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Storm lashes city, closes schools



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Topped trees: Fred Schaffer (above) stands next to a 50-foot blue spruce that was uprooted in his front yard during Tuesday's storm. Joe Kernosek (left) said he saw what he believes was a tornado ripping down Somerset, a residential street where falling trees damaged a truck and at least one house.

Tuesday night's storm cut power to thousands of houses, closed Wayne-Westland schools Wednesday and downed trees and power lines. One witness said the winds in his neighborhood were tornado-like in nature. City work crews will continue cleanup efforts into next week.

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Fred Schaffer's family huddled in their basement Tuesday evening as a powerful storm ripped through their Wildwood neighborhood, uprooting a 50-foot-high blue spruce in their front yard and slicing a maple tree in half.

"It looked like a jungle out here," said Schaffer, a 48-year-old Northwest Airlines employee.

Schaffer, wife Kendra and daughters Bethany, Anna Marie and Bethany, ages 3 to 10, had finished eating dinner when fierce winds and thrashing rains drove them to their basement.

"The kids grabbed the cat and the dog," Schaffer said. "The kids were pretty upset. We were trying to calm them down and tell them everything would be OK."

When Schaffer made a trip upstairs to get a flashlight, he said, "I couldn't see as far as the sidewalk it was so bad."

The storm knocked out power to 12,000-13,000 Westland houses, toppled trees onto several residences, snapped flagpoles and downed 30-40 power lines, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields said.

About 4,000 houses still didn't have power Wednesday morning, but utility workers expected to have service restored by midnight, he said. The storm didn't cause any fires or known serious injuries, Fields said.

■ **'And I got a big hole in my attic.'**

Gary Bulson

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Police want video cameras for cruisers

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Video cameras may be placed in Westland police cars to record traffic stops, in hopes of boosting evidence-gathering efforts and curbing allegations that some motorists are abused by local officers.

Police officials are seeking a grant to help pay for police car cameras amid mounting public pressure led by a media crusade, Chief Emery Price said.

He estimated it would cost \$160,000 to equip Westland police cars.

Westland police officers have come under fire for two traffic-stop controversies this year.

■ Officer Steven Jaworski could face 15 years in prison if convicted of sexually molesting an 18-year-old woman during a 4 a.m. March 24 traffic stop. Jaworski has denied putting his hand inside her pants and groping her.

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Mayor warns that road projects will snarl traffic

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Mayor Robert Thomas warned Tuesday that several major road resurfacing projects will snarl Westland traffic this summer.

"It is going to be miserable," he said, addressing about 75 people at a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Road-improvement projects include:

- Wayne Road from Glenwood to just north of Nankin-Boulevard.
- Ford Road from Wayne to Venoy.
- Cherry Hill from Wayne to Merri-man.
- Van Born Road from Inkster to Middlebelt.
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Thomas warned that road projects will test the patience of local motorists and business owners, but he said efforts will be made to ease traffic misery as much as possible.

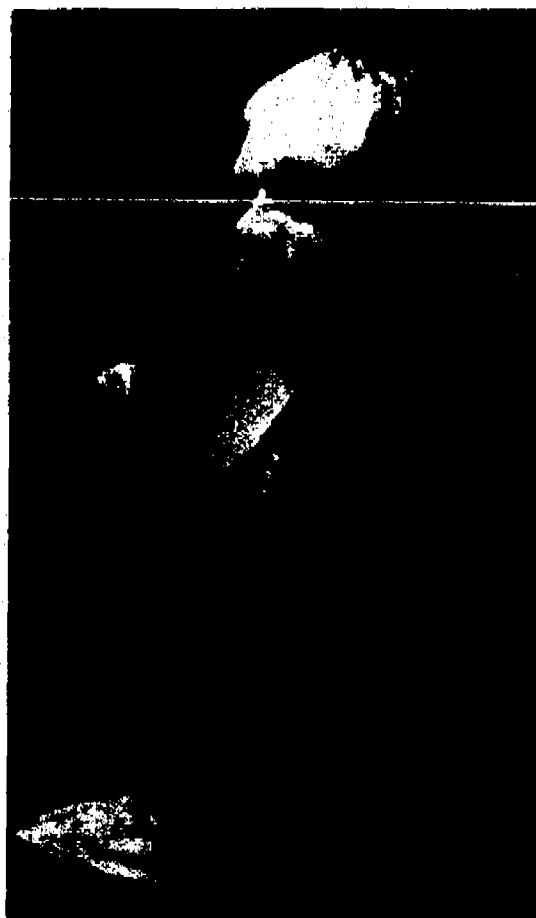
On a brighter note, Thomas has said he believes it's better to get the road projects completed in one summer rather than stretching them out over several years, prolonging the suffering.

