shapes the power and flavor of the CD, see what I'm saying? A lot of rockabilly got ignored by the last label."

The album isn't filled with a lot of flash, just straight-up Reverend. "We kinda wanted a stripped down sound."

The new deal encourages Heath to write and produce a lot of material, which was good

news for a guy who never slows down. "It's the first time in our career we've been a priority."

With renewed spirit, The Rev hooked up with Paul Leary as producer. "It's good to have an outside ear," said Heath. "After you work on something so many times you start to lose your perspective of things. It's hard to tell if you're doing everything in time and in pitch."

As for the songs, all 14 were written by Heath. The title track came from the band's obsession with the film *Cool Hand Luke*. It's the kind of movie they have watched over and over again

while on tour. It turned into a joke - if anything goes wrong, spend a night in the box. And there's another reason for the song title: "We're rolling around in a big box; it's kinda like," he said of the tour bus.

Heath said all the songs have gotten a good response live, especially *Big D Boogie Woogie*, *Sleeper Car Driver*, and *Sue Jack Daniels*.

He gets inspiration for writing music by just driving around, he said. "I purposely don't have a radio. I drive around and sing. I've gotten into a lot of crashes."

Catch the big box when The Reverend Horton Heat and guest Hank Williams III roll into the Motor City, 8 p.m. Monday, May 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$18. Call (248) 645-6666.

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Restaurants with high-profile chefs are the current dining draw at Las Vegas casinos. Detroit's casino scene is not Las Vegas, yet one of its restaurants, Iridescence in the MotorCity Casino, has pizzazz.

Don't get hung up on the name. Iridescence just sounded hip and cool to owners of the Detroit Entertainment Group, owners of MotorCity Casino. They are the experienced Las Vegas Mandalay Bay folks that count 21 other properties with restaurants among their holdings. Experience backs all the panache at Iridescence.

Open now for just over four months, with Executive Chef Michael Russell, Certified Master Chef, at the helm, everything at Iridescence, from waitstaff to menu, vibrates to much the same harmonic — your dining pleasure.

Chef Russell, a Rochester Hills

resident, may not have Las Vegas celebrity chef notoriety, but his credentials are the best in the business. In 1986, he graduated with high honors from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. In 1988, he became a Certified Master Chef, the highest level of achievement in the American Culinary Federation. He is one of only 54 Certified Master Chefs in the U.S. and one of six in Michigan.

Each year, only 12 chefs qualify to take the 10-day, 18-hour-per-day test to earn Certified Master Chef status. Test failure rate is 80 percent.

Chef Russell was a member of the World Champion 1988 U.S. Culinary Olympic team and team captain for the 1992 Culinary Olympics. He has won 38 gold medals in international culinary competition.

As Executive Chef at some of metro-Detroit's most prestigious

Iridescence

Where: 2801 Grand River (in MotorCity Casino), Detroit (313) (313) 237-7711.

Open: Dinner only from 5 p.m. to midnight, daily.

Menu: Stylized, generously portioned American cuisine with unique Asian twists.

Cost: Main courses \$26-50.

Reservations: Recommended.

Credit cards: All majors.

Parking: Use valet and enter through the casino.

Beverages: Full service bar and stellar wine list.

clubs, including most recently, Bloomfield Open Hunt, he supervised a staff of 17. At MotorCity Casino, he oversees a culinary staff of 358, for not only Iridescence, but the gigantic kitchen serving all six casino eateries.

While Chef Russell won't be pinned down to a food style at Iridescence, he does admit that the Asian influence of his most creative and artistic dishes stems from a Navy tour of duty in Vietnam.

"I've changed the menu since we opened," he said. "We had a number of game dishes on the first menu, but they were not as popular as we expected."

In addition to doing more Asian inspired, I've added such items as a 22 ounce lobster tail and a 20 ounce Char grilled aged New York strip steak. We've ordered equipment to start tableside preparation of some menu items in May.

Plate artistry for appetizers such as Trio of Chilled hot Vietnamese spring rolls and Hamu shrimp is spectacular. The Medley of fresh crab meats, topped with sweet pea beurre blanc and

fire roasted red pepper coulis is exquisite. Flavor of jasmine rice in the piping hot lobster, truffle and sweet corn chowder is exotic.

