



## Adams principal facing inquiry

**A veteran Wayne-Westland school administrator was suspended with pay Monday after an investigation revealed financial irregularities. Staffers at Adams Middle School, where Celestine Sanders served, are shocked.**

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Adams Middle School Principal Celestine Sanders has been suspended with pay, pending an investigation into financial mismanagement.

"We have suspended her today with pay pending the outcome of our investigation and the investigation of the

Westland Police Department," said Greg Baracy, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland schools, on Monday.

The police department informed the school district Sanders could be misusing school district money, he said. "They did some investigating."

A school district review of police work led to the suspension, Baracy said.

"We'll let the due process take place." Sanders, who couldn't be reached for comment, is a longtime employee, working for the district since the early 1970s.

"The district itself has not drawn any conclusions one way or the other," the superintendent said. He was unsure of the time frame for the investigation.

Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland Police Department referred calls for information to Baracy. The department is still investigating, Stobbe said, and there are no warrants yet.

Temporarily, Walt Durant, a retired principal, will serve at Adams, Baracy said, working with the current assistant principal, Mark Cesarz, as co-prin-

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cipal. "We have used him to fill in in other buildings across the district," Baracy said of Durant, a retired Wayne-Westland educator.

Adams staffers were told Monday of the decision to suspend Sanders. The superintendent described their reaction as "shock and disappointment."



The 2000 Academic All-Stars are presented in a special section inside today's Observer. Each year, The Observer pays tribute to the best young scholars in our public and private high schools, as selected by a committee of area principals and assistant principals from test scores and grade-point averages. These young scholars share their visions for the future and pay tribute to their favorite teachers.

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Tell me a story: Julie Chwalik reads to children during a recent program at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland. She's enjoying her role at the library in Westland.

## Kids' librarian is part sleuth

BY PATRICIA RICHARDS  
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"When I'm in this job, I feel like a detective," said Julie Chwalik, the Westland library's new children's librarian.

"I'm trying to find the best information, the best clues. And then giving out the best information to that person. And it's fun. That's the most rewarding part, knowing you've found the information and giving it to that person and seeing them and them thanking you."

Although raised in New Boston, Chwalik has strong ties to this area, being the daughter of Wayne business owner Dick Chwalik. On the job since Dec. 13, 1999, Chwalik has demonstrated not only her skills as a librarian but her commitment to bringing the library and the community close together, particularly the public schools.

"My main goal when I moved here — and one of the things that I talked with my director about when first taking the job — was to start connecting the schools. In the past, they hadn't had that connection. I started

contacting the schools ... and I've now seen over half of the elementary school teachers in their staff meetings, kind of giving them the basics of what we can do."

In the fall, Chwalik intends to begin working with the schools so the Westland library can supplement the work of school personnel.

Chwalik received her bachelor's degree in English from Michigan State University and attended graduate school at Wayne State University. But it was while attending MSU and

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## Store robbed Sunday

BY KURT KUBAN  
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An armed robbery took place Sunday night at a Westland CVS drugstore at the corner of Merriman and Joy roads.

At gunpoint, a man tied up two store employees, including the store manager, and made off with \$4,700.

Westland police officials believe the suspect is the same man that recently committed similar robberies at two other Westland stores.

CVS employees described the suspect as a large black male, around 6-foot-4 and 240 pounds. He was also wearing a waist-length black or brown coat and a red cap.

At about 9:15, the man walked into the store and approached a 17-year-old female employee who was stocking shelves. Ordering the woman into a back room where he tied her wrists with cotton rope, the suspect then found the manager, a 26-year-old male.

The suspect demanded the manager take him to the store's office and open the safe. When the manager protested and refused, the suspect struck him over the head with his handgun, opening up a gash.

The manager then complied with the suspect's demands. After the safe was opened, the suspect proceeded to tie the manager's hands and made off with the money.

Westland police officials think the suspect had an accomplice in this crime.

Two other employees, who were working the register during the incident, described to police another black male, about 5-foot-3 with a stocky build, who was in the store at the same time. They said the man continuously asked about certain items behind the counter, and then just walked out the

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## EMU graduates moved, irked by Clinton's speech

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Having the president of the United States headline their commencement ceremony Sunday was a highlight for area Eastern Michigan University graduates, although a few were clearly put off by parts of Bill Clinton's speech.

"It was memorable to have him

here," said Jennifer Pastula, 23, of Garden City. "I went to last year's ceremony (when her boyfriend graduated) and I couldn't tell you a single thing about it now," she said.

The Garden City High School graduate received her bachelor of science degree in biology.

"It was an honor," said Plymouth resident Mark Buerkle.

Buerkle's fiancée, Paula Bobinui, was a little less reserved.

"I didn't expect to be so moved. But the moment he walked into the room my emotions came over me. People like us never get close to someone like that," she said.

Eva Markowski of Westland, a 1994 John Glenn graduate, said Clinton's appearance was "very exciting" but her

friends thought "it sounded like he was campaigning."

"It's definitely a bonus," said Mark Reaume, 29, of Canton. The former Livonia resident and Franklin High School graduate received his bachelor of arts degree in facilities management.

Clinton spoke for about 20 minutes on the increasing role of technology in

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## Cox demanding apology

BY KURT KUBAN  
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At the Monday Westland City Council meeting, Councilman David Cox demanded apologies and monetary reimbursement for legal fees from two fellow council members.

During his lengthy public comments, Cox insisted that council members Richard LeBlanc and Glenn Anderson publicly apologize for having accused him of violating the Michigan Open Meetings Act in the firing of ex-Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Cox demanded that the two make their apology during a regular council meeting, as well as in writing to himself and several area newspapers including The Observer. The Detroit

News and Detroit Free Press.

Cox also told the two men he expected them to reimburse him for the \$1,250 he had to pay for the legal costs of defending himself against the allegations.

In January, Anderson and LeBlanc filed a complaint with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office that Cox and fellow council members Charles "Trav" Griffin, Sharon Scott and David James had violated the act.

However, in late February, Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Frank Bernacki ruled there was insufficient evidence that the four members had committed any violations.

Cox said the ruling exonerates him

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### Job search



**Career:** Patricia Hall and Jehan Dakki fill out career surveys Saturday during the chamber Jobs and Careers Fair. For more, please see A9

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## A rebuttal

Griffin's statements in this morning's edition are untrue. Not one of the FOUR of us who attended Romulus council meeting criticized David Cox. Never one personal word about the man was said.

We had five questions with us to ask ... As we entered the room, they were finishing a pre-meeting with a few agenda items, and the city clerk was speaking to the mayor. They looked over at us, and the next thing we knew, the mayor called for a "break."

Five minutes, the council president told us. They were all gone nearly a half hour while we sat in the audience of FIVE. When they came back, they all looked at us, and we knew they understood who we were, and possibly why we were there. We had been told at the beginning of the meeting that if we wanted to speak, sign up to speak during the citizen's discussion where there is no TIME LIMIT. We did ...

My husband rose to speak first. They asked him his name and residence. His first question: Is David Cox deputy mayor? Three council members said yes, three said no, and the mayor quickly interjected with he is my "assistant." We found it funny that three said he was.

Next question: Is this job an elected position? Mayor answered NO, it is an APPOINTED position. At this point, Mr. Crowe, councilman, yelled at us saying that they didn't feel they had to answer questions about their personnel. My husband, Mario, continued. Third question: Is there a residency requirement for that position? Answer: No.

Fourth question: How many hours is Mr. Cox required to work? They wouldn't answer. Statement from my husband: Are you aware on Jan. 18, 2000, he was in the office of our Westland city clerk doing Westland city business? No answer. Last question: Are there any set hours, days, evenings that he is required to be here? No answer.

... They asked me for my name, address and TELEPHONE number. I told them

my name, my city. He said phone number, I said: You can't have that. Mr. Crowe, councilman, then said we won't speak to you. I said I think you will per the Michigan Open Meetings Act, at which time the council president told him, she's right ... but she only gets three minutes. I only stated that we're there to hopefully get some honest answers from another governing body involved with Mr. Cox, and that we had hoped that someone would answer us. I sat down.

Carol Black went up ... Debra Hessler-Davis went up, she asked the residency requirement question. They answered no, he doesn't have to be. We read them their city charter which states all elected and appointed officials have to be residents. Two made the comment that we can't expect them to memorize their city charter.

Now that was incredulous. Mayor countered with the new Michigan residency requirement ban, but he was incorrect, for that ban as a clear stipulation as to elected and appointed officials. That we will share at our council meeting. She was cut off at three minutes.

There was at no time criticism of Mr. Cox. Not one single word about his job performance either there or here in Westland ... As for Mr. Griffin's assertions that never in his career did he do anything like that ... he is under recall because he went to someone's "personal job" and criticized and fired.

Mr. Griffin is always speaking for Mr. Cox ... As for Mr. Cox's assertions that our new group has "internal ethics" problems because we went to that meeting, I can only say that the desperate will grasp at any straw, and that my husband and I would be both more than willing to have an independent investigative background report done on both of us if Mr. Cox would be willing to do same.

Brenda Gracin

## History lesson

What I, The Fab Four Lady, want to talk about is the origin of the phrase, "of the people, by the people, for the people."

It really bothered me ... using that phrase in the past, yet not knowing from whence it came.

So, where IS it written? Not in our U.S. Constitution, as many people believe, although IT, also, holds ANOTHER good phrase, "WE the people."

Our fellow American and Westland citizen, Jim Davis pointed me in the right direction. By the way, having known Jim, only since this January, I would describe him as strong, stubborn, and proud. And, though we don't agree on every issue, I'm proud to say that I know him, because he has taken the time to teach me many things about the history of our city.

Moving along, let us travel back in time. Relax, relax. Back to the year 1990 ... 1960 ... 1899 ... back to, "The Year of Our Lord" 1863, December ... back to the 19th day of November. In Pennsylvania, in the small town of Gettysburg.

Look! Can you see the crowd? It's getting clearer. Someone is getting ready to speak. Oh, my God, it's Abe! "Ladies and gentlemen, I now give to you the 16th president of the United States, President Abraham Lincoln."

"Fourscore and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this."

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is

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for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, shall not perish from the earth."

Now you know. And, The Fab Four Lady is a little less ignorant.

The Fab Four Lady,  
Angela Frances Todd  
Westland

P.S. That's "TODD." You know, as in Mary TODD Lincoln.

## Gibbons for rep

Patricia Gibbons for state representative! That's all that needs to be said!

She has consistently served the City of Westland without regard to personal political gain. Yet she was ultimately removed from office for being politically neutral. Patricia has and, I am convinced, will continue to put "People Before Politics."

I have heard people around Westland talking about Patricia running for state representative and think that the idea is fantastic. If you are reading this, Patricia, please consider putting your hat in the ring. I believe you did feel that you were doing the will of the people when you filed the grievance against the council members.

We need someone who will not use personal politics to their advantage, not see elected office as a steppingstone to another position, but perform as an elected official should — as a servant to the public. I believe that you showed these qualities as your exercised your duties as city clerk, and I want you to do the same for us in Lansing.

Pamela Seymour  
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## YMCA offers summer camps

The Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road in Westland, is enrolling children for its Jubilee (ages 6-8), Adventure (ages 9-12) and Challenge (ages 12-14) summer camps.

The three age groups experience two, three and five field trips a week, respectively. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with pre-care starting at 7 a.m. and post-care until 6 p.m. at no additional charge.

Character development, water

parks, arcades, museums, science fairs, musical performers, canoeing, horseback riding, climbing towers and more are included.

Price is \$110 per week for Jubilee and Adventure, \$120 for Challenge for members, and \$150/\$160 per week for nonmembers.

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# Salon's looking good at age 25

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Denny Idrizi is having a party, and you're invited.

The Westland business owner will celebrate 25 years of success during a three-hour open house.

Saranda's hair salon Sunday, May 7. Customers, friends and operators will gather from 1-4 p.m. at 35135 W. Warren Road, just west of Wayne Road, and celebrate the growth of the hair business.

Idrizi, 61, believes the success he has experienced is a result of following his dreams.

"I'm not in the business for the money," said the Dearborn Heights resident. "I am in it because I have a passion for the work."

Saranda's, named after Idrizi's hometown in Albania, is a full-service salon which offers hair products, haircuts, tinting, highlighting, perms, makeup application, facials and tanning.

The biggest draw, however, are the haircuts, according to Mary Barton, Saranda's manager. Ranging in price from \$15-\$24, haircuts are often accompanied by other services, said the 16-year Saranda's employee.

Saranda's clientele can choose from 10 hairstylists "who are all very experienced."

Staff cater to men and women of all age groups from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Walk-ins and



**Good feeling:** Denny Idrizi and his staff are proud the salon has reached its 25th anniversary. An open house is planned 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

reservations are accepted.

Idrizi has contracted with Rose's of Canton to cater his anniversary celebration for 300 people. The menu includes meat trays, dessert trays and beverages.

When asked why Idrizi is going to such trouble, Barton

responded, "There are not too many people in business that long. And he is very proud of his business."

A raffle will be part of the anniversary celebration. Prizes range from a weekend package in Mount Pleasant, a golf package, free tanning sessions, hair

services and a gift basket of hair products.

Longtime customers are expected to come from as far away as Northville and Novi for this event.

"Some of them have been coming for 25 years," Barton explained.

# Lawn bowlers seeking some company

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It doesn't have to cost a lot of green to play on their green.

That is one of the benefits of joining the Westland Lawn Bowling Club, according to Archibald Dunn, member of eight years.

"There are so many benefits of joining our club," said the Westland resident. "The location here is beautiful and the price is good."

About 30 members belong to the Westland Lawn Bowling Club, at 36500 Marquette, but Dunn is looking to increase that number.

"If I can get people down here, they'll fall in love with this place," he said.

Dunn and his wife, Joey, have made member recruitment a top priority since assuming presidential duties of the club. Jim Symington, Joey's brother, had been taking care of recruitment, dues, upkeep and other duties until his recent death. Dunn and his wife decided to assume the duties rather than to let Symington's work dissipate.

"You know that feeling you get when walking through a park and see the flowers? Well, that's the feeling you'll get here," Dunn said. "It's beautiful."

Aside from the beauty of the club, Dunn boasted about the camaraderie. Members

travel from as far away as Ohio to participate in games on one or more of the four days: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday. According to Dunn, while it is not required, most members are members for life once they join.

Then, there is the game.

"Once you try it, you'll enjoy it," he said. Games can be played by two, four, six or eight people. The only requirement is that all players wear flat-soled shoes.

Just to make sure people get off on the right foot, coaches will spend time with anyone who is interested in the game. Potential members will be introduced to the rules of the game, strategy and etiquette. They can even play for a couple of weeks before deciding whether to join. Equipment can be borrowed from the club.

"I'd rather people didn't put anything down until they decided they liked it," Dunn stressed. He said people are welcome to participate free for three to four weeks.

Although the club does not officially open until mid-May, Dunn said people are welcome to come before then as long as they come after 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday.

"As long as the weather allows," Dunn added. "My wife and I are here anyhow" preparing the club.

Lawn bowling is only a five-month sport in Michigan, but members are invited to compete across the country. Dunn and his wife play in Florida during the winter months, while other members play in Arizona. It is up to individual members to decide where they would like to go.

Dunn said it "depends on how much they want to get involved."

Games generally last 90 minutes, but times vary depending on the number of players involved and the number of "ends" (similar to the number of rounds) involved. Dunn compared lawn bowling to putting and curling.

"The skills necessary are similar to putting and the weight is like curling," he said of the 3-pound balls.

"If you can lift a cup of coffee, you can lift these balls."

The average membership age is 60, but Dunn would like to see people of all ages join. He would even be open to suggestions for night hours if enough members requested.

"Right now, most of our members are retired" so daytime hours are acceptable, he said.

To learn more about the Westland Lawn Bowling Club, call Dunn at (734) 722-7630.

# Parade will honor efforts of heroes

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council announced the Annual Memorial Day Parade will be held 1 p.m. Sunday, May 28.

"This year's Memorial Day Parade will travel into Wayne," said W-WVPC chairman Tom Dobrowolski. "We will gather in the Kmart parking lot starting about noon and will step off at 1 p.m. going south on Wayne Road stopping at VFW Post 3323 for a short memorial presentation. We will again stop at the Wayne Road bridge (across from the Wayne Fire Department) for a flower ceremony. The parade will conclude at the Wayne Veterans Peace Memorial with a formal ceremony honoring our deceased veterans."

In comments to the council, W-WVPC chaplain Chet Cassidy reminded the members that this year's Memorial Day Parade is not only to honor those who gave their lives in battle and to those veterans who have passed during the year, but to honor a community who spent a lot of time

**'This year's Memorial Day Parade will travel into Wayne.'**

Tom Dobrowolski  
-chairman

and money to make sure that their veteran sons and daughters are never forgotten."

Currently, the parade has about 25 units signed up to participate. Vice Chairman Bruce Robertson said, "We will accept any unit that wants to join us as long as the theme they present honors those who gave their all for our country."

The Wayne-Westland Veterans Parade Council is represented by members from both VFW Posts (Harris-Kehrer and Boya), AMVETS, VVA, MOPH (Purple Heart) and the 82nd Airborne Association.

For more parade information, call Bruce Robertson at (734) 729-7074 or Tom Dobrowolski at (734) 728-0107.

# Immigration topic

The Western Wayne County Republican Club is hosting an informational discussion and review of the immigration policies advocated by Sen. Spencer Abraham, D-Mich.

John Pitz, southeast Michigan director for Abraham, will speak. The meeting will be 7 p.m.

Monday, May 8, at The Golden Eagle, 626 S. Wayne Road, Westland, across from the Wayne-Westland YMCA. Dinner will be available from the menu.

For information, call Val Wolf, (734) 722-0467, or Ida Shelly, (734) 722-8838.

### KNIGHTS HAVE SPECIAL DAY

On Sunday, May 21, the library will host Medieval Day. This special program will take place on library grounds noon to 5 p.m. and is free of charge.

Re-enactors from the Society for Creative Anachronism will create a medieval village setting to show what life was like in the Middle Ages. You can see knights in armor defending the honor of fair ladies, merchants selling exotic wares and more as they demonstrate the courtly arts and chivalric sciences of the Middle Ages. Medieval Day is sponsored by an Art, Cultural and Quality of Life Grant from the state of Michigan. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

### WEB SITES OF THE WEEK

Following are great Web sites taken from Library Currents, a professional journal for librarians and librarians dedicated to providing library managers with useful and timely information.

<http://setiathome.csl.harvard.edu>  
SETI at Home. Just imagine, your own personal computer could be part of the search for extraterrestrial life.

Many home PCs sit idle for hours on end. SETI hopes to take advantage of this wasted computer time by offering free downloads of their program that sorts through radio telescope data. Additionally, the site offers discussion groups, graphs and maps, current statistics, and an opportunity to listen to signals from space.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/allenempire>

Allen Empire. PBS maintains this site in support of its "Nature" miniseries on the world of insects. Kids will enjoy the sci-fi connection, which is divided into sections on Metropolis (termites), Replicators (the spider) and Voyagers (monarch migration), among others. An enhanced multimedia version is available for high-speed connections. More excitement can be found in their Puzzles and Fun section and the Teacher Guide is also helpful.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**Home Shopping 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.

**Internet 201: Use of Search Tools**  
2-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. This class teaches more advanced use of search tools. Join in to learn how to make your searches more effective. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

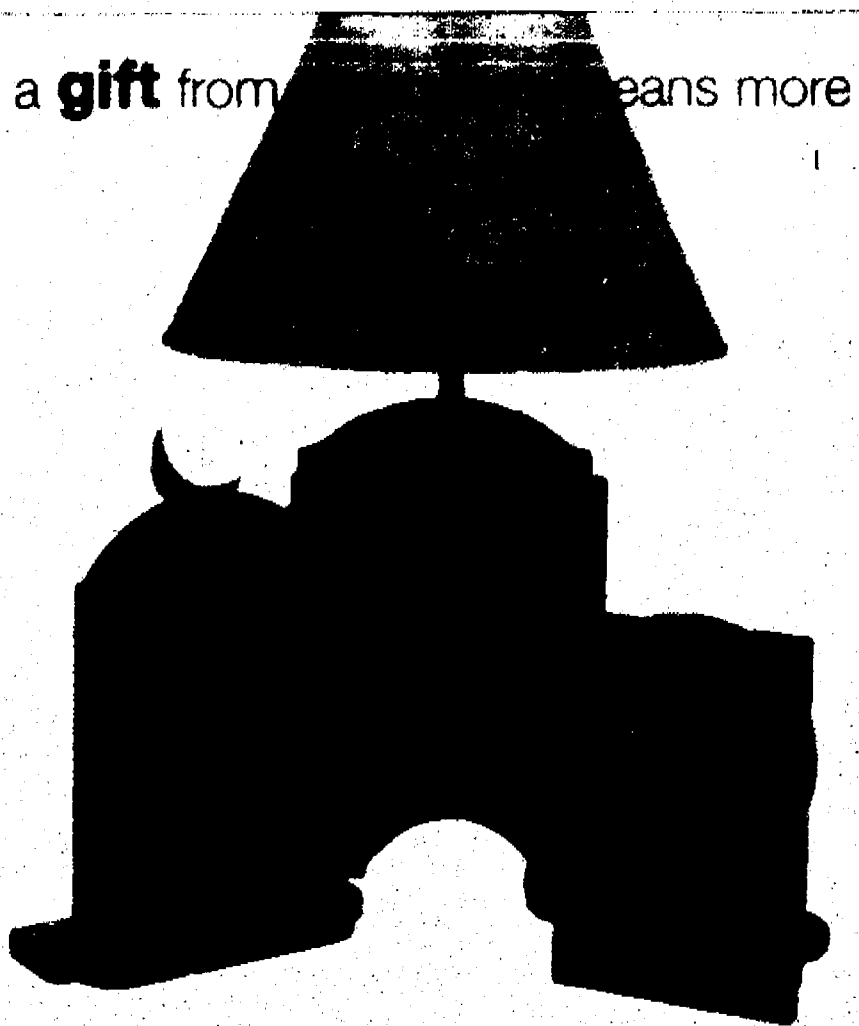
**Adult Reading Club**  
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett. Call today to reserve your copy. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. All are invited to participate. No fee. No registration.

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**Stuffed Animal Pet Show**  
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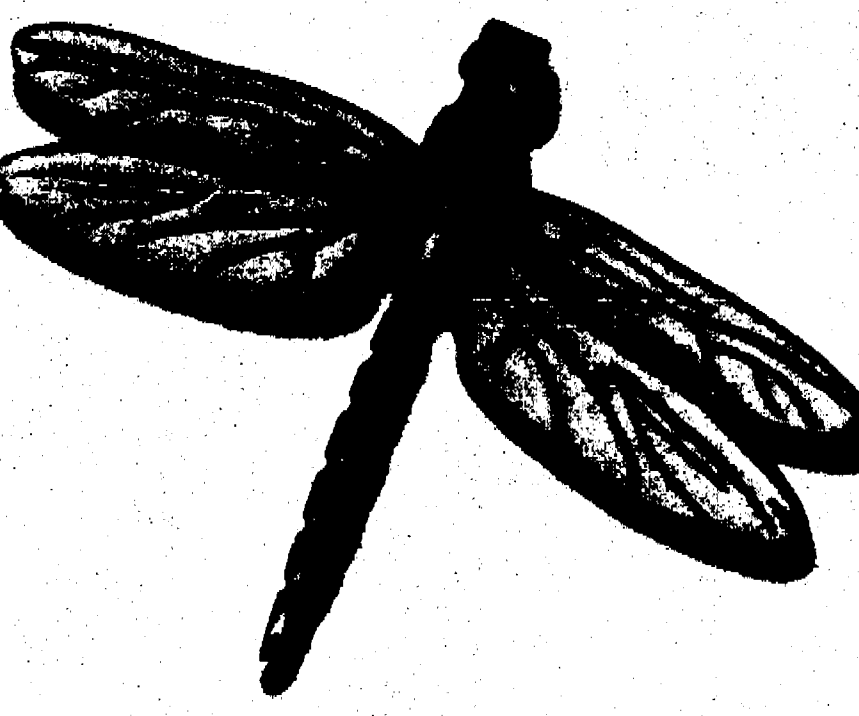
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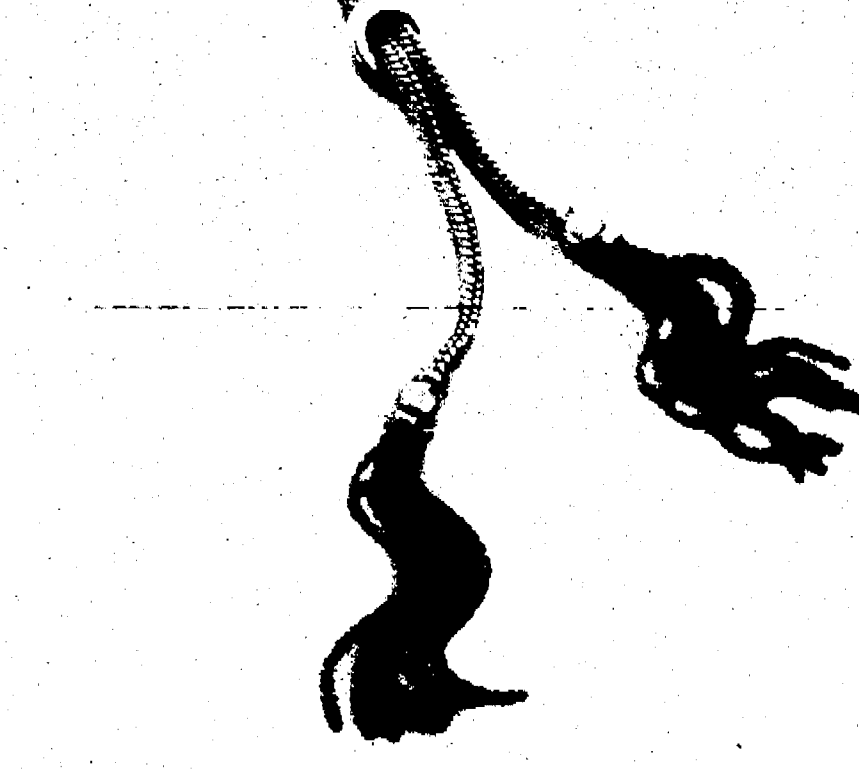
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# Robbed *from page A1*

door. Police believe the man was working as a distraction. "We are pretty sure the two men were working together," said Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland Police Department. There were no other customers in the store during the incident, and only the manager was injured. He was treated at the scene for minor head wounds. Police said the description of the suspect and the method of operation were identical to recent robberies of the Dollar Store at Wayne and Avondale roads and the Funland at

Wayne and Warren. In all three incidents, the suspect tied up the hands of employees. The only difference was that in the first two robberies the suspect used tube socks instead of rope. Stobbe said the three crimes were unusual, because in most robberies perpetrators don't bother tying up store employees. "Typically, they are in and out as quickly as possible," he said. Also, the CVS robbery was the first of the three related crimes in which the second suspect was observed.

Stobbe is encouraged by the number of leads in the case. In addition to good physical descriptions of the suspects from store employees, a green Ford sports utility vehicle, either an Explorer or Expedition, driven by the main suspect was seen speeding away from the scene. "There are a number of other businesses in the area, and we are checking their security cameras to see if we can get a good view of the suspects and their vehicle. I think we are going to get lucky with this one," Stobbe said.

# Librarian *from page A1*

working in their library that her passion for the field began. While in graduate school, she took a job with the Monroe County library system, where she had her first opportunity to work with children and children's programming. "That's when I really got my feet wet with children and started doing children's programming. That was exciting because you were doing planning for their summer reading programs and your regular storytimes and all of that. And that's when I really knew that that's what I wanted." She credits her supervisor at Monroe, Nancy Bellaire, as being her mentor in the field. "She gave me an open door," said Chwalik. "She let me try and experiment with all different types of story times. As I was learning in graduate school, I was able to then implement, which was really exciting for me."

department, Chwalik gives great credit to her staff. "I have five wonderful ladies that work for me, all from different backgrounds, either teaching or reading backgrounds. "They all have at least a BA or BS in education or in reading. They are creative, and they do a lot of what I do. We all take on the responsibility of doing story-time, doing programming, so it's a team effort. It's not just one of us that excels. Each one brings something specific to our team." "You have to stay in touch with the new books that are coming out. I do a lot of the selection for our department," said Chwalik about her responsibility as librarian. She recommends Sam McBratney, author of "Guess How Much I Love You," Eric Carle and Gary Paulsen as excellent writers for toddlers, children and young adults. The most popular with young people right now, according to Chwalik, are the Harry Potter

books. Having read two of the three herself, Chwalik said, "They are fabulous." Her favorite, and the one that influenced her own love of reading at a young age, is Shel Silverstein, author of "Where the Sidewalk Ends," "The Giving Tree" and many others. The advice Chwalik would give to parents about making a love of reading possible for their children is, "Read to them. Start as soon as you can, and I mean from the womb." The accomplishment she is most proud of since coming to the Westland library is her connection with the schools and affecting the kids. Joe Burchill, assistant to the library director, said, "Chwalik has a commitment to provide quality programming for the community and youth. Dynamic, helpful, and always planning, she's a fantastic addition to the Westland library."



Hall to the grad: Eva Markowski of Westland, a 1994 John Glenn graduate, comments on having the president speak at her commencement.

# Clinton *from page A1*

society and the need to press forward on environmental issues. He used the speech to introduce a plan to safeguard the financial privacy of consumers by limiting how financial institutions and other companies share personal information. "In this information age, we can't let new opportunities erode old fundamental rights," Clinton said. "We can't let breakthroughs in technology break down walls of privacy." Clinton urged Congress to pass the legislation this year. But critics are already saying the proposal's chances are remote. Opponents say its cost to business would be too high and it would discourage needed consolidation in the financial services industry. "The issue is not going to be resolved now, not with this Congress, which at this late date is not going to touch this with a 10-foot pole," Kenneth Gunther, a lobbyist for the Independent Community Bankers Association, told the New York Times. Graduating seniors, though, said Internet privacy and other electronic privacy issues were a concern. "It bothers me," said Canton's

Reaume. "I think laws are needed to protect people's privacy." Said Pastula: "There are some things that need to remain private. That's why I don't buy anything on-line." "If the government doesn't do anything about this now, it's only going to get worse." The president's remarks on the environment drew criticism from some graduates. Clinton talked about the challenges in dealing with global warming and urged those attending to "embrace environmentally-friendly" technology for the sake of future generations. "I think some of what he pointed to - with the polar ice caps melting - was the thinking 20 years ago but has been proved erroneous," said Reaume. Plymouth's Buerkle was more charitable in his assessment of Clinton's remarks on the environment.

"I like what he said. Business people need to learn that they can protect the environment and make a profit at the same time." Buerkle, 26, received his BA in German and international trade and was among 2,500 EMU graduates Sunday. Clinton gave the commencement address for the afternoon ceremonies at the year-old Convocation Center on the EMU campus in Ypsilanti. He received an honorary doctorate of public service degree following his remarks, then left to attend the NAACP Freedom Fund dinner in downtown Detroit. The president was introduced by Rodney Slater, U.S. secretary of transportation and a 1977 EMU graduate. James P. Comer, a visiting professor at EMU and a nationally renowned professor of child psychiatry at Yale University, delivered the morning address.

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# Cox from page A1

and the other three council members of any wrongdoing, in addition to warranting apologies from Anderson and LeBlanc.

"In all the years I have served people, my integrity has never been questioned as it was here," Cox said. "These allegations have not only hurt my political career, they have affected me professionally."

### Different responses

Although both men were caught unaware by Cox's demands, LeBlanc and Anderson had different reactions.

LeBlanc said he is willing, and has been as far back as February, to draft a statement in conjunction with not only Anderson, but also Griffin, to address the prosecutor's decision. However, he said Griffin has yet to approach him about the matter.

"If the right circumstances occurred, I would be prepared to draft a letter," he said. "If some people view it as an apology, that is their choice."

"However, if I did write a letter, it would specifically address the issue and all four people would be involved, not just an individual. I recognize that this was not a pleasant situation for any of us."

LeBlanc said he will not respond to Cox's demand for the monetary reimbursement.

Anderson, on the other hand, had a much more fiery response for Cox. He told Cox that he shouldn't "wait by his mailbox" for an apology or a check,

because they wouldn't be forthcoming.

"An apology isn't going to happen," he said.

"When someone expects an apology, they are assuming you did something wrong. I don't think he was wronged in any way. The prosecutor is the only authority we can go to in such a matter. I feel I did my duty."

Anderson called Cox's demand for monetary reimbursement "ridiculous."

Neither LeBlanc nor Anderson believe Bernacki's decision necessarily exonerates any of the four council members of wrongdoing.

"The prosecutor never said they were innocent, only that there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute," Anderson said.

### Defending firing

During his comments, Cox also said the council was justified in firing Gibbons, based on her job performance. He noted an evaluation conducted by the council in February 1999 that gave Gibbons a job performance rating of only 68 percent. Cox was not on that council.

"We took the appropriate action that any manager would take when an employee is not performing their position ade-

quately," Cox said. "Two separate councils did not give her a vote of confidence, yet certain elements of the citizenry say she was mistreated."

Anderson questioned that assessment, saying the current council never evaluated Gibbons, nor was there any open discussions about her job performance before the vote to fire her.

Both Anderson and LeBlanc said they did not write the letter to the prosecutor's office for personal reasons, but as a reply to the public outcry that surrounded the Gibbons firing.

"I believe in what I did in the capacity of a councilman,"

LeBlanc said. "The letter we wrote was a response to many questions from many people in the community who wanted their representatives to find out if the Open Meetings Act was violated."

Cox said his comments were not meant to instigate a new round of council infighting, but to disclose all the details of the issue.

"I simply want to let the people of this community that have supported me know that I did not betray their trust. I made the right decision based on their best interests," he said.

Despite Cox's new demands,

both he and LeBlanc admit an atmosphere of cooperation has developed within the council over the course of the last few months.

"There is a far better working relationship today than there was, say in January," LeBlanc said.

However, Anderson believes the demands were business as usual for Cox.

"On one hand he has been saying he wants to put all of this behind us, and then he comes out and does this," he said. "Obviously, he continues to blame other people for his own actions."