Thomas touched on numerous city issues Tuesday during what he called his first such address to the Westland Chamber of Commerce since 1992. He has mended relations with the business group following a political rift that prompted him to sever ties about two years ago.

Thomas told the Observer he believes the city and its business community will benefit from a new spirit of cooperation between his office and the chamber.

During his address, Thomas recapped his earlier-stated plan for cutting city taxes, reducing water-sewer rates, shelving city building projects and allowing a 1-mill waste-dis-

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Chamber address: Westland Mayor Robert Thomas speaking at the Westland Chamber of Commerce earlier this week.

Westland Lowe's hiring process in full swing

BY DOUG JOHNSON
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Hiring will continue through this month and next for the new Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse at Newburgh and Warren Road in Westland.

Landscaping and paving at the store were being completed this week.

Lowe's hiring office is about a mile north of the store at the northwest corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Newburgh.

The office is open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; phone (734) 953-0547.

Store manager Ed Watkins, a Livonia Churchill

graduate, is working with other store personnel to fill between 225 and 250 jobs, both part-time and full-time positions.

"We've interviewed, or looked at the applications of, about 2,000 people so far. Our employees must have a good outlook, must be friendly and must be willing to work with the public," Watkins said.

Even with the tight job market, Watkins said they have interviewed a lot of good people. "We have hired some great retirees," he said. "Primarily we are looking for a good attitude. We are willing to train people." Watkins expects by the time the process is done 3,000 applicants will be screened.

Lowe's of Westland is hiring in the following

areas: Department managers, assistant department managers, sales specialists, sales associates, cashiers, loaders, stockers, greeters, delivery drivers and phone bank operators.

Also they are seeking "Lowe's Pros," electricians, hardware experts, painters and plumbers. These few specialized jobs require experience, Watkins said.

Watkins said customers to the new Lowe's will be impressed by selection and how orderly and clean the stores are. The cleaner, neater aisles are one

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What's best sidewalk repair plan?

Council discusses small millage to pay for upgrades

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Westland voters could be asked to decide a tax proposal to pay for a new sidewalk-repair program.

City Councilman Richard LeBlanc suggested during budget talks Monday that a quarter-mill tax would pay for citywide sidewalk repairs while costing the owner of a typical \$120,000 house only \$15 a year.

LeBlanc said the plan would expedite repairs and reduce lawsuits stemming from personal injuries on jagged sidewalks.

Some residents have complained about being forced to pay for expensive sidewalk repairs in front of their homes. LeBlanc said his plan would be more affordable for taxpayers while allowing the city to implement a more aggressive program.

"It really is insurance is what

it amounts to," he said.

It's premature to say whether the council will place the issue on a ballot for voters to decide — and, if so, when, LeBlanc said.

Already, one of his colleagues is balking at the plan.

"I feel it would be unfair to ask citizens who themselves do not have sidewalks to pay for the repairs of those that do," Councilman David Cox said Tuesday in an e-mail statement. "I also feel it would be unfair to ask a homeowner to fund other residents' sidewalk repairs when they had to pay for their own themselves."

LeBlanc's suggestion comes as the city nears completion of a citywide sidewalk-repair program that spanned 13 years. LeBlanc said his plan would ensure timelier repairs.

A sidewalk-repair tax proposal would amount to a "no-pressure"

ballot question that would simply let residents decide if they want to pay a little money each year or continue to shell out larger chunks when their sidewalks are flagged for work, LeBlanc said.

Cox, however, said elected leaders should consider a proposal, popular among some homeowners, that would allow concrete leveling companies to fix uneven sidewalks rather than replacing them.

"Although in the past this idea has not gained a great deal of favor, I think it should be revisited," Cox said.

In other developments during Monday budget talks:

Mayor Robert Thomas said the city by early next year is expected to start sending out water-sewer bills every two months, or six times a year. Residents are now billed every three

months.
 ■ Thomas plans to stop using money from his executive budget to pay for beer and wine used for dinners honoring volunteers on city boards and commissions. He said he will try to get the alcohol donated by businesses.

■ Library Director Sandra Wilson said employee salaries will be increased in her new budget to try to retain workers, who often leave for higher-paying jobs as close as Wayne. She also unveiled drawings for a new storage facility to be added to the library's south side.