Braised barbecued short ribs of beef "Bonanza" is the exceptional main course that won the Gold Medal at the Culinary World Cup for the U.S. Culinary Team. Pan seared Chilean sea bass is laced with fresh horseradish glaze and finished with a touch of wasabi cream and crispy leak threads. It is accompanied by stone ground polenta with unusual texture.

It's the textural element that makes so many of Chef Russell's dishes a cut above.

Desserts

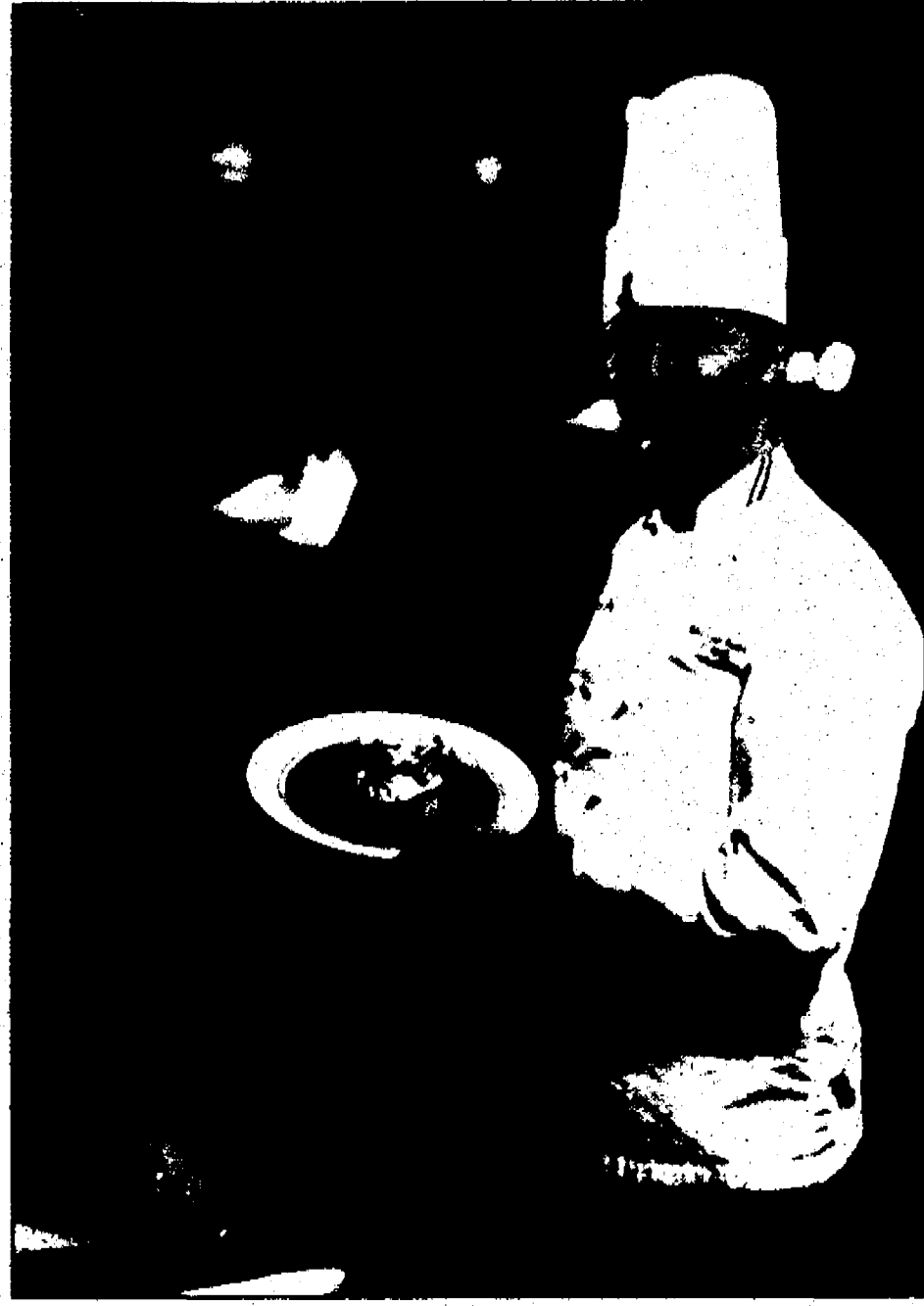
The Iridescence experience is incomplete without one of Pastry Chef Tariq Hanna's desserts. Hanna is an Oakland Community College culinary grad, who professes to be "self taught" when it comes to desserts.