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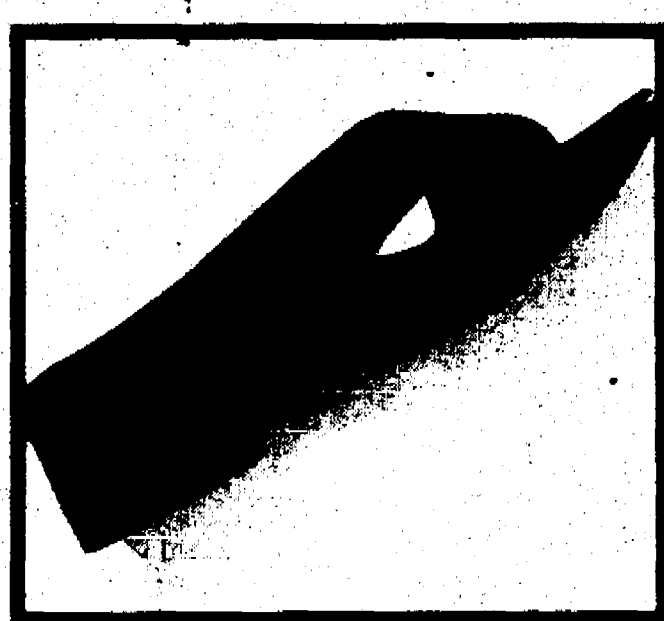
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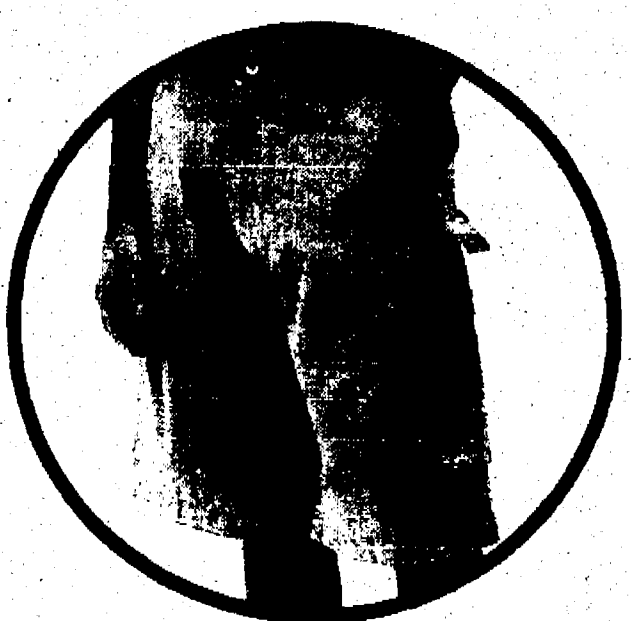
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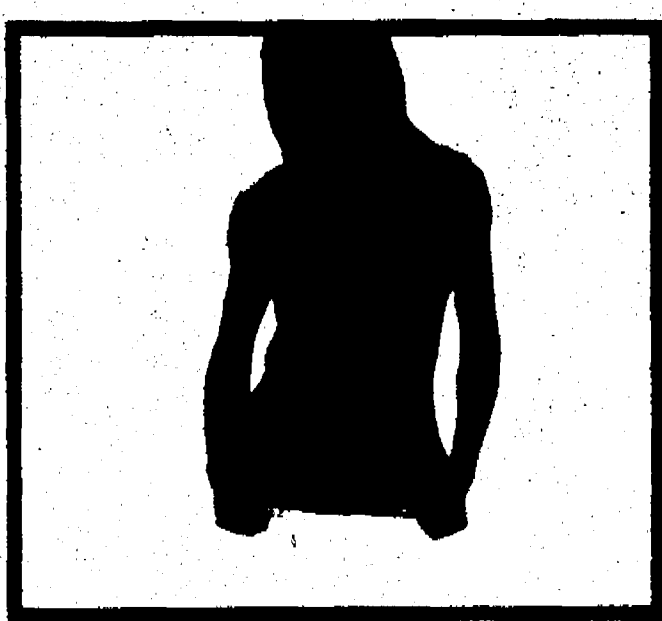
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Services for Thomas Winekoff, 55, of Royal Oak were May 1 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Rocky Barra.  
Mr. Winekoff was born Aug. 15, 1944, and died April 27. He was a salesman.  
Surviving are his wife, Marie; son, Thomas (Vicky) Winekoff; daughters, Wendy (Darin) Loruss and Jennifer Winekoff of Westland; mother, Alma Winekoff of Livonia; sisters, Julie Soubel, Nan Davis and Joanne Wood; and five grandchildren.  
Mr. Winekoff was preceded in death by his father, Edward Winekoff.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

**DEROME DEFOE**  
Services for Derome Defoe, 64, of Livonia were April 29 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home

with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton Township. Officiating was the Rev. Mark Moore from Agape Family Worship Center.  
Mr. Defoe was born June 25, 1935, in Cardwell, Mo., and died April 27 in Livonia. He was a mechanic.  
Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; sons, Deward (Sherrie) and Doug; daughters, Brenda, Denise (Tom) of Westland and Darlene (Ron) Detherage; and eight grandchildren.  
Mr. Defoe was preceded in death by his son, Derome Jr.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

**EFFIE A. CORK**  
Effie A. Cork, 95, of Westland was buried at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.  
Mrs. Cork was born Nov. 11,

1904, in Anniston, Mo., and died April 27. She was a bookkeeper for a manufacturing company.  
Surviving are two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.  
Mrs. Cork was preceded in death by her husband, Lonzie; son, Sonzie; and daughter, Delores O'Leary.

**ANTHONY J. STOMPOR**  
Services for Anthony Stompor, 82, of Westland were May 1 in Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights, with entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Edwin Phillips.  
Mr. Stompor was born June 20, 1917, in Hamtramck and died April 27 in Garden City. He worked in production control for the automotive industry.  
Surviving are his wife, Helen; daughter, JoAnn (Gary) Follbaum; grandsons, Michael (Michele) Follbaum and Jeffrey

(Donna) Follbaum; and four great-grandchildren.  
**CHARLES R. ROWE**  
Services for Charles Rowe, 44, of Canton were arranged by Harry J. Will Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.  
Mr. Rowe died April 22.  
Surviving are his wife, Lillian; sons, Jerry and Charles; daughter, Tracey; mother, Virginia; brothers, Ronald and Larry; sisters, Joyce of Westland, Sonja and Jenny; and grandson, Joshua.  
Mr. Rowe was preceded in death by his father, Warren.

**GEORGE C. LEWIS**  
Services for George Lewis, 51, of Canton were May 2 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. C. Richard Kelly.  
Mr. Lewis was born March 14,

1949, in Detroit and died April 28 in Ann Arbor. He was a health and safety representative for General Motors Corp.  
Surviving are his son, Michael Lewis of Tennessee; brother, Michael Lewis of Canton; and sister, Sharon (Dennis) Lutz of Westland.  
Mr. Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lillian.

**WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS**  
Services for William Williams, 39, of Wayne were April 24 in St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Baker.  
Mr. Williams was born Jan. 20, 1961, and died April 20. He worked in the maintenance field.  
Surviving are his son, William; daughters, Betty Williams and Laura Dolan; mother, Patricia; brother, John Williams of Westland; sisters, Carol Wint and

Linda Gornall; and grandson, Brandon.  
Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his father, Billy.  
Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.  
Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.  
**HOWARD L. HIVELEY**  
Services for Howard Hiveley, 84, of Wayne were April 20 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mr. Hiveley was born Feb. 16, 1916, and died April 17 in Westland. He was a mill operator.  
Surviving are two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Westland.  
Mr. Hiveley was preceded in death by his daughter, Grace Petty.

Walk boosts cancer fight

BY SUE MASON  
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Call your friends and family, lace up your shoes, and get ready for a fun-filled, overnight event that celebrates cancer survivors, remembers loved ones and raises money for the fight against cancer.

For a 24-hour period in June, teams of walkers, joggers and/or runners will converge at the Livonia Stevenson High School track for the second annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"Livonia has embraced this event and we are looking forward to another successful event this year," said Jennifer Chwalik, ACS area executive director. "Last year, we had 11 teams and raised more than \$55,000. Our goal was \$20,000. Our goal is a little higher this year, but anything over \$55,000, I'll take it."

Teams pay a \$150 registration fee for the event and then raise money by selling luminaries in memory and honor of those who have faced cancer at \$10 each. The luminaries will be lighted as part of a special ceremony at 9:30 p.m. June 16. Last year, participants sold 1,500 luminaries, enough to ring the Stevenson track and spell out the word hope in the bleachers.

So far, Chwalik has more than 14 teams committed to this year's relay. Wal-Mart, which is providing some of the children's activities and selling hot dogs at the track on Friday evening, will be bringing an 80-member contingent. Johnson Controls in Plymouth is in the 70-plus range. There also will be teams from



Givers: Cancer survivors lead the way during the 1999 Relay for Life.

Garden City, St. Mary and Botsford hospitals, the city of Livonia through its Parks and Recreation Department, Livonia Public Schools' bus drivers, who are trying to get some teachers involved, Time Warner Cable, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and several families.

"Our average team is 75-80 people, when the average team usually is 12 people," Chwalik said. "And most of the teams from last year are coming back."

The Relay for Life will have an opening ceremony in which all the participants will do the first lap, and at 6 p.m. cancer survivors will do a victory lap.

The Westland library will hold storytimes for children on Friday evening and Saturday morning and the band Secret Service will perform 7:30-9:30 p.m. and 11

**■ The Westland library will hold storytimes for children on Friday evening and Saturday morning and the band Secret Service will perform 7:30-9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.**

p.m. to 1 a.m.  
The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will stage a pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday with the relay wrapping up with an 11 a.m. closing ceremony where awards will be presented for the most spirit, best camp site, and the most money raised by a team, by an individual and by multiple teams.

As part of the event, teams set up a tent city around the track and have themes. One theme last year was "Sailing for a Cure" and was decorated completely in sailboats. Wal-Mart used a corporate theme for its tent, Chwalik added.

Chwalik would like to double the number of teams from last year and is looking to people from Garden City, which had a small Relay for Life last year, Redford, Westland and Wayne to sign up. Teams need to contact her at (248) 557-5353 by May 29 to register.

She also is looking for volunteers to help with the event, people to help with set-up and take-down, do registration the day of the event and provide activities, like cloggers who will perform for an hour during the event. She could also use people with money skills like accountants and even bank tellers to help count the money.

In 1999, Relay for Life events in southeastern Michigan raised more than \$650,000. Some programs funded by Relay for Life proceeds include "Smokescreen," geared toward steering sixth-graders away from tobacco, and "Tell a Friend," which encourages regular mammograms to screen for breast cancer.

"Relay for Life provides awareness for the many programs and services the American Cancer Society offers throughout southeast Michigan and it lets people know that we are here to provide hope, progress and answers in the fight against cancer," Chwalik said.

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ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
Treasurer/City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000**

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The last day for receiving registrations for the annual election will be Monday, May 15, 2000. Persons residing in said School District registering after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2000, will not be eligible to vote at the annual election. The City Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, May 13th between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

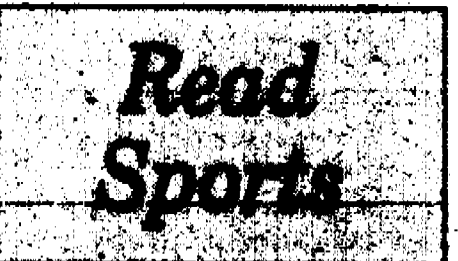
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PATRICIA RUHLAND  
Secretary, Board of Education  
School District of the City of Garden City

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# Sheriff Ficano gives ammunition to anti-gun moms

By JUDITH DONER BERNE  
SPECIAL WRITER

"We all feel pretty strongly about gun safety legislation, but frankly I've never seen a handgun or a trigger lock," Barb Case acknowledged to about 60 Oakland and Wayne organizers and supporters of the Million Mom March for sensible gun laws.



Sheriff Robert Ficano

The Plymouth resident was introducing Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, who obliged by opening up a box full of gun locks so the audience could not only see one but take it home.

Ficano says his department started giving them away more than eight years ago and has probably gone through more than 20,000. But, he said, the largest number of requests - 2,000 - came in the wake of the killing of a 6-year-old Kayla Roland by a 6-year-old in Flint earlier this year.

He called on the Moms to stay with the sane gun law issue after the Million Mom March.

"The history of the whole issue has been very difficult," he said. "Things never happen in great strides. Things happen incrementally. The key is persistence. Your opponents will count on you going back to your normal lives."

"All the coordinators are in it at least through the November elections," answered Lori Spillane, a Troy resident.

Ficano didn't have all the answers at this, the last organizational meeting before the national Million Mom March in Washington, D.C., and the local spin-off in Lansing. Both are scheduled for May 14 - Mother's

Day. ly unstable, because those records are usually sealed. Ficano says county gun boards have better access to that information.

"I'm a real pessimist," said one Oakland County mom who asked not to be identified because she is still mourning a family member killed with a handgun. "Can you give me any hope?"

Ficano suggested that movement can be made with hunters, gun manufacturers and Congress.

"Most hunters think the NRA has gone too far, he said. "Gun manufacturers don't have the kind of wealth that big tobacco, for example, has. They're more willing to come to the table." And, "Hopefully legislators will listen to their mothers rather than the NRA," Ficano said.

"I really thought it went well," Case said by telephone the next day. "He (Ficano) put a realistic spin on things. The turnout was great - a lot of familiar faces and a lot of new ones."

An estimated 1,000 people from Oakland and Wayne counties will make the trip to Washington, reports Spillane, who is organizing bus transportation.

Buses will leave from the Cosco store at Square Lake and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills and from the parking lot at the Ferndale Baptist Church, both at 6 a.m. May 13. They will then head for Busch's, Six Mile and Newburgh, loading there at 6:30 a.m.

Buses will leave for Lansing from the John Fisher Chapel at Oakland University, Walton east of Squirrel, at approximately

11:30 a.m. May 14, according to Susan Masiak who is organizing the Rochester area. That bus will then make a stop at Denny's Restaurant in front of the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi to pick up west side Oakland County residents at about 12:30 p.m.

Spillane herself is flying to D.C. She urged everyone to make signs they can carry with them. "I'm taking mine - Love Kids Not Guns - on the plane."

Moms marching from Michigan can attend a party at the Westin Grand Hotel 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Expect to pay \$5 at the door.

Michigan's senators and members of the House of Representatives are expected.

Sunday is an all-day affair beginning at 9 a.m. with activities aimed at children, followed by an Interfaith Service (10 a.m.) and a Stroller March (11 a.m.) toward the National Mall, with Moms with small children leading the way.

The heart of the march is noon to 3 p.m. Comedienne Rosie O'Donnell is emcee. Celebrities scheduled to appear include Roseanne Cash, Patty Smythe, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Manchester, John McEnroe and Raffi and the Ted Christopher Band.

The Michigan contingent will gather at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Smithsonian Castle near 10th Street. At 2 p.m. marchers from Washington and Lansing will stand together in support of "common-sense gun legislation," including licensing and registering of all handguns, requiring gun safety locks and limiting

purchases to one handgun per month.

Case reminds people who are going but may have not formally registered for the march to do so at [www.millionmomsmarch.com](http://www.millionmomsmarch.com)

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for a newspaper

Erika, an 18-year-old girl from Germany, who dances, paints, and is active in Amnesty International

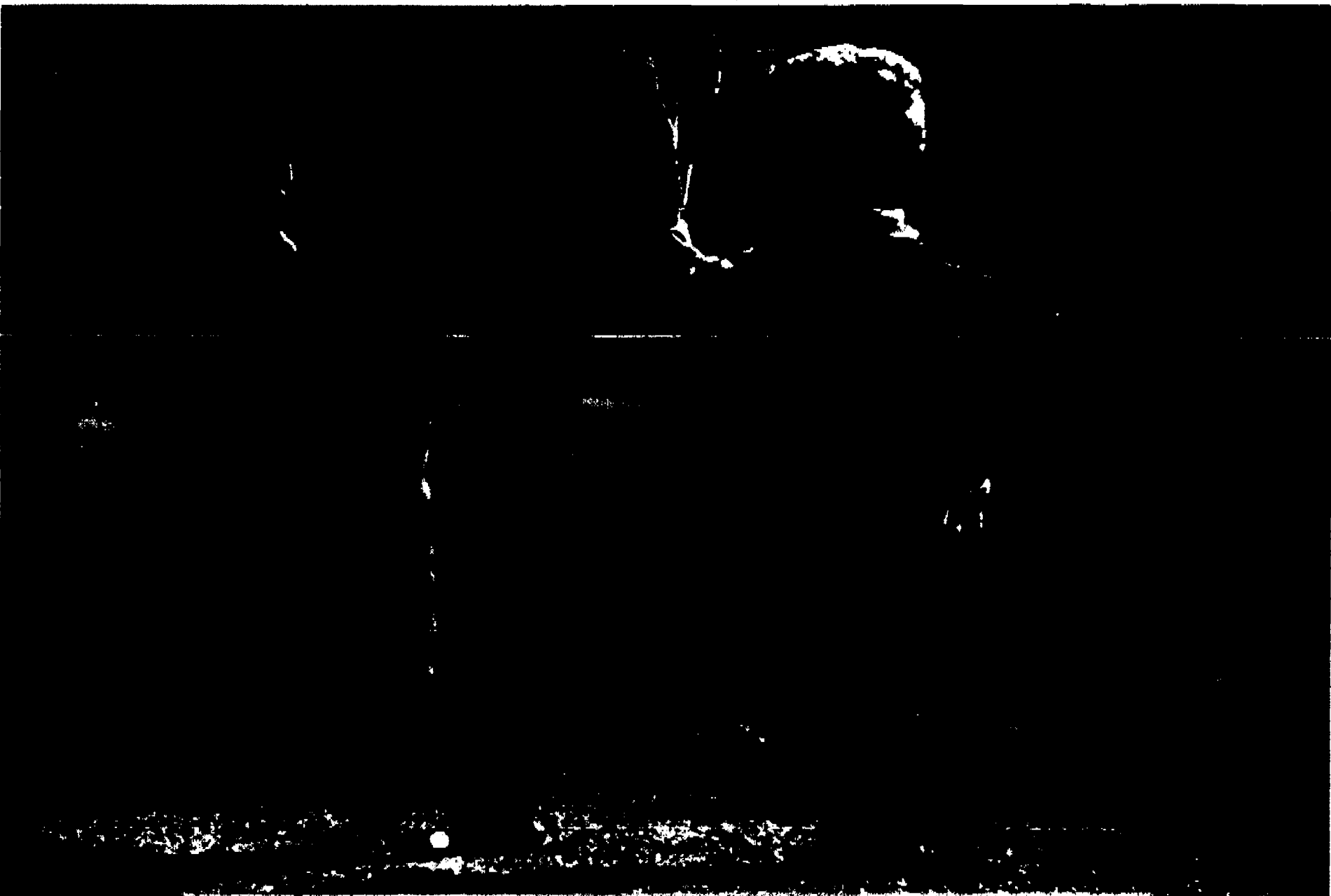
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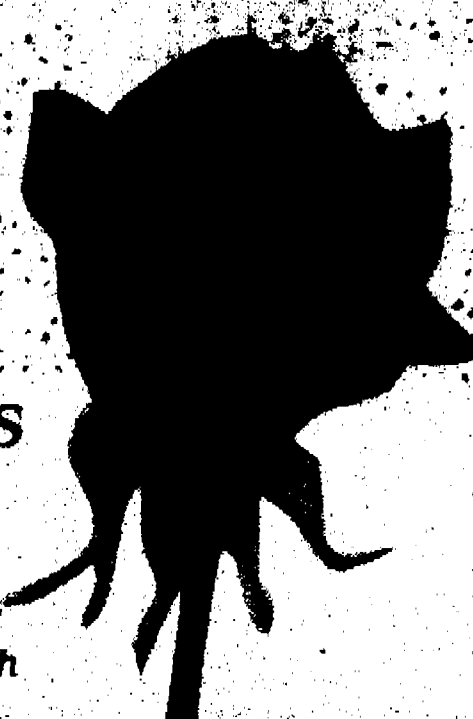
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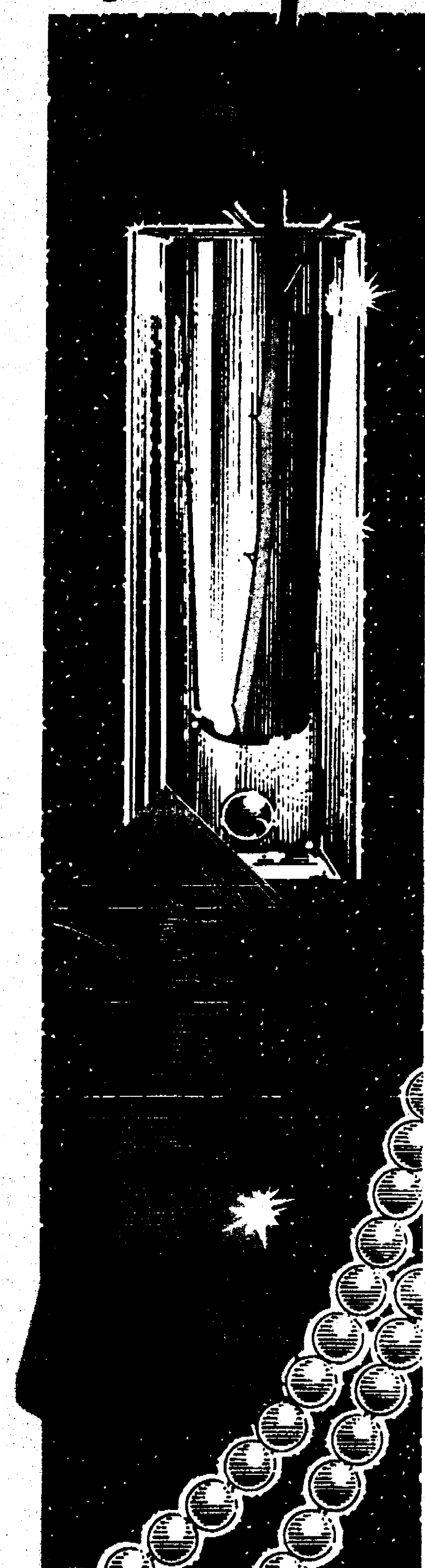
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# Job search is simplified by chamber fair

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER  
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## BUSINESS

Employers and employees met face to face Saturday at Westland Center.

The occasion was the annual Jobs and Careers Fair, sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce at the mall. Organizers were pleased with the daylong event.

"We do it because we know there's a need for employees in our area," said Lori Brist, chamber executive director. This year's fair was the fourth such annual event.

Holding it on a Saturday "helps people who are currently employed who maybe can't take the day off," Brist said. Some 35 employers participated this year in the chamber event, with hundreds of job-seekers, including some mall shoppers who hadn't planned to be involved.

Joan Morrison, human resource manager for Virginia Tile, participated last year and earlier with other employers. She's been on the job at Virginia Tile about a year and a half, and is pleased with hiring done at the previous Jobs and Careers Fair.

"That's why we're repeating," Morrison said. "That's why I keep going back." Those new

hires are still with the company.

She does some screening at the fair, followed by an additional interview at Virginia Tile. She usually talks to a new recruit three or four times before hiring.

"You have to talk to more people to get the right person," Morrison said of today's tight job market. "We're holding our own there."

She and colleagues may talk to 50 people and hire one.

Morrison noted Virginia Tile has a full benefits package, which helps with hiring. They have long-term employees and no work ethic problems.

"We have an excellent work force," Morrison said. The business has Michigan locations in Farmington Hills, Troy, Sterling Heights and Grand Rapids.

The chamber's Brist has noted businesses having difficulty hiring good people. "Everybody is having a hard time finding employees." It's tough to pay competitive wages, she said, "and lack of work ethic. That's huge."

The chamber is partnering with the Wayne-Westland schools in job shadowing and mentoring, to improve the local work force, Brist said.



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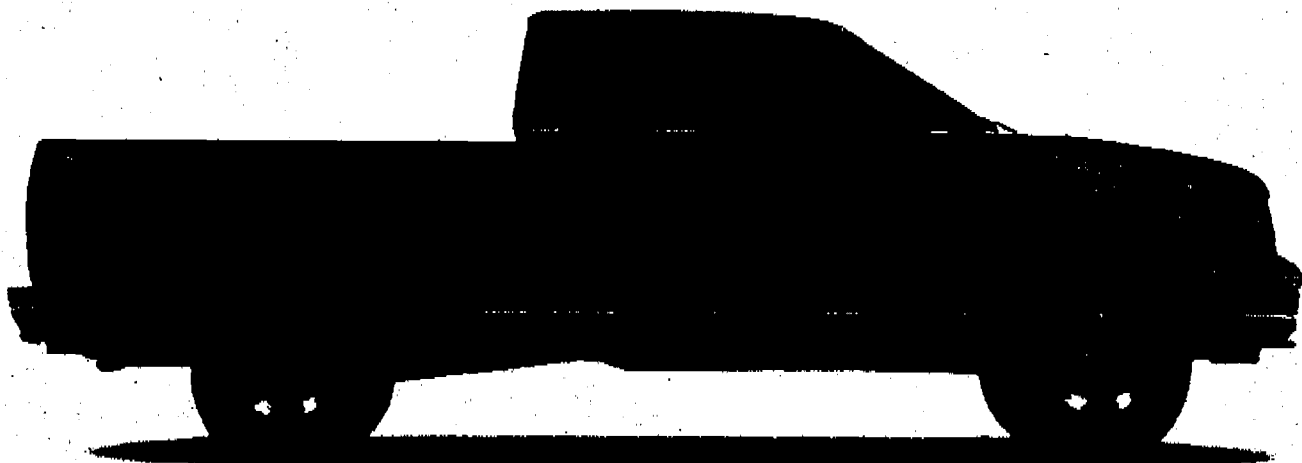
**Interested:** Above, Avis representative Elizabeth Lewis hands out a form to an interested individual Saturday at the Jobs and Careers Fair at Westland Center. At left, Sgt. 1st Class Voneric Gentry speaks to Theresa Gutierrez about the benefits the U.S. Army has to offer while Sgt. John E. Penn looks on. The fair was sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

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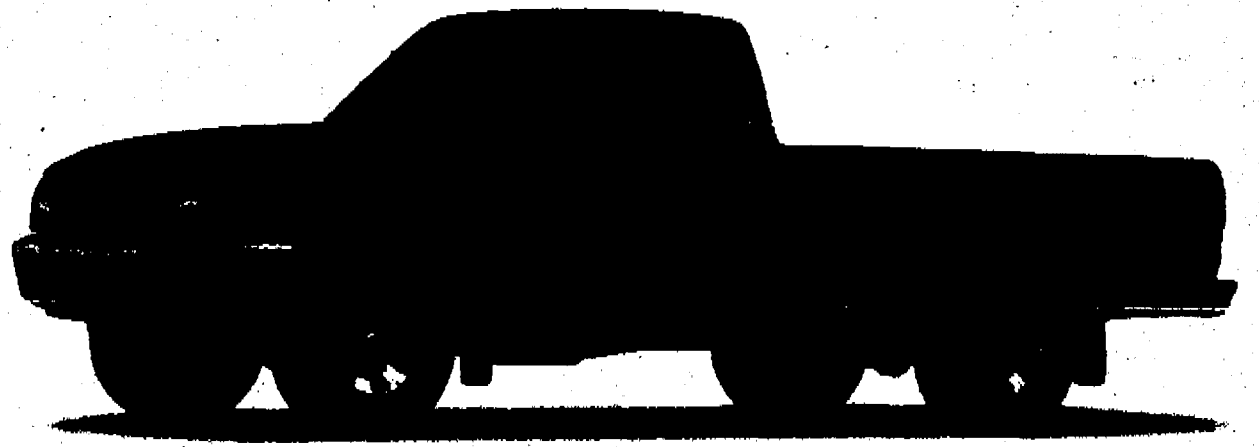
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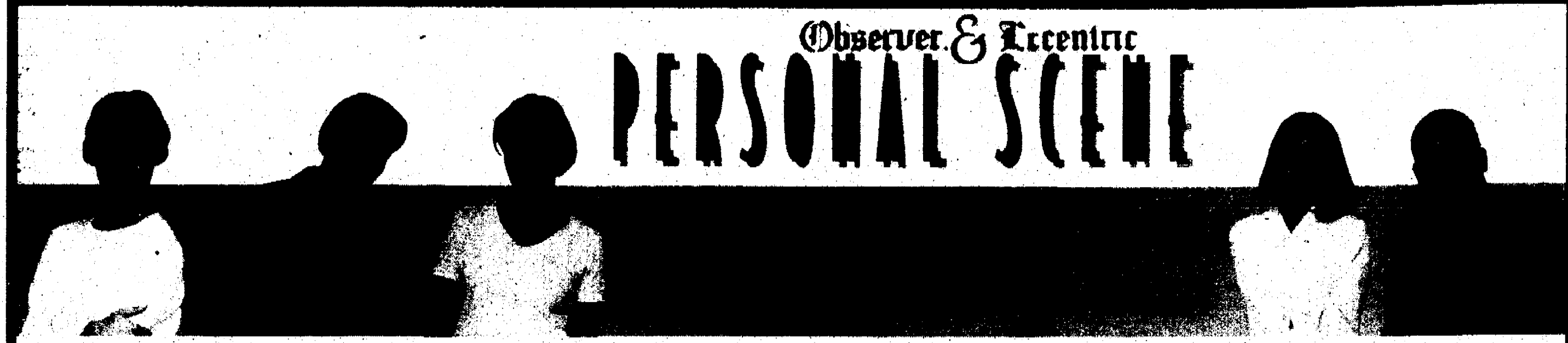
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## OPINION

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### Basic right This road trip not out of line

The saying, attributed by "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" to President Harry S. Truman is: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Truman was no doubt thinking of national and international affairs when he coined that familiar line. It's just as applicable, however, to local politics.

Westland Councilman David Cox is employed as assistant to the mayor of Romulus. Recall organizers in Westland, irked over the council's January decision to fire Clerk Patricia Gibbons, last week took their show on the road to a Romulus City Council meeting.

No doubt, their intent was to embarrass Cox and his allies, and it worked. Both Cox and council President Charles "Trav" Griffin blasted their adversaries for such tactics. Griffin even called the Observer from his vacation up north, to air his views.

Griffin compared their move to going to a private employer and criticizing a staffer. It's not the same thing, however. Cox both works

for and serves as councilman of a government unit, or in this case two units.

A private employee isn't paid with tax dollars and thus can't be compared to Cox or any other public employee. When you work in the public sector, you do give up a certain amount of privacy.

No doubt Griffin, Cox and colleagues Sharon Scott and David James didn't expect such an outcry when they made their decision about Gibbons earlier this year. They must, however, be prepared to deal with the actions of recall organizers, who have every right to attend municipal meetings in other communities and make their views known in a civil way.

The Observer continues to oppose the recall, believing the ballot box the best method to oust offensive politicians. Nevertheless, we support the right of Brenda Gracin and other recall organizers to show up and speak at other communities' meetings.

### Use a people-first approach

There is a real danger, as Wayne County gets ready to crank up managed care for mental health care providers, that we repeat the mistakes of the past.

We should know from experience when implementing managed care in the medical field that an economic model is not the answer. The economic model has ruined some HMOs and is threatening the stability of others.

The lesson Michigan officials and taxpayers need to learn is that mental health clients must be treated as people, not economic commodities. The Department of Mental Health proclaims that the developmentally disabled are to be treated as human beings with individual rights and responsibilities. The state model places a high emphasis on "person-centered planning" to make sure that personal support needs are individualized and delivered.

A quarter-century ago, the state declared that placing the developmentally disabled in institutions "dehumanized" them and treated them more like commodities stacked up in warehouses than the real human beings they are.

So Michigan emptied its institutions and placed its developmentally disabled and mentally ill residents in group homes where they could receive the individual attention and support that would help them grow as persons and move into apartments or other appropriate settings as they learned to handle more responsibility.

The original model was group homes of about 16 persons, but that since has been downscaled to homes for four to five persons and independent apartment living for the higher functioning. The state was able to prod the nonprofit group home providers in this direction because they directed the funding. The money (state budgeted dollars and federal Medicaid funds) flows from the state to regional agencies such as Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health (CMH) to Wayne Center to the nonprofit residential provider groups.

Now, on the dawn of launching managed care in the mental health field in Wayne County, we are on the verge of returning to those dark days of viewing the developmentally disabled as economic commodities to be

bartered over rather than as individuals with the potential to grow into more mature and higher functioning persons.

The first mistake was when Wayne Center decided to choose which providers would work with which clients by implementing a bid basis. The lowest bidder would become the agency which would then deliver the services and support needed.

The problem, however, is that the agency which bids the lowest will ultimately be the least able to provide needed services because their "costs" did not emanate from person-centered planning as the state prefers but from a bid process.

In theory, a developmentally disabled person who has lived in the same group home for 10-12 years could be removed and placed in a group home operated by the low bidder. This says that money mandates choice, not personal needs.

A second mistake by Wayne Center is a decision to have a single waiting list for the entire county with one single set of priorities countywide. Thus a residential provider in the suburbs with a waiting list of 200 individuals, some of whom have been on the list 10-15 years, will be melded into a single countywide list.

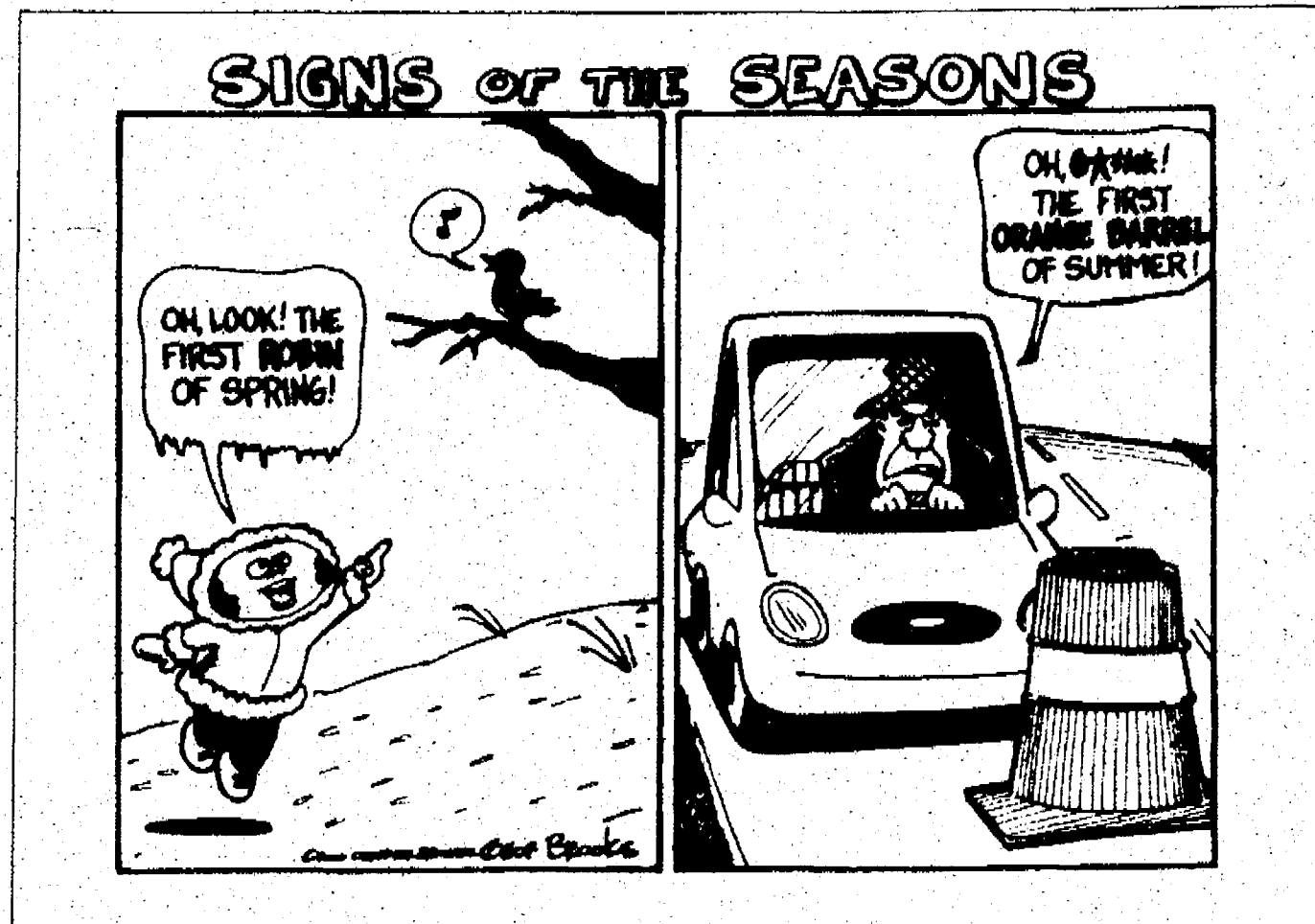
Instead of being number five on a list of 200 with the chance to move into a group home in one-two years, the individual could drop to number 400 on a list of 1,500 with a six-eight-year wait. This move, if finally implemented, should shoot a cannon hole through the idea of person-centered planning.

The real need in Michigan is to find a way, somehow, to pay for up to 2,000 residential units for the developmentally disabled so that every person on a waiting list who needs housing will have a real chance, rather than a chance that exists only on paper.

There is an opportunity in managed care to cut costs and reduce expenses in the mental health field. There also is an opportunity to become economically more efficient by coming up with creative programs and solutions.

But let's avoid taking a commodity approach in the mental health field and instead remain locked onto a person-centered approach. Michigan became a leader when it emptied its mental institutions; let's not retreat back into darkness.

GEORGE BROOKS



### LETTERS

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

#### Replace elite?

As a longtime resident and a voter in Westland, I am embarrassed for the city (as well as heartsick for Patricia Gibbons) over the many scandals involving City Hall. In particular, the firing of a loyal city worker, by the power brokers of Westland, for solely political reasons was wrong. The recent personal attacks on Mrs. Gibbons and others are not only tasteless, they are cruel. It is this type of behavior that gives politics such a negative perception among the public.

There can be no doubt that these character assassinations are orchestrated by the political elite to deflect criticism from their unscrupulous actions. Those that are in power too long tend to become arrogant. Maybe it is time to replace the political elite in Westland with a new class of honest and decent people.

Jon Kreger

#### Gibbons for state rep

In the past 3½ months, the city of Westland has witnessed local government in its worst form. As citizens, we have witnessed the misuse of city taxpayer money as a city employee gambled on our time. We watched in stunned amazement when another city official tried to impersonate the recall organizers. We are still shocked by the seemingly arbitrary dismissal of a hard-working, honest city clerk.

As a member of UAW Local 900 and resident of our city officials. In the union, you are reprimanded when you do something out of line. The city officials have chosen to reprimand the only individual who played by the rules in this sad opera of Westland. When the city council fired Patricia Gibbons, they took actions that go against what we stand for as a union.

I am embarrassed and outraged at the abuse of power city council has exhibited. The arbitrary dismissal of Patricia was flat-out wrong. Because of her hard work and personal integrity, I believe Patricia should continue to serve the citizens of Westland. Patricia should run for state representative and give the citizens of Westland an elected official they can be proud of.

Carl Rawski II  
Westland

#### Census matters

(A letter to Westland residents on the census:)

First, I would like to offer my gratitude to all of you who have completed and sent in your census forms.

Now we are proceeding with the next step in the Census 2000 count. The census takers will be coming to those homes that have not returned their census questionnaires in order to retrieve this information. Once again, we would like to assure you that all said information will be kept confidential by law. These workers will all have official U.S. Census identification.

We are asking all residents to cooperate with the census takers so that they may complete this very important task. Your responses are crucial to our community getting its share of monetary funds available.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Robert J. Thomas  
Westland mayor

#### Independent voice

The titles said it all, "Gibbons good choice" and "Gibbons for House." Those readers have the right idea! Westland needs someone who is an "individual of honesty and personal integrity" representing them in Lansing.

Patricia has consistently held her personal political leanings in check. She did not allow her personal politics to influence her position as city clerk. Apparently though, choosing to file a grievance against a couple of current city council members for campaign violations is a political stance. If that is the kind of stance Patricia Gibbons will make on our behalf, let's send her to Lansing. Westland needs a strong, independent voice working for the citizens, not against them.

Darren Korby  
Westland

#### A hypocrite?

How hypocritical of Charlie Griffin to criticize the recall members for going to Romulus council meetings. Are we not allowed at open meetings? I thought that you could go to any meeting, from anywhere and speak (his words). Steve Johnson comes to our meetings (at Griffin's behest) to attack our people, and he doesn't live in Westland. Methinks he protests too much!!!!!!

Chuck Papineau

### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
How are you coping with the road construction season?



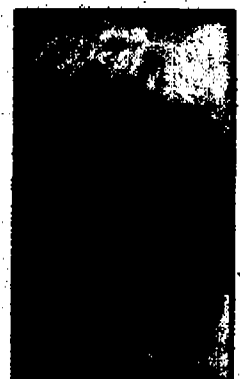
"Plymouth Road is going to affect us a lot. We live right off Plymouth Road."

Bridget DeLoe



"Being a stay-at-home mom, it doesn't affect me as much as the business people."

Dianna Smith



"I don't think it has been that bad this year - not yet, anyway. Construction on I-275 had more impact last year."

Shelia Deherly



"I'm dealing with it. What else can you do in terms of having long-term relief?"

Ed Saleh

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

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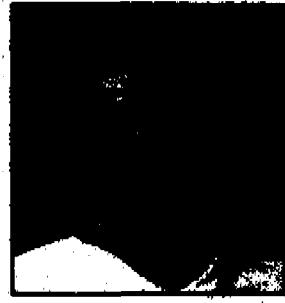
POINTS OF VIEW

# Academic All-Stars shine beacon of optimism, hope

**T**hey seem flush with optimism. They've come of age in a time of unprecedented prosperity and technological advancement, and when they look into the future they see their generation continuing mankind's march against poverty, despair, disease and ignorance. They are The Observer's Academic All-Stars and they have every right to believe that they and their contemporaries will make a better world and build on the wonders that have so recently transformed our lives. In today's Observer, we present these wonderful young adults and honor their hard work, their idealism, their intellectual curiosity, their stamina and, yes, their optimism. The Academic All-Stars are the best of the present and the promise of the future, and that's why it has become so important to The Observer that we

take time to call attention to these young people, who sometimes in the pecking order of high school society take a back seat to the athletes. We understand that. We also honor the athletes for their hard work and physical strength and grace. And, as you'll see when reading about these young people, many of them are both athletes and scholars, bookworms and social butterflies, artists and mathematicians. Their activities also suggest what kind of intelligent, active, productive citizens they will become. When the young people featured on our cover arrived to have their picture taken, their conversation included discussion of some really neat books they had been reading, recent math competitions and plans for college. They were uniformly warm, enthusiastic and willing to share.

The All-Stars are Paul Schultz of Catholic Central, Teresa Elizabeth Eley of Farmington Harrison, Daniel Freeman of North Farmington, Michael Levy of North Farmington, Laura Portwood-Stacer of Livonia Churchill, Luke Williams of Plymouth Canton, Jeffrey Grossman of Farmington Harrison, Qian Zhang of Livonia Churchill, Nicholas Demek of Livonia Sturchion, Sarah Ernst of Mercy High School, Timothy Bodnar of Plymouth Salem, Ryan King of Plymouth Salem, Marya Link of Farmington High, Alexis A. Black of Clarenceville,



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Ross Ian MacKenzie, Martina Moro of Wayne Memorial, Christine Chan of Plymouth Canton, Eva-Marie David of Mercy and Joseph Colombo of Redford Thurston. Much of the credit for these young people belongs to their parents, of course, but also to the many teachers who have inspired them. Each year, we ask the All-Stars to tell us about some of the teachers who have left their mark. This question gives some insight into what matters to a young scholar. Paul Schultz of Catholic Central writes of English teacher and track coach Gene Grewe: "In my mind, Mr. Grewe is what a teacher is supposed to be: supremely educated, thoroughly prepared, always accessible and having a genuine care for the education and welfare of his students." Pretty good definition and one

echoed in the praise of other teachers. Michael Levy of North Farmington High School writes of his computer aided design teacher Bruce Sutton: "He helped me move away from the concrete thinking of right and wrong that I developed in early education and showed me that there are many ways to solve a problem, and the best way is not always the most obvious." Qian Zhang and Laura Portwood-Stacer of Churchill High School both praise math teacher Mary Buda for her dedication, her challenge to be the best and for her kindness. These and the other teachers named have a right to be proud of these great young people. And, so do we all. Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of The Observer. He can be reached at (734) 953-2149, by e-mail at hgallagher@cc.homecomm.net or by fax at (734) 591-7279.

LETTERS

Gone too far

**B**renda Gracin and her "little" recall group have gone too far this time. In their overzealous attempt to intimidate the Westland City Council for not bending to the recall group's wishes, they attended a Romulus City Council meeting, in an effort to discredit David Cox. Although Mr. Cox's role is one in a government position, the complaints brought up had nothing to do with his performance as an employee for the city of Romulus. Instead, they began their usual innuendos and insinuations without a shred of truth in their condemnation of Mr. Cox. Fortunately, the members of the Romulus City Council saw them for what they are and they were told to go back to Westland. The council informed the recall group that Mr. Cox is a valuable and well-liked employee with the city of Romulus. For several months, these zealots have tried to discredit the Westland City Council with accusations of law

breaking. It has not been good enough that the prosecuting attorney decided that there has been no wrongdoing. The Westland city attorney has also agreed that no wrongdoing has occurred. The recall group has claimed collusion by both offices. The recall group has accused members of the Westland administration of harassment when they themselves have done the harassing. They have embellished their stories before the TV camera to the point of lies, to create sympathy with the Westland viewing audience. These people ask the same questions over and over again because they do not receive the answers they "want" to hear and claim they are being ignored. I attended a council meeting and watched as a member of their group threatened another person with physical violence for publicly speaking against their group. They have brought up our personal lives, which do not belong in this forum.

They have tried to include and disgrace our school district knowing the city and school district are two separate entities. I, too, have opened myself up for character assassination by this group, for writing this letter. But, this time they have gone just too far. Nothing is too dirty and too low for these people. We need to start telling this "little" group of people that they do NOT represent the populous of Westland and I, for one, do not want them as my political watchdog.

Robin Moore  
Westland

Sick and tired

**A**s a citizen, voter and taxpayer in this community, I am sick and tired of hearing the same repetitious statements at the council meetings from the same citizens every week. They're all nuts! They need to get a life. Believe me, there's more to life than complaining constantly all the

time. Use your energy in helping the unfortunate citizens or helping out at the senior center or working with children. These are definitely more rewarding. To the council, a good way to end all this bull is to not cablewise your meetings. I think these people only want to see their faces on TV. What's done is done. I bet my life these people didn't know this clerk that was discharged. They are using her as a tool. Shame! Also, I support prayer at your meetings.

Don Jenkins

Scott supporter

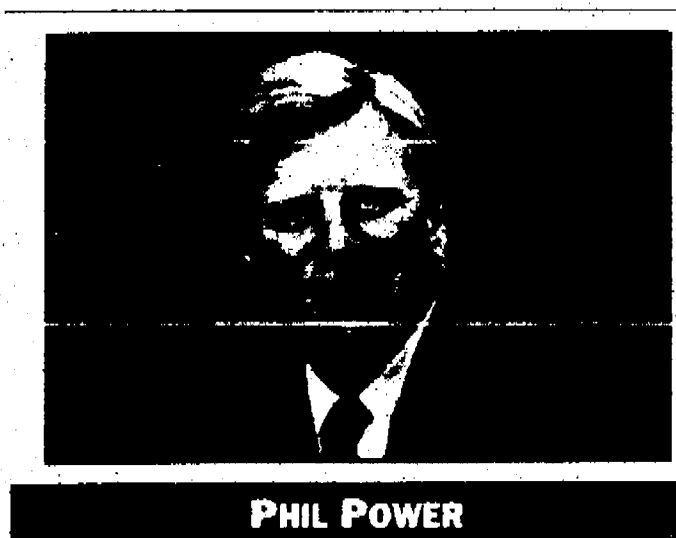
**I** feel fortunate to have Sharon Scott on the Westland City Council. In the eight years since she was first elected to the council, Sharon has been a leader on a number of important issues. When our late state Sen. William Faust was working in Lansing to secure state funds for the then-proposed Public Library of Westland, Sen. Faust and I had a number of con-

versations. We talked about support for local matching funds by the City of Westland. In each of our conversations, Sharon Scott was recognized as the one council member who would support a new library without hesitation. Westland has curbside recycling because of the efforts of the Recycling Committee which Sharon chaired and she has also been the council champion of the Westland Winterfest for years. Most importantly, Councilwoman Sharon Scott took the lead during budget hearings to convince other council members to provide city money for advanced life support training and equipment to Westland's Fire Department. Lives have been saved because of ALS and other communities envy Westland because we have ALS. For this hard work, Councilwoman Sharon Scott has earned my appreciation and thanks for a job well done.

Justine Barns  
Westland

## College education is still a terrific experience, investment for nation's youth

**I** admit it. I'm a sucker for ceremonies like weddings and graduations. I suppose it's mostly because the ritual makes concrete and intensifies the emotion of the event. I like university commencements best of all. I never fail to be moved at the sight of a young person - often the first in the entire history of the family - receiving a college degree and thereby entering "the community of educated men and women." The grin of the newly minted graduate turns incandescent and nobody minds when the family's whoops of joy punctuate the decorum of the ceremony. There were a lot of grins throughout Michigan last weekend. Something like 45,000 graduates and their families piled into Michigan Stadium for the University of Michigan's ceremonies, while President Clinton spoke on Sunday to a packed house at Eastern Michigan's commencement exercises in Ypsilanti. So when I was invited to say a few words at the commencement of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment at U-M, I was happy to put on my academic robe and proceed down the aisle to the tune of Jeremiah Clarke's fine air for trumpet. Sitting on the stage and listening to the awards being handed out and the speeches being given, I found myself reflecting on what is really going on at the core of this gigantic enterprise that takes adolescent high school graduates and over four years or so turns them into educated men and women. I had no idea what would become of the kids sitting before me, only partly stunk in their black robes, some with flowers stuck to their academic hats. Some would become landscape architects, while others would challenge the captains of industry as leaders of the environmental movement. Some might not even have a career in natural resources; they might go off to law school or become teachers. But each would have received while at the university an enormous injection of what might be called "human capital." And the value added to each graduate - value for society, value for the graduate - by the university experience is perfectly enormous. The dry data in the Digest of Education Statistics sum up the value added in cold, hard cash. In 1997, the last year for which statistics are available, men with less than a ninth grade education earn on average \$19,291 per year. Average annual earnings for male high school graduates rise to \$31,215. But the average BA graduate earned \$48,616. The earnings gains are even more remarkable



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as the years of investment in human capital increase. At the master's level, average earnings jump to \$61,051, while those who go on to a professional degree earn an average of \$85,011. I'm not certain measuring human worth in dollars and cents is the best way of doing it, but the facts possess a certain solidity. Investing in human capital through a college education pays off better than any other investment I can think of. Those in Lansing who preside over the allocation of taxpayer dollars might bear this fact in mind, especially when they consider the trade off between appropriating money to educate young people at Michigan universities and warehousing criminals in prisons. In my experience, universities don't make this point very well when they lobby the legislature at appropriations time. A Bartlett Giamatti, the former president of Yale, understood the issue when he wrote in his book, "A Free and Ordered Place": "Of all the threats to the institution, the most dangerous come from within. Not the least among them is the smugness that believes the institution's value is so self-evident that it no longer needs explanation, its mission so manifest that it no longer requires definition and articulation." It's no loss of dignity for university presidents to point out that their institutions add more value than any other. And it's hardly crass to point out that a dollar spent in developing young minds pays off better than any other investment the state can conceivably make. Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper and served as a Regent of the University of Michigan from 1987-98. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppou@homecomm.net.

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# Help Wanted: State focuses on recruiting workers

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The biggest obstacle to economic growth in Michigan today is a lack of skilled workers, not a lack of businesses, said Jeff Kaczmarek, senior vice president of Business Services for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

"The No. 1 issue is work force, a lack of people, a lack of skills. We have to focus on people recruitment rather than business recruitment," he said. "We need to increase the supply of workers. The population is not growing very quickly, and most businesses are constrained by their lack of ability to find skilled workers."

But efforts to bring highly skilled employees here are limited by the perception that Michigan isn't a particularly attractive place to be, Kaczmarek said. He spoke Thursday, April 27, to editors and publishers of the HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper. His presentation was made at a quarterly meeting of the company's editorial board in Livonia.

Kaczmarek was invited to address the group to explain the workings of the MEDC and to detail what he believes is needed for the state to continue its eco-

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Jeff Kaczmarek

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

conomic growth.

Michigan has a good reputation for recreation. But the perception of Michigan's business climate is dominated by the image of Michigan's largest city, Kaczmarek said. The MEDC is looking for ways to boost the state's reputation among businesses. Part of that will be a campaign to combine Michigan's recreational opportunities with its business recruitment efforts.

Michigan will likely see growth in three high technology industries, or "technology clusters," - advanced manufacturing, information technology, and life sciences. But that growth may be constrained if the state doesn't act to create "smart parks," industrial parks where businesses have access to shared high tech facilities.

Smart parks could consist of research laboratories, telecommunications centers, business incubator centers and the availability of enough fiber optic com-

munications.

Kaczmarek said the corporation hopes state lawmakers will approve legislation enabling construction of smart parks before the legislators break for the summer.

The state also needs to streamline the clearing up of land titles in urban areas. Assembling land is one of the most difficult tasks in redevelopment of older, blighted urban areas, he said.

Clearing up title work can be cumbersome, Kaczmarek said. He wants the legislature to enact laws making it easier to clear up that paper work. No bill on the topic has yet been introduced. Bills are being drafted, but he said he doesn't know who will sponsor such a proposal.

That's needed, Kaczmarek said, to curtail urban sprawl. Redirecting growth toward already developed central city areas would allow for continued economic development while avoiding the need to plow up

suburban fields, he said.

Other improvements Kaczmarek said he would like to see include:

■ Making the MEDC available 24 hours per day, seven days a week, always ready to respond to interested businesses.

■ Increasing the transfer of knowledge from Michigan universities to businesses. Few patent applications come from Michigan colleges, despite the large amount of research done here, Kaczmarek said.

■ Increasing the amount of venture capital available to businesses that want to set up shop here or expand current operations.

■ Increasing the amount of mass transit available in the Detroit area. The layout of the metro area will likely keep the state from developing a workable, sustainable light rail system, Kaczmarek said. Rather, he called for a flexible-route bus system.

Communities can join in the hunt for new businesses, Kaczmarek said.

"They need to have a single, visible source of contact," he said. "That is the most important thing they should do. When a business is interested in coming in, they want to talk to just one person."

And that person needs to know

what development opportunities are available in town, so he or she can respond quickly. Businesses often want responses to questions about demographics, regulations and availability of land in as little as 48 hours, Kaczmarek said.

Community attitude toward economic development is also important, he said.

"Why would a business want to go out and look at a community that is going to stall and delay at every point?" he said. "That's not good planning. The community needs to have a strategic plan, an approach to dealing with business. If they don't want to grow, that's fine, but you can't have it both ways."

Formerly the Michigan Jobs Commission, the MEDC was created by executive order from the governor just a year ago last

April. It receives two-thirds of its money from the legislature. The rest comes from grants and gambling revenues.

The MEDC is a public corporation, operating under public scrutiny and legislative oversight. The MEDC is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, Kaczmarek said. The MEDC has inter-local agreements with 40 communities, which serve as its board of directors. The corporation has 280 employees.

Its purpose is to attract businesses to the state, working competitively against other states that have similar operations, such as Florida and Wisconsin. Should a company want to move to Michigan, the MEDC is assigned to the job of working with the firm to streamline the approval process.

## Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall 2000 term will begin Monday, May 15, and continues through Friday, Sept. 1, for new and returning students.

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will be closed). Summer registration hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 19 to Aug. 4. Classes begin the week of Sept. 5.

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## Good deals found with little effort

**D**o you ever get an urge to go on a shopping spree, yet don't want to spend a lot of money? You can be assured of finding bargains at garage sales. When garage sales first became popular, they were held primarily on weekends. Now one can find sales Wednesday through Sunday.

Sales are advertised in newspapers, bulletin boards and by signs posted at strategic intersections. Telephone poles are often so strewn with signs that one has to stop the car to read them. In a heavily trafficked area, it is good to have a passenger to jot down addresses, drive-by style.

As the name implies, a garage sale is generally held inside a garage, using the driveway as an extension for an array of items such as bikes, exercise equipment, boxes of toys and furniture. The homeowner often sits at a small table inside the building, shielded from weather, where money is exchanged for goods. Some yard sales are labeled as such, because the yard is filled with belongings for sale. Estate sales are usually held inside the house where its entire contents are being sold.

### Neighborhood involvement

With participation from surrounding neighbors, garage sales attract throngs of people, generate an abundance of activity and can be very lucrative. People stroll up and down the streets, stopping at all the houses along the way.

It has a festive atmosphere, especially on a sunny day. Strangers engage in casual conversation about prices, quality, or special treasures they have unearthed. For some, garage sales are a necessity, while others view it as a hobby or even a spontaneous social event.

Folks from all walks of life and all ages frequent garage sales. My father-in-law and a couple of retired pals would start their morning with breakfast at a local restaurant, where they scanned newspapers for sales. Then they would scrawl a map on a napkin and begin their venture.

Many times, I ran into them on my jaunts. The trunk of their car was loaded with a hoard of useful and nostalgic treasures by mid-afternoon. Of course, they had to squirrel away the booty in garages before their wives saw how they had squandered their money. Youngsters discover affordable bicycles, skateboards and a variety of toys.

One of my friends is an avid antique collector and has found magnificent valuable pieces. She scouts the neighborhoods that consist mostly of senior citizens. In contrast, a young mother looks for areas where families with small children reside.

At one garage sale, I bought a mini-trampoline from a woman who said bouncing made her dizzy. I enjoyed the exercise, but my husband ran into the trampoline, broke his toe and I ended up selling it at my garage sale. Maybe that trampoline has been sold many times over. Another time, I bought an old sled that my husband plans to refurbish. Among the many treasures I have bought are unused coffeemaker, toaster and blender that were duplicates from somebody's wedding gifts. It is a challenge to find unique things and great fun to buy them at a fraction of their original cost.

Here are some important tips for having a garage sale:

- Before you start, check with your city and comply with their ordinance. Although some towns are lenient, others have specific restrictions. A permission certificate is sometimes required and signs are ordinarily allowed only on your property.

- Check the weather forecast. People are less likely to go out in cold or rainy weather.

- Advertise in your local newspaper and on bulletin boards in markets.

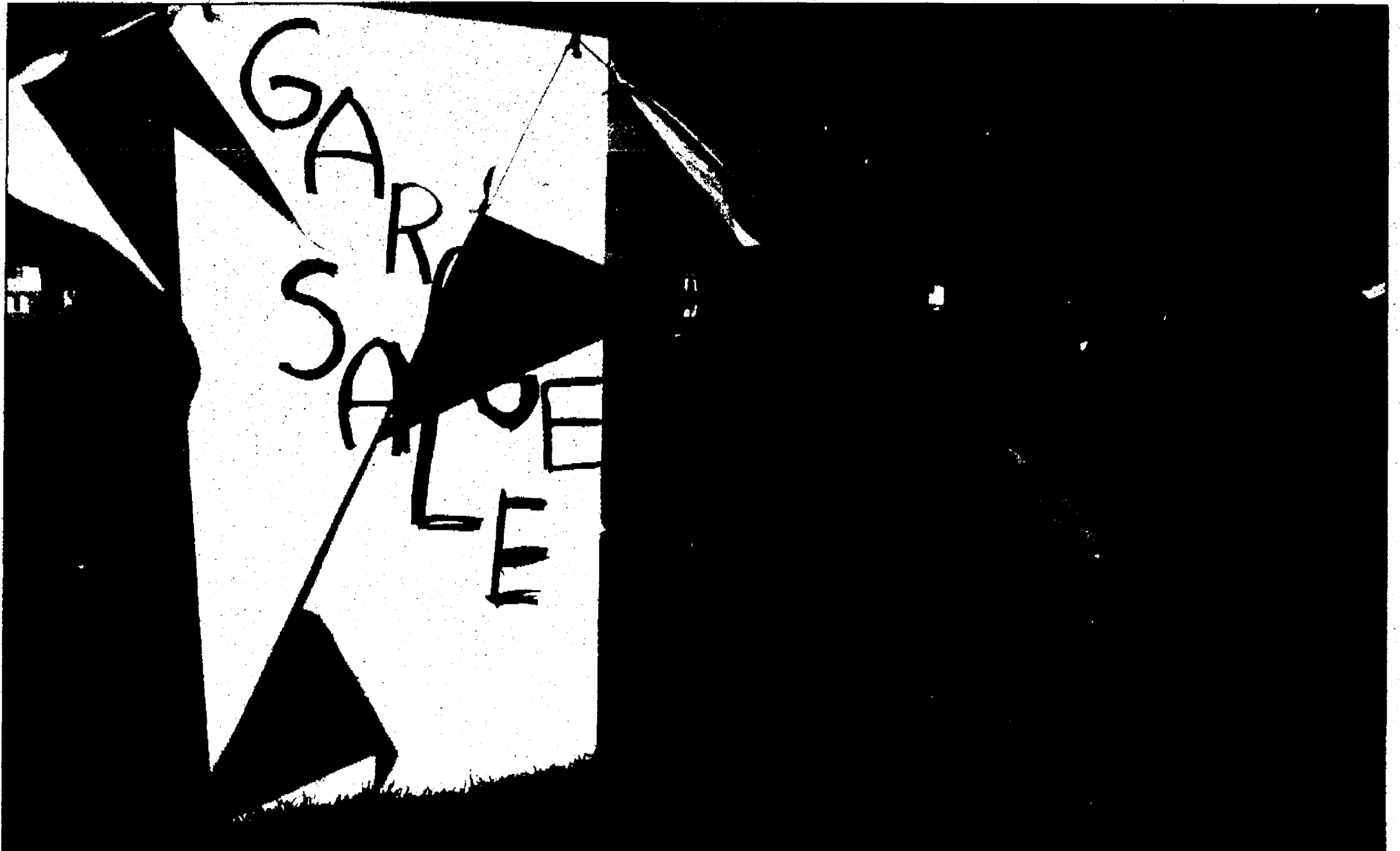
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## ONE MAN'S JUNK - ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

# Garage Sales

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



**Bargain Hunter:** Community Life Editor Kimberly Mortson finds a good deal while on assignment. Below left, Barbara Galliant of Garden City collaborated with her daughters on this garage sale chock-full of baby clothes, furniture and toys.



**I**l admit it - I'm a junkie. I've been one ever since I can remember and I have no intention of quitting. My drug of choice ... garage sales.

Nothing draws my attention away from the road faster than a collage of garage and yard sale signs haphazardly affixed to a telephone pole. It's a sheer work of art.

I find the winter months to be almost unbearable - having to lie dormant waiting for that first roadside sign or classified ad to crop up like a spring tulip. Now that winter has come and gone, sales are slowly starting to occur in neighborhoods and subdivisions in all of our communities and my mad money has been burning a hole in my pocket since the fall.

To feed my own habit and to understand the garage sale culture better, I recently spent the day with a staff photographer weaving our way through seven communities along the garage sale circuit observing peoples' sales, purchases, methods and philosophies about what makes a garage sale so appealing.

First and foremost we found you have to start early. Many clichés apply to garage sales, including "the early bird gets the worm," and "one man's junk is another man's treasure."

With that in mind, start scanning the classified section of the newspaper the week prior for sales during the upcoming week and weekend. Years ago most sales took place Friday through Sunday. Today, however, veteran sale holders peddle their

wares Thursday through Saturday and spend Sunday cleaning up and throwing out what's left.

"It really pays to advertise," said Barbara Galliant of Garden City. "This is only the second sale I've had in probably 20 years but we've had a lot of people come through here already and today's the first day."

### In search of

Photographer Bryan Mitchell and myself left the newspaper at 8 a.m. on a Friday with the classifieds and maps in hand. Many of the sales we circled had already started the day before so there was a good chance we missed a lot of the initial foot traffic and the good deals.

"People go to sales to get bargains, plain and simple," said Tracy Mason of Canton. "A lot of our bigger items went on the first day."

Garage sale shopping isn't for everyone. Some people aren't willing to travel all over the city, racking up the mileage on their cars just to save a few dollars. Also, these trips can prove to be unsuccessful. I'll admit there have been

days, even weeks, at a time when I didn't find a thing that interested me and that can be a little discouraging.

But on the flip side, a good find can be a truly joyous event. It's that one purchase that really makes all of the lackluster sales and tables of "another man's junk" worth it.

"I home school so I'm always looking for books and things like that for the kids," said Jennifer Kayden of



**Variety:** Barb Schmid of Canton looks through the children's clothing at Tracy Mason's sale in search of goodies for her grandchildren.

Garden City. "I also shop for clothes the kids can play in and stuff for the house."

When it comes to garage sales, *stuff* is the bottom line. You never know what you're going to happen across and what people are willing to part with once they start spring cleaning. I've seen everything from spaghetti stained Tupperware and feminine deodorizing products to handmade antique Irish lace and a stuffed squirrel mounted on a piece of driftwood.

"It's funny. You don't realize what will go. Having a garage sale is a good way to eliminate all that silly stuff that adds up after time," said

Mason. "If you really aren't sure you want to part with something you price it a little higher and see what happens, then the things you want to get rid of you price to go."

Barb Schmid, a Canton resident browsing the tables in Mason's garage, said she likes to look for household items and things for her grandchildren.

"I really enjoy garage sales. I look forward to them when it starts to get nice in April and May," said Schmid.

Schmid wasn't the only one who found a bargain at Mason's sale. I

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# Women's show scheduled today through the weekend

Ladies, you're invited to the spring's hottest event for women of all ages! A place where you can celebrate how good it feels to be a woman.

Among the highlights — you'll be pampered with makeovers, high-energy fashion shows, informative seminars, delicious food sampling and some of the best shopping of the year. If you haven't guessed yet it's the Michigan International Women's Show starting today through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center.

Bring yourself, your mother, a neighbor, friend or co-worker and enjoy a variety of events and offerings from finding a new look for spring to products that will bring out the best in you. Professionals from Avon will be on hand to help you create the perfect look. Plus, you'll find fabulous skin care products and the latest in cosmetics from Arbonne, Equibal, Michelle's Salon and Day Spa and Marlo Beauty Supply. You'll walk away from the show feeling refreshed and revived.

Looking to add a little sizzle to your wardrobe? Check out Group USA's "Models! Information! Music!" for the latest styles in business suits, bridesmaids gowns and even that dream wedding gown. Plus, attend "Psychology of the Closet," presented by Jackie Walker, a nationally recognized personal image consultant. After leaving the show, you'll never say "I don't have anything to wear."

Meet Oprah Winfrey's secret weight-loss weapon — Bob Greene, nationally known fitness expert and author who will demonstrate a breakthrough in exercise and fitness equipment.

The ProBell system, introduced by Michigan-based Premise Products, Inc., is a free weight system which can be used by men and women of virtually any level of fitness for a wide range of exercise routines. It provides versatility of traditional dumbbells with the convenience of a compact and adjustable unit that can be used in a home or office.

"This product is revolutionary in its simplicity," said Greene. "For convenience, variety, effectiveness and quality, the patented ProBell system allows for quick weight adjustment and gives you an entire weight room with virtually no floor space. It is terrific for both men and women."

### Shifting gears

Is improving your mind a priority? You can stay informed on a variety of topics from financial management to osteoporosis. Plus, meet Mitch Albom, author of the best-seller "Tuesday's With Morrie."

Take a moment to focus on your health. At the show, you'll find plenty of health information from menopause to breast cancer. Watch demonstrations and talk with doctors and professionals from BlueCross BlueShield, the Botsford Health Care Consortium and the Birmingham Menopause Institute. Looking for the perfect gift for Mom on Mother's Day? How about a

night out of the kitchen. You'll find some gourmet goodies at the show like Lowcountry specialties Shrimp & Grits and She Crab Soup from Southern D'Lites. The Farmer Jack Food Pavilion will be brimming with food — luscious samples, mouth-watering recipes, quick meal ideas, cooking demonstrations and plenty of coupons.

And if shopping is what you love, look no further. You'll find over 400 specialty boutiques with everything from cosmetics and fashion hair products to jewelry, home decor, health/fitness products and one-of-a-kind gifts plus travel ideas and more.

The 2000 Michigan International Women's Show is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 4 through Saturday, May 6 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Admission is \$7, adults; \$4, youth 6-12; and free for kids under 6. For information call (800) 849-0248 or visit the show's Web site at [www.southernshows.com/wde](http://www.southernshows.com/wde)

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clearly. Remove all signs after the sale.

■ Put price tags on all items. If you choose not to negotiate prices, post a sign to that effect.

■ Categorize and group together: Kitchenware, Books, Clothing, Toys, Sporting Goods, Tools, Antiques.

■ Use tables for displaying items — easier to view and handle.

■ Wash children's clothes and toys, then separate girls and boys things.

■ Hang clean clothes on racks or clotheslines, preferably by size.

■ Don't overprice! People are looking for real bargains.

Remember the garage sale motto: One man's junk is another man's treasure.

Ellen Herscher is a Farmington Hills resident.

# Treasure from page B1

scopped up an already re-finished "gossip" or "telephone" table that just needs a new fabric seat — nice find for only \$35.

### Alternatives

Referred or advertised as garage sales, we found many residents moving to another residence chose their house as the stage for their sale. Typically people who have already moved out of their home or have heavy items they don't want to move three and four times will allow people to walk through their house for the sale. Estate sales oftentimes take this form if a person dies and the family opts to pare down what they keep by selling things right out of the home.

We ran across three moving sales and found mostly clothes, furniture and household items. If you're comfortable with a more personal approach to a sale then you won't be bothered traipsing through someone's bedroom to look at their oak armoire. These sales can be particularly good sometimes because homeowners get to the point where they want to move on to their new home and have no trouble discounting their goods to part ways fast.

A third option to the garage sale is an auction. Again, these take place in a home or spill out into the yard, garage and basement to avoid the seller having to move big ticket items.

### The one that got away

A few hazards to garage selling, other than getting lost or coming across a sale that was advertised as "huge" only to find it bordering on petite, is just missing that one particular item that would have made all your travels worth it.

I spotted a small, antique wicker rocking chair for my

daughter as soon as we made our way up the driveway of a Garden City garage sale. As I walked over to pick it up — not even caring how much the price on the orange sticker read — I realized the woman that walked up just ahead of us already claimed it as her own and placed it next to the table where the homeowner was cashing people out.

Although I wasn't specifically looking for a wicker chair, I'm still pining away over my loss.

At our next stop we ran across Albert Rickard of Farmington Hills and his friend Sam Plunkett of Brighton at a Garden City sale. The pair are retired electricians who say garage selling is a way for them to "keep busy."

"It's something to do," said Rickard.

"It's interesting. You never know what you're going to come by and it's a nice way to spend our time," added Plunkett, who said they look for tools "or whatever" to add to their own garages which are "full of junk."

Kathy Falzon of Redford said she gets together with her mother and sister to hold their garage sale. "It's a lot of fun to go with someone," said Falzon standing in her own garage amidst her first sale of the season.

"I know when I'm out I look for clothes for my kids because they grow and wear out of things so fast and I look for household stuff for our cottage," said Falzon. "For myself I keep my eye open for antiques."

Whatever your passion — whether it be pewter thimbles or pickle green mason jars — garage selling is a great way to spend a lazy Saturday, discover a new city, meet your neighbors and maybe, just maybe, find another man's treasure.

# Livonia music benefit to aid two area organizations

A group of friends and colleagues from throughout southeastern Michigan will gather for a benefit performance to support

the Conductive Education Center and United Cerebral Palsy.

"Lee Tilson's Thunder and Lightning Band" will perform at

Fat Willy's in Livonia at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Proceeds from the event will be donated to United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit and the Conductive Education Center of Metropolitan Detroit.

According to Tilson, the group is "a throwback to garage bands of the sixties" and is made up of professionals who like to have fun but don't take themselves too seriously.

Conductive Education is a system of education for children and adults with physical and multiple disabilities originating from damage to the central nervous system. CECMD was incorporated in March 1999 by a group of parents who felt their children may benefit from Conductive Education.

Since then, CECMD has had

three 5-week sessions with conductors in which all the children benefited in some way. In the first session, two 5-year-old boys were toilet trained. One 4-year-old girl learned to walk without her walker. The other children made significant gains in their motor skills. There currently are six children in the group and all have Cerebral Palsy.

Tilson, a Detroit resident and lawyer, said because of the flexibility of the band the groups name changes from "gig to gig" depending on who booked the engagement.

"Lee Tilson's Thunder and Lightning Band" will take the stage at 8 p.m. at Fat Willy's (19170 Farmington Road, just north of Seven Mile) of Livonia Saturday, May 6. Admission is \$10.

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Tuesday, May 09, 2000 the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1998	FORD	RANGER/P-U	RED/BK	1FTCR14TKJPA87105
1998	FORD	TOWNCAR/4 DR	BROWN	1LNBM81F5JY749020
1998	DODGE	DYNASTY/4 DR	BLACK	1B3BC46K9KD568484
1981	FORD	VAN	WHT/GRN	1FDEE14N1MHB20444
1987	DODGE	RAM/VAN	BLACK	2B4HB21T0HK306071
1984	TOYOTA	TERCEL/2 DR	BLUE	JT2EL31G9J0259841
1988	VOLKSW	GOLF/2 DR	SILVER	1VWBA0178FV012939
1985	FORD	ESCORT/2 DR	WHITE	1FABP3193FW316894

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6378 Elix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY-STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1988	PLY.	HORIZON/4 DR	SILVER	1P3BL18D9KY433382
1987	PLY.	VOYAGER/VAN	RED	2P4FH51G5HR211235
1977	OLDS.	VISTACAR/WGN	VEL/BRN	3H35R7191543
1991	FORD	KIA/2 DR	WHITE	KNJPT06H3M6108505

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

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**CORRECTION**

A special camp for children and young adults struggling with cancer was profiled in the Thursday, April 20, issue of the Community Life Section.

The camp was incorrectly named and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The correct name is Camp Make-A-Dream.

# Two great reasons to have a GARAGE, YARD, OR PORCH SALE!

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**ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS**

**Smith-Depa**

David and Charlene Smith of Fowlerville announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Marie, to Michael Thomas Depa of Lansing.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fowlerville High School, Eastern Michigan University and teaches special needs children for Livingston County Educational Services.

Her fiancé, son of Thomas Depa of Fenton and Ann Knox of Ypsilanti, is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, Eastern Michigan University and obtained his master's degree at University of Michigan. He works for the Air Quality Division for the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing.



An August wedding is planned at United Brethren Church of Christ in Fowlerville.

**Fulkerson**

James and Betty (Jacob) Fulkerson celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this May. The couple wed on May 6, 1950 in Toledo, Ohio and have lived in Garden City since 1955.

James Fulkerson worked for Bancroft Abrasives in Dearborn. His wife, Betty, was employed by the Wayne County Intermediate School District. Both retired more than 10 years ago. The couple enjoys traveling and gardening. James hunts and fishes and Betty enjoys making porcelain dolls and other crafts.

The Fulkersons have three children and five grandchildren. Siblings James Fulkerson, Susanne Serman and Donna Marks plan to join their parents



and family friends for dinner and festivities May 28 at Angelo Brothers Restaurant in Westland.

**Roberts-Hutting**

Grace Roberts of Livonia and Bill and Debbie Roberts of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Matthew Blane Hutting.

The bride-to-be is a West Bloomfield High School graduate and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She earned her master's degree in Education from Saginaw Valley State University in 1997 and works for Dewitt Public Schools as a French teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Patrick and Carolyn Hutting of Dimondale and Jeffrey and Margo Sauter of Grand Ledge, is a 1988 graduate of Charlotte High School. He attended Lansing Community College and graduated from



Michigan State University in 1993. He is employed by Ingham County.

A July wedding is planned at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing.

**Burley-Blankenship**

Laura and David Heyser of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Ann Burley to Jason Lee Blankenship.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern

Michigan University student and works for Bergstrom's Heating and Cooling.

Her fiancé, son of Holton and Lynn Pittman of Detroit, is a plumber with Mastercraft.

An August 2001 wedding is planned.

**Marsh-Horvath**

Kathy Mimnaugh-Story formerly of Livonia and Mike Marsh Sr. of Tennessee announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Kathleen Marsh to George Alex Horvath of Belleville.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and now works for Coca Cola Company in Van Buren Township.

Her fiancé, son of George and Judy Horvath of Detroit, works for A.S.W. Logistics in Van Buren Township.

An August wedding is planned at St. Theodore's Catholic



Church in Westland.

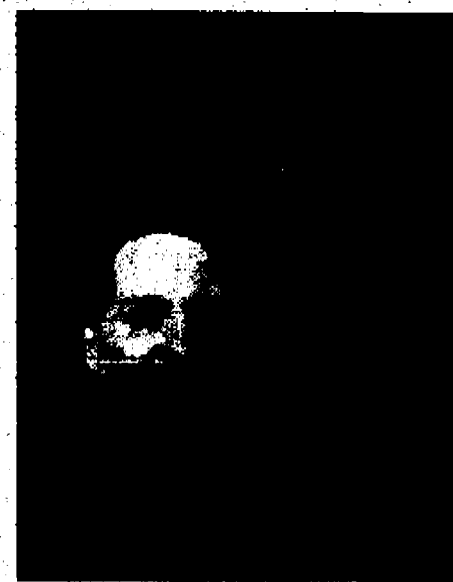
**Tichik-Caruso**

Mel and Evy Tichik of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Ellen, to William Joseph Caruso of Redford.

The bride-to-be is an Oak Park High School graduate and works as an administrative assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Bill and Ann Caruso of Redford, is a Thurston High School graduate and works in sales.

A July wedding is planned at Victoria's Wedding Chapel in Waterford.

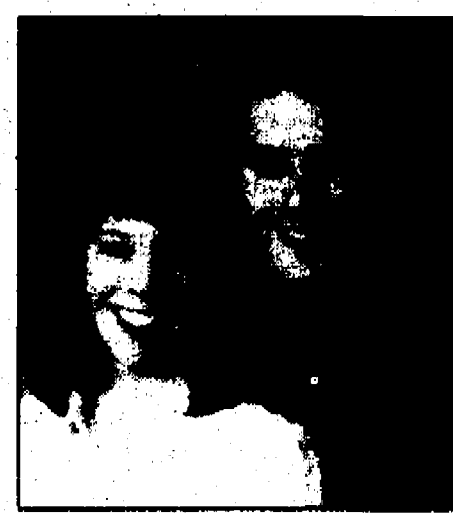


**Schwab-Bonadeo**

Cheryl and Edward Isabel of Livonia and Barry and Melanie Schwab of White Lake announce the engagement of Colleen Ann Schwab to Nico Eugene Bonadeo of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan - Dearborn who works in the marketing department of Superior Consultant Company, a health-care and information technology consulting firm in Southfield.

Her fiancé, son of Gene and Rosanna Bonadeo of Novi, is a 1999 graduate of Lawrence Technological University and works as a design engineer at MacValves in Wixom.



An October wedding is planned at St. Genevieve Church. The couple will receive guests at Laurel Manor.

**Davis-Fradette**

Michael and Renae Davis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Gregory Michael Fradette of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Divine Child High School, a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a kindergarten teacher in Farmington Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Donald and Mary Ann Fradette of Novi, is a 1991 graduate of John Glenn High School and works at Ford Motor Company on Sheldon Road.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne.

**Walters-Rork**

Orren and Johanne Walters of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristianne Marie, to Jerome Rork of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is pursuing a degree in Psychology from Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Paul and Elaine Rork of Canton, is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is pursuing a degree in Telecommunications from Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield.

A June wedding is planned at St. Richard's Catholic Church in



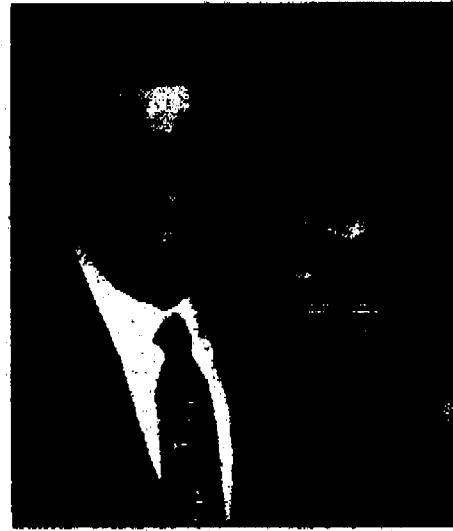
Westland.

**Ozdarski-Quatro**

Frank and Nina Ozdarski of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Elizabeth, to Cary Daniel Quatro of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Thurston High School and a new graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She will be working for Spectrum Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Vona Quatro of Westland, is a graduate of Franklin High School and a 1998 graduate of University of Michigan - Dearborn, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He works for Old Kent Bank in



Grand Rapids.

An October wedding is planned at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford. The reception will follow at the Italian-American Club.

**Scappaticci-Guberinich**

Silvio and Georgia Scappaticci of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cristina, to Danny Guberinich of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and works for S&S Services Management Company.

Her fiancé, son of Zoran and Voyna Guberinich of Ann Arbor, is a graduate of Denison University and works for Datascope Corporation.



An August wedding is planned.

**Allen-Yee**

William and Kathryn Janes of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Michelle Allen, to Brian Robert Yee of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of University of Michigan and works in linguistic research.

Her fiancé, son of Karen Yee of Livonia, is a University of Michigan graduate who works as a World Wide Web developer.

An August wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church. They will receive guests at Plymouth Manor.



**NEW ARRIVALS**

Jason and Jaclyn Wetmore of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Marie, April 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins brother Brendan Allen. Grandparents are James and Judy Wetmore of Westland and Anthony and Cheryl Elkins of Lincoln Park.

Andy and Kim Jones of Canton announce the birth of their son, Zachery Alan, April 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Andy Jones II and Kaylee. Grandparents are Mike and Cherrie Walter of Westland and Bud and Sandy Kline of Garden City.

Matthew and Tammy Fournier of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Katie Lynn, April 11 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are William and Suzanne Schaffer of Livonia, Ted and Jan Fournier of Westland and Terri and Greg Kennedy of Mount Pleasant.

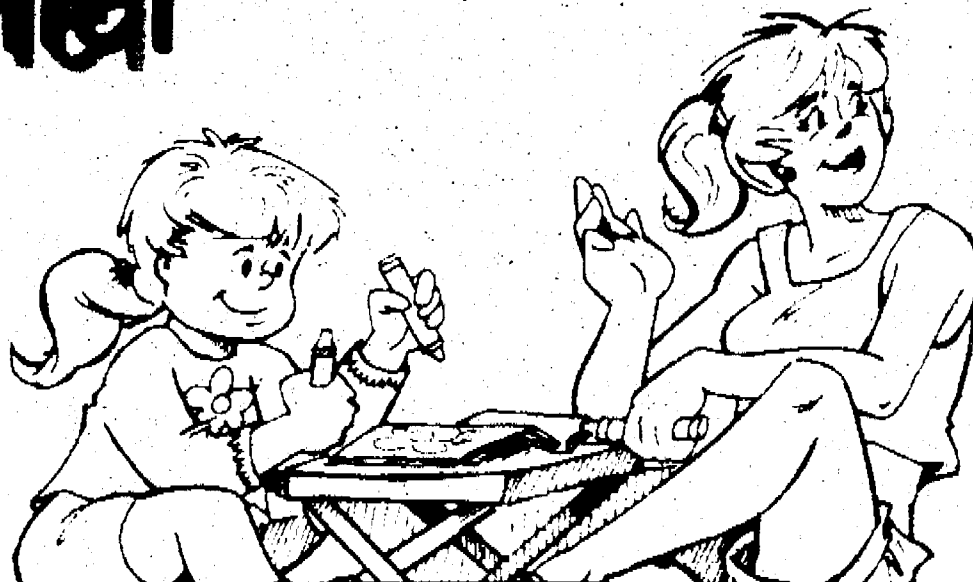
Daniel and Jennifer Rauton of Belleville announce the birth of Hailey Rose February 10 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Tom and Julie Dunigan of Westland and Ed and Linda Perkins of Wayne. Mark and Isabelle Blanton of Westland and Don and Nancy Clarke of Beaverton are her great-grandparents. Dorothy Clarke of Gaylord is her great-great-grandmother.

Jason and Cheryl Johnson of Canton announce the birth of Kayla Raine April 24 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins sister Karissa Renee. Grandparents are Dave and Pat Douglas of Willis and Danny and Gail Johnson of Plymouth.

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# CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3323 and its Ladies Auxiliary will have a blood drive 1-7 p.m. Monday, May 8, at 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Walk-ins are welcome. For information, call Randy Buck at (734) 955-3261.

### 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 Ieham, (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. Mail 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 for information.

### ANGEL CARE

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

### CROCHET ANGELS

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

### VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food and clothing distribution is available. The center is located two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road. Those who need help filing for a service-connected disability may see Winnie Busby, a national service officer with the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1-3:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 882-6424. Those who have filed for Social Security and/or a VA pension because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi, call (610) 227-1210 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) 721-2621) 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 run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and 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. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

### ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. To register, call (313) 274-6270.

### YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located at 28279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

### CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The

## Town Hall



**Mayor speaks:**  
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.

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, Tues-

day and Thursday for age 3. For information, call Michelle at (734) 762-5255.

### WILLOW CREEK

Willow Creek Co-op, on Cherry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland, is having open registration for the 2000-01 school year. Openings are still available for ages 3-4 classes. For information, call Julie, (734) 595-0238.

### FRANKLIN PTSA

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

### TUTORIAL PROGRAM

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

### ADULT LITERACY

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

### MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

## HISTORIC

### PIONEER TREK

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the rich history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that had an impact on the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland

Museum. For more 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

### OPEN HOUSE

An open house/book fair will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Wayne Tower, 35200 Sims, Wayne. The apartment building is for seniors age 62 and older. For information, call (734) 721-9254.

### 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 60 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 for more information.

## 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. For more information, call (313) 438-3099.

### T.O.P.S.

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

### T.O.P.S.

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

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

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

### Event:

### Date and Time:

### Location:

### Telephone:

### Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary



# Jesus, the High Priest and Dr. Spock

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



LES HARDIN

The last time I wrote for this column we talked about those rare occasions when the movies teach us lessons about spirituality and the Christian life.

Now remember, the movies aren't your source of theology; the Bible is your only word from God.

But look closely and you may see these biblical principles showing up in obscure places.

Take one of my favorite Star Trek movies, for instance: *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Kahn*. It's got everything a movie buff could want: treachery, unexplored regions of space and technology, a bit of romance and everybody's favorite enemy, the Klingons!

The stage is set for the big climactic scene at the end of the movie. The warp core is damaged and the entire crew faces annihilation unless they stumble upon some strange intervention. Risking his own life, Spock enters the engineering room and dramatically fixes the warp core with his bare hands.

He knows this is suicide, and his best friend, Captain Kirk, knows it as well. But Spock draws upon his famed logic faculties and proclaims this bit of truth to Kirk: "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few."

Then Kirk, "Or the one." This dramatic scene portrays the sacrifice of one individual for his friends.

Is it true? Is it true that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or even the one? That one man's life must be given for the needs of an entire community? You'd expect something like that to come from the mouth of Jesus himself, but it doesn't. It comes from the mouth of one of Jesus' most vehement enemies, High Priest Joseph Caiaphas.

He proclaims to the Sanhedrin, "It is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish" (John 11:50). Caiaphas wants Jesus dead, and he counts the life of one man a benefit to the whole nation. The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few ... or the One.

### Treachorous example

Caiaphas certainly was a treacherous man. He married into one of the most notorious families of the Jewish high priesthood, the family of Annas Hanan. A first-century historian, Josephus, tells us that Caiaphas was eventually forbidden by the Roman government to ever serve as high priest of the Jewish nation.

And Caiaphas wasn't above using others to further his own agenda. In fact, John makes it clear a couple of verses later that Caiaphas and his buddies began to plot to take Jesus' life

(John 11:53).

So why did Jesus do it? Why allow himself to be taken by these men? He certainly wasn't overcome by them, for the gospel writers make it clear that Jesus laid down his own life. At one point during the arrest itself, power goes out from Jesus, knocking the entire brigade to the ground, reminding them that they can only arrest him because he allows it (John 18:6). So why? Why lay down your life? Why consider your life worth handing over to the executioners knowing that you are innocent?

Jesus did so to prevent every other human being in history from having to lay down his life for his own sins. Jesus knew that he was the only one who could remove the sins of the entire human race. He knew that the decision between his own life and the lives of every other human being that ever trod the planet hung in the balance. Just like Spock, he chose to give his own life in exchange for the lives of his friends.

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few ... or the One.

Les Hardin has served as the minister of Christian education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and lives with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at [memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com](mailto:memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com). Memorial Church of Christ is located at 35475 Five Mile Rd. Livonia.

# Grief Issues Group focuses on teens

Dealing with the loss of a loved one is a "journey not to be taken alone," according to Patti Briggs, professor of psychology at Oakland Community College.

Briggs is offering a bereavement group in conjunction with Cathy Clough, director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville.

The focus of the six-week program, scheduled from 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesdays beginning May 9, will be on teens dealing with the loss of a loved one whether it be a parent, sibling, friend, or relative such as a grandparent or cousin.

"The Grief Issues Group will help teens deal with the overwhelming feelings of isolation, depression, lethargy and irrational feelings," said Briggs, whose own 14-year-old daughter was killed several years ago.

Briggs, along with her daughter Melissa, will facilitate the class which is open to children from age 12 into their early 20s.

"It's easier to break the isolation people feel in a group of their peers. Grieving emotionally and psychology is necessary before you can start to heal. You even start to question your own sanity, because it's hard to imagine something can hurt so badly without having any physical wounds," said Briggs, a Dearborn resident.

Some of the topics Briggs hopes to cover include what is bereavement and what are the feelings associated with it; irrational feelings; depression, lethargy; isolation; how to adjust to life without your loved one in it; gaining a sense of who you are now that these changes have occurred; and memorializing the person through rituals.

"Every year we remember my daughter with a balloon launch," said Briggs. "Rituals become a very important part of the healing process."

The OCC professor said it's important for anyone, particularly teens, to talk about the loss and for friends and family

to "allow conversation about the person who died."

"We'll talk about what it was like when they died, how they were feeling, were they there and other issues relating to the death," said Briggs. "I encourage young people to come and try it out. It's OK to feel bad and it's necessary to feel bad before you can feel better."

If you are a teen interested in attending or a parent/guardian who would like your child to participate, the Grief Issue Group will meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Newman House (Schoolcraft College Campus) on Haggerty Road and Six Mile. For information and registration forms call (248) 348-0115 or e-mail [nhope@altavista.com](mailto:nhope@altavista.com). There is no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Briggs also recommends the book "Tiger Eyes," by Judy Blume as a fictional resource for teens. It's about a 15-year-old girl dealing with the loss of her father who was murdered.

# Maybury State Park spring schedule

Maybury State Park has several spring programs planned during April and May. There is no fee for these events, however, a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park.

### Wildflower hike

Maybury State Park will host a Spring Wildflower Hike at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Join the park interpreter as we walk some of the trails through the park in search of early wildflowers and other signs of spring. Meet at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck.

### Farm stories

Maybury Farm will again host its monthly Farm Stories programs for children. Join us at

11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 in the farm classroom building as we read stories about farm animals, followed by a short activity. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park in Northville Township. Enter the park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck.

### Sheep Shearing Days

Maybury Farms' 20th Annual Sheep Shearing Days will take place from 1-4 p.m. May 13 and 14. Watch the sheep lose their woolly coats and see how wool is processed into yard during carding and spinning demonstrations. Maybury Farm is located inside Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township.

### Bird Hikes

Maybury State Park hosts bird identification hikes throughout the year. These hikes give us a chance to observe bird species seen in the park, and record dates, locations and trends from year to year. We explore a variety of habitats throughout the park, and each hike lasts one to two hours. Spring is a great time to look for migrating birds and nesting behavior. The hikes are open to all regardless of birding experience. Plan to join us on any of the following dates:

May 13 meet at 8 a.m. at the Concession Building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck.

June 10 meet at the riding stable parking lot at 8 a.m. Beck Road, a mile south of Eight Mile Road.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

### CRAFTERS SOUGHT

The Belleville Central Business Community has extended its deadline for artists in the downtown area during the Belleville National Strawberry Festival scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18. This is a juried craft show open only to creators of fine arts and quality crafts. Call (734) 697-7151.

### GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW

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

### CHELSEA SUMMER FEST

Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth

hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 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 that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

### FALL CRAFT SHOW

Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery,

jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$55; a 10' by 10' space costs \$40; an 8' by 9' space is \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by May 5. To obtain an application, contact (734) 462-4417.

## Recumbent bike rally upcoming

The third annual Michigan Recumbent Rally is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the Willow Metropark Pool Shelter.

If your regular upright bike is becoming more and more of a discomfort to ride this is your opportunity to test ride a recumbent, talk to test riders, view displays of trikes and tandems, and participate in a group recumbent ride at noon.

Recumbent refers to the seated position. They usually have two wheels although some have three and are most often powered by pedaling with your legs, but some bents are handpowered, and some are both hand and foot powered. The seats are larger and you actually sit in the seat rather than on top of it.

Sponsored by the Michigan Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists, a "buying your first recumbent workshop" will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the same day.

While the rally will not be conducting any "formal" rides, maps with suggested ride routes of 8, 20, 25, 45, and 62 miles will be available. Also, cyclists are urged to try out the 25 mile interconnected, traffic-free bike path system of Willow, Oakwoods and Lower Huron Metroparks.

If you can't make the rally, the Michigan Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists meet the second Saturday of the month at the Willow Metropark Pool Shelter. The Wolver Bents also ride at the Stony Creek Metropark Eastwood Beach Shelter on the third Saturday of the month. For both events, recumbent talk/displays and test rides take place from 9-10 a.m. followed by a group ride at 10 a.m.

Visit their Web site at

[www.imb.org/wobents](http://www.imb.org/wobents) or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Bob Krzewinski, 706 Dwight Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. To be placed on an e-mail list (10-12 per year) send a message to [bobmich@compuserve.com](mailto:bobmich@compuserve.com). For general information call (734) 487-9055.

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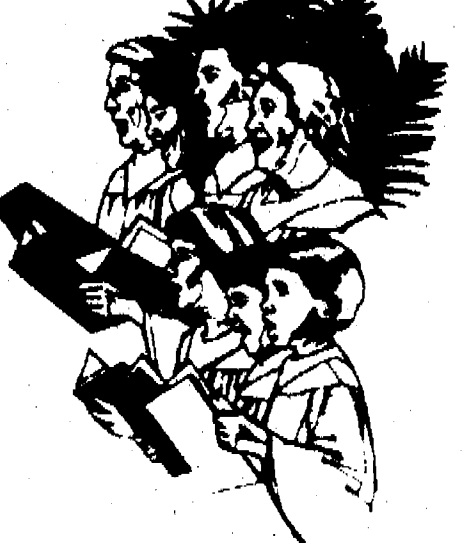
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RELIGION CALENDAR

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive, sponsored by the Canton Hindu Temple from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Canton Hindu Temple is located at 44955 Cherry Hill Rd. in Canton. For information call (734) 981-8730.

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

**REDEEMED TREASURES**  
Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can have your car washed and detailed for a donation.

**PRAYER GROUP**  
Madonna University Prayer Group will meet Sunday, May 7 at 6 p.m. to hear guest speaker Ben Stapel, D.C.C.R. representative. Everyone is welcome to join us. Meet in Patio Classroom #1 (14221 Levan Road). Call John, 422-5611 or Cecile 591-3247.

**GUEST SINGER**  
Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia) has the privilege to welcome Dr. Ross F. Jutsum, at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Jutsum will perform thanks to a sponsorship by the Clarenceville United Methodist Church at the Gathering. He has composed over 100 songs and in the fall of 1998 released two albums, "Rivers of Living Water," and "Silent Night." This fall he released a new album of sacred easy-listening piano arrangements called "To God Be the Glory."

**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 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.

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

**PRAYER VIGIL**  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westland (5885 Venoy Road) will host a National Day of Prayer event Thursday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. All are welcome. Call (734) 425-0260.

**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/wme. "The Marriage

Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1060 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 Dutkawa@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.

**UUCF SUNDAY SERVICES**  
Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for May 7: Guest speaker Maryann Mahaffey, Detroit City Council President Pro Tem, returns to our pulpit. Also inductions to the Honorable Order of the Red Vest senior group. 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. at 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River). For information call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf

**CHAI DINNER**  
Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold the 41st annual Chai Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the synagogue (31840 W. Seven Mile in Livonia). The 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.

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON**  
Enjoy a potluck luncheon with like-minded senior citizens (Wise Guys N' Gals) at unity of Livonia Fellowship Hall (28660 Five Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) at 11:30 a.m. May 11. Max Nemazi will be showing slides of exotic animals on the famous Pacific Island of Galapagos where Darwin conducted his research on evolution.

**MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE**  
Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) will hold identical services honoring mothers for Mother's Day at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The services will be followed by a pancake breakfast. Mothers eat for free while adults are \$3 and children are \$1.50. Plants and flowers will also be available for purchase priced just above cost.

**COFFEE WITH YOU**  
Gerry MacBean, mystic presenter, will host a night of poetry and sharing at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads) at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16. This is a new monthly series, Coffee with You — all are welcome. For more information call (734) 421-1760.

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

**ADOPTION SEMINAR**  
Interested in domestic or international adoption? Please join us for an informational seminar, free of charge, the First Church of the Nazarene in Novi at 10 a.m. May 20. Call Adoption Associates at (248) 474-0990 for directions.

**YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY**  
Young Adults of Unity is a spiritual group for singles, couples and all young adults ages 18-35 seeking fellowship and fun. This group is open to high school graduates, college students and young couples seeking spiritual support. Young Adults of Unity will be having a spaghetti social at 6 p.m. May 20 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Middlebelt Road). Young Adults of Unity also has a Bible study the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. at the church.

**STORY OF GOD/THE PEOPLE**  
Covenant Community Church (25800 Student St. in Redford) presents Savior... the story of God's passion for his people. A musical production done in the spirit of the Messiah and the style of Les Miserables. Begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 21. Free admission. Nursery provided.

**WORLD HEALING SERVICE**  
On Mon., May 22 and Mon. June 19 a World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity Teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads). Come and pray for healing of Mother Earth, your loved ones, mankind, the world and yourself. Call (734) 421-1760.

**LIVONIA PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
The 26th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7:15-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 23 at St. Mary's Cultural Center (18100 Merriman Road) in Livonia between Six and Seven Miles roads. The theme of this year's event is "Think Globally, Act Locally." Richard E. Stearns, president of World Vision United States, will be the guest speaker. Part of the proceeds from this year's Prayer Breakfast will be used for local and global charities through World Vision U.S. For tickets call Sally Butler, (248) 476-9427.

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**ONGOING**  
Friends of Garden City resident Joe Ziurinkas, who recently died in a construction accident, are collecting donations for his children ages six and four. A former employee of Complete Health and Fitness, the business will be collecting monetary donations if individuals want to drop them off or send them to: Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. Checks should be made payable to: Anthony and Emily Ziurinkas. A 1989 graduate of Garden City High School, the administration office is also accepting donations. Money will be placed into a trust fund for the children's education. In the future Standard Federal Bank will be handling the fund.

**SPRING SALE**  
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church (16700 Newburgh) in Livonia will host its Annual Spring Rummage Sale (something 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 Piaton 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.

**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.

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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 fundraising 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 donated gifts and participate in 50/50 drawings. Call (313) 386-0544. If you would like to make a donation, send checks payable to: Eric Filipowicz, 8477 Becker, Allen Park, MI 48101.

**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' audio-visual 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 "Ventricular 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. Contact the Habitat office at (313) 521-6691 for registration and information.

**CARD PARTY**  
St. Mel Women's Club will hold a Springtime Card Party at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 (7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren). Smorgasbord dessert, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes and more. Men are welcome. \$7 donation. Call Lillian 274-8779 or Veronica 425-5699 for tickets.

**CELIAC SPRUE 10K**  
The Tri-County Celiac Sprue support group will host a 10K walk for research Saturday, May

20 at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House (1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores). TCSSG is sponsoring the walk to raise funds for research to determine the prevalence of celiac disease. To register write: TCSSG, 915 Ridgeview Circle, Lake Orion, MI 48362. All registrants will receive a t-shirt.

**OAKWOOD/LOOKS' GALA**  
Oakwood Healthcare System Foundation and the Looks' Star Theatre-Fairlane will present a Gala Event from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Star Theatre-Fairlane (18900 Michigan Avenue) in Dearborn. Admission is \$50 per person. For information call (313) 791-1234.

**STROLL FOR EPILEPSY**  
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will host the "Summer Stroll for Epilepsy" June 3 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast; 9:30 a.m. awards presentation; 9:45 a.m. warm up and stretch routine; and 10 a.m. stroll around the lake. One lap is approximately four miles. Team up with family members friends and co-workers or walk as an individual with hundreds of other participants. Collect donations towards your own individual fund-raising goal. For a brochure to start collecting pledges call (800) 377-6226. The more money you raise, the better the prizes; and the more you help.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Taormina 6th in world

Livonian Sheila Taormina finished sixth in the women's elite division field of 46 Sunday at the Qantas 2000 International Triathlon Union World Championship held in Perth, Western Australia.

Taormina, second among U.S. competitors, posted an overall time of 1 hour, 55 minutes, 50.2 seconds for the 1,500-meter swim (in the Swan River), 24.8-mile bike and course-shortened run, which was just under eight kilometers. (Most Olympic distance runs are 10K.)

With the magnificent Perth skyline in the background, two-time World Junior Champion Nichole Hackett of Australia won the race in 1:54:43.3. She was followed by Carol Montgomery of Canada (1:54:50.2); Michelle Jones of Australia, the top-rated triathlete in the world (1:55:25.7); American Barb Lindquist (1:55:41.0); Anja Dittmar of Germany (1:55:46.1); and Taormina, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay).

Taormina, a Livonia Stevenson High graduate and standout at the University of Georgia, completed her swim in first place (18:52.5) and stayed with the lead pack in the bike (1:07.12). Her run time was 28:14.9.

Taormina, who will compete May 27 in Irving, Tex. in the final stage of the U.S. Olympic Trials for one of the two remaining spots, is currently ranked No. 48 in the world.

The sixth-place finish earned Taormina \$3,000 in prize money and helped erase the sting of her 40th place finish when she crashed on her bike and cramped up on the run two weeks earlier in the first U.S. Olympic Trials race held in Sydney.

"Sheila felt bad about Sydney, but seemed quite happy about her performance in Perth," said Taormina's coach, Lew Kidder. "And for not competing a year earlier to being sixth in the world — I don't know if anybody has ever made that kind of jump."

### Golf coach Osler resigns

Livonia Churchill is looking for a boys golf coach for the fall season following the resignation of 10-year coach Kirk Osler.

Osler resigned for personal reasons. "Ten years is a good deal of time to be coaching," Osler said. "I thoroughly enjoyed it. But it's time to move on; give someone else a chance."

Osler was a 1982 graduate of defunct Livonia Bentley who succeeded his high school golf coach, Ken Timmons, as Churchill's boys golf coach in 1990.

"He's a great guy and I learned a lot from him," Osler said.

Osler said he's taking a lot of good memories with him.

Churchill went to two state tournaments with Osler, 1992 and 1995, and won three Western Lakes Activities Association titles while finishing second twice.

"We had a lot of great kids who were very interested in golf and wanted to learn, wanted to compete," Osler said. "But at the high school level, it isn't all about winning."

"It's about enjoying the experience."

"I've worked with 120 or so kids over my ten years and I still see some of them from time to time. It's great to see how they're doing."

"Some moved on to college and played golf there. Some didn't."

"But it's great to see how they've embarked on their adult lives. I even play golf with some of them from time to time."

"Whenever you see them, they have something good to say about those days. And that's nice."

What will Osler do now? Same thing as always — he operates a window blind company, The Blind Shoppe, out of his Livonia home.

Those interested should call Churchill athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 523-9217 during school hours.

### Livonia Wildcats 1st

The Livonia Wildcats, a 16-and-under boys basketball team, captured its division Sunday in the Dearborn Spring Shootout.

Members of the Wildcats, coached by Nathan Jerome, include Hassan Jaafar, Jason Shelton, Dave Semizian, Shaun Foster, Felix Martinez, Derek Dodd, Nick Soboleski, Alan Spohn, Kyle Jekot, Stephen Wasil and Alex Kostin.

### Rocket rendezvous



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Teamwork:** Westland John Glenn's Brandon Trygg (left) passes the baton to teammate Jeremiah Thorton during the 200-meter relay in Tuesday's non-league dual against host Wayne Memorial. See boys track meet results on page C4.

# Observerland race wide open

## Contenders all lined up

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The field is set and it should be quite a race on Derby Day.

The run for the 30th annual Observerland Boys Track Relays appears to be wide open.

Post time is 3:30 p.m. Saturday when the field events get under way at Livonia Churchill. Preliminary heats for the 110-meter hurdles and 100 dash start at 6 p.m. The final events kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3.

Two-time defending champion Plymouth Salem, which garnered five titles during the 1990s, appears to be an uncouth darkhorse for the 2000 meet.

"We're going to have to run out of our minds to contend," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "But it appears to be a toss-up. There's no clear-cut favorite."

"We're young and we don't have enough good seniors to go around. Our distance people are really not ready to handle it yet."

The Rocks shaved rival Plymouth Canton in a dual meet, lost to North Farmington and defeated Westland John Glenn.

Salem, however, will still be a factor led by seniors Gabe Coble (jumps and middle distance), Ryan Silva (high jump/hurdles) and Pat Johnson (sprints/long jump), along with juniors Mark Snyder (shot put) and Donnie Warner (distance).

Recently at the prestigious Mansfield (Ohio) Relays, Salem's distance medley team of Warner, Coble, Rob Showalter and Archie Kinney took a third.

One team that appears to be primed for a run is Canton.

### BOYS TRACK

30th annual  
**OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK RELAYS**  
When: Saturday, May 5.  
Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh (at Joy Road).  
Teams invited: Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, Garden City, Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Redford Catholic Central, Redford Bishop Borgess, Farmington, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Northville and Southfield-Lathrup.  
Field events (3:30 p.m.): Pole vault, high jump, discus, shot put, long jump.  
Preliminaries (6:30 p.m.): 110-meter hurdles, 100 dash.  
Finals (7 p.m.): 6,400 relay, 110 hurdles, distance medley, 800 relay, individual 1,600 run, 3,200 relay, individual 100 dash, sprint medley relay, shuttle hurdle relay, 400 relay, 1,600 relay.  
Admission: \$3.  
Meet officials: Ed Gabrys, referee; Brian McKenna and Terry Madigan, course clerks; John Davidson and Jim Muneo, starters.  
Honorary meet managers: Paul Beaudry (Redford Garden City); Dan O'Meara (Farmington).

The Chiefs, who have not won an Observerland title since 1986, own dual meet wins over Northville (73-64) and Farmington Hills Harrison (72-65), while losing to Salem (69-68).

"We have a chance to score in most events," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "If you're going to be in the top two or three at Observerland, you have to score in a lot of events."

"We've put together a strong lineup and hope to score in most events, but I'm sure other teams are doing the same thing."

Please see **OBSERVERLAND**, C4

# Churchill's Misiak no-hits RU, 5-0

Livonia Churchill sophomore pitcher Meghan Misiak was firing on all cylinders Tuesday.

The right-hander hurled her first varsity no-hitter in a 5-0 non-league girls softball victory over host Redford Union.

Churchill, winners of seven straight, are 7-2 overall. RU drops to 4-5.

Misiak (6-2) struck out nine and walked four over seven innings.

Second baseman Sallie Kuratko had seven assists.

"Meghan pitched well," Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said. "Any time you keep any team from scratching out a hit is a good performance."

Losing pitcher Liz Shamus (3-5) also went the distance, giving up six hits and seven walks. She struck out five.

Junior left fielder Courtney Cross led Churchill in two hits and two RBI. Carly George scored a pair of runs.

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

Churchill got one in the first and two more in the third and fourth innings.

**CLARENCEVILLE 12, LUTHERAN EAST 5:** Livonia Clarenceville improved to 4-3 overall as Jenny Swider and Melanie Rudd each went 3-for-4 in a Metro Conference victory at Harser Woods Lutheran East.

Winning pitcher, Amy Schifman (2-2) pitched five innings (mercy rule), scattering 10 hits and two walks.

Meghan Schifman and Vera Skrela each had an RBI.

**LADYWOOD 3-2, MARIAN 2-10:** Livonia Ladywood (2-4, 3-9) split a Catholic League Central Division double header Tuesday at Birmingham Marian.

Shelly Moros (2-4) pitched seven strong innings as Ladywood took the opener, 3-2. She struck out six, while scattering eight hits and two walks.

Dawn Rinaldi Ladywood with three hits, while Moros, Kathy Day and Shawn Fallon added two apiece. Courtney Wilmering contributed an RBI single. Ladywood scored two runs on a

passed ball.

Marian captured the second game, 10-2, as Fallon pitched the first four innings and suffered the loss. Pam Smart finished up.

Patty Kojinski led Ladywood with a pair of hits. Wilmering knocked in both runs with a pinch hit single in the sixth. Becky Mitchell added a double.

**HURON VALLEY 8, FRANKLIN ROAD 7:** Rachel Zahn's five-hitter paced the Hawks to their fifth win in five tries.

Zahn went the distance, fanned eight and didn't walk a batter as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran improved to 5-0, three of those wins in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Hawks committed four errors that made three of the opposition runs unearned. Huron Valley built up an 8-4 lead, then held on to win over Southfield Franklin Road Christian (6-2).

Stacie Graves led the attack for the Hawks with a 3-for-3 game. She scored two runs while driving in three and stealing two bases. She also made two put outs and had two assists.

Jenny Kleinke scored three times in a 3-for-3 game.

# Spartans 'flat' in 1-1 tie vs. Rocks

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### GIRLS SOCCER

Now what the heck happens?

It's really an accepted tenet: The team that wins this single game, between Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem, advances to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship match in girls soccer.

The opponent: the winner of the Plymouth Canton-Livonia Churchill game. This has become a time-tested tradition. It's always been that way.

But on Monday, when Salem hosted Stevenson in their pivotal match, tradition staggered. A goal by sweeper Christen Shull on a restart from 22 yards out early in the second half pulled the Rocks even with the Spartans at 1-1.

And that's the way it ended. Thus, the scrambling began.

"I really don't know what happens now," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "We'll cross that road when we come to it."

It could come pretty quickly. Face it — no other team in the WLAA's Lakes Division is capable of beating either Salem or Stevenson. Which brings in the tiebreakers, like best overall conference record.

And that means Plymouth Canton.

perhaps the Western Division's elite team (Churchill will battle the Chiefs for that right, however, next Wednesday), could be the decisive factor. Stevenson and Canton have already played to a 1-1 tie.

Salem has beaten Churchill. If the Rocks can defeat Canton May 15 and handle the rest of their WLAA schedule without a mistep, they would earn the right to play in the WLAA title match.

Stevenson plays Churchill at Stevenson May 17. What if the Spartans win that game and Salem and Canton play to a tie? Then what?

Who plays for the WLAA championship may come down to something as trivial as goal differential.

But let's face it: Neither team on Monday looked to be of championship caliber. And with good reason.

"The fact that we had to play Salem in the first game back after the spring break was terrible," said Kimble. "We were slow, we were sloppy, we were unconditioned."

"It was just awful."

The teams didn't get much work in

Please see **LAKES BATTLE**, C2



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**Battle for control:** Livonia Stevenson's Katie Beaudoin (left) fends off Plymouth Salem's Jami Cosh in Monday's Lakes matchup.







# Whalers eliminate Soo, 3-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Six months after they were picked by more than one pre-season hockey publication to completely miss the Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the Plymouth Whalers are thriving in the post-season.

The Whalers' most-recent conquest came Saturday night at Plymouth's Compuware Sports Arena when they muzzled the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 3-1, in game five of the OHL's best-of-seven Western Conference finals.

With the victory, the Whalers clinched the series, 4-1, and earned a berth in the OHL championship series against Barrie. The Colts ousted Belleville, 4-1, in their Eastern Conference semi-final series.

The OHL Finals begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Barrie. Games Two and Three will be at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, at 7 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"Considering we were picked to miss the playoffs, advancing to the finals is very satisfying," said Plymouth coach Pete

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DeBoer. "Overall, we have a young team, but the veterans have really picked us up in the playoffs, and especially tonight."

In Saturday's clincher, the Whalers were as good as Gooldy — four-year veteran Eric Gooldy, who scored twice, including an icing-on-the-ice goal at 9:04 of the third period that gave Plymouth a 3-1 lead.

Seconds after Whaler goalie Rob Zepp made an eye-popping save on a shot by the Soo's Rob Chapman, Gooldy took a pinpoint pass from Tomas Kurka and broke free down the right side. He then whistled a shot past Greyhound goalie Ray Emery's glove hand to give his team a two-goal cushion.

And the way Zepp was playing, it might as well have been a 22-goal lead. The red-hot net-minder stopped 31 of 32 shots, many from just in front of the crease.

"That third goal was typical of our entire season," DeBoer reflected. "Rob made a great play

at one end of the ice, and Eric made a nice play on the other end to finish it off. That was definitely the key play of the game."

In the early going, it looked as though both teams may be taking the five-and-a-half-hour bus ride up to the Soo for game six. The Greyhounds scored the game's first goal at the 6:02 mark of the first period when Corey Pecker slid a rebound shot past Zepp to make it 1-0.

The period ended that way, but only because of the heroics of Zepp, who somehow managed to smother a break-away attempt by the Soo's Ryan Jardine in the period's waning moments.

The Whalers outshot the Greyhounds, 12-8, in the opening 20 minutes, but couldn't solve Emery.

Gooldy knotted the game at 1-1 just over three minutes into the second period when he hustled a Soo player for the puck, skated in front of the net and jammed a shot past a sprawling Emery. Gooldy's third goal of the playoffs was assisted by Stephen Weiss and Kurka.

Plymouth's Randy Fitzgerald scored the eventual game-winner



Plymouth coach Pete DeBoer Guides Whalers to OHL finals

35 seconds later when he wristed a rebound shot into the back of the net.

Both teams finished with 32 shots on goal.

"A year ago, when no one knew we would still be alive in the playoffs, a fund-raiser for the Karmanos Cancer Institute was scheduled for the arena," DeBoer said. "So we have to change the schedule around."

"It's a nice conflict to have to deal with," he joked, referring to the alternative scenario — an early playoff exit.

# Barrie interesting: Colts team of intrigue

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What more could someone ask for in a series?

The Ontario Hockey League Championship has a bit of everything, including a wide array of intriguing questions that add to the drama.

In fact, there are enough tempting queries to push that "Whalers: The team nobody thought would be here" angle to the back of the bus.

Speaking of buses, has the U.S. Border Patrol been alerted?

Cheap shot, I know, but this entire episode involving the Barrie (Ont.) Colts, the team Plymouth plays for the OHL title, and the smuggling charges against their first-year coach, Bill Stewart, have to be at the top of the aforementioned list.

Stewart, it seems, instructed one of his players, Vladimir Chernenko, a Ukrainian-born defenseman, to hide in the baggage compartment in the bus when he discovered Chernenko didn't have the proper papers to enter the U.S.

The first reported occurrence was Oct. 15, when the Colts came to Plymouth to play the Whalers.

Chernenko was later traded and the incident was brought to light. OHL commissioner David Branch stripped Stewart of his dual title as Barrie's general manager.

Now, according to a story appearing in Tuesday's Toronto Sun, there's some question whether Stewart will be allowed to enter the U.S. for the series, which opens tonight in Barrie then returns to Plymouth for games three (Sunday) and four (Monday).

No one's saying for sure what will happen, but a decision might not be made until Sunday, when the Barrie team tries to enter the U.S. So stay tuned.

Now let's talk hockey.

What are the Whalers chances? Good, but even though they have home-ice advantage, don't make them heavy favorites. They lost both their matches to Barrie this year, although both occurred in October, before the Whalers jelled.

The Whalers could be without the services of forward Damian Surma, their second-leading scorer during the regular season with 32 goals and 38 assists (70 points); in the playoffs, he had six goals and six assists in 13 games.

Surma suffered a knee injury in the second game of the Sault Ste. Marie series; his status remains day-to-day.

But Barrie has problems, too. Denis Shvidki, a first-round

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draft choice of the Florida Panthers and the Colts' second-leading scorer during the season (41 goals, 65 assists, 106 points), has been injured and out since the second game of the playoffs.

Barrie still has plenty of weapons, however, like Sheldon Keefe, who had 48 goals and 73 assists (121 points) during the season and has eight goals and eight assists (16 points) in 18 playoff games.

Michael Henrich, who totaled 86 points during the season, has led the Colts in the playoffs with eight goals and 16 assists (24 points).

And Mike Jefferson is another weapon; he had 34 goals and 53 assists during the season (87 points) and has contributed three goals and 12 assists (15 points) in the playoffs.

It makes it challenging, to be sure; Barrie has four guys who outscored everyone on the Whalers this season.

Still, the Whalers have weapons of their own. Justin Williams, the team's leading scorer in the regular season (32 goals, 40 assists, 72 points), has been on fire, collecting eight goals and 16 assists (24 points) in 16 playoff games.

Others who have been significant are center Stephen Weiss (seven goals, 14 assists, 21

points), defenseman Shaun Fisher (four goals, 16 assists, 20 points) and team captain Randy Fitzgerald (nine goals, seven assists, 16 points).

But defense usually rules at this point, and Plymouth has the edge in that department. The Whalers Rob Zepp has been superb in all 16 games, allowing just 29 goals, a 1.79 average, while posting two shutouts.

Barrie's Brian Finley has surrendered 39 of his team's 43 playoff goals allowed for a 2.51 goals-against average.

Look for this series to be offense-vs.-defense, and which team can raise the level of play in the areas it figures to be its weakest.

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# Franklin gains victory; Mercier lifts Churchill

A big second inning nailed down a nice victory for Livonia Franklin.

Franklin scored five times in the second inning Tuesday to chalk up an 8-5 victory over West Bloomfield.

Dan Horning worked the first 6½ innings and Jim Priebe struck out the final batter to lift the Chargers to their third win in nine decisions. Horning struck out two and walked four.

Joe Ruggiero and Ryan Tracy each had two hits and drove in two runs while Chad Rutherford and Andy Kelley both had a hit and drove in one run. Franklin had eight hits in the game.

Jordan Rosenberg went 3-4 for West Bloomfield (2-7) and John Moore was the losing pitcher.

**•CHURCHILL 10, DEARBORN 0:** Paul Mercier scattered three hits in a five-inning mercy shortened shutout of the Pioneers.

Mercier struck out four and didn't walk a batter Tuesday while getting 11-hit support from his teammates, including two himself. He had an RBI.

Brad Bescoe hit a three-run home run in the six-run fourth and had two hits while Rory Cesarz, Josh Odom and Rob Wilson had a hit plus an RBI each.

Churchill (6-7) lost a doubleheader Saturday to visiting Berkeley, 10-0 and 11-4.

Wilson was the losing pitcher in the first game while Dan Kuratko dropped the second-game decision.

**•LUTHERAN EAST 8, CLARENCEVILLE 7:** The Trojans scored four in the top of the seventh but gave up three in the bottom of the inning Tuesday and remained winless on the season.

Tim Reidl went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs, including a two-run home run in the sixth. He also had a double. Ray Gutierrez had two hits and drove in a run.

Kevin Silye worked the first six innings plus two batters in the seventh, striking out six. He was touched for five in the third.

Reidl came on and gave up a bases loaded hit. He was the losing pitcher.

Clarenceville is now 0-4 overall, 0-2 in the Metro Conference.

**•HURON VALLEY 13, FRANKLIN ROAD 12:** A baker's dozen walks plagued the visiting Hawks — but weren't enough to keep them from winning.

Alan Kleinke and Rene Arnal combined to walk 13 batters but they also struck out 13 and doled out just four hits to help Westland Huron Valley Lutheran improve to 3-2 on the season and 1-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association.

The Hawks pounded out 12 hits but made seven errors. Arnal got the victory, pitching the last three innings. Southfield Franklin Road is winless in six tries, three in the MIAC.

Tony Mroz went 3-for-4 with a double, Jeremy Husby went 2-for-4 with a triple, Kleinke was 2-for-5 including a double, Arnal 2-for-4 with a double and Josh Dorow hit a double.

**•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 13-12, ROMULUS 3-10:** Lutheran High Westland improved to 4-7 overall by defeating the visiting Eagles in a double-header.

Brett Braun and Charlie Hoefft each went 3-for-4 in the Warriors' 13-3 opening game triumph. Braun also knocked in three runs. John Baseley, the winning pitcher, added two hits and three RBI, while Brad Nollar went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI.

Baseley scattered six hits, including a two-run homer, in five innings. He walked just one.

Hoefft went 3-for-5 in the nightcap as Lutheran Westland held off Romulus, 12-10.

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Other hitting stars for the victorious Warriors include Braun, 2-for-4, including a triple; Nollar, 2-for-3 with two runs scored; and Brent Habitz, 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Winning pitcher Dave Kostelnik worked six innings, allowing seven hits and four earned runs. He struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Reliever Ian MacKenzie was roughed up for six runs on three hits in two-thirds of an inning. Hoefft got the final out to pick up the save.

**•REDFORD UNION 11-15, JOHN GLENN 5-7:** On Saturday, Brad Michael's bases-loaded double in the sixth inning broke a 4-4 tie and helped the Panthers to an 11-5 win against Westland John Glenn to complete a doubleheader sweep. RU (10-5) also won the opener, 15-7.

Mike Hayes led the 13-hit attack by going 4-for-4 with three runs and an RBI, Ryan Heiob was 3-for-3 with three runs and two RBI, Michael was 2-for-4 with four RBI, and Mike Macek was 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Macek also took the win to improve to 3-1, giving up three hits and five strikeouts in relief of Mike Dmytro.

Chad Sansom was 2-for-4 to help the Rockets (4-10), while Josh Day was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

In the opener, Macek was 5-for-5 with a pair of RBI, Michael was 3-for-4 with three RBI and Justin Rosin was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Hayes got the win with nine strikeouts and three walks in 4½ innings.

Dan Fedulchak was 3-for-3 with the RBI as the Rockets scored four runs in the fifth inning to avoid being mercied. Ryan Rattray was also 2-for-3.

**•REDFORD CC 11-3-4, U-D JESUIT 8-9-1:** Two out of three wasn't bad for Redford Catholic Central on Saturday as the Shamrocks split their scheduled doubleheader against University of Detroit-Jesuit after winning the completion of a suspended game.

CC opened by winning the first game, suspended to darkness on April 5, 11-8, turned baserunning mistakes and five errors into a 9-3 loss in the first game of a doubleheader, then used timely hitting in the final game for a 4-1 win.

"I was pleased with coming back the way we did after a sloppy loss," said CC coach John Salter, whose team improved to 12-4 overall and a 6-3 mark in the Catholic League Central Division. "The second game was one of our worst overall games, but we bounced back in the third game."

In the completed game, CC used a 4-for-4 performance with a double and three RBI from Matt Loidas. John Hill was 4-for-5 with a three-run homer, Ryan Rogowski was 3-for-4 with an RBI and Andy Smith was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Smith also got the win — in relief of himself — pitching six of the seven innings with three runs, two earned, three hits, three walks and 14 strikeouts.

Bright spots were low in the first game of the doubleheader as CC managed just three hits and made five errors, as Kevin Entsminger took the loss. Hill led at the plate with a two-run double in the fifth inning and Dave Tovey and Charlie Haeger both singled.

Haeger was the starter in the second game of the doubleheader, but left after an inning with a sore shoulder. Smith came back in relief and took the win (6-1), going four innings, with three hits, five strikeouts and four walks, but gave up the Cubs' lone run with a fifth-inning homer. Entsminger went the final two innings for the save.

Mike Wadowski hit a two-run single in the second inning for all the runs CC would need. Haeger scored in the third on a sacrifice fly by Smith and Ryan Rogowski tripped to score Loidas in the sixth.

## Crusaders split with St. Francis

Madonna University committed five errors in their first game Saturday at the University of St. Francis (Ill.) and it cost them in a 14-4 six-inning baseball defeat.

Only six of the 14 runs surrendered in the loss were earned.

Madonna rebounded in the second game of this non-league double-header to get a 7-4 triumph.

In the opener, Derick Wolfe was one of the few Crusaders bright spots. He had two hits (a double and a triple), two runs scored and an RBI. Todd Miller contributed a hit and two RBI.

Nick Newman started and took the loss, giving up seven runs (one earned) on eight hits and four walks in 3½ innings.

In the second game, Miller again had a big game, collecting three hits — one of them his first homer of the season — and two RBI. Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton) had two hits and an RBI, and Wolfe, Bob Hamp, Bryan DeCaire and Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) each chipped in with

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a hit and an RBI.

Ryan Andrzejewski improved to 5-2 with the pitching win, allowing three earned runs on nine hits and two walks, striking out seven.

The split left Madonna at 25-17-1 overall.

Madonna, sporting a 15-13 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference record, has also qualified for the post-season, although its placing has not yet been defined.

On May 3, the Crusaders met the WHAC's top team, Indiana Tech, in a double-header.

This Friday, Aquinas plays Concordia twice.

Madonna was a game out of second place going into its twinbill, but was only a loss ahead of Spring Arbor in a fight for third.

The WHAC playoff winner automatically earns a berth in the NAIA Region VIII Tournament.

## CC discus thrower hit, but OK

Redford Catholic Central track coach Tony Magni thought his team could contend for the Jackson High Invitational title on Friday.

While CC didn't win, Magni was far from disappointed.

The Shamrocks wound up fourth on Friday night at the Jackson High Invitational with 75 points. East Lansing won the meet with 114, Kalamazoo Central was second with 104 and Flint Northern was third with 84 points.

CC took a hit at the meet, so to speak, when Jeff Dueweke was hit in the head with a discus. He was taken to the hospital, where he took five stitches and was released.

"He was standing behind the cage and one of the kids threw the discus over the cage," said Magni. "That hurt, in more ways than one. I thought going into the meet we could be in the top two."

"The kids responded well. We're a much better track team than we were three or four weeks ago."

CC took four wins in the meet: Matt Daly in the 3,200 run at 9:35, easily outdistancing teammate and runner-up Dan Krawiec in 10:13; Charlie Rozum in the discus (144-5), Mike Morris in the shotput (51-6) and the 3,200 relay team of Daly, John DiGiovanni, Robert Tymowski and Jeff Haller (8:20.4).

Morris was third in the discus at 142-0, while Tom Grant was third in the 110 hurdles in 16.1.

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### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 87 WAYNE MEMORIAL 52 May 2 at Wayne

Shot put: Nick Samples (WJG), 42 feet, 7½ inches; discus: Samples (WJG), 127-4½; long jump: Kwame Hampton (WM), 20-6; high jump: Darnell Dorris (WJG), 5-8; pole vault: Joe Reilly (WJG), 10-6; 110-meter hurdles: Donnell Perry (WM), 16:12; 300 hurdles: Perry (WM), 43:57; 100 dash: Hampton (WM), 11:52; 200: Brandon Trygg (WJG), 24:29; 400: Derek Hurst (WJG), 54:64; 800: Mark Parent (WJG), 2:09.6; 1,600: Jeff Albrecht (WJG), 4:55.0; 3,200: Steve Bakendale (WM), 11:34.6; 400 relay: Wayne (Jermaine Garner, Randy Lee, De'Lano Bales, Hampton), 46:38; 800 relay: John Glenn (Rob Gentry, Tygg, Jeremiah Thornton, Aaron Short), 1:36.9; 1,600 relay: John Glenn (Hurst, Albrecht, Parent, Bennie Oliphant), 3:42.2; 3,200 relay: John Glenn (Parent, Albrecht, Steve Jacobs, Tom Kuk), 9:04.3.

Dual meet records: Glenn, 1-3 overall; Wayne, 1-2 overall.

### METRO CONFERENCE TRIANGULAR MEET May 2 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 145 points; 2. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 22; 3. Hamtramck, 8. Shot put: Nate Meckes (LW), 117-11; discus: N. Meckes (LW), 47-11½; long jump: Josh Meckes (LW), 19-3½; high jump: Jason Burke (LW), 5-4; pole vault: Jason Davis (LW), 10-0; 120-yard hurdles: Nick Doherty (LW), 16:2; 330 hurdles: Doherty (LW), 43:0; 100 dash: Mike Clark (LW), 10:3; 220: Clark (LW), 24.6; 440: Justin Combs (LW), 55.9; 880: Matt Rae (LW), 2:12.4; mile: Sternum (RHLN), 4:57.4; 2 mile: Dan Unger (LW), 11:58.4; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland, 47.7; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland, 1:39.4; mile relay: Lutheran Westland, 3:48.0; 2 mile relay: Lutheran Westland, 9:33.9. Lutheran Westland's dual meet record, 4-0.

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Canton's strengths lie in the sprints, hurdles and jumping events. The Chiefs' distance team is young, "but improving each week," according to Richardson.

Jordan Chapman is a standout for Canton in the pole vault (13 feet), long jump (19-6½) and high jump (6-6). Other standouts include senior captain Ann Hensley (shot put/discus), Jerry Gaines (middle distance), K.J. Singh (sprints) and Chris Kalis (hurdles).

Harrison, the 1997 Observerland champ, brings a stronger team to the starting gate than a year ago according to coach John Reed.

The Hawks have a stockpile of sprinters, led by the Woods brothers — Kevin, a senior, and Marcus, a freshman.

"Harrison is just loaded in the sprints with those Woods kids," Richardson said.

Add in Agim Shabaj and Chris Roberson, and it's no wonder Harrison leads the area in both the 400 relay (43.7) and 800 relay (1:31.6).

"Canton beat us by five points and we beat Churchill (69-68) — there's a lot of parity in the area," Reed said. "Observerland is usually a sprinters meet, but we definitely have to get points in some of the distance and field events. Our distance guys are young, but improving each week."

"This could be one of the closest Observerland meets. Farmington (High) has sprints as good as ours and North Farmington is

really good, and so is (Redford Catholic Central)."

Harrison also has the area's top hurdler in Nick Hall, the heir apparent to Churchill's graduated Ryan Kearney (now at Western Michigan). The Hawks also have the top-ranked pole vaulter in the area in Derek Laskowski, who has gone 14-2. They also have a formidable discus thrower in Brad Person.

Catholic Central, third a year ago and the 1992 and '93 champions, always bring strong shot put and discus relay teams to the track, along with a top-flight distance brigade.

Central Michigan University football-bound Mike Morris, who has thrown 51-6 in the shot put and 150-7 in the discus, both area bests, leads the CC cast. He'll get help from Charlie Rozum and Jeff Dueweke. Last year CC had the area's top discus thrower, state Class A champion Nick Brzezinski (now playing football at Duke).

CC's distance team is led by Matt Daly and John DiGiovanni. The Shamrocks also have an improving hurdler in Tom Grant and a promising freshman sprinter in Randall Means, the latter whom has been slowed by a hip injury.

"We don't have the really fast people, but we hope to sneak in some places," CC coach Tony Magni said. "According to the times (listing) in the paper, Harrison is really quick and Canton looks pretty good."

"If we can't win it, then we're

going to try to win a trophy (either second or third)."

Host Churchill, seeking its first Observerland title since 1989, finished second last year.

Coach Rick Austin has a strong discus and shot put thrower in senior Mike Gaura. The Chargers will also be strong in the long jump with junior Eric Scott. The distance crew is led by senior Jason Richmond and Ryan Gall.

"The name of the game is to score points in every event," Austin said. "We have three long jumpers who have gone over 19 feet. Our sprint relay are going to have to step it up. We're deep in the distance events, that's the strength of our team."

So who is Austin handicapping as the favorites?

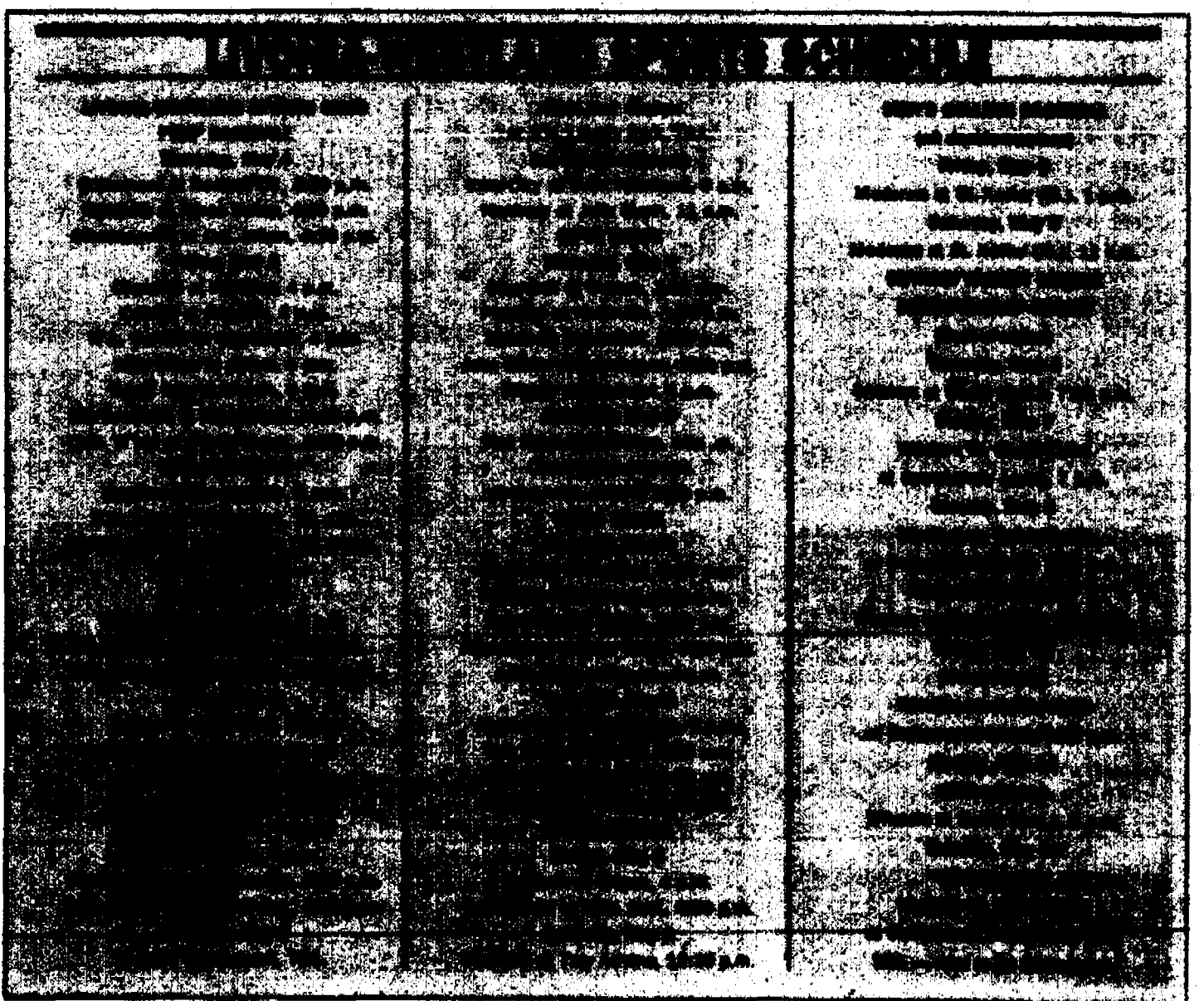
"I'm impressed with Harrison and Canton has a great team," he said. "Salem has some good people in key areas. They'll be up there as well. It looks like a wide-open race."

Austin, a business instructor Churchill, missed practice Monday and Tuesday to attend a nationwide student marketing conference.

Ironically, this year's conference site was Louisville, home of the Kentucky Derby.

"We got to tour the Churchill Downs Museum and it's quite a place," Austin said. "The town is really hopping this week."

And it appears the Observerland Relays will stage a pretty good event of its own on Derby Day.





# Shamrocks net team crown

Redford Catholic Central's tennis team only took one individual first place at the Ann Arbor Invitational on Saturday.

But every Shamrock won at least two matches and that gave CC the title against most of the state's best.

"This was probably the biggest tournament next to the state tournament," CC coach Philip Eagleson said. "I'm very happy with our performance. There were a couple of matches we still could have won, but it was a nice performance from everyone."

The Shamrocks won with 17 points, nosing out Okemos with 16 for second and Portage Central for third in the eight-team tournament.

Billy Walsh provided the Shamrocks' lone first place by

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going 3-0 at No. 4 singles, clinching the win with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Peter Owen of Midland Dow. CC also got a second-place finish from Evan Curry and Mark Flaszar at No. 2 doubles and thirds from J. D. Shade at No. 2 singles, David Atallah at No. 3 singles and Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Van Holsbeek at No. 3 doubles.

"Everyone played at least three matches and won at least two," said Eagleson. "It was a pretty even performance through and through."

On Tuesday, CC blanked University of Detroit-Jesuit, 8-0, to improve to 8-1 overall.

"The guys just came out and played strong," said Eagleson. "The guys came out with the intent to win and perform well. We played good tennis and came out with 8-0 win."

The Shamrocks also posted a 5-3 win against Saline on April 27, using a sweep of the doubles and a big win at No. 4 singles from Walsh.

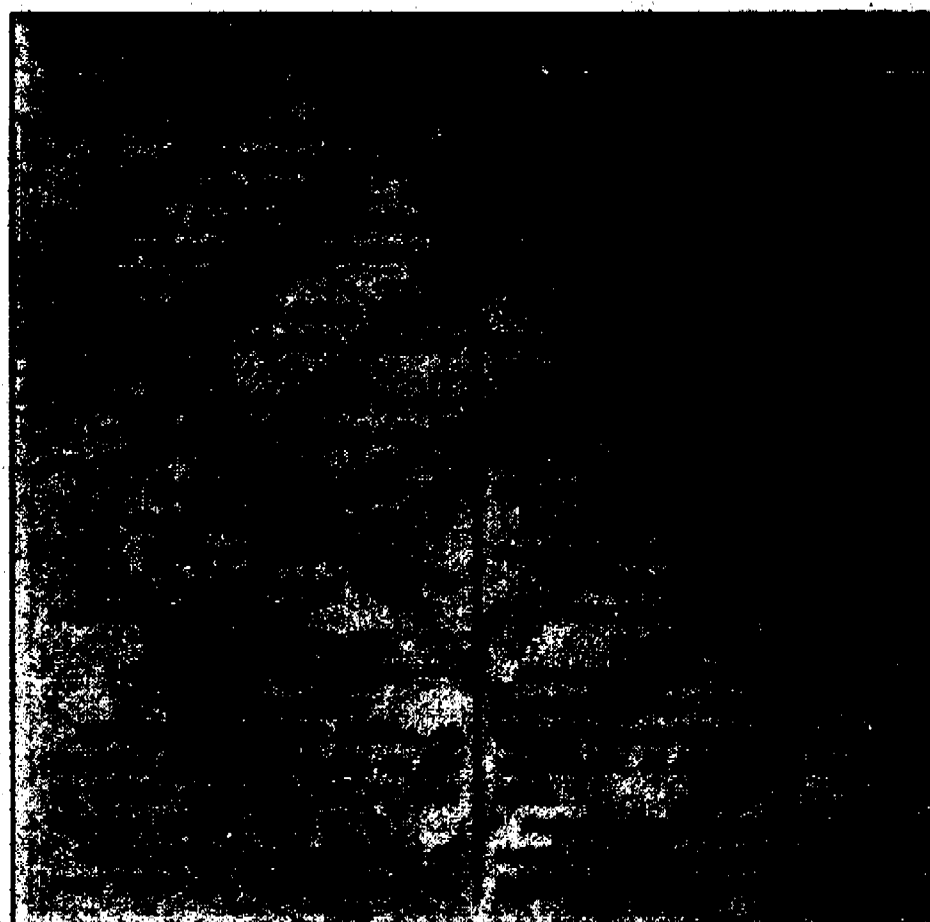
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May 2 at Sheldon Park  
 No. 1 singles: Mike Findling (CC) d. Damien DuMouchel, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: J. D. Shade d. Lee Patrick, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: David Atallah (CC) d. Leon Wyne, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Billy Walsh d. Shyan Gothincomba 6-1, 6-0.  
 No. 1 doubles: Jeff Flaszar and Rob Sparks (CC) d. Tim Lepczyk and Des Vindi-

ci, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Mark Flaszar and Evan Curry (CC) d. Nick Bickes and John Forrest, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Van Holsbeek (CC) d. John Day and Nick DeRose, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Nick Gonzalez and Matt Roe (CC) d. John Laramie and Mike Mack, 6-3, 6-2.

### REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5, SALINE 3

April 27 at Sheldon Park  
 No. 1 singles: Chris Mitchell (S) d. Mike Findling, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Ian Opalitz (S) d. J. D. Shade, 7-5, 3-0, ret.; No. 3: Chris Dilks (S) d. David Atallah, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Billy Walsh (CC) d. Clayton Perry, 6-1, 6-4.  
 No. 1 doubles: Jeff Flaszar and Rob Sparks (CC) d. Ryan Miller and Paul Sachs, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Mark Flaszar and Evan Curry (CC) d. Barry Eyr and Greg Simms, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Van Holsbeek (CC) d. Michael Dennison and Andrew Dickens, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Matt Roe and Nick Gonzalez (CC) d. Stephan Lindsay and Dary Picken, 6-0, 6-0.



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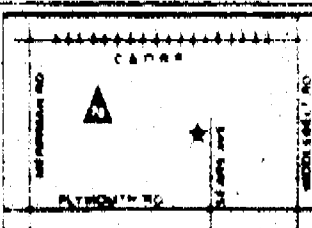
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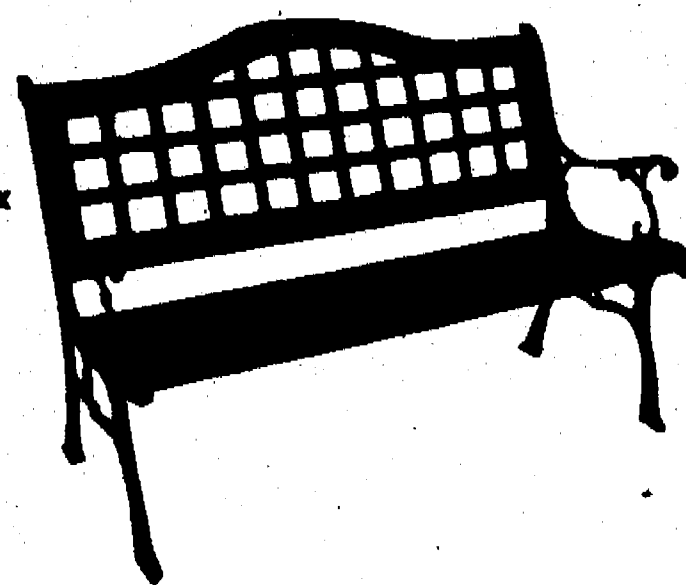
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## A Farewell 'Kiss'



**Kiss Me, Kate:** Angie Tyburksi, (left to right) Nate Kaufman, Marcia Peterson, Beth Egan-Bradtko, Lisa Muscio, and Eric Henrickson practice their lines for the production that features Cole Porter's music and lyrics.

### Players say good-bye to barn with production of 'Kiss Me, Kate'

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Dressed in paint-speckled sweats, Emily McSweeney hardly looks like a director as she puts finishing touches on the dressing room of one of the lead characters in *Kiss Me, Kate*.

It's a bittersweet moment. *Kiss Me, Kate* is the final production at the old Farmington Players Barn on 12 Mile Road. After a fund-raiser and performance on Saturday, June 3, the red structure will be razed to make way for a new theater. The 240-seat facility is scheduled to be completed in time for the opening of the Farmington Players' 2001-2002 season.

A jack-of-all-trades, McSweeney believes when "you're working on a large show, everyone has to pitch in." And that's why the Farmington Players have existed for 48 years. McSweeney is at the theater, on a Tuesday afternoon, painting sets with the help of Beth Mackie, a volunteer. *Kiss Me, Kate*, a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, opens Friday, May 5.

"This is the part you don't get a lot of help with," said McSweeney. "But it's really like painting by numbers. Bill Mandt drew all of the designs on the flats and we're just filling them in. It's a lot of work and some of it is just tedious."

The set for the play-within-a-play only hints at the interior and exterior scenes in *Kiss Me, Kate*. Set changes will be incorporated into the musical.

**Moving the set**

"We're not going to hide scene changes. The cast will be moving the set," said McSweeney. "There are 17 different scenes, but several repeat themselves. We begin by taking performers through the audience. During the opening number, the traveling troupe winds their way through the seats to the stage."

**Kiss Me, Kate**

**What:** The Farmington Players present the musical comedy about actors in the middle of opening Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*; music and lyrics by Cole Porter

**When:** 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

**Where:** Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

**Tickets:** \$15, call (248) 553-2955

**Final Play:**

A special gala celebrating 48 years of community theater and the last show at the barn begins 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by *Kiss Me, Kate* at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds to benefit the construction of a new barn theater. Call (248) 553-2955

Nate Kaufman (Fred Graham) and Angie Tyburksi (Lilli Vanessi) play the lead characters preparing to open a production of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. The divorced couple bicker and romance their way through *Kiss Me, Kate* just as Petruchio and Kate in *Shrew*.

"Fred thinks he's a big shot," said McSweeney. "This is the out-of-town premiere in Baltimore, and the story opens at the closing of the final dress rehearsal and concludes with the end of opening night. We're turning the tables on the bard and having women play men because we were short of men. I want to go for the fun."

"Since rehearsals began in February, there have been a few bumps in the road with schedule conflicts. But the cast has been wonderful, working together and rolling with the punches."

**Labor of love**

McSweeney spent hours researching the history of the play. She's brimming with all kinds of interesting information about *Kiss Me, Kate* including the fact it was the first American

musical ever produced in Poland. One of the most intriguing is the tradition of a ghost light that will greet the audience as they enter the theater.

"In Shakespearean time everything was out in the open," said McSweeney. "When theaters were enclosed, they had to use candles and kerosene lamps. When the audience would come in, a light — a ghost light — was lit so no one would fall into the pit. When incandescent lights came in the '20s and '30s, they kept the ghost light. It stood to appease the restless spirits of the theater."

**Behind the scenes**

Backstage, McSweeney makes one last check of wardrobe for the production. The Farmington Hills director is responsible for assembling the men's outfits. Cynthia Tupper sewed all of the women's costumes.

"I love to do period costumes," said McSweeney. "Modern-day shows are fine, but I love to be able to research the period. This is in two periods, modern-day actors from the 1949-50 era and *Shrew*, which is set in Shakespearean times."

Angie Tyburksi loves the full-length skirts and gold and jewel colors of her Shakespearean costumes. Tyburksi plays Lilli, Fred's feuding ex-wife. Lilli is well dressed, so her *Shrew* costumes are elegant.

"The Shakespearean dresses are gorgeous," said Tyburksi, a Warren resident. "It helps you feel the part. Lilli is feisty, probably a little bit spoiled. She's in love with Fred but too proud to show it."

This is Tyburksi's second production with a community theater, and she plans to do more come fall. She was in *The Women* presented by the Farmington Players in November.

"I just try to have fun with it," said Tyburksi. "I try not to hurt Fred too much because I slap him a lot."

### BOOKS

## Fibblestax makes reading fun

*Fibblestax* by Devin Scillian, illustrated by Kathryn Darnell (Sleeping Bear Press, spring 2000, \$15.95)

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ear.

Scillian's love of writing for children goes back to his high school days in Junction City, Kan. It was there that Scillian wrote his first children's story *Fibblestax* followed some years later.

If it hadn't been for the TV news anchor's involvement with literacy programs, *Fibblestax*'s words might have never been heard. Except for charming children at story-times in libraries, the story languished around for 10 years before it was published by Sleeping Bear Press in Chelsea this spring. Kathryn Darnell, a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia, illustrated the book.

"It started with the word *Fibblestax*," said Scillian. "I got it in my head. I didn't know what it meant but I liked the way it

sounds. It got me to thinking about where words come from."

Scillian admits *Fibblestax* is not an easy word to remember. But few will forget the young boy who goes around naming things — or the author who invents the villainous character Carr. A red-faced bear of a man, Carr calls flowers gunnywunks. He and *Fibblestax* eventually vie for the privilege of giving names to things.

"*Fibblestax* can be hard to remember or can be thought of as being memorable," said Scillian. "The trick was finding timeless ideas and then finding ways to make them fun for people. The books I grew up with — Dr. Seuss and Shel Silverstein — were ageless. A lot of adults despair the



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## Fibblestax from page E1

future of the written word but the most visited site on the internet is Amazon.com, which sells books."

### Making reading enjoyable

Scillian believes "writing is a word that's intimidating to a lot of kids." He hopes Fibblestax changes that by making reading and writing enjoyable. When Scillian reads to children around town, he always asks them their favorite words. His favorite is sprocket.

"Messages are better left in bottles than in books," Scillian said. "I don't want to beat people over the head. I want kids to have fun with words."

Although Scillian paints and draws and frequently donates work to auctions benefiting groups such as the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, he felt illustrations for the book were best left to someone else. That's where Sleeping Bear Press came

in. They contacted Darnell who'd previously submitted storyboards and a finished illustration for another author's book proposal. Darnell and Scillian have never met. The East Lansing illustrator faxed most of the project directly to Sleeping Bear Press.

"Fibblestax is really close to how I'd envisioned it," said Scillian, whose second children's book, *A is for America*, is scheduled to be published in the fall. "There's a gentleness and a medieval look to it."

Darnell is looking forward to meeting Scillian during their book signing 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham. She wants to find out more about the process that went into creating the story she describes as having "a kind of a magic going on." Even though this is her first picture book, Darnell has 19 years of professional illustrating experience to her credit. She earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Michigan School of Art in Ann Arbor.

"For me it was an involved process," said Darnell, an art instructor at Lansing Community College. "I began by reading the story and thinking about the characters. The story opens with the essence of it being a dream. I looked for natural breaks in the story to get a sense of pacing. Then I worked up a story board and ran it by the editors. A test illustration gave them a sense of technique and palette. The process took about 10 weeks to complete. It's primarily done in colored pencil with some oil crayon."

Darnell makes it all sound so easy. But there were a few bumps in the road for the illustrator who's been interested in art since she "was old enough not to eat the crayon."

"One of the interesting things

about the story is that all the action is mental and verbal but not a lot of physical action, so I used techniques such as color movement in the background. In the crowd scene I showed people from different angles."

### A winner

A former children's librarian, Elizabeth Stone likes the combination of Scillian's writing and Darnell's illustrations. Stone

keeps tabs on children's literature at her gallery on North Woodward.

The walls are lined with art work from books with talking animals.

"Devin Scillian's book is a winner," said Stone. "Children, parents and teachers will love this book. The catchy rhythm of the story and the appealing illustrations of Kathryn Darnell work well together. The story is a very

clever approach. Teaching things like etymology is never easy for teachers. This book should be a great help."

Scillian will sign books at the following locations:

■ 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, Barnes & Noble, Troy.

■ 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, Barnes & Noble, Rochester Hills.

■ 10 a.m. Monday, May 22, Barnes & Noble, Bloomfield Hills.

## Auction item tells 'Miracle Birth Stories'

Farmington Observer reporter Tim Smith and Devin Scillian, news anchor for WDIV-TV (Channel 4), recently teamed up to sign copies of Smith's *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* for donation to the WTVS-TV (Channel 56) auction.

Smith, a Livonia resident, donated copies of his book to both the on-air and on-line versions of the auction, scheduled through Sunday, May 7.

He is hopeful that his auction item will catch the attention of anyone in a position to supply the books to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit resource libraries or parent support groups.

*Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies*, published in spring 1999 by Connecticut-based Greenwood Publishing Group, was sparked by the pre-



**Signing books:** Devin Scillian (left), news anchor for WDIV-TV (Channel 4), and Farmington Observer reporter Tim Smith sign copies of Smith's book.

mature birth of Smith's daughter, Elizabeth. She was born at 25 weeks gestation, weighing 1 pound 14 ounces, in November 1994. Later, he found other families in Michigan and around the

country, and captured their captivating, personal stories for the book.

Scillian, the father of premature twins, Christian and Madison, wrote the book's preface.

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# Naughty 'Cabaret' reinvents racy Berlin story

"Cabaret" runs through Sunday, May 14, Fisher Theatre, Detroit. Performances are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$33-\$65, call (248) 645-6666.

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There's something almost naughty about the Fisher Theatre these days. Take your seats before a stage shimmering in burgundy, smoky violets lights and silver curtain. Try not to stare at the scantily clad men and women traipsing about, smoking cigarettes and dangling from one of two spiral staircases, with horns and banjos at their side.

Temporarily transformed into the Kit Kat Klub, the Detroit theater invites audiences to forget their troubles and get lost in the lurid life of one Sally Bowles in Sam Mendes' production of the classic John Kander and Fred Ebb musical *Cabaret*.

Relying on voyeuristic audiences, the dancers stare through the crowd, dressed in tattered stockings, bras and suspenders long before the stirring drum roll.

This isn't the *Cabaret* that shot Liza Minnelli to stardom in 1972. Gone are Director Bob Fosse's black derbies and carefully crafted innuendoes. This is

a bold, racy and modern view into the seedy club where "life is beautiful, the girls are beautiful, even the orchestra is beautiful."

## Guide to the underworld

The charismatic, ever-present emcee lures the audience into this decadent underground hide-away, donning a leather trench-coat, red apple lips and a pale face. He flirts with men and women alike. Portrayed with charm, overt sexuality and a curious smile by Jon Peterson, the emcee is the thread holding the story together. He's a guide to the underworld of the Kit Kat Klub, which is fueled by money and desire in the early 1930s, and he is a constant reminder of the stern Fascist eye following all activities in Berlin.

*Cabaret* is based on Joe Masteroff's book and adapted from Christopher Isherwood's Berlin Stories and John Van Druten's *I Am a Camera*. It reflects the paradox of the 1930s in Germany, a cosmopolitan time following World War I and foreshadowing the rise of Hitler and Fascism.

But Mendes (*American Beauty*) directed a *Cabaret* that obliterates the boundaries of previous interpretations. Surprise, Sally Bowles snorts cocaine, "dahling." Her love interest Clifford shares an on-screen kiss with a male cabaret dancer. And the tune "Two Ladies" is set to a stage show that includes the emcee, one female and one

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transvestite. No, this isn't your parent's *Cabaret*.

Newcomer Lea Thompson (*Caroline in the City*) wears the frilly undergarments well, but isn't a perfect fit for the role of Bowles — a fast-talking, British girl who wishes for a better life and acts as though she's "perfectly marvelous." True, the character calls for an over-the-top persona, thinly veiled in innocence and fear, but Thompson's past is too littered with sugary characters to transform her into the quintessential "Toast of Mayfair."

If it weren't for her powerful, commanding vocal performance, she might not have pulled it off. But when Miss Sally Bowles bids: "Put down the knitting, the book and the broom," one must do as told. Thompson truly shines in signature numbers like *Mein Herr*, and a soulful solo of *Cabaret* which ends with a crashing the mike stand on the ground.

## Marvelous

Jay Goede makes a marvelous "sensitive American writer." As Clifford Bradshaw, his breathy, dear-in-headlights performance suits the character who gets caught up with Bowles and a

fast-paced life. He's a Yankee, trying to write the great American novel. And when he takes out a notebook in the final scenes and truly begins, "There was a cabaret and a master of ceremonies. It was the end of the world and I was dancing with Sally Bowles and we were both fast asleep," the essence of the story rings true.

*Cabaret* hinges on escapism,

with Sally at the helm. It plays on heightening tension by showing the flip-side of a trouble-free life — the strict control exhibited by the Fascist party, whose members are as close as next-door neighbors.

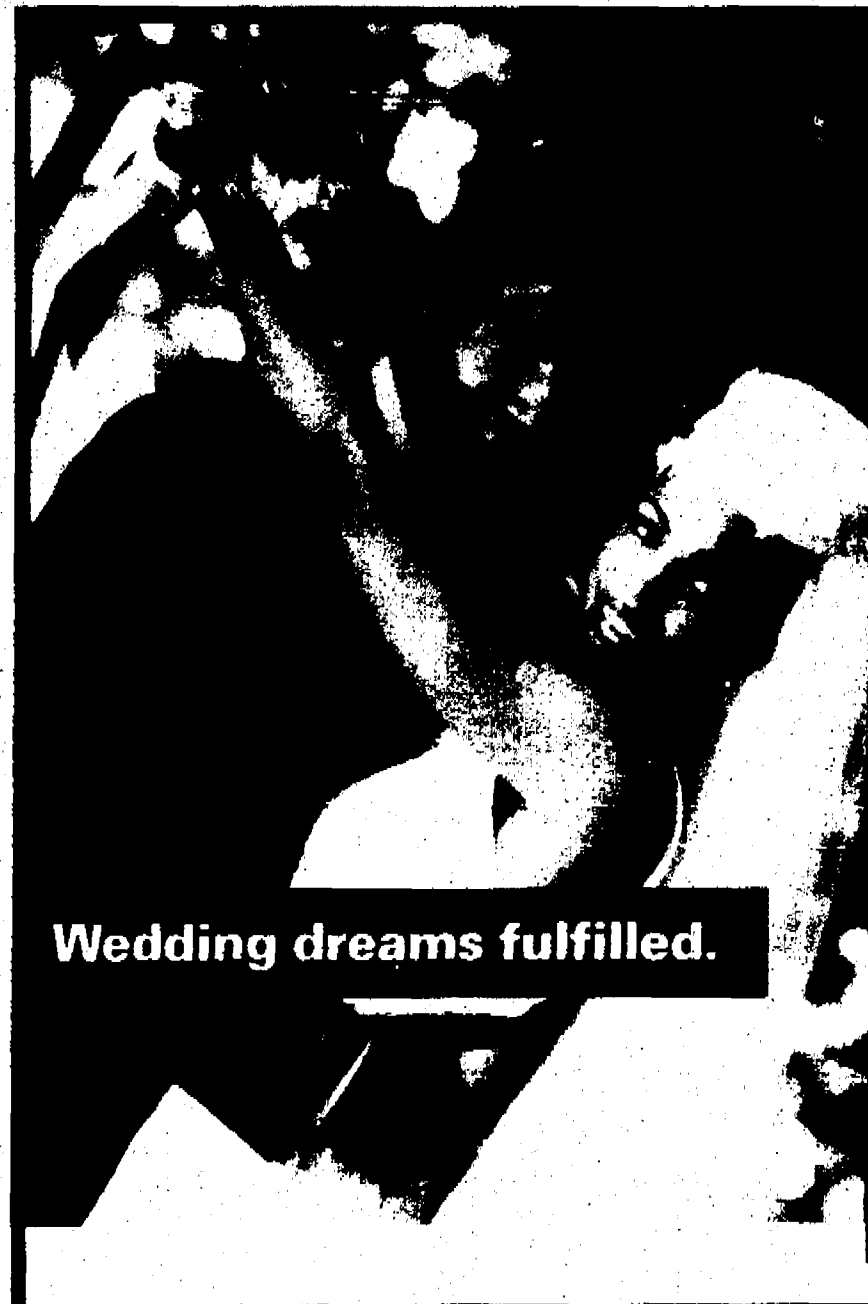
Fraulein Schneider, played by Cass Morgan, makes this realization of her boarders. She and her Jewish fiancé, Herr Schultz, represent a Berlin quickly crumbling under Hitler's rise to power. Their love for one another and impending marriage is not only questioned, but threatened. Nothing exhibits the changes ahead more than the song *Tomorrow Belongs To Me*, a Fascist anthem heard first on a

scratchy record player and later sung at a jubilant gathering.

## Shivering voice

When Peterson mewls out a melancholy *I Don't Care Much*, the weight of the world order can be felt in his shivering voice. Rob Marshall choreographed scenes with fluid beauty and scandalous appeal.

The show ends with the same abrupt sentiment that marked the end of an era with the Nazi's torchlight parade in January 1933. Having an explosively and starkly surprising finish, *Cabaret* proves it's valuable enough to be brilliantly reinvented, even in the year 2000.




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**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

## 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

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**AVON PLAYERS:** "Sweeney Todd," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 and May 12-13 and Thursday-Saturday, May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the theater, Rochester Hills. \$15; student/senior/group rates available. (248) 608-9077  
**COMMUNITY THEATRE OF HOWELL:** "Brigadoon," Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, and Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, at McPherson Middle School. \$12, \$10 seniors/children. (517) 545-1290  
**EMPATHEATRE:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$12, \$8 students/seniors. (734) 913-9733  
**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  
**GROSSE POINTE THEATRE:** "West Side Story," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6, 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, 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) 797-7306  
**ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS:** "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7; 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  
**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD:** "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, May 12-13 and May 19-20, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty. Tickets \$10, \$7 children ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110  
**PONTIAC THEATRE IV:** "Annie Warbucks," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 and 12-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at Pontiac Northern High School. \$8, \$7 seniors/students. (248) 681-6215/(248) 737-9039  
**STAGGERS:** "The King and I," opens May 12 and continues to June 4, American Sign Language performance Thursday, May 25, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$14-\$16. (248) 541-6430

## DINNER THEATER

**MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN:** "Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. (248) 960-9440

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**NOVI THEATRE'S CHILDREN'S ANNI:** "Charlotte's Web," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the



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**Special artists:** The Fine Chimes are just one of the groups performing at the VSA Arts Festival 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. More than 150 musicians and dancers with special needs will celebrate the skills they learn in VSA Arts programs throughout the year. Founded by Jean Kennedy Smith in conjunction with the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) provides programs in dance, music, drama and the visual arts for persons with disabilities. For more information, call (248) 646-3347.

Novi Civic Center Stage. \$10, \$8 advance. (248) 347-0400  
**PUPPETART:** "Crane Maiden, a Japanese tale with marionettes and puppeteers in traditional Japanese costumes and masks, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777  
**TEDD E. BEAR PRODUCTIONS:** Nancy Gurwin presents "Broadway Kids 2000," a new musical review, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and May 14, Aaron DeRaoy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BLUES CLUES LIVE:** Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Thursday-Sunday, May 4-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515  
**COLLECTIBLE TOY SHOW:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$5, under age 10 free. (734) 455-2110  
**FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS:** Farmington area arts organizations present art exhibits, concerts, theater, dance and poetry readings, through Sunday, May 7 at William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road (gate four), Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816  
**FIFTH OF MAY - NIGHT OF ART:** Annual Cinco de Mayo. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at Detroit Public Library's Bowen Branch. (313) 843-9598/(313) 842-7010  
**ICE COMPANY 200:** Spotlights more than 100 skaters, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, and noon 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 14, at the Southfield Sports Aren. \$8.50-\$9.50. (248) 354-9357  
**MEET YOUR BEST FRIEND:** At the Detroit Zoo during an adoption weekend with animals from the Michigan Humane Society and 18 other local animal welfare organizations including Horses Haven and Rabbit Rescue, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7, at the zoo, Royal Oak. (248) 398-0900  
**MUSIC: A LIFE LINE FOR THE CENTURY:** The Birmingham Musicale and Farmington Musicale present free concerts by school choruses and instrumental groups

(elementary through high school), adult professional and amateur soloists and ensembles, and community choruses, Sunday-May 7 to Thursday, May 11 during regular hours, at Tel-Twelve Mall, Southfield.  
**SHOW N' SHINE CAR SHOW:** Featuring hundreds of street rods, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

## BENEFITS

**CELEBRATING LIFE:** A Broadway-style review performed by the cast of "Cabaret" with Lead Thompson, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. \$36, \$72, to benefit Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition and Broadway Cares: Equity Fights AIDS. (248) 594-6522

## FAMILY EVENTS

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT:** The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Beyond the Galaxy" 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at Orchestra Hall. \$8-\$31. (313) 576-5111

## CLASSICAL

**DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC SYMPHONIA:** Concert features a performance of *Faust Overture*, written by 14-year-old Colin Tucker, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Orchestra Hall. \$4-\$5. (313) 576-5111  
**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Highlights from Richard Wagner's *Ring Cycle*, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Orchestra Hall. \$19-\$50. (313) 576-5111. Overtures event for singles begin at 6 p.m. Friday, May 5 with mingling and food at Mario's. (313) 576-5119  
**FORD HONORS PROGRAM:** Tribute to Isaac Stern 7 p.m. Friday, May 5 at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538  
**MICHAEL GEORGE:** The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999

## OPERA

**VERDI OPERA THEATRE OF MICHIGAN:** The finals of the sixth annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren. \$7, \$5 seniors/high school students. (734) 455-8895/(810) 751-2855

## AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**DREAM CATCHER YOUTH CHOIR:** Auditions for new members 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Immanuel

Lutheran Church, Macomb Township. (810) 296-5853  
**JUNIOR ACTORS OF RIDGEDALE:** Auditions for "You Can't Take It With You," 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the theater, Troy. (248) 398-2725  
**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 Heritage Museum & Fine Arts Center, Detroit. \$150. (313) 872-0279  
**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS:** Auditions for "Taming of the Shrew" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the theater, Troy. (248) 682-2175  
**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** Performing arts sessions continue to Saturday, June 3, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

## CHORAL

**ANN ARBOR CANTATA SINGERS:** 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 476-4803  
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**DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR:** "Opera Stars Tonight," soloists and full chorus perform highlights from your favorite operas, 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills. "Meet the Artists Reception" follows each concert. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students. (313) 882-0118  
**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  
**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) 979-8406 or (248) 435-5307  
**GIMBLE:** The 14-voice coed a cappella ensemble from the University of Michigan performs 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Newburg United Methodist church, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. (734) 455-7427/(734) 422-0149  
**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. (810) 445-6199  
**OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MASTERWORKS CHORALE:** Give their spring concert, "Your Ticket

to Broadway," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. Suggested donation is \$5, \$12 for a family of 3 or more. (248) 522-3590  
**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, Novi. \$8. Call (734) 455-4080  
**PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY:** Performs the music of Handel and Rutter, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. A free-will offering will be taken (\$5 suggested donation). (734) 455-8353  
**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR:** 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia. Free, but donations will be accepted during intermission. (734) 462-4435

## COMMUNITY CONCERTS

**DAVID SYME:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. \$8. (248) 424-9022  
**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND:** 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Wm. Costick Activity Center, Farmington Hills. Free. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412  
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## ORGAN

**SCOTT FOPPIANO:** Performs the music of Bach, Langlais, Vivaldi, Oldroyd, Chopin and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 875-7407.

## 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.

## JAZZ

**SPENCER BAREFIELD:** With Richard Davis, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13, at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. \$10. (313) 331-0922  
**BESS BONNIER SEPTET:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. \$15, includes afterflow. (313) 885-4939  
**DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY AWARD PRESENTATION:** With performance by Tampa Ted, 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Attic Bar, Hamtramck. Free. (313) 365-4194  
**ANN DYER:** The West Coast vocalist performs 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999  
**GEM JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800  
**DICK HYMAN:** The jazz pianist performs improvisations of Great American Songs, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$15-\$30. (734) 769-2999  
**BRAD MEHLDAU TRIO:** 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. \$15 advance, \$20 at door. (734) 662-8310  
**MARTY MONTGOMERY & DOUBLETAKE:** 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield. (248) 356-8881  
**TAMPA TED & THE BLUE KNIGHTS:** 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Attic Bar, Hamtramck. Free. (313) 365-4194  
**ALEXANDER ZONUNG:** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at Tiffany's, Detroit. (313) 964-8900  
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**WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING:** 8-11 p.m. Friday, May 5, (248) 673-4764  
**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE:** "Motown in Motion," 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$18-\$22. (810) 286-2222

## COMEDY

**FARMINGTON CIVIC THEATRE:** Soupy Sales and Marv Welch, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Farmington Civic Theatre. \$25. (248) 473-7777  
**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  
**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:** Vic DiBitetto, 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:** John Heffron, also Michael Jr. Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900  
**SECOND CITY:** "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

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**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. (313) 577-8400  
**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:** Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051  
**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 fam-



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**SPRIT 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

**CHRISTINA AGUILERA:** With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$38.50-\$25. (248) 645-6666.  
**APPLES IN STEREO:** 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8. (248) 645-6666.  
**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.  
**GORDON BENNETT:** 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011  
**BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD:** 10 p.m. Sundays in May, Friday, May 5, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.  
**BLINK-182:** With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25. (248) 645-6666.  
**BLOODHOUND GANG:** With Nerf Herder, A. Powerface and Isabella'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.  
**ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.  
**BRANDED:** With ProtoStar, AntiBevy, 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; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150.  
**JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$46 pavilion/\$23.50 lawn.  
**BUSTER GROOVE BAND:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450  
**SFC Foundation:** (248) 645-6666.  
**CHISEL BROTHERS WITH CHEF:** 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.  
**COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE:** With Galactic, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$23.50-\$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.  
**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, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$12 advance. (313) 833-9700.  
**DEF LEPPARD:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666  
**DETROIT ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL:** The first ever, three-day, non-stop music festival will be held Memorial Weekend, May 26-28, Hart Plaza, Detroit. It features more than 60 electronic artists including: The Roots, Mos Def, Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson, Juan Atkins, Isootope 217, Kenny Larkin, Stacy Pullen, Richie Hawtin, Space Time Continuum, Ectomorph, Craig Taborn, DJ Bone, Houseshoes, Recluse, Mike Clark, Mike Huckaby, Clark Warner, Derek Piskalniko, Bill Vankol and Oscar McMillan. Details to come.  
**DILATED PEOPLES:** With Talib Kwesi and Hi Tek, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages.

\$15 advance. (248) 645-6666.  
**DISTURBED:** Saturday, May 6, Harpo's Detroit.  
**DOPE:** With Primer 545 and Pimpadelic, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 13, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10 advance. (248) 645-6666.  
**ELIZA:** Friday, May 5, Xhedos Cafe, Ferndale. See www.elizaband.com  
**GLENN FREY:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**FUNTOWN:** 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, 19-20, Cowley's, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.  
**KENNY G:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.  
**MADISON GREENE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734) 464-6302.  
**HARRINGTON BROTHERS:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 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.  
**ROY HAYNES TRIO:** Featuring Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (248) 645-6666.  
**DON HENLEY:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$66 pavilion only. \$1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.  
**KRISTEN HERSH AND VIC CHESTNUT:** With Rose Polenzani, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 761-1800.  
**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS:** 7 p.m. Friday, May 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

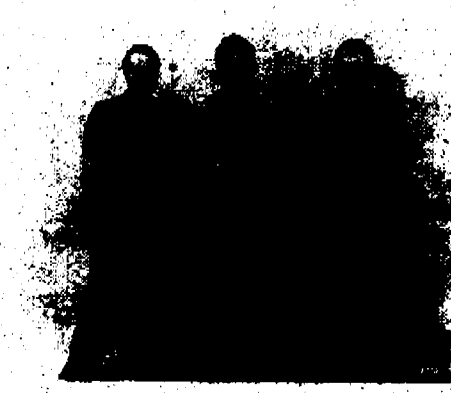
**CLAIRE HOLLEY:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302.  
**INDIGO GIRLS:** 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**JAZZHEAD:** 10 p.m. Mondays in May, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.  
**JENDZA:** With Super TC and Porn Family, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (248) 645-6666.  
**MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND:** 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).  
**AUTUMN KERR:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013.  
**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.  
**ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**CHANTAL KREVIKZUK:** 8 p.m.



Thursday, May 11, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.  
**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.  
**MR. LEN:** Tuesday, May 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.  
**LIL ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, May

20, Sisko's, Detroit. (313) 278-5340.  
**LONESTAR:** 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**LUNACHICKS:** With Mindless Self Indulgence, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8 advance. (248) 645-6666.  
**MAGNETIC FIELDS:** Thursday, May 25, 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.  
**DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE:** 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.  
**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 or (313) 983-6611.  
**MAZE:** With K-Ci and Jo Jo, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.  
**MARTINA MCBRIDE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.  
**EDWIN MCCAIN:** With Pete Riley, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15. (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.  
**MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES:** 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. Tickets c/o 89X.  
**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).  
**MOTLEY CRUE:** With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.  
**MOTOR BALL 2000:** With DJ Manny Lehman, 10 p.m. Saturday, May 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$30

## CLUB CIRCUIT

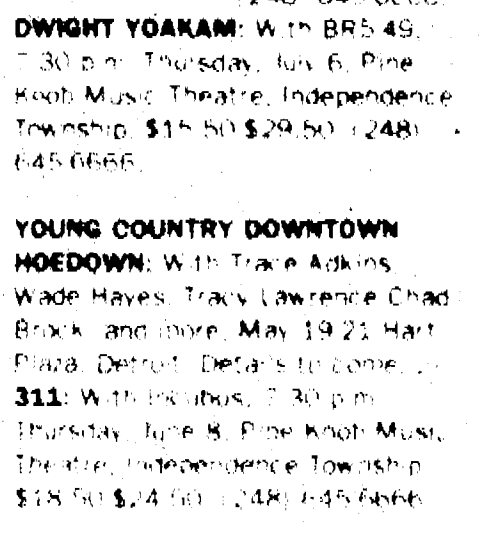
**ALVIN'S:** 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xt.com  
**ARBOR BREWING COMPANY:** 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com  
**THE ARK:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587  
**ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST:** 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300  
**BEALE STREET BILLIAR:** 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.conoroneills.com  
**COWLEY'S:** 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941  
**THE DECK AND THE FIVE MOLE:** 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500  
**DETROIT COVER:** 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.detroitacelance.com  
**EDISON'S:** 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150  
**ELIE'S:** 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420  
**FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS:** 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922  
**FLYING FISH TAPERS:** 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 LUKE ARENA:** 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606  
**JOE'S KEY CLUB:** 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337  
**KARL'S CABIN:** 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450  
**LA BOON 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) 926-9960  
**LOVELY HEART'S 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.  
**MAIN STREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY:** Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441  
**MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAPE AND MAGIC STICK:** (313) 833-9700  
**MIDNIGHT SMOKE:** 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300  
**NICHOLAN THEATRE:** 903 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397  
**MOTOR LOUNGE:** 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorloft.com  
**MR. O'S BARR:** 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7036  
**MUSIC MENUE:** 5111 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU  
**THE PALACE:** 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.thepalace.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.pineknob.com  
**PURE BAR ROOM:** 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE  
**ROCHESTER HILLS GOLF COMPANY:** 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-6080  
**THE ROOMS SPORTS CAFE:** 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337  
**ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE:** 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610  
**THE SCORCH CLUB:** 217 Fenwick, Detroit. (313) 831-1250  
**ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER:** 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.851net.com  
**7TH HOUSE:** 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540  
**STATE THEATRE:** 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-4431 or www.statetheater.com  
**24 KARAT GOLD:** 289-49 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030  
**24 HOURS:** Updates from Jerry's, 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067  
**TWENTY HOUSE THEATRE:** 3840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302  
**U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WORMS BREWERY:** 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7839  
**VILVIT LOUNGE:** 29 E. Sashabaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411  
**VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/WHISKY'S CUE & BREW:** 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2390  
**WAGON WHEEL TAPERS:** 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 683-8789  
**WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB:** 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 585-1519  
**XHEDOS CAFE:** Siets Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946  
**ZIN'S WISH TAPERS:** 1350 Lapeer Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

advance. (248) 645-6666.  
**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 Rockability Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.  
**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 8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.  
**OZZFEST 200:** Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, 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.  
**JIMMY PAGE AND THE BLACK CROWES:** With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$55. (248) 645-6666.  
**PARADISE:** 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555.  
**POISON:** With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**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 10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.  
**REEFERMEN:** 10 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Saturday, May 20, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Friday, May 26, Thursday, June 1, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.  
**DUKE ROBILARD & 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.  
**LODD RUNDGREN:** With Leon Russell, 8 p.m. Monday, July 3, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$12.50-\$25.50. (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 Magic Foundation. (248) 645-6666.  
**BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA:** With Twisted Tentacles, 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 Goss 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.  
**SPATI:** With Band of Negatives and Bar Elzy, Friday, May 12, Rixx, Detroit. (313) 881-ROCK.  
**BRITNEY SPEARS:** With LFO.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5013; 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. \$18. (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, Conetti 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, Fingert Mally, Dilated Peoples, Unwritten Law, Snapcase, Save Ferris, Hot Water Music, Animal, Aya!, One Man Army, Anti Flag, One Minute Silence, Gob, Nippon, Camp, Beatsteaks, The Line, Buoys, Scooter Trash, The Hippos, Stingers 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.  
**VERUCA SALT:** 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$10. (313) 961-MELT.  
**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Giovanni's Cafe, Pontiac. (248) 334-5214.  
**WEEN:** 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$15-\$18. (248) 645-6666.  
**WISH YOU WERE HERE:** Pink Floyd Tribute, 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$8. (313) 833-9700.  
**TRISHA YEARWOOD:** With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

**DWIGHT YOAKAM:** With BR5-49, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.  
**YOUNG COUNTRY DOWNTOWN HODDOWN:** With Tracie Adkins, Wade Hayes, Tracie Lawrence Chad Brock and more, May 19-21, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Details to come.  
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# 'Love and Basketball' a slam dunk with audiences

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Though this movie, produced by Spike Lee and Sam Kitt, is structured around the game of basketball, it's really about that other game — the one that makes the world go 'round.

Divided into four "quarters," it's as much fun to watch and as briskly paced as a well-fought high school or college game. Picture this: It's 1981 ("first quarter"), and Quincy (played as a youngster by Glenn Don Chatman) is the hotshot "star" in his middle-class, African-American neighborhood in suburban Los Angeles. Then, one day, 11-year-old Monica (Kyla Pratt) moves in

next door, and threatens to get a step ahead in a neighborhood game. Quincy hardly has a clue at this point as to what to do. His position has never been threatened before ("I run this street," he tells Monica), and it's certainly never been threatened by a girl.

Jump ahead to 1988, and the story's "second quarter." A grown-up Monica (Sanaa Lathan) is the star player on her high school team, and Quincy (Omar Epps) is making a huge name for himself on the men's team. Both hope and dream to gain a scholarship to the University of Southern California. They're both, in a way, still competing with each other. But is that a

possible romantic relationship we see developing between these two?

Soon, we're in the third quarter (1988-89) and, just like in an important roundball game, the tension begins to take on another new dimension. We're gripping the edge of our seat just a little tighter, we're hurting at the low spots just a bit more, cheered by the high spots a bit more. We have come to care about these players (flawed as they are) in the course of this film, simply because we have come to know them, have seen them sweat, have watched them laugh and cry, and have discovered that they are characters with whom we can identify. By the time they

reach college (yes, they both make it to USC), both are dreaming of a pro career. And they are both most definitely dreaming of each other. In fact, they're doing a good bit more than just dreaming.

I'll not give away what happens in the last quarter, of course. Suffice it to say that the game does not always go smoothly and, just like in real life, some surprises are in store.

With this picture, screenwriter/director Gina Prince-Blythe has succeeded in putting together a film that's as tight as a tournament tie-breaker, and as appealing romantically as a new Valentine.

Omar Epps, as the sometimes-cocky, sometimes-touching Quincy, just runs away with the role. Sanaa Lathan, as a young woman destined to fight her family, coaches, and even the man she loves in order to be the basketball player she knows herself to be, is just as convincing. And, as a team, you might say that these two are "awesome, Baby, awesome" (to quote ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale, who makes a cameo appearance).

Supporting players score consistently, as well. As Quincy's loving father, Dennis Haysbert brings just the right touches of charm and trouble to his role.



Compete: Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan shoot and score in "Love and Basketball," in theaters now.

Debbi Morgan, in the part of his suspicious, long-suffering wife, could have gone all weepy on us, but she never allows her character to get wearisome; consequently, we're always cheering for her.

Harry J. Lennix manages to make an important contribution in his abbreviated role as Monica's caring father. And Alfre Woodard truly shines as her loving, tradition-bound mother, who simply cannot understand her daughter's dedication and devo-

tion to a game, no matter how hard she tries. (One of the strongest scenes in the movie takes place between these two very real women, as they try to settle their differences in a kitchen.)

The basketball scenes here are some of the best since "Hoosiers," while the romance, with all its accompanying pains and pleasures, shines through like a warm underglow from the opening moments to the final slam dunk.

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# Blowtop's music spun from friendship

How many people can you name from your first grade class?

I'm one of a lucky few because I'm still friends with Miss Angie Burnett, who I first met in Mrs. Kevern's first grade class at Rochester Hills' Brewster Elementary School. Many years later, we can still call each other up and talk endlessly about our lives. We became close friends in journalism class, actually.

If there's anyone out there who can relate, I know Patrick Shanley and John Jacobs are among them. As founding members of the

Detroit-based band Blowtop, Shanley and Jacobs met in first grade at Bishop Gallagher School in Harper Woods. But their friendship emerged in high school due to a common tie — music. As students, they were involved in high school theater and played in the pit band. After school Shanley and Jacobs hung out and played music. That's how it was.

In a way things haven't changed. Jacobs, who was influenced by his father's music like Louis Prima and Frank Sinatra, admitted: "I was always fond of the older stuff." In high school, he and Shanley discovered they shared a love for the blues, The Beatles and Led Zeppelin, while their classmates rocked out to Van Halen and Journey. "We were listening to stuff no one else was," said Shan-

ley. That mutual taste in music led to a career. It started out when Shanley brought a bunch of musicians to Detroit's Cadioux Cafe for an open mike night dubbed "The Hootenanny." When he found himself in need of a guitarist, he "seized the opportunity" to bring Jacobs into the band. From that collaboration, two old friends began writing new material. *The Island* was the result of their first songwriting collaboration.

Just as true friends can finish each other's sentences, Shanley and Jacobs complete each other's musical ideas.

"We always keep it very level-headed," said Shanley. "We want to do this to have fun."

"It's not just to have fun," clarified his cohort. "We take it serious-

ly." The combination shows on the band's self-titled debut. Shanley and Jacobs consult each other with ideas, but now write independently. Still, the songs share a cohesive quality that is the band's rootsy, melodic sound.

Tunes like *Catch You Later*, the Beatlesque *So Sad* and *Out Of The Question* are just three reasons to give the band a listen.

"The hardest thing is getting the first one under your belt," said Jacobs. "It's hard to put out there, it's something for people to judge."

Blowtop describes its music as eclectic. It's not alt-rock, said Shanley. But it can be, insisted Jacobs. There are no boundaries once Blowtop starts spinning. "We don't like to confine ourselves to any one category," said Jacobs.



**Blowtop:** Patrick Shanley and John Jacobs collaborate in music that's hard to define but sure to please.

This is just the beginning for Blowtop. It's not about striving for success as much as it is pursuing a career both musicians are passionate about. And Blowtop isn't about image, or multi-media-hyped performances. If you love music for music's sake, without the splashy costumes, smoke, and mirrors, give this disc a spin. Find it at Harmony House, Tower Records, Car City

Records and Record Time. See *Blowtop live, Saturday, May 6, The Berkley Frant*. (248) 547-3331; *Sunday, May 7, Cadioux Cafe*, (313) 882-8560.

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# Mary Timony uncovers musical netherworld with 'Mountains'

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Mary Timony speaks with a hushed sweetness that shows almost no signs of someone who was raised on a strict diet of Washington D.C.'s thriving punk scene. At home now in Boston, Timony was preparing to go out on the road in support of *Mountains*, her solo debut on Matador Records.

Known as the voice of Helium since she replaced Mary Lou Lord in 1992, Timony took a step sideways with friend and drummer Christina Files to make a musical landscape that stretches into the depths of the imagination with its subtle tones of murky guitar, wispy vocals and moody piano. Tracks like *The Bell*, *Tiger Rising*, and *Valley of One Thousand Perfumes* possess a pervasive and quite personal quality best achieved on a visionary solo effort such as *Mountains*.

"It is something I've wanted to

do for awhile," said Timony. "I wanted the next time I recorded to be kind of mellow, low-key, not a big production. I didn't want to make something like Helium."

Timony moved further into the depths of prog-rock with this album, drawing on the surrealistic levels achieved by Helium on 1997's *The Magic City*. But Timony was first drawn to music through early inspiration from her brother, Pat. "He used to write songs and I would beg him to be able to sing songs he wrote, 'cause I loved them."

From home, to the punk scene surrounding her hometown and the instruments of preference — namely guitar and keyboards — Timony has made her mark in bands like the short-lived, girl-punk group Autoclave, The Spells and alt-rock supergroup Mind Science of the Mind.

But Timony uses words like "bare" and "sparse" to describe the aesthetic of this collection with its 15 shiny new songs. She

said the album, released in March, comes from a "slightly different" place than her work with Helium. "It's a little sadder, a little more raw."

*Mountains* was written over the past few years and recorded last summer at a Chinatown loft in Boston. "I wanted to focus on getting a good performance," said Timony. To get that relaxed atmosphere, she called on friend and musical cohort, Christina Files.

"She lives in this really cool loft with huge ceilings," said Timony of the space. Songs like *The Hour Glass* hold tones of natural reverberation created in a hallway of that very building. Five different

microphones captures subtleties that add to the mystique of *Mountains*. "We were lucky to have that space," she said.

Lucy indeed. The music is all that's left of that loft these days. "It was knocked down about a month ago," said Timony.

What remains is bound to sound quite different as Timony and Files take it on the road. "The shows have been really rocking," she insisted, despite the soft nature of the album. "There's a lot of noise improvisation."

While audiences might not expect it to "be so rock," as Timony puts it, when was the last time someone called her "pre-

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# Treat yourself to a 'Mexican Fiesta' on Cinco de Mayo

BY KEELY WYGONIK AND RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITERS

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In Mexico, May 5, Cinco de Mayo, is a special day. It commemorates the victory of the Mexican people over the French in a battle that took place on May 5, 1862. The battle marked the beginning of the end of European domination in Mexico.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Mexico with parades and feasting. Fortunately, the celebration has spread north of the border, all the way to metro Detroit. Some local restaurants, like the newly remodeled Mexican Fiesta II in Canton, will have entertainment this Friday.

At the Mexican Fiesta II, diners will eat to the rhythm of a mariachi band 1-2 p.m. "The Mexican people are very festive," said Nancy Schultz, a manager. "We like to celebrate."

If you haven't visited the restaurant for awhile, you're in for a treat. Owned by the Alvarado family of Canton, Mexican Fiesta II is known for its authentic Mexican cuisine. Popular menu items include the botana, burritos, enchiladas and several kinds of fajitas - chicken, beef or shrimp. They also offer seven different Mexican beers, ice cream drinks, margaritas and other cocktails.

If you're not a fan of Mexican cuisine, like they say, "no problemo." The menu includes hamburgers, chicken strips and stir-fry, fish 'n' chips and a shrimp dinner.

Recent renovations include a remodeled lounge area, new wall coverings and murals, pictures, ceramic tile and wrought iron accents. "It's much more open now," said Schultz.

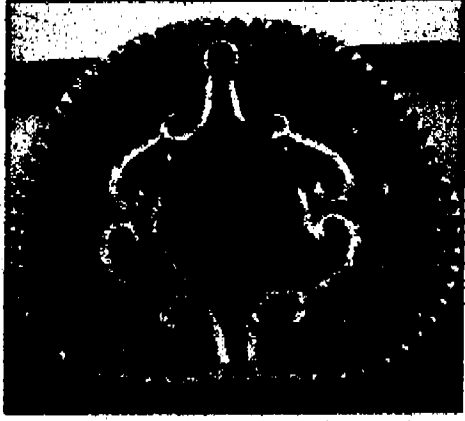
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**Where:** 44401 Ford Road, corner of Sheldon Road, Canton, (734) 981-1048.  
**Open:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.  
**Menu:** Mexican fare, hamburgers and other sandwiches, pork chops, sirloin steak, roast beef, chicken strips and fish 'n' chips. Children's menu available.

**Cost:** Lunch entrees \$4.25 to \$9.75; dinner \$5.25 to \$10.  
**Reservations:** Not accepted Friday nights, Saturday or Sunday; recommended Monday-Thursday for parties of six or more.  
**Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

**Banquet room:** Seats 30-35 people.  
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**Carryout:** Available.



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**Celebrate:** Nancy Schultz and Julio Rues present Chicken Fajitas and Botana, just two of the many items you'll find on the menu at the newly remodeled Mexican Fiesta Restaurant in Canton.

pleasing palates Mexican-style since they opened the Mexican Fiesta in Dearborn Heights nearly 34 years ago. They opened their Canton location 10 years ago.

"The restaurants are all run by family," said Schultz. "We want our customers to leave here satisfied."

**Celebrate**

Join the fiesta. Celebrate Cinco de Mayo, or any special occasion, with dinner at your favorite Mexican restaurant.

- Try some of these:
- Mexican Fiesta - 24310 Ford Road, near Telegraph, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-3066. Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.
- Old Mexico - 28407 Five

Mile Road (between Inkster and Middlebelt), Livonia (734) 421-3310. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed Sunday.

- Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant - 7034 Middlebelt, Garden City, (734) 427-1177. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.
- New Mexico - 35851 Ford Road, Westland, (734) 641-9455. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.
- Don Pablo's - 39895 Ford Road, Canton, (734) 844-7836; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.
- Dos Pesos - 11800 Belleville Road, south of I-94, Belleville, (734) 697-5777. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11

- a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Closed Sunday.
- El Nibble Nook - 27725 Eight Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 474-0755. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Strolling mariachi band Friday nights.
- Rio Bravo Cantina - 19265 Victor Parkway (at Seven Mile Road), Livonia, (734) 542-0700. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. Fairlane Town Cen-

- ter, Dearborn, (313) 271-2900. Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- The Burro - 3574 Plymouth Road (at Green), (734) 623-0109. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Deliveries in Ann Arbor area.
- La Fiesta Mexicana - 529 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, (734) 483-1666. Hours: 4-9 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
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- Las Fajitas - 29866 Ford Road (west of Middlebelt), Garden City, (734) 266-2299. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 3-9 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sundays.
- Little Armando's - 34718 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 522-9666. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; 4:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday.

**RESTAURANT SPECIALS**

Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecom.net.

**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.**

**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 per-

cent of all ticket sales go to the fight against hunger.

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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 35 of the metro area's top chefs to participate in the nation's largest culinary benefit.

Wine chair and master sommelier Madeleine Trifon has presented some exquisite wines. Live music entertainment also will be provided. Participating restaurants and colleges include Diamond Jim Brady's, Duet,

Schoolcraft College, and Sweet Lorraine's.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Gleaners Food Bank at (313) 923-3535.

■ **Quizno's** - Announces the opening of a new Quizno's Classic Subs restaurant in Farmington Hills in American Plaza, 32515 Northwestern Highway. Quizno's Classic Subs are served on a soft baguette, baked especially for the restaurant chain. The subs are prepared and then

run open-faced through an oven to melt the cheese and toast the bread before being served. The Farmington Hills Quizno's is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Customers can order to take out or to eat in the dining room. Call (248) 626-QUIZ to place your carryout order. Quizno's also offers boxed lunches for corporate catering, and a 6-foot, 4-foot or 2-foot length subs for home or office parties. With the opening

of the Farmington Hills Quizno's there are now over 800 Quizno's restaurants open in 38 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Japan, Central America and Australia.

■ **Too Chez** - Executive Chef Greg Upshur will prepare his prix fixe Organic Vegetarian Feast 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. The cost is \$28 per person at Too Chez Restaurant, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. A selection of organic wines will also be available for purchase with the meal.

For reservations/information call (248) 348-5555. Too Chez is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday for lunch, and 5:30-10 p.m. for dinner. Closed Sunday.

■ **McDonald's** - fast-food chain has introduced the McSalad Shaker - a convenient and innovative way to eating salads. It's served in a large, clear cup with a domed lid that allows customers to pour on their choice of dressing and shake it up, spreading the dressing evenly.

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# The Observer



## Observer Academic All-Stars

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# 2000 All Stars set the standard

The faces you are about to see in the next pages might include those of future doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, computer dynamos and politicians.

They are the 2000 Observer Academic All-Stars - 20 of the brightest and most accomplished high school students in the metro area.

As in the past, this year's Academic All-Stars were chosen on the basis of their grade point averages in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores. Other important factors are the ways in which these young men and women distinguish themselves with their community and school involvement, numerous honorary awards and the sacrifices they make daily when juggling the demands of school, work, family and friends.

All of these students deserve a sincere congratulations for their work.

Listed in order of point ranking, team members include: Paul Schultz, Catholic Central; Teresa E. Elsey, Harrison High School; Daniel Freeman, North Farmington High School; Michael Levy, North Farmington High School; Laura Portwood-Stacer, Churchill High School; Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho, Stevenson High School; Luke Williams, Plymouth-Canton High School; Jeffrey Grossman, Harrison High School; Qian Zhang, Churchill High School; Nicholas Demek, Stevenson High School; Sarah Ernst, Mercy High School; Timothy Bodnar, Plymouth-Salem High School; Ryan King, Plymouth-Salem High School; Marya Link, Farmington High School; Alexis Black, Clarenceville High School; Ross Ian MacKenzie, Lutheran High Westland; Martina Moro, Wayne Memorial High School; Christine Chan, Plymouth-Canton High School; Eva-Marie David, Mercy High School; and Joseph Colombo, Thurston High School.

**Paul Schultz**  
Catholic Central

## Redford

*College:* Boston College, Harvard, Yale, University of Chicago or University of Michigan; economics and law.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; A.P. Scholar Award; Xerox Award in the Social Sciences; Rensselaer Medal for Math and Sciences; Purdue University Junior Scholar in Math; three-time Scholastic All-Catholic Team; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition honorable mention; 2000 Presidential Scholars Candidate; and 2000 All State Academic Team Candidate.

*Extracurricular activities:* On-line newspaper, editor and reporter; Academic Team captain; football team; Student Council; math team; Catholic Central TV; Catholic Central on-line radio; Angel Tree Project; Easter Cross Memorial; Habitat for Humanity; church usher; Guardian Lutheran Church Youth Group; and CROP Walk.

*Influential teacher:* Gene Grewe, an English teacher and track coach, "had a way of making English come alive ... In my mind, Mr. Grewe is what a teacher is supposed to be: supremely educated, thoroughly prepared, always accessible, and having a genuine care for the education and welfare of his students."

Schultz said he speculates his generation will have the greatest standard of living the world has ever seen. "If we choose the right leaders, there are few social problems we should be unable to solve." He hopes to see an end to abortion, racism, and other forms of discrimination. "If we return to God and receive his blessings, there is nothing we cannot do."

He is the son of Ronald and Sandra Schultz and brother to Mark, 16, John, 15, and Joy, 12.

**Teresa Elizabeth Elsey**  
Harrison High School  
Farmington Hills

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**Paul Schultz**  
Catholic Central



**Teresa E. Elsey**  
Harrison High School



**Daniel Freeman**  
North Farmington High School



**Michael Levy**  
North Farmington High School



**Laura Portwood-Stacer**  
Churchill High School



**Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho**  
Stevenson High School



**On the cover:** Front row, from left, Laura Portwood-Stacer, Martina Moro, Eva-Marie David, Christine Chan and Teresa Elsey. Second row, from left, Sarah Ernst, Qian Zhang, Alexis Black, Daniel Freeman. Third row, from left, Nicholas Demek, Paul Schultz, Ross McKenzie, Luke Williams. Back row, from left, Ryan King, Jonathon Yung-Hsin Ho, Jeffrey Grossman and Joseph Colombo. Not shown are Michael Levy, Tim Bodnar and Marya Link.

# All stars *from page 2*

*College:* Harvard, Williams College, University of Chicago or University of Michigan; English.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; A.P. Scholar Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Presidential Scholars Candidate; Dean's List (Oakland Community College); Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition honorable mention; and academic letter.

*Extracurricular activities:* Harrison High Symphony Orchestra, viola section leader and music librarian; National Honor Society; Science Bowl; and TEAMS.

*Influential teacher:* Lori Williams, a fifth grade teacher, who "taught me to love learning." Elsey remembers how excited the students got when the teacher brought out a novel she read from daily. "People couldn't wait until the next morning to hear what happened next. Sometimes they would go out and get the book to read it."

Elsey expects her generation to contribute "a creativity and intellectual curiosity that will push the limits of every field of human endeavor."

Elsey is the daughter of Terry and Joanne Elsey and sister of Matthew, 16.

**Daniel Freeman**  
North Farmington High School  
Farmington Hills

*College:* Yale; undeclared academic study.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; 12 subject-based Academic Honor Award; Presidential Scholars Nominee; and Michigan Math Prize Competition, bronze award and honorable mention.

*Extracurricular activities:* Marching band, squad leader; jazz band, vice president; theater; Quiz Bowl Team captain; Forensics; student government vice president; National Honor Society; choir; Math League; Science Olympiad; 1999 Michigan Boy's State Program president; B'nai B'rith Youth Organization chapter president; volunteer for Jewish Agency for Residential Care; volunteer for Yad Ezra food bank; volunteer for Motor City Blight Busters; and volunteer for Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

*Influential teacher:* Michael Horner, math. Freeman said "He urged me to work to my potential in the classroom, but outside as well. As my Quiz Bowl coach, he inspired me to learn all that I could about the world around me and the subjects of the past, opening an incredible number of new doors to my imagination."

Freeman expects his generation will contribute the skills necessary for worldwide Internet use. "My generation has been familiar with computers from an early age, and we therefore will be very adept at further integrating them into Americans' daily lives."

He is the son of Fred and Evelyn Freeman and the brother of Erica, 21.

**Michael Levy**  
North Farmington High School  
Farmington Hills

*College:* University of Michigan;

undeclared area of study.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship, commended student; school award in accelerated physics, chemistry and Spanish; and MITES Technology Competition for Computer Aided Design; first place in region and fourth place in the state.

*Extracurricular activities:* B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, vice president and athletic chairman; and varsity tennis.

*Influential teacher:* Bruce Sutton, computer aided design teacher, provided the greatest influence by teaching Levy how to think. "He helped me move away from the concrete thinking of right and wrong that I developed in early education and showed me that there are many ways to solve a problem, and the best way is not always the most obvious." Levy also credits his former teacher for guiding him in the right direction and letting him solve problems on his own.

Levy sees his generation as one which continuously challenges norms. "I think this fresh outlook will let us approach problems from an entirely different angle, and help us develop ways of solving many of the world's toughest problems, including finding cures for viruses and cancers, as well as issues of waste management and energy sources."

Levy is the son of Bob and Linda Levy and brother to Daniel, 14.

**Laura Portwood-Stacer**  
Churchill High School  
Livonia

*College:* Michigan State University; computer science and philosophy.

*Academic honors:* University Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan State University; Dean's Merit Scholarship, University of Michigan; Regent's Scholarship, University of Michigan; National Merit Scholarship, finalist; Summa Cum Laude; Academic Honor Roll; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, finalist; and American High School Mathematics Exam, finalist.

*Extracurricular activities:* Marching band, drum major and assistant drum major; Students Against Drunk Driving, president and vice president; National Honor Society; and Phaeton Literary Magazine staff member.

*Influential teacher:* Mary Buda, facilitator of the Math, Science and Computer Program. She "has done everything in her power to provide an outstanding education for talented students in Livonia." Portwood-Stacer said these classes challenged her and gave her confidence. "Ms. Buda is always willing to do that which is in the best interests of her students. It is obvious that she loves to teach, and that she takes great pride in each one of her 'children.'"

Portwood-Stacer believes her generation has a "duty to establish an ethical code for the use of technology and to employ all of our knowledge to better human existence."

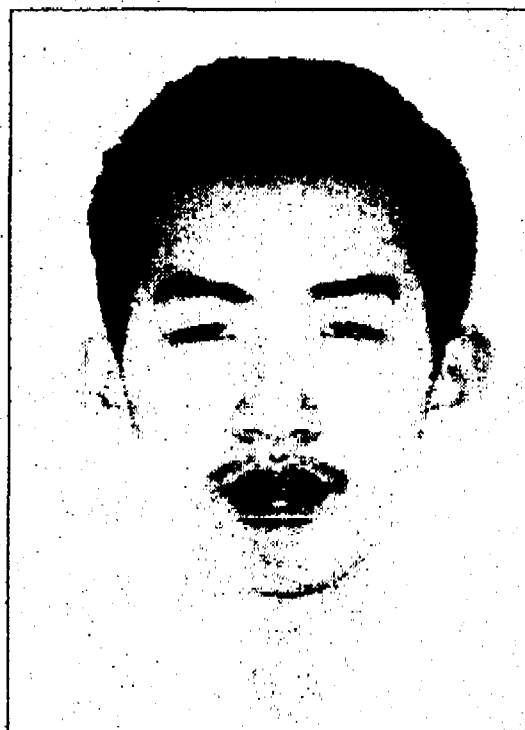
She is the daughter of Norma and Will Portwood-Stacer.



**Luke Williams**  
Plymouth-Canton High School



**Jeffrey Grossman**  
Harrison High School



**Qian Zhang**  
Churchill High School



**Nicholas Demek**  
Stevenson High School



**Sarah Ernst**  
Mercy High School



**Timothy Bodnar**  
Plymouth-Salem High School

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**Ryan King**  
Plymouth-Salem High School



**Marya Link**  
Farmington High School



**Alexis Black**  
Clarenceville High School



**Ross Ian MacKenzie**  
Lutheran High Westland

## All stars *from page 3*

### **Jonathan Yung-Hsin Ho** Stevenson High School Livonia

*College:* University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Harvard or Massachusetts Institute of Technology; undeclared area of study.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship, finalist; Advanced Placement Scholar; PTA Outstanding Youth Recognition Honoree; 1998-1999 Stevenson High School Math Department Student of the Year; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, finalist.

*Extracurricular activities:* Church youth group; National Honor Society; student council; Spanish Club treasurer; Physics Club; Art Club; Chemistry Club; and Spectrum Literary Publication.

*Influential teacher:* Les Prieskorn, English teacher, taught him to value education more than the grades on a piece of paper. "He taught me that if I work diligently, the grades would naturally follow." Ho also learned that individuality is superior to conformity.

He believes his generation is capable of great things. "We have the potential to cure many previously deadly diseases, and our technology continues to open new frontiers scientifically. At the same time, we cannot grow if we continue to ignore such problems like violence in our schools and racial hatred in our streets."

Ho is the son of Wei Ho and Wen-Fan Wei and the brother of Joseph, 19, and Esther, 11.

### **Luke Williams** Plymouth-Canton High School Canton

*College:* Harvard, University of Michigan, Western Michigan, Ohio State or Purdue; physics, computer science, music, political science or psychology.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; University of Michigan Full Tuition Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Stu-

dents; AISME Math Contest State Competitor; class Valedictorian, A.P. Scholar Award; and top speaker at state novice debate tournament.

*Extracurricular activities:* Math Olympiad; wrestling; Debate Team; Science Olympiad; theater; football; Wind Ensemble; Quiz Bowl; and Chamber Men's Ensemble.

*Influential teacher:* Steve Marsh, debate teacher and coach. "He challenged me to make and keep commitments and barred me from waffling over issues." Williams also credits the teacher for making class fun, despite the heavy work load, and for encouraging students to always challenge themselves.

Williams feels his generation will bring positive change on a global scale, starting with the rejection of hedonism. "It is my hope that this generation will break out of some of the trends of current society, particularly morally ... much will be riding on the decisions of this generation. We will have to resolve many disputes which previous generations have started."

Williams is the son of Sara and Dennis Williams and brother to Jesse, 21, Laura, 14, and Anna, 11.

### **Jeffrey Grossman** Harrison High School Farmington Hills

*College:* Harvard, University of Michigan, New York University, Yale, Brown, Columbia or Princeton; music.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist; Harrison High School Premier Musical Scholarship; Farmington Musicale Scholarship; Strey-McCallum Honorary Piano Award; and Farmington Public Schools Superintendent's Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* Choir, conductor, director and accompanist; Harrison High School Mozart Chamber Group, director, conductor and solo pianist; symphony band; Beethoven Trio director; Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra; Metropolitan Youth Sym-

phony; National Honor Society; and Joy Piano Trio director.

*Influential teacher:* Miss Mary Batten, now Mrs. Mary Day, a third grade teacher. "As the first teacher who showed me that it was fun to learn, she cultivated an enjoyment of school that follows me through high school. In her class, I learned that school could be a place in which I learned something new and exciting every day."

Grossman hopes his generation will promote acceptance. "I expect that understanding will allow us to eliminate racial and economic lines that now divide us, as well as the social line that divide groups like the athletes and musicians. Finally, I hope that we can learn to accept all different kinds of families, whether they have one parent, two divorced parents, or two parents of the same sex."

Grossman is the son of Beth Grossman and Max DuBois and Joel and Debbie Grossman and brother to Shana, 20, Chris, 11, and Evan, 8.

### **Qian Zhang** Churchill High School Livonia

*College:* Harvard, University of Michigan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, or University of Pennsylvania; business management and electrical engineering.

*Academic honors:* Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, bronze, silver and gold; USAMO (USA Math Olympiad, qualifier); SIGMA MVP; Michigan Math League second and first place; Math Challenge, first place; Lawrence Tech Math Competition second and first place; National Merit Scholarship finalist; American Regions Math League Competition; honor roll; University of Michigan College of Engineering Scholarship; Regent Scholarship; and American Chinese Association Scholarship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Metro Computer League; Quiz Bowl; Students Against Drunk Driving; National Honor

Society; Stand-Up; swimming; tennis; and student council.

*Influential teacher:* Mary Buda, facilitator of the Math, Science and Computer Program. "She is very caring, and would do anything to help out her students. She encouraged me when I felt worthless, and also brought out the greatness in me. Furthermore, she is a great example for me on being a human."

Zhang expects his generation to contribute to new ideas. "Perhaps the younger generation can wash out the older ways to do things and bring in a revolutionary new façade to the face of the Earth."

He is the son of Dahong Zhang and Chuanping Ni.

### **Nicholas Demek** Stevenson High School Livonia

*College:* Michigan Technological University; chemical engineering.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship commended student; National Honor Society; honor roll summa cum laude; and Michigan Technological University Scholarship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Physics Club vice president; cross-country; and track and field.

*Influential teacher:* Jim Reeves, math, and Steve Van Westenburg, science. "Dr. Reeves was a big influence because he prepared me for college and taught me to work hard in school. Mr. Van Westenburg influenced my career goals because he taught me and made me enjoy chemistry."

Demek hopes his generation will work to improve things for the future. "I expect some truly amazing discoveries to be made by my generation, both on Earth and in space. In reality, I hope and expect my generation to stop taking the Earth for granted so that future generations will have a livable environment."

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**Martina Moro**  
Wayne Memorial High School



**Christine Chan**  
Plymouth-Canton High School



**Eva-Marie David**  
Mercy High School



**Joseph Colombo**  
Thurston High School

## All stars *from page 4*

He is the son of Jeffrey and Sandra Demek and the brother of Jake, 15, and Shane, 12.

**Sarah Ernst**  
**Mercy High School**  
**Farmington Hills**

*College:* Harvard, University of Notre Dame, Boston College, Princeton, or University of Michigan; biological sciences.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship, finalist; 1999 Academic Prep Bowl Team; and Benjamin E. Mays Scholar in Biology.

*Extracurricular activities:* classical piano; National Honor Society; JCL; Science Club; and seventh grade religious education teacher.

*Influential teacher:* Lawrence Baker, English. "He showed me how enjoyable Shakespeare is and convinced me to not limit myself in my educational goals." Prior to Baker's class, she considered herself a science and math person. "I never thought I had an interest or talent in humanities, but Mr. Baker's class gave me the ability to understand it and a wish to pursue it."

Ernst expects her generation "to make spectacular advances in technology, creating a whole new way of life for people."

She is the daughter of Patricia and Raymond Ernst and the sister of Ray, 36, Ron, 35, Rob, 34, Rich, 32, Ryan, 28, Russ, 26, Joe, 24, Jonathan, 22, Mary, 20, and Andrea, 14.

**Timothy Bodnar**  
**Plymouth-Salem High School**  
**Canton**

*College:* Michigan State University or Western Michigan University; mechanical engineering.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship commended student; and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

*Extracurricular activities:* Junior varsity and varsity tennis; Novice Quiz Bowl captain; Varsity Quiz Bowl captain; National Honor Society; and theater.

*Influential teacher:* Jane Throneberry, Spanish, and Tom Cotner, math. "Both taught me not only the necessary skills to excel in their subject, but also how to apply those skills. More importantly, after having them, Spanish and math became fun and interesting."

He expects his generation to add to the improvements made by other generations. "Right now we are experiencing scientific and technological advancements almost too rapid to keep up with. I expect my generation to do the same -- working for a higher standard of living and a better society."

Bodnar is the son of Timothy and Adrienne Bodnar and the brother of Vanessa, 20, and Caroline, 13.

**Ryan King**  
**Plymouth-Salem High School**  
**Canton**

*College:* University of Michigan or Kettering University; computer science.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll; Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition finalist; and Bob Jones Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* Science Olympiad; guitar; and theater.

*Influential teacher:* Ron Carlson, computer programming. King credits this teacher with sparking his interest in computer technology and caring about his students. "He takes time with you individually to help you with problems. He is more than a teacher, he is a friend."

King expects his generation to "increase the use of computer technology in every aspect of life, including medical advancement. Right now, they are using technology and mapping DNA to determine which genes are faulty." He said he speculates that his generation will correct the faulty genes to prevent mutations.

He is the son of Donna and Glenn King and the brother of Angela, 15.

**Marya Link**  
**Farmington High School**  
**Farmington**

*College:* Georgetown, Duke, or Uni-

versity of Michigan; International studies/political science.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; academic letter; and honor roll.

*Extracurricular activities:* Dance Detroit Company; Detroit Symphony Orchestra; and Michigan Opera Theatre.

*Influential teacher:* Bruce Brown and Steve Korpusik, social studies, and Brian Shaw, math. "They open my eyes up to the world outside of Farmington." Her social studies teachers focused on world issues during the instruction like the movement for women's rights. Her math instructor would talk about things that happened when he was a kid. "He would talk about growing up in the bad part of Chicago. He just opened my eyes to things I had never experienced here in Farmington."

Link "expects her generation to contribute a global awareness to society and a desire to improve it."

She is the daughter of Art and Mary Link and the sister of Brian, 27, and David, 25.

**Alexis A. Black**  
**Clarenceville High School**  
**Livonia**

*College:* Lawrence Technological University; chemistry.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll, summa cum laude; academic letter; National Merit Scholarship, commended student; Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation, ambassador; Michigan All-State Honors Choir; Michigan State Honors Choir; Buell Scholarship; Lawrence Technological University; department awards for psychology, math, English, history, and economics.

*Extracurricular activities:* Youth in Government, secretary-treasurer; National Honors Society; marching band; Wind Ensemble, section leader; choir; tutor; and theater.

*Influential teacher:* Cynthia Raby, social studies. "Her continual thirst for knowledge in many different fields inspires me to not limit myself to one

area of endeavor."

Black expects "an increased level of acceptance of America's social and cultural mosaic" from her generation.

She is the daughter of Randolph and Kathryn Black and the sister of Colin, 19.

**Ross Ian MacKenzie**  
**Lutheran High School Westland**  
**Dearborn**

*College:* University of Michigan or Massachusetts Institute of Technology; mechanical or aerospace engineering.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; valedictorian; and Who's Who Among High School Students.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity baseball; Midget AA Hockey; National Honor Society treasurer; and student council treasurer.

*Influential teacher:* Kent Weiner, history, and Eric Heins, an elementary teacher. "Mr. Weiner challenged me and taught me the importance of balancing my time. Mr. Heins influenced me to like math."

MacKenzie said he "expects his generation to continue to aid the advancement of science and technology." Specifically, he foresees his generation "linking people around the world and creating a wealth of knowledge for anyone who wants it." He would also like to see the quality of life improved for everyone.

He is the son of Ross and Amy MacKenzie and the brother of Andrew, 16, James, 14, Christina, 12, Katherine, 11, and Mary, 6.

**Martina Moro**  
**Wayne Memorial High School**  
**Wayne**

*College:* University of Michigan; computer science.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship, finalist; valedictorian; academic letter; department awards in math, science, Spanish and social studies.



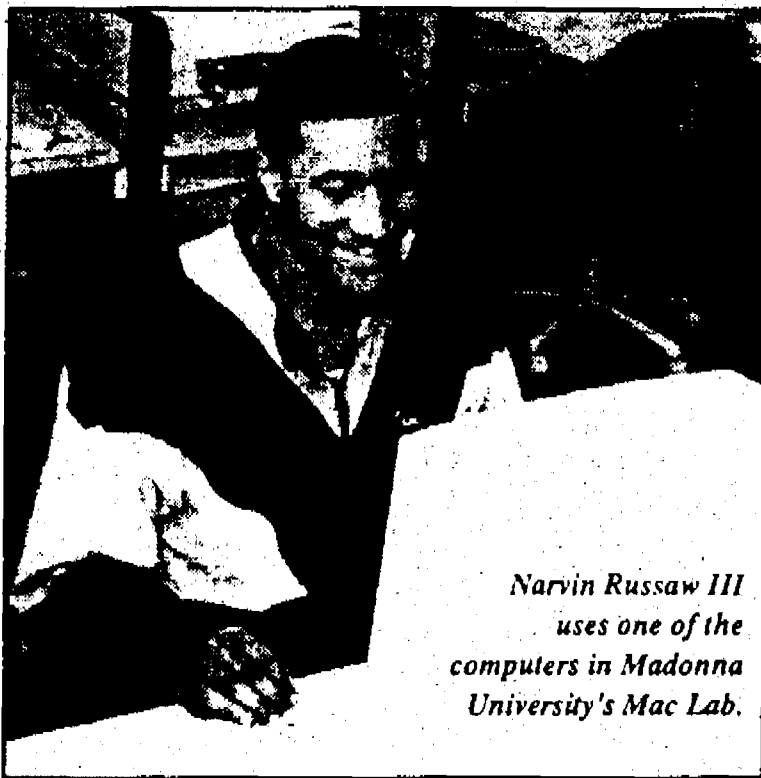
# Madonna MU University

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## Quality and Personalized Attention Ensures Successful Future

When Narvin Russaw III of Ypsilanti was deciding which college or university to attend to pursue a major in television and video communication, he explored his options carefully.

"I wanted to have access to the most up-to-date video equipment and felt I would need hands-on training if I was to be successful in this field," he said. "I made inquiries at universities around the country, many of which had tuition three times higher than Madonna University's, and found that the program here had the most to offer. Unlike Madonna, some of the other colleges didn't even have a TV studio."



*Narvin Russaw III  
uses one of the  
computers in Madonna  
University's Mac Lab.*

When informed of the tuition increase for 2000-2001, Russaw stated that students expect tuition to go up each year. "I feel very good about the quality education I'm getting at such an affordable price," he said. "The faculty work with students individually. They listen to what you have to say and trust your judgement. I learn a lot more in an educational community like Madonna."

And, Russaw said, he has benefited in other ways. As a Madonna University basketball player, he has received athletic scholarships and he earns additional income working as a co-op student in media services, continuing to learn while on the job.

### Tuition 2000-2001

\$234 for undergraduates  
\$286 for nursing courses  
\$288 for graduate students

A semi-private room that includes a 20-meal plan is \$4,852.

The annual full-time undergraduate tuition is \$7,120 (based on 30 semester hours, including registration fees).

Madonna University continues to be the most affordable independent liberal arts institution in Michigan. Students are assessed only 75% of the full cost of their education at Madonna. The remaining support is received through fund-raising, grants, and earnings on endowment and charitable gifts.

## Life Stories Become Reality for Older Adults With Help of Nursing Students

When seven Madonna University nursing students reached out to older adults at the St. Rose Senior Center in Detroit, a portion of history was brought to life. The students assisted in a project, called "Memory Lane," which was

developed by the Center to give seniors "assistance in writing and publishing something of their life's story, including their faith, accomplishments, desires, and words they want to leave behind."

Webb, and Patrice Wingo, with the help of Ann Marie Knoerl, adjunct clinical instructor.

Nursing 331, Family and Community Health Concepts in Nursing I, focuses on the application of fundamental nursing practices with families in the context of community.

The students made four visits to the St. Rose Senior Center interviewing seniors and teaching health-related topics. On the fourth and final visit, the seniors were given a book detailing their lives that they were able to take home and share with their families and friends.

"When Sister Rose Bernadette, IHM, from the St. Rose Senior Center, contacted Madonna University, we welcomed this partnering project. The students were able to use their interview skills to create a story of their senior's life. They also provided the older adults with information to promote health while being in the community," said Knoerl.



*(left to right) Lillian Durecki and Nicole Catrinar spend time with Olivia Royster at the St. Rose Senior Center in Detroit.*

Participating were students from the course Nursing 331: juniors Nicole Catrinar, Lillian Durecki, Nicole Polite, Kelly Przygocki, David Walters, Jenny

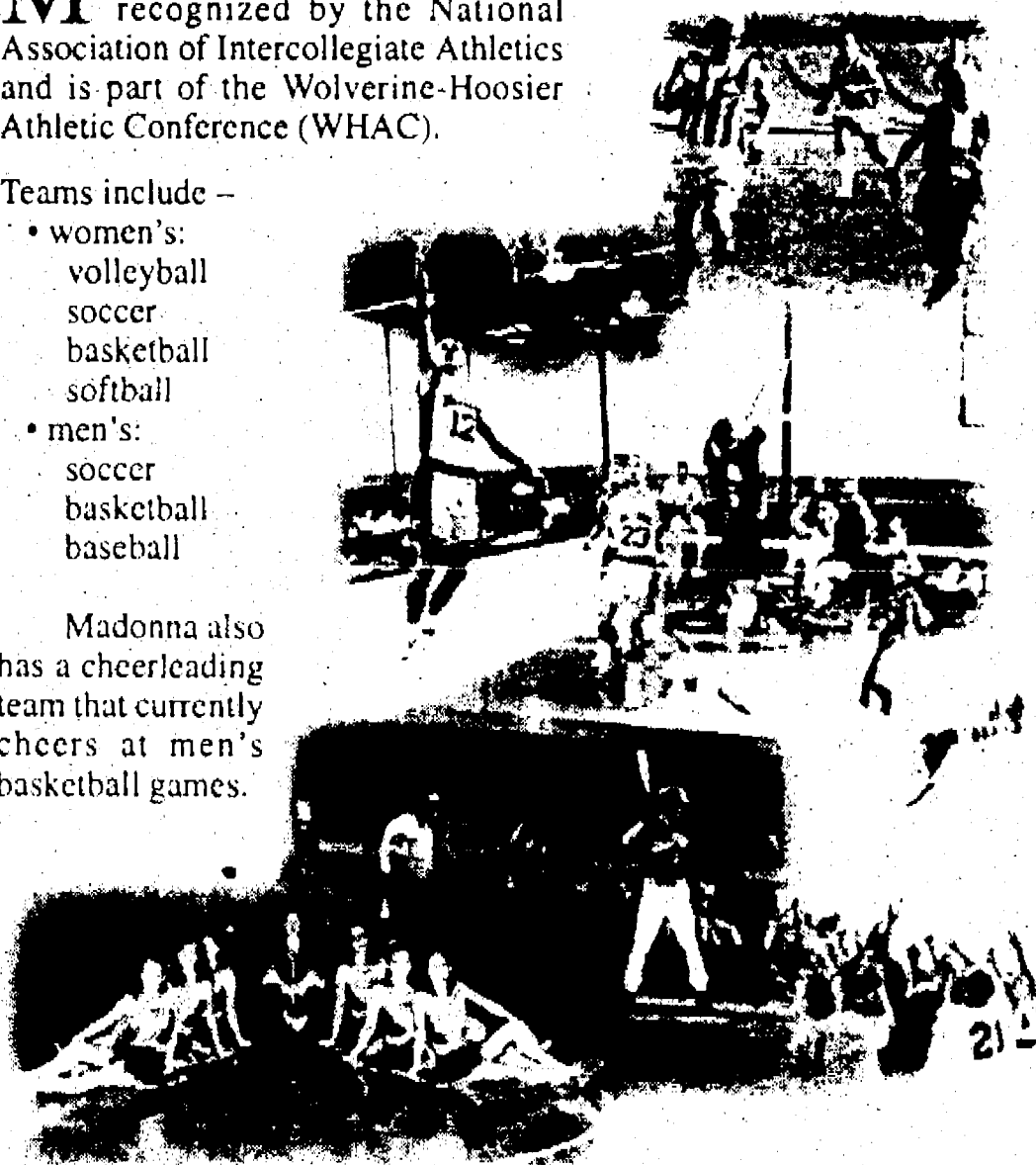
## Sports Thrive at Madonna University

Madonna University boasts a seven-sport program which is recognized by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is part of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC).

Teams include --

- women's:
  - volleyball
  - soccer
  - basketball
  - softball
- men's:
  - soccer
  - basketball
  - baseball

Madonna also has a cheerleading team that currently cheers at men's basketball games.



## Flexible Scheduling Through Weekend Pathways Meets Students' Needs

Beginning in the Fall 2000 term, Madonna University will offer a unique alternative to the typical weekend college — Weekend Pathways. The program allows working adults to finish their bachelor's degree by taking courses offered in different formats which gives greater flexibility in scheduling courses and accelerates the program.

Weekend Pathways includes:

- ▶ **Weekend classes**, offered on Friday nights and Saturdays.
- ▶ **Flexible scheduling**, so you won't have to give up every weekend to take a class.
- ▶ **Telecourses**, in which you watch videos supplied to you and complete the course requirements on your own schedule.
- ▶ **Online courses**, accessible day or night via the computer.
- ▶ **Credit for Prior Learning**, which will allow you to earn credit for things you already know through the preparation and presentation of a portfolio.

### Academic Programs Available:

- ▶ Bachelor of Business Administration
- ▶ Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- ▶ Certificate in Quality Improvement
- ▶ Bachelor of General Studies
- ▶ Bachelor of Social Work
- ▶ Teacher Preparation/Professional Education Sequence
- ▶ Nursing Home Administration Certificate
- ▶ Addictions Studies Certificates

All of the classes required to complete these programs are delivered through the Weekend Pathways options, including the general education requirements needed for any undergraduate degree of the University. For more information, call the College of Continuing and Professional Studies at (734) 432-5731.

## Students Like Newly Renovated Residence Hall

Living on campus has become a whole lot nicer at Madonna University. The Residence Hall overlooking St. Francis Pond has recently been renovated, providing living accommodations for 250 students. The newly refurbished dorm features gathering areas on each floor, increased space for students, attractive suites and enlarged kitchenettes. In addition to computer connections, cable TV and telephones in each room, twenty rooms are now equipped with emergency lighting systems for the hard of hearing.

"The Residence Hall is more fun," says freshman Christine Bolak, sign language major, from Onsted, MI. "Now that we have such pleasant living conditions, the students tend to get

together more often. We go down to the lounge and play the piano, talk and just hang out."

Bolak believes that living on campus enhances her college experience because she gets to know more people and feels a part of the community. She says it makes things "easier and more enjoyable."

The total \$4 million renovation project was the final phase of Madonna's \$15 Million Comprehensive Campaign. The Kresge Foundation awarded Madonna University \$350,000 on a challenge basis to assist the University in raising the balance of \$1,080,466 to complete the funding for the renovation. Among the major donors are Madonna Trustee William Phillips and his wife, Bridget.



(left to right) Christine Bolak and Christina Lopiccolo

## New Programs Broaden Areas of Study

- An International Studies Certificate, provides students the opportunity to add a global perspective to their field of study.

To earn the 30 semester hour certificate students must participate in an experience abroad and demonstrate a proficiency in a foreign language.

- The new Master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (MTESOL) will educate and train teachers of English as a second or foreign language. The 36 semester hour program provides students with a foundation in language theory and application, as well as in educational principles.

- A master of science degree in clinical psychology will be offered in the fall. Students will study both child and adult assessment and treatment. Courses will be combined with student placements in human service agencies, mental health clinics, hospitals and residential facilities. Upon completion of the program, a limited license in psychology from the State of Michigan may be pursued.

- The College of Education has designed a new master of arts with a speciality in teaching and learning that emphasizes best practice in teaching and offers an innovative curriculum.

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# Runners-up deserve recognition, too

## Jenny Abendroth Franklin Road Christian School Livonia

*College:* Campbell University, Oral Roberts University or Trinity University for undetermined study field.

*Academic honors:* High honor roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society; volleyball; softball; and math club.

*Influential teacher:* "My mom. In most areas of her life, she's been the best example of a teacher anyone could ask for."

Abendroth said she believes "strong leadership, caring hearts and boldness about beliefs" will be her generation's greatest contributions to society.

She is the daughter of Tom and Marsha Abendroth.



Jenny Abendroth

## Mary Colleen Anderson Ladywood High School Detroit

*College:* University of Michigan or University of Detroit-Mercy; history.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Scholarship finalist; University of Detroit-Mercy Spiritus scholar; and Principal's Honor Roll.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society treasurer; Parish Youth Commission member; Students Against Destructive Decisions; Adventure Club; French Club; Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village historical presenter; varsity soccer; Angela Hospice teen volunteer group; and a Detroit Historical Museum youth volunteer.

*Influential teacher:* "My most influential teachers were my parents, who instructed me at home for all of grade school. Because of my parents, I will never view learning as a strictly classroom activity."

Anderson said her generation's generosity would be its biggest contribution to society. "From what I have seen and experienced, we are a very giving and active group, concerned for others and our world."

She is the daughter of Jerry and Artemae Anderson and sister of David, 32; Dawn, 30; Amy, 23; Brian, 20 and Sarah, 15.



Mary Colleen Anderson

## Kyle E. Brooks Bishop Borgess High School Inkster

*College:* Yale, undetermined study area.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll; NHM member; and Phi Beta Kappa nominee.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society; student council class officer; church group leader and teacher.

*Influential teacher:* "(The Rev. Bill) Lunnon ... because he challenged me."

Brooks said he expects his generation will create "a more just society where everyone can have a fair chance to live peacefully."

He is the son of Karen Brooks and brother of Kenneth, 18; Kellen, 14; Kris, 13; Kary, 7 and Karis Kalis, 5.

## Carianne Chrenko Agapé Christian Academy Northville

*College:* Spring Arbor College or Adrian College; secondary education.

*Academic honors:* Math award; science award; English award; history award; French award; varsity letter; academic letter; Superior Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society president; senior class vice president; cheerleading captain; band (flutist); dance (jazz); TEENS Praise; and church worship team.

*Influential teacher:* Clark Sexton. "Not only has he made learning math fun, but he takes the time to really help his students and care about them."

Chrenko wants her generation "to set a higher standard and an excellent example for the next generation to follow."

She is the daughter of Dan and Alice Chrenko and sister of Sara, 17; Paul, 16 and Brianna, 10.

## Anthony Cabañero Thurston High School Redford

*College:* University of Michigan, engineering field.

*Academic honors:* Academic letter; four year honor roll; National Hispanic Scholar Finalist; U of M Scholar Recognition Award; and Regents Merit Scholarship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Track and field and cross-country.

*Influential teacher:* Jeffrey Fosnaugh. "I had him as both a biology and ecolog-



Kyle E. Brooks



Carianne Chrenko



Anthony Cabañero

gy teacher and he was also my cross-country coach this year. Throughout the years I have come to respect and admire him as a teacher and an individual."

Cabañero said, "Predicting the future is a little out of my domain, but I do expect advances in technology, medicine, space exploration and environmental causes to occur in the years ahead."

He is the son of Antonio and Presentacion Cabañero and the brother of Christina, 15.

## Christiann Comer Agapé Christian Academy Canton

*College:* University of Michigan-Dearborn, mechanical engineering.

*Academic honors:* Madame Curie Award; English academic award; Quadratic Kid Award; Lincoln Award, speech class; World Changer Award; world history; Outstanding Chemistry Student; Superior Award, all-around; Excellence in French; Most Consistently Excellent, French III; first place, school science fair; Grammar Achievement Award; academic letter; Wayne County Executive Academic Achievement Award; and ACSI Math league competition, first place, Algebra I division.

*Extracurricular activities:* Missionettes; cheerleading; National Honor Society; Class of 2000 Politics; girls' basketball home clock; praise and worship team; blood drive committee chair; prom committee chair; Valentine's Day flower sale; and National Junior Honor Society.

*Influential teacher:* Clark Sexton. "His leadership, dedication and love for the students influences the way he teaches in such a degree that you cannot doubt that he cares for each and every one of the students he comes across."

Family will be the focus of her generation's contribution to society. "Time spent with family will be renewed and the family will be a unit that is not easily broken."

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## Benjamin Scott Dunne Catholic Central Northville

*College:* University of Michigan, Tufts University or Bowdoin College; economics.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Finalist and Gabriel Richard Club.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity



Christiann Comer



Benjamin Scott Dunne

ice hockey; National Honor Society; and student council.

*Influential teacher:* "No one teacher in particular. I enjoy learning from someone who can maintain both a demanding course and a sense of humor."

Dunne said diversity will be his generation's biggest societal contribution. "I expect to see much more tolerance for different cultures and ideas."

He is the son of Mike and Linda Dunne and the brother of Jeffrey, 14 and Lane, 9.

## Randall D. Elenbaas Plymouth Christian Academy Canton

*College:* Calvin College or the University of Michigan; engineering.

*Academic honors:* National Honor Society, Academic All-State golf honorable mention; and valedictorian.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity golf; varsity golf captain; varsity basketball; church youth group; church youth group president and treasurer; and principal bassist of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan.

*Influential teacher:* Barbara Lazzara. "She taught me what I need to know to excel later in life. She expected the best from me and accepted nothing less. She drove and encouraged me to be a better person and student."

Elenbaas said he expects his generation to "contribute to the continued increase in technology."

He is the son of Douglas and Gail Elenbaas and brother of Cindy, 20; Carissa, 13 and Derek, 10.

## Gretchen Grosinske Huron Valley Lutheran Westland

*College:* Wisconsin Lutheran College or University of Michigan, pre-med.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll, high honors; and valedictorian.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity soccer; varsity volleyball; varsity softball; drama; student council vice president; and swing choir.

*Influential teacher:* Elementary school principal Ron Brutlag. "He has always told me to go for my dreams and has encouraged me to go into the field of pre-medicine."

Grosinske said "many technological advances and a new, positive outlook on life" are ways her generation will contribute to future society.

She is the daughter of Steve and



Randall D. Elenbaas



Gretchen Grosinske

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Cheryl Grosinske and sister of Zachary, 14, and Adam, 10.

**Anastasia K. Ketko**  
Franklin High School  
Livonia

*College:* University of Michigan-Dearborn or Wayne State University; pre-medicine and biochemistry.

*Academic honors:* Wayne State University Presidential Scholarship; University of Detroit-Mercy Spiritus Scholarship; honor roll; Franklin High's Academic Excellence Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Franklin High School Certificate of Appreciation; Wayne County Academic Achievement Award; President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; Michigan State Board of Education certificate of recognition; Battle of the Books reading competition, first place; Mathematics and Science Excellence Foundation awards.

*Extracurricular activities:* Swimming; Franklin's Women's Chorus; participant in "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer"; volunteer health screener at Oakwood Hospital; and volunteer at St. Mary Hospital's "Health-O-Rama."

*Influential teacher:* English teacher Francis York. "She not only answered every one of my questions with unending enthusiasm, but she also, ever being supportive, guided me with both positive criticism and encouragement. She genuinely made learning pleasurable and fun."

Ketko said, "I expect my generation to contribute answers to the questions that have been plaguing society — cures for cancer, AIDS. I also expect my generation to address the existing problems that are hindering the well-being of society — pollution, poverty, unemployment, loss of wildlife."

She is the daughter of John and Sandra Ketko and sister of Jacklyn Phillips, 30; Katherine, 29; Wendy Michalak, 27 and Marybeth, 16.

**Jesse T. Knight**  
Franklin High School  
Westland

*College:* University of Michigan or Michigan State University; international relations/natural and environmental resources.

*Academic honors:* Orchestra award given in New York competition; honor roll; scholar athlete; Franklin Pillar of the Community Award; Continental Mathematics League, third place; Who's Who among



Anastasia Ketko



Jesse T. Knight

American High School Students; USA Today Academic Scholarship nominee; MEAP scholarship award; and a nominee for 1999 Student Ambassador of the Year Award as a People to People Student Ambassador.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity cross-country; track, National Honor Society treasurer; Student Congress; Class Council representative; Chess Club; Quiz Bowl; orchestra treasurer; Ski Club; PTSA class representative; International Club; orchestra pit member and principal violinist; Chemistry Olympics; prom fashion show; Legislative Action Days; founder of Emerson PTA school newsletter; and Continental Mathematics League. Volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank and helped organize National Honor Society Christmas party for disadvantaged children.

*Influential teacher:* Eighth-grade history teacher Robert Rivers. "He tapped into my love of politics and current events. He taught me to be an independent thinker, one who doesn't believe everything he reads or hears. He gave me the necessary encouragement to dream, and to let nothing stand in my way in order to achieve my dreams."

He is the son of Lori and Dennis Knight and the brother of Sasha, 21.

**Emily Lapham**  
Redford Union High School  
Redford

*College:* Central Michigan University or the University of Michigan; sports medicine.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll; Scholar Athlete Award; National Honor Society.

*Extracurricular activities:* Member of SADD; National Honor Society vice president; peer mentor; junior varsity and varsity basketball co-captain; and Sunday school teacher.

*Influential teacher:* Kindergarten teacher Judy Sarns. "Not only did she help to develop my educational development, but also my social development. She laid the foundation for my education and achievements by using various teaching techniques, a lot of which I still remember to this day."

Lapham said, "I expect that my generation will provide ideas that will better our country and possibly even the world. I feel my generation is full of knowledge and ambition that will provide us with ideas that will create a safer and better place to live."

She is the daughter of Marion and Scott Lapham and sister of Ruthann, 15.

**Sonia Lousia**  
St. Agatha High School  
Livonia

*College:* Wayne State University; pharmacy.

*Academic honors:* Scholastic All-Catholic Team member and Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers.

*Extracurricular activities:* Student Council secretary/treasurer; National Honor Society secretary/treasurer; yearbook editor.

*Influential teacher:* John Dudley. "He always believes in me and is always willing to help when I need anything."

Lousia said her generation will contribute to society by making "many advancements in technology and the medical field."

She is the daughter of Raad and Sandra Lousia and the sister of Stephanie, 21; Jimmy, 20 and Vito, 16.

**Christine Luptowski**  
Redford Union High School  
Redford

*College:* University of Michigan-Dearborn; mechanical engineering.

*Academic honors:* Top of class; Madame Curie Award in science/math; perfect attendance four years; Michigan Technological University Society of Women Engineers award; honor roll and all "As"; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Lawrence Tech Scholarship; and Wayne State University scholarship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Publicity and public relations officer for International Thespian Society; National Honor Society; Varsity Club publicity officer; junior varsity soccer; seven school plays and church choir.

*Influential teacher:* "I cannot choose one ... for they all have contributed to my knowledge and well-being in so many ways."

Luptowski said of her generation: "Our knowledge, desire to learn and a lot of new aspects in life itself" will all help contribute to society.

She is the daughter of Jeffrey Sr. and Marlene Luptowski and the sister of Jeffrey Jr., 14.

**Jaime Novak**  
Wayne Memorial High School  
Wayne

*College:* Grand Valley State University; public relations.

*Academic honors:* Academic letter; honor roll; and academic excellence awards in math, science, social science, English, fine arts and foreign language.



Sonia Lousia



Christine Luptowski



Jaime Novak

*Extracurricular activities:* Editor of Hi-Lite school newspaper; ski club president; National Honor Society publicity manager; National Hispanic Honor Society; Spanish Club; symphony orchestra; and junior varsity soccer.

*Influential teacher:* Lynne Elssar. "She has made me understand that I can't get anywhere without hard work."

Novak said her generation will contribute to society by bringing "back an orientation towards humanity."

She is the daughter of Daniel and Joanne Novak and sister of Jason, 19, and John, 21.

**Alan O'Keefe**  
Plymouth Christian Academy  
Plymouth

*College:* Hillsdale College; math or science.

*Academic honors:* National Honor Society; National Leadership and Service Award; International Foreign Language Award; 1999 Math Competition, first place in trigonometry, third place in conics; United States National Mathematics Award; United States Achievement Academy in science; ACSI Band Awards; band director's award; and the John Philip Sousa Band Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* Youth group; band; and German camp.

*Influential teacher:* "There is, by no means, a single teacher who has been the greatest influence on me. Undoubtedly, there have been a great many who have, some more subtly than others, left their imprint on me."

Likewise, O'Keefe said he believes there is no one answer to how his generation will contribute to society. "As mine, as well as every other generation is a generation of many different people. There will be those who solve problems and those who create them. I do honestly hope that mine will be a moral, kind and selfless generation."

He is the son of Jeni and Paul Johnston and the brother of Kyle, 9.

**Danielle Paschke**  
Clarenceville High School  
Livonia

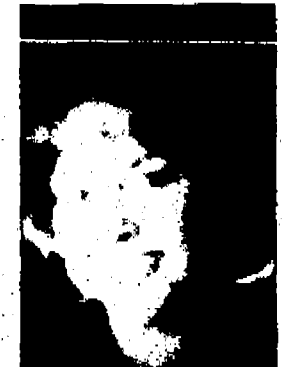
*College:* Central Michigan University, Albion College or Eastern Michigan University; performing arts, education.

*Academic honors:* Michigan Math Prize Competition, top scorer for Civille and part II qualifier; and commended student with NMSQT.

*Extracurricular activities:* Chorales; religious education teacher with St.



Alan O'Keefe



Danielle Paschke

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Priscilla Parish; and school's spring production.

*Influential teacher:* Dawn Roberts, Clarenceville choir director: "She has set an example for her students and is a good musician."

Paschke said "creating and fostering brotherhood across all lines of division" would be among the ways her generation contributes to society.

She is the daughter of Vicky Paschke and sister of Sheryl, 11 and Scott, 7.

**Jessica Diane Prater**  
**John Glenn High School**  
**Westland**

*College:* Cornerstone University or Western Michigan University, psychology and French.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll; attendance awards; Academic Letter awards; Renaissance Award; Presidential Scholarship and MEAP scholarship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Church youth group leader and discipleship teacher; French club secretary; National Honor Society treasurer and SADD treasurer.

*Influential teacher:* "Mr. (Richard) Gordon, American history, Mr. (Lynn) LeBlanc, English and Ms. (Sarah) Parmenter, English, were innovative and caring, gave me hope for the future, an open mind, strength in my beliefs (and taught me that) learning was fun."

Prater hopes her generation is a happy medium between her grandparents' and parents' generations. "My grandparents were the 'workaholics,' my parents the 'me' generation, so I hope mine will offer a balance, especially in the wake of all the teenage violence."

She is the daughter of George and Carol Prater and the sister of Bruce, 20 and Danielle, 10.

**Brian J. Reed**  
**Garden City High School**  
**Garden City**

*College:* Lawrence Technological University, engineering.

*Academic honors:* Academic letter; Excellence in Drafting; Excellence in Precalculus; department science award.

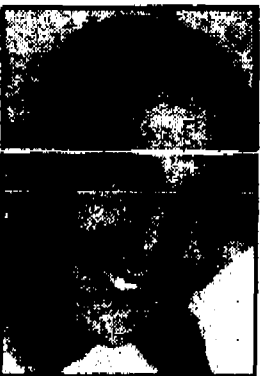
*Extracurricular activities:* Captain of the wrestling team and varsity club.

*Influential teacher:* "My calculus teacher, Mr. (Keith) Penski, had the greatest influence on me because he inspired me to love my studies."

Reed said "cars, artificial ozone and cures for the diseases of today" were the ways his generation would contribute to



Jessica Diane Prater



Brian J. Reed

society.

He is the son of Michael and Marcia Reed, and brother of Scott, 16, and Jessica, 14.

**David J. Reeves**  
**John Glenn High School**  
**Westland**

*College:* Wayne State University, pharmacy.

*Academic honors:* Academic letter; 4.0 Wall of Fame; National Honor Society; Regents Alumni Scholarship; University of Michigan; and the Presidential Scholarship, Wayne State University.

*Extracurricular activities:* Competitive dance, where he has won several awards.

*Influential teacher:* Marianne Weiss. "She taught me how to fight for what you believe in."

Reeves believes "my generation will contribute a lot to technology and maybe even come up with a miracle cure for cancer."

He is the son of Daniel and Gail Reeves and the brother of Danielle, 13.

**Evelyn Sciberras**  
**St. Agatha High School**  
**Garden City**

*College:* Schoolcraft College and Baker College in dual enrollment, teaching.

*Academic honors:* Mathematics, Algebra I and II, foreign language, Spanish I and II, perfect attendance, Wayne County Executive Academic Achievement Award; social studies, American history; and world history.

*Extracurricular activities:* Student council secretary, treasurer and president; Junior National Honor Society president; National Honor Society vice president and president; varsity basketball, volleyball and track.

*Influential teacher:* John Dudley. "Throughout the three years I have known him he has been the student council advisor, a teacher and a friend. He loves his job and is an awesome teacher. Wherever needed he will help."

Sciberras said, "I expect my generation to spread education to everyone (and) bring back the family values that once used to exist. We need more family time to understand each other and help those in need."

She is the daughter of April and Arthur Sciberras and the sister of Maurice, 25; Matthew, 23; and Nicholas, 17.

**Lina Diana Sirgedas**  
**Ladywood High School**  
**Novi**

*College:* University of Michigan,

Michigan State University, University of Notre Dame or Loyola University of Chicago; nursing and pre-med.

*Academic honors:* Member of the 15th Annual Scholastic All-Catholic Team; Regents Merit Scholarship; Western Michigan University Achievement Scholarship; Centralis Scholarship Award and Central Michigan University Achievement Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* Student government senior president; National Honor Society; National Art Honor Society; Students Against Destructive Decisions; Spanish Club; International Club; Society of Mother Angelica Club; Our Lady of Victory Youth Group; leadership council member; and Lithuanian Catholic Youth Group president.

*Influential teacher:* "Besides her ability to create arenas of dynamic and heated debates within the obviously thrilling calculus and physics classes, Sister Dorothy McDaniel taught me to live life with my head held up high, to fight for what is right as if an army is reinforcing my words and to expand my knowledge of the horizon, understanding fully that it is a life-long journey."

Sirgedas believes her generation "will contribute an optimism to pursue any goal, even those which seem beyond one's reach, a genuine desire to help and inspire others to reach their own potentials and the understanding that, even though each person reaches for their own goals, they're all reaching upward."

She is the daughter of Vitas and Donna Sirgedas and the sister of Tomas, 20; Laura, 14 and Julie, 7.

**Christopher M. Thackaberry**  
**Garden City High School**  
**Garden City**

*College:* United States Air Force Academy, aerospace engineering.

*Academic honors:* Bausch & Lomb Science Award, two academic letters, Air Force Association Award, John F. Kennedy Service Learning Award; and Billy Mitchell Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* Cadet in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; varsity tennis; National Honor Society; student council; England Student Service Exchange; Civil Air Patrol; Michigan Boys' State; Michigan Freedom Academy; St. Mel's Youth Group; in-line hockey with Novi Soccerzone Spartans; and court aide at YMCA.

*Influential teacher:* Keith Penski. "He has outstanding teaching skills and is an excellent motivator. He is always there to help or provide encouragement."



Lina Diana Sirgedas



David J. Reeves



Evelyn Sciberras



Christopher M. Thackaberry

Thackaberry said, "My generation will hopefully provide many advances in science and health care to greatly benefit our nation and the world."

He is the son of John and Sharon Thackaberry and brother of John, 19, Tim, 14 and Erik, 12.

**Lisa Woodford**  
**Lutheran High Westland**  
**Detroit**

*College:* Concordia University in River Forest, Ill.; math education and drama.

*Academic honors:* Daughters of the American Revolution medal in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

*Extracurricular activities:* Drama Club; student director and stage manager for "Trick or Treat"; JROTC Battalion Adjutant; and Unarmed Drill Team Leader.

*Influential teacher:* "Mrs. Renee Brenner, because of her great faith in Jesus."

Woodford said, "When I become a teacher I hope to make a difference in my students' lives."

She is the daughter of Robert and Karen Woodford and sister of Candace, 15, Michele, 11, and Kelsey, 7.

**Benjamin York**  
**Farmington High School**  
**Farmington Hills**

*College:* University of Michigan, Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Michigan Technological University; computer engineering.

*Academic honors:* Academic letter; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Superintendent's Award of Excellence; Boy's State Government Program delegate; National

Young Leaders Conference rep; Presidential Scholar; National Honor Society; National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

*Extracurricular activities:* Marching band section leader; Student Roundtable president; National Honor Society president and past board member; Musical Stage crew member; youth group president; past treasurer and secretary; Debate Club vice president.

*Influential teacher:* Fourth and fifth grade teacher Robin DelBianco (Prina). "Ms. DelBianco provided me with the means and know-how to succeed, and I am forever indebted for her gratitude and compassion."

York said of his generation's contribution to society: "Society is just beginning a second revolution into the world of e-commerce, and my generation is in the 'hot seat.'"

He is the son of David and Judy York and the brother of Rebecca, 15.



Lisa Woodford



Benjamin York

# Principals teamed up to rank the All Stars

They represent school districts from around the area, but these administrators all came to the table March 30 for a common goal -- to select the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Academic All-Stars of Wayne and Oakland counties.

"I think that every building principal wants to take the time to recognize students," said Larry Boehms, principal of Troy High School, "but it's tough sometimes to get a group of us together."

Boehms has chaired the Academic All-Star Committee for the past five years and served on it for nine. When asked why he, along with other administrators, keep coming back, he responded, "It's the fact that we get to recognize these great kids across the county." He also said the "interaction between principals and assistant principals" was nice.

Administrators went through 119 applications representing 60 schools in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. They focused on two areas of the application.

"Our job is to verify that the information on the application is accurate," said Boehms. "We'll look at the grade point average and the ACT or SAT scores."

All applications were to be accompanied by transcripts, verification of the student's ACT or SAT scores and the signature of the school principal. If one of the elements was missing, however, the student was not automatically disqualified. Boehms placed a call to the student's principal and had the necessary information faxed to the judges.

"We never want to leave a kid out who is eligible," he said.

In an attempt to level the playing field, judges only used grades from core classes: math, science, social studies, foreign language and English. The students with the highest combined scores (GPA and ACT/SAT scores) were named to the All-Star team. Twenty All-Stars were selected in Wayne County, which had 45 applicants. Twenty-five winners were selected in Oakland County, which had 74 applicants.

According to Boehms, when judging is based solely on the numbers, choosing the winners is easy. The

process, which occurred at the Livonia headquarters of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, took about an hour to complete.

Joining Boehms at the judging table were: Jennifer Hammond, assistant principal of Troy High School; Bridget Guerra, assistant principal of Kettering High School in Waterford; John Diliiegghio, principal of Clarkston High School; George Fornero, principal of West Bloomfield High School; Gail Weeks, assistant principal of Northville High School; and Terry Piper, principal of Seaholm High School in Birmingham.

"I appreciate these people taking the time to help with the selection process," Boehms said.

Hugh Gallagher, managing editor for The Observer Newspaper group, seconds Boehms' appreciation for the judges, who sifted through 10-15 applications each to find the winners.

"The Observer is happy to have the cooperation of the education community to recognize these young scholars. The time that they take away from their busy schedules is appreciated," he said.

Gallagher also expressed satisfaction about the quality and range of students who submitted applications.

"Every year, we recognize various athletic programs at various high schools. We realized that it was equally important to recognize the academic achievements of schools and their students," Gallagher said. "The Academic All-Stars is a way to recognize both the schools and their students."

This marks the 15th anniversary of the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars program. The program



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**Teammates:** These are the school officials who selected the Academic All-Stars. Seated, from left, are West Bloomfield High Principal George Fornero, Troy High Assistant Principal Jennifer Hammond, Northville High Assistant Principal Gail Weeks and Waterford-Kettering High Assistant Principal Bridget Guerra. Standing, from left, are Troy High Principal Larry W. Boehms, Clarkston High Principal John Diliiegghio and Seaholm High Principal Terry Piper.

started in 1985 when Robert Schramke, the Redford Union High School principal at the time, approached a newspaper executive with the idea of honoring students for academic achievement.

Each All-Star will receive a certificate of recognition and the latest edition of Webster's New World Dictionary. Additionally, they, along with the runners-up, are honored in this special section.

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**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; Spanish Club; and Human Relations Committee.

**Influential teacher:** Lynn Elsesser, Spanish. "She has helped me a lot with scholarship applications and preparing for next year."

**Moro believes her generation will continue advancements in technology.** "I envision new uses for technology that can help improve education and improve communication between people."

She is the daughter of Martin and Audrey Moro and the sister of Erik, 14, Katie, 11, and Claire, 9.

### Christine Chan

Plymouth-Canton High School,  
Canton

**College:** Yale; Georgetown or the University of Michigan; international politics/pre-law.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Scholarship finalist.

ist summer school at Yale; Michigan Girls State; American Chinese Association Scholarship for Leadership and Academic Achievement; Michigan MEAP Scholarship; and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

**Extracurricular activities:** Student senate; co-president; Students Against Destructive Decisions president; National Forensics League vice president; Forensics; varsity tennis; National Honor Society; piano; student ambassador; church youth group; Junior Civitan; and Michigan Student Musician League.

**Influential teacher:** Steve Marsh, debate and forensics coach. "From the very start of high school, he helped me to overcome my shyness, become a confident person and set high goals for myself."

Chan thinks her generation "needs to go back to the idea of societal responsibility in raising youth. Parents cannot bring up a child on their own." She would also like to see an improvement in the messages society gives to young people.

She is the daughter of Kenneth and Mai Chan and the sister of David, 22.

### Eva-Marie David Mercy High School Farmington Hills

**College:** Xavier University; astrophysics.

**Academic honors:** Science Olympiad third and fourth places; and National Merit Scholarship finalist.

**Extracurricular activities:** Drama; National Honor Society; Pastoral Team; worship committee; Our Lady of Sorrows Youth Group; Girl Scouts; canoe; and

Eucharistic Minister.

**Influential teacher:** W. Thomas Semsterbauer, English. "Although I have always been a math and science-oriented person, and still am, he helped me become interested in literature which I had never really enjoyed studying. Much of what I have read since has opened my mind to new ideas about myself and the world around me."

David thinks her generation "is extremely aware of the world around us and will help us make use of our technology to help end people's suffering."

She is the daughter of Richard A. and Jeanne M. David and the sister of Peter, 16.

### Joseph Colombo Thurston High School Redford

**College:** University of Michigan; Wayne State University; pre-medicine.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Scholarship; commended student; and Wayne State University Presidential Scholar.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; Science Olympiad; drama; and chess.

**Influential teacher:** Kathleen Law, first grade teacher and Kris Black, heart teacher. "Mrs. Law inspired me to work hard. Now, as my classmate Mrs. Lay is helping me make my final decisions."

Colombo hopes his generation will bring new advances to fields of medicine and space exploration. He envisions more trips to outer space and visits to different planets.

He is the son of Dave and Mary Colombo and the brother of Mike, 13.

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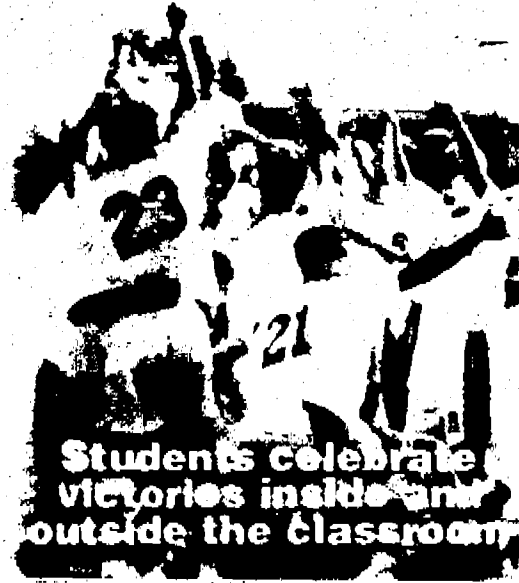
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