■ Charles Nalbandian, the city's computer authority, said an official city Web site will likely be up this year. It will be mostly informational, although officials said they'd eventually like a site that lets residents pay water-sewer bills and transact other city business.

Murder victim had Westland ties

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Local police have identified the woman fatally shot Friday by her husband before he committed suicide in the couple's home in Redford Township.

Lawri Jean Mitchell-Kettler, 27, was shot at about 10 p.m. in an upstairs bedroom by Joseph Allan Kettler, 28, who then went to the basement and shot himself, Redford police Inspector James Wandyg said.

She is survived by her father, Robert Preston, and mother, Monica Mitchell of Westland. Other survivors included her brother, Travis Mitchell and a sister, Kathleen Mitchell.

A man, who rented a room at the couple's house in the 18200 block of Brady, saw Kettler shoot his wife with a shotgun, then ran outside for help, Wandyg said. As he ran for help, the renter heard a shotgun blast, Wandyg said.

"We have no idea what set him

off," Wandyg said. "The renter was not injured."

The renter ran to a neighbor and had him call police, Wandyg said. Officers responded on a report of a shooting, he said.

The couple had been married for about five months, Wandyg said.

A neighbor said that he heard the renter say the woman said, "What are you going to do, shoot me," and the gunman fired a shot.

The woman was a graphic

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designer.

The murder/suicide marks the second homicide this year in Redford. An 52-year-old employee of a business on Telegraph was fatally shot Jan. 28 when he responded to an apparent burglary at the firm.

Redford officers arrested a 37-year-old Detroit man, who has been charged in connection with the homicide and remains in custody awaiting trial.

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Westland police in February drew criticism from NAACP officials after an African-American motorist claimed he was beaten during a traffic stop. Price denied accusations his department targets black drivers.

During budget talks Monday,

Westland City Council members Richard LeBlanc, Sandra Cicirelli and Glenn Anderson indicated an interest in police car video cameras that some say could help to resolve such controversies.

"I brought it up at least four

years ago," Anderson said. "I've always been for it."

But Price and council President Charles "Trav" Griffin conceded that police car video cameras could fuel lawsuits from motorists claiming that police destroy evidence such as video

tapes.
 "I don't know that I see an absolute ground for it right now," Griffin said of the program, but added that he won't impede it if police officials ultimately decide to implement it.

City police departments in Livonia, Dearborn and St. Clair Shores are among those already using in-car video cameras.

■ The chief cited media pressure as one reason police departments are equipping their cars with video cameras.

Price cited media pressure as one reason police departments are equipping their cars with video cameras.
 "I don't see a need for this, but it's being dictated today that all departments are going to go to this," Price said.

The program could hinge on whether the city receives a state grant to help cover costs.

"There is no money in the budget for it at this time," Westland Finance Director Tim McCurley said.

Griffin said officials would need to decide important issues, such as how video camera evidence is handled, before starting a program.

"If you're going to do it, it's got to be right or we're going to get sued," he said.

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area the firm's advertising emphasizes in its national ads.

Lowe's biggest local competition will be Home Depot.

Watkins said Tuesday that the store would open around July 1; he and other managers were doing a "walk-through" Tuesday afternoon at the building.

The firm's headquarters are in North Carolina and the stores are concentrated in the eastern half of the United States.

The nearest Lowe's in the area are the ones in Ann Arbor and

Warren. The following information is taken from the company's Web site, lowes.com:

Lowe's is the nation's 18th largest retailer with 589 stores in 39 states and annual sales in excess of \$15 billion. They are in the midst of an expansion plan (\$2 billion nationwide), opening more than one store every week.

The stores are the largest in the industry at approximately 150,000 square feet of retail space.

Lowe's caters to the "do-it-

yourself," as well the commercial business customer, stocking more than 40,000 items. Lowe's also has an extensive special order program featuring more than 400,000 items.

A Fortune 200 company, Lowe's employs more than 98,000 people and has been listed three times as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America."

Lowe's customer support center is based in rural Wilkesboro, N.C.

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posal tax to expire next year.

"We really didn't have full support for that sanitation millage," the mayor said.

Earlier, Thomas and other elected officials had planned an election this month asking voters to renew the waste-disposal tax.

On other issues Tuesday, Thomas said the Westland Downtown Development Authority will play an increasingly critical role in sprucing up areas along Wayne and Ford roads.

He also said he is hoping for "high-tech" businesses or airport expansion-related development

on land owned by Ford Land Development Corp. on Michigan Avenue between Merriman and Henry Ruff.

Lori Brist, chamber executive director, said during Tuesday's luncheon that Westland deserves to attract some of the same upscale restaurants and stores that have located in other communities.

"There's no reason we shouldn't have some of the same stores they have in Novi right here in Westland," she said.

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Science is dazzling



Eyes wide open: Students at Hamilton Elementary enjoy the Mr. Wizard Supermarket Science program.



Pressure, pressure: Fifth grader Casey York at Hamilton Elementary helps Julie Hora of the Mr. Wizard Shows place weights onto an egg, testing the pressure it could withstand. The egg was able to hold 25 pounds before breaking.

Kids enjoy science assembly

The mysteries of science were explored Monday at Hamilton Elementary on Schuman in Westland. The assembly demonstrated the wonders of science using interactive teaching materials and methods. The assembly are offered by Don Herbert of "Mr. Wizard" fame, although he himself did not come to the school. Herbert still appears on Tv on NBC and on Nickelodeon. The hands-on science program is to show that science can be fun with household items; care is taken to discuss dangers as well. Student helpers from the audience helped out.



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Look up: Hamilton Elementary first grader Emily Roker assisted with a super absorber science demonstration.



Bam! A fourth grader at Hamilton Elementary aids Julie Hora of Mr. Wizard Supermarket Science program with a combustion science demonstration simulating a grain elevator, by placing a baking item and candle in a paint can and adding oxygen.

Bus staff praised for 'remarkable' improvements in safety inspections

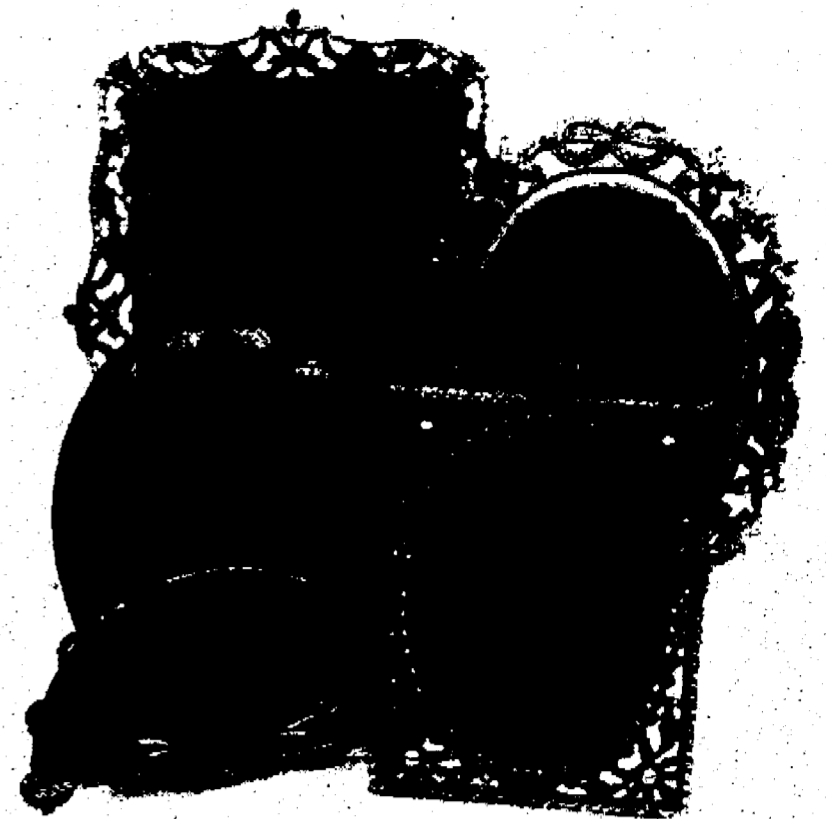
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Wayne-Westland school buses are safer than ever, according to tests conducted by the Michigan State Police. MSP inspectors gave the district a 96 percent "passing" rating, three minor problems in the bus fleet were corrected within 24 hours to put the department at 100 percent passing. The fleet totals 77 vehicles, but some are so new they don't need inspection. The rating was based on an inspection of 72 buses. At Monday's school board meeting, board members praised the department and its director, Gary Davis, for a "remarkable turnaround." Three years ago the bus fleet was at 49 percent passing, two years ago 73 percent and one year ago 73 percent. Davis has been with the district the last two years. The state inspections involve all districts

Wayne-Westland's took about six days. Board members Skip Meint and Martha Putsenbarger both revealed they had driven buses at one time, and praised the district's efforts to upgrade the fleet. Davis admitted to the board that "they had a mountain to climb." He said all personnel - drivers, attendants, mechanics, office staff - were key to the improvement. He also cited support from Superintendent Greg Baracy and Assistant Superintendent for Business Gary Martin as critical to the program's success. Davis noted between the two administrators, seven visits were made to the inspection process. Baracy told the board that congratulations were in order. "They are a very tight group over their transportation, they have created a good team and made a commitment to quality." Westland resident Bonnie Schmidt, a bus driver, was one of several transportation

department employees present at the meeting. She said a "good boss," Davis, and a good attitude has turned the department around. "I'm proud to work there and pleased to drive side buses." "The improvement is remarkable," Martin said. "It's like night and day. The district went from being poor to being on top." Martin said county districts average about 61 percent passing. The state police review is rigorous, with checks for every thing from brakes and lights to how well doors work and whether or not the frame has a crack in it. Martin said one key element has been trusting the drivers to report mechanical problems and then acting on the repair requests immediately. "They have put together a good team, and they are all pulling in the same direction. It starts with good morale," Martin said. The transportation staff includes about 130 employees.

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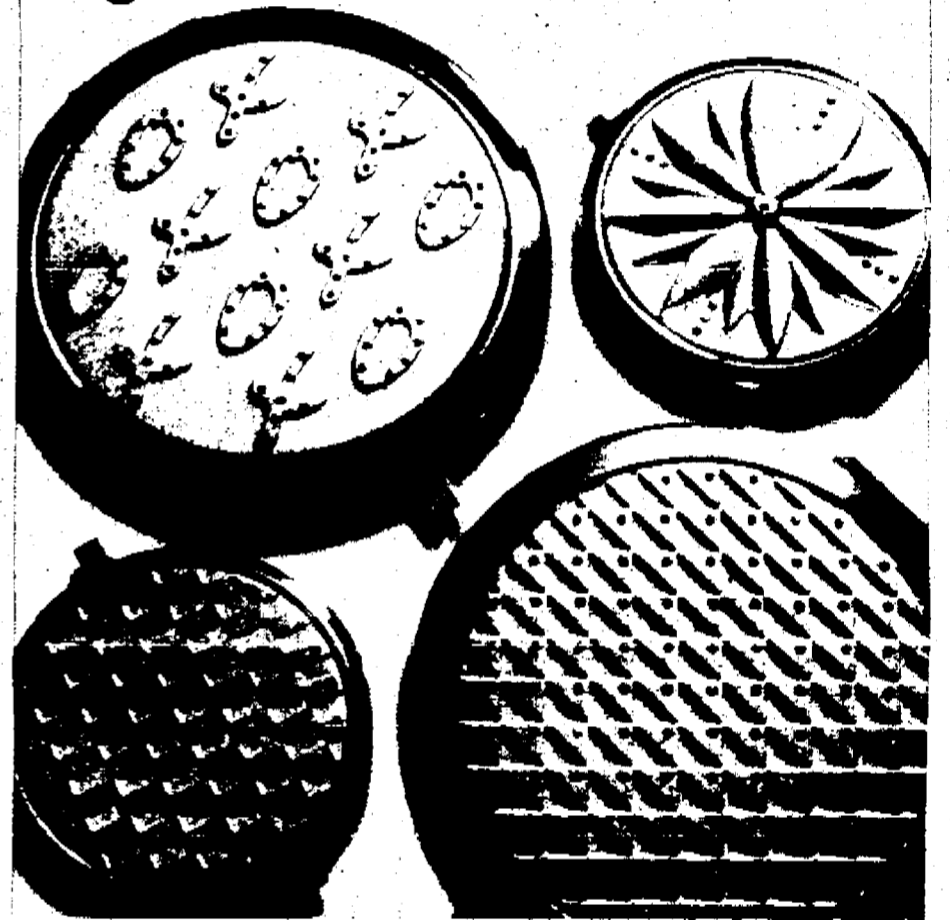
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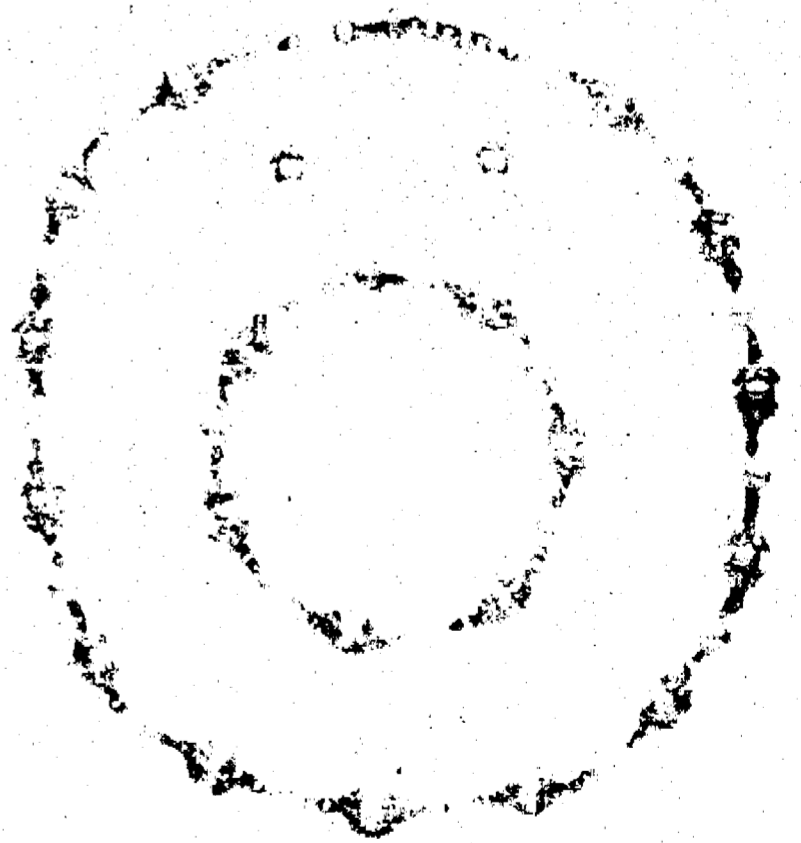
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The aftermath: Don McKenzie (left) wades through tree limbs that blanketed his property following the storm. Gary Bulson (lower left) estimated the damage to his house could reach \$3,000 after wind and falling trees mangled a chain link fence and ripped a hole in his attic. At right, an uprooted tree on Somerset was one of many that required cleanup efforts as city work crews and residents began to recover from the storm.



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Schaffer's next-door neighbor, 72-year-old Norma Burke, had returned home from grocery shopping when the storm hit, toppling scores of trees in the neighborhood near Wildwood and Cherry Hill.

Burke's house was narrowly missed by Schaffer's 50-foot blue spruce.

"I don't get scared for these things," she said Wednesday, helping Schaffer measure the tree that lay across both their yards. "I feel I've done all I can, and if God wants me, he'll take me."

On nearby Somerset, 31-year-old Joe Kernosek said he saw a tornado rip down his street, uprooting trees that damaged the front of his Chevy S-10 pickup.

"A tornado whipped right through here. I seen it," he said. "It lifted a (maple) tree right out of the ground."

His mother, Sharon Ward, counted the storm among the worst she's seen in her 31 years on Somerset.

"It got real green outside, and

then Joe said the tree was moving," Ward said. "The tree went this way and then twisted that way. I had opened the door and I couldn't get it shut. Everything was so green."

Across the street, Gary Bulson's house and property suffered damage he estimated at \$3,000.

"A tree branch took down a power line, and that ripped out my electrical box and vinyl siding," he said. "And I got a big hole in my attic."

A tree also mangled his chain link fence.

Bulson was home with wife Brenda and children Allison, 7, and Jeremy, 12, when the storm interrupted the Detroit Tigers baseball game on television.

"It was nine hits and three runs in two innings," Bulson said. "It was the first time they were doing anything."

Bulson's family sought refuge in their basement before they heard what turned out to be a silver maple tree hit their house.

"We heard the big crash," Bul-

son said.

Not far away, Don McKenzie, 66, walked amid trees and limbs that blanketed his property at Fairlane and Bayview, where he lives with wife Catherine.

A 65-foot-tall white ash fell from the other side of the street and narrowly missed his house. On McKenzie's property, the storm snapped two trees and uprooted two others - a little-leaf linden and a Norway maple.

"They were my pride and joy," he said. "I planted them about 12 years ago."

McKenzie said his property was harder hit Tuesday than it was during a 1980 storm that also pounded his neighborhood. He has lived in his house for 35 years.

"I think it was a tornado because the tops of the trees are twisted off," he said. "It was at least the start of a tornado. The whole thing didn't take more than five minutes."

McKenzie commended city work crews for clearing the 65-foot white ash from the street by 11:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"They got right at it," he said. At least 15 trees or limbo fell

across city roads, said Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar. Workers cleared streets as quickly as possible and will continue clean-up efforts into early next week, Dittmar said.

"We can't go onto private property, but if people can get their (damaged) trees to the curb, we'll chip it up for them," he said. "We're going to sweep street-by-street Monday."

Storm-related power outages closed Westland District Court and the Bailey Recreation Center on Wednesday, but a generator allowed City Hall to remain open.

Wayne-Westland school officials canceled classes Wednesday due to widespread power outages.

Lutheran High School Westland on Cowan was also closed; the school had power back by 11:30 a.m., but sports contests were canceled for Wednesday night.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said officials decided to close schools after learning that many school buildings and the central office were without power early Wednesday.

"When the central offices and 40 percent of the buildings are without power, it isn't wise to bring part of the students in," Baracy said. "It is a safety issue. With main (office) operations down, there is no way to communicate with the buildings."

Baracy said two schools - Jefferson-Barns and Lincoln elementary - had flooding in front that would have made it difficult to transport students by bus.

Some buildings suffered broken windows, but none was damaged structurally. Baracy said tree limbs fell near some buildings and that clean-up was under way.

Some fan motors burned out in the power loss; district workers were repairing those, he added.

Power didn't return to the central office until after 7 a.m. Wednesday, said assistant superintendent Gary Martin. Food service staff members were checking to see that no food in coolers was damaged.

Staff writer Doug Johnson contributed to this report.

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Clerk will get special help for elections

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER
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Facing her first election year as city clerk, Joann Seaberg will be allowed to spend as much as \$18,700 to hire a consultant.

Seaberg will receive help from longtime Clerk Diane Fritz and a Nov. 7 general election. She was promised a consultant when she took the job in the wake of the controversial Jan. 18 firing of ex-Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Seaberg, a 13-year city employee in only her eighth week as clerk, has never presided over an election. She was promised a consultant when she took the job in the wake of the controversial Jan. 18 firing of ex-Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli headed a three-member committee that ended a consultant search by recommending Fritz to help Seaberg.

"We need to get through this presidential election," Cicirelli said.

Fritz will be paid \$60 an hour while she's working in the clerk's office and \$40 an hour if consulted by telephone.

However, her earnings will be capped at \$18,700 under a consulting contract that council members are expected to approve during a 7 p.m. Monday meeting at City Hall.

Seaberg said she expects she will most need Fritz during the crucial

hours surrounding the primary and general elections - made more challenging this year by a presidential race.

"I just keep hearing the horror stories," Seaberg said of presidential elections.

Seaberg had only been deputy city clerk for 18 months before she was tapped for the clerk's position March 20, in the aftermath of Gibbons' firing by a four-member council majority.

Seaberg's bosses - seven council members - have lauded the job she has done but said her inexperience warrants hiring a consultant.

Cicirelli said Fritz is familiar with the city's electronic, touch-screen voting

system, which she said has had snags.

"It's been fraught with problems, as we all know," Cicirelli said.

Some voters have complained about waiting for four hours at polls. Even before she retired, Fritz partly blamed the problem on lengthy ballots that required a lot of voter decision-making.

Some voting machine problems also have been reported since the system was introduced in Westland in 1996.

Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin said Fritz agreed to serve as consultant even though she retired before Gibbons was hired in August 1998.

"She's willing to do it to help the city; that's what she told me," Griffin said.

■ Clerk Joann Seaberg said she expects she will most need longtime former Clerk Diane Fritz during the crucial hours surrounding the primary and general elections - made more challenging this year by a presidential race.

Seaberg will verify the hours worked by Fritz, and Griffin will authorize paying the consulting tab.

Recall signature effort continues Saturday

Recall workers trying to oust Westland City Councilwoman Sharon Scott will continue their efforts this Saturday.

Any registered Westland voter who wants to sign petitions, circulate them or turn in signatures they've obtained should go to the Oddfellows hall, Glenwood west of Venoy, recall supporter Brenda Gracin said in an e-mail press release.

"You can come there to sign

or to pick up petitions or to join others walking the precincts that day," she said.

Petitions will be available, during roughly the same hours, at Curtis and Jaycee parks and outside Patchin and Cooper elementary schools, Gracin said.

Recall workers are trying to oust Scott for her role in the Jan. 18 firing of former city Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Scott's colleagues David Cox, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David James are expected to be targeted by a similar recall attempt after July 1. They are now protected because they are in their first six months of new council terms.

Council members said they voted their conscience in firing Gibbons, but a public backlash over the decision has entered its 17th week.

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School board votes to sell land near middle school

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

A portion of the land near Stevenson Middle School on Palmer Road was sold by the school district Monday with the board of trustees accepting a price of \$25,000 an acre.

The vote to sell the seven acres to a developer was not unanimous. Trustee Teresa Robbins renewed her opposition to selling

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open space. "I oppose selling school property in principle," Robbins said. "That is our children's birthright."

Robbins also suggested the board take a look at using money from the sale to begin work on the Sassafras Trail property, 47 acres northeast of Palmer and

Wildwood that the school district owns. An outdoor "super-science" facility has been envisioned there.

Board member Richard Eisiminger said that at least some of the district's \$11 million fund equity was the result of the sale of land.

About 20-25 homes can be built on the land, but the plot is "landlocked" so the developer will have to find a way to get an easement

into the acreage.

The final vote was 6-1, with Robbins voting no.

The land has been bought by Orco Investment of Troy. Gary Martin, assistant superintendent for business, noted that some of the tree acreage had been retained by the district. He also said no school property would be used as an easement to the site.

Martin told the board the price was very good, about \$5,000

more per acre than expected.

In other money matters, the board:

■ Learned the fund equity had jumped to \$11 million on news from the district business office of a \$975,000 improvement in the current budget. Money included rebates on insurance premiums, spending reductions in utilities due to a mild winter, and increases in "categoricals" (certain state aid budget items).

■ Voted to approve bids for several items needed in the renovation at Wayne Memorial High School, including \$143,000 for stage equipment from Tobins Lake Studios.

■ Approved spending some of the Durant lawsuit settlement bond money on playground equipment at 17 elementaries. American Playground was the low bidder at about \$1.2 million; three other bidders were higher.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ATHLETIC ANNEX BUILDINGS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Livonia Schools Board of Education will receive firm subcontractor and material suppliers bids for Fencing at Stevenson, Franklin, and Churchill High Schools located within the Livonia School District.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications. Documents may be obtained with a \$25.00 per set refundable deposit payable to Livonia Public Schools, at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, 248.334.2000, on or after May 8, 2000. A pre-bid meeting will be held on May 12, 2000 at 12:00 noon at Livonia Public Schools Business office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Mr. David L. Watson, Director of Operations. It shall be delivered to the Livonia Public Schools Business Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154, or to the office of George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock St., Pontiac, MI 48343, but must be delivered no later than noon, May 19, 2000. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the Construction Manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be identified and sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and the proposal(s) being bid. A bid bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to the Livonia Public Schools, or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Livonia Public Schools shall be submitted with each proposal over \$16,127.

All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Livonia Public Schools Business Office starting at 2:00 p.m., May 19, 2000.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Treasury listed Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole, or in part and to waive any informalities therein. Livonia Public School District reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

PATRICK D. NAILEY
Secretary
Board of Education
Livonia Public Schools

Publish: May 11 and 14, 2000

ANGELO A. PLAKAS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WESTLAND,
a Michigan Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DIAMOND MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
a dissolved Michigan Corporation, and
COMMERCE MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
a dissolved Michigan Corporation,
and unknown heirs, devisees or assignees,
Defendants.

ANGELO A. PLAKAS AND ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: Angelo A. Plakas (P 18934)
Mark A. McConnell (P 46434)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
35330 Nankin Boulevard, Suite 702
Westland, Michigan 48185
(734) 421-5510

ORDER TO ANSWER BY PUBLICATION WITH MAILING REQUIREMENT EXCUSED

At a session of said Court held in the City-County Building,
City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

ON: April 07, 2000.

PRESENT: HON. JUDGE LOUIS F. SIMMONS, JR.
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

On January 13, 2000, an action was filed, against Defendants, Diamond Mortgage Corporation and Commerce Mortgage Corporation, in this Court to quiet title on a parcel of real property located in the City of Westland described as:

Lot 154, Carver Sub. No. 2, R9E, Liber 70, Page 79 of Plats,
Wayne County Records
Commonly known as 29014 Powers
Tax ID# 66-083-03-0154-000

The Plaintiff acquired title to these properties by virtue of the tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources to the City of Westland. Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff believes that the Defendants, Diamond Mortgage Corporation and Commerce Mortgage Corporation, at one time claimed or may have claimed an interest in these properties which, by virtue of the tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan to the City of Westland has expired. The purpose of this action is to declare that the Plaintiff, the City of Westland, is the fee simple owner of said properties and that any interest the Defendant may have had in said property has expired.

Upon consideration of the Verified Motion of Plaintiff, and the Affidavit in Support thereof, attesting to the fact that Defendants, Diamond Mortgage Corporation and Commerce Mortgage Corporation, in this action cannot be personally served