He must also have an architectural bent to create "Kaboom," a large dark chocolate cone filled with a trio of chocolate mousse standing upright and casting its shadow in cocoa on the plate. Finished with a medley of assorted berries, it is a treat for the eyes as well as the palate.

Key Lime Napoleon bests any key lime pie you've ever had.

Carrying through the subtle Asian theme of some of Chef Russell's dishes is Hanna's "Bingo Box" in which one finds a selection of Hanna's signature desserts (including a mini Kaboom), tastefully arranged in a Japanese bingo box.

Iridescence spells push, yet clubby. Warm wood dividers act as sound barriers between dining sections. Prevailing bronze tones are accented by black. Each table of both is subtly highlighted by small ceiling spots.



Culinary mastery: Certified Master Chef Michael Russell presents his Medley of Fresh Crabmeats napped with sweet pea beurre blanc and fire-roasted red pepper coulis.

Diners, comfortable in tuxedo, business suit, or upscale casual dress enjoy new-age downtown Detroit dining. Slots and gaming tables are not the only reason to make MotorCity Casino a destination.

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Winning dessert: Key Lime Napoleon bests the best Key Lime Pie.

Tribute chef earns tribute

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

This month, *Food & Wine* announced the winners of the magazine's 13th annual Best New Chefs Awards.

Those who've dined at Tribute in Farmington Hills will not be surprised to learn that Executive Chef Takashi Yagihashi was on the list of 10.

What is surprising is that Takashi, as he's affectionately called, joined an elite group of chefs from such food meccas as New York, Chicago, Miami Beach, Providence and Newport Beach. Always crediting his kitchen staff for his success, Takashi's French-inspired dishes with an Asian twist have brought recognition to the fine dining scene in metro-Detroit.

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Takashi's culinary journey from a small town 100 miles from Tokyo, where he had his first experience as a dishwasher in a French restaurant at age 16, is an inspiration in determination.

After graduating from the Tokyo Design School in 1981, he

came to America to assist with the opening of a Japanese restaurant outside Chicago. Seizing the opportunity to combine various styles and cooking techniques, impossible in Japan where tradition rules, he spent the next 17 years working under some of the finest European and Asian chefs in the U.S.

Having risen to Chef de Cuisine at Chicago's famed restaurant *Arbuz*, he came to launch Tribute in 1996 as its executive chef.

The Best New Chefs of 2000 will cook together for the first time in June when they prepare a meal for 100 guests at the *Food & Wine Magazine* event in Aspen, Colo. They will be featured in the magazine's July issue.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoecraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail keelygonik@observer.com.

Students — what restaurants do you recommend for prom night? If you're a restaurant owner, and are planning a special menu for Mother's Day, let us know. Send, fax or e-mail your dining suggestions and menus to Wygonik for consideration in an upcoming dining feature.

La Bistecca Italian Grille offers live jazz featuring Larry Novero and Friends, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday. Enjoy your favorite tunes performed by Michael James and Deborah Jimmerson. The restaurant, which specializes in Piedmontese Beef, is at 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 254-0400 for reservations/information.

Share our Strength — You can satisfy your appetite and help fill up the wallets of needy organizations at the same time. The Somerset Collection South in Troy presents the Share Our Strength's 2000 Taste of the Nation Dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7.

Tickets are \$75 and 100 percent of all ticket sales go to the fight against hunger.

Money raised will also "seed" a fresh produce rescue program.

It's hard to imagine a child's lunch without a piece of fruit or dinner without vegetables, yet in Michigan nearly 30 percent of

children under age 12 are hungry or at risk. In Oakland County, a county which boasts one of the country's highest per capita incomes, 6.2 percent of the population live below the poverty line.

Detroit's Taste of the Nation culinary chair Jim Barnett will bring together more than 36 of the metro area's top chefs to participate in the nation's largest culinary benefit.

Wine chair and master sommelier Madeline Triffon has procured some exquisite wines. Lime music entertainment also will be provided. Participating restaurants and colleges include Diamond Jim Brady's, Duet, Schoolcraft College, and Sweet Lorraine's.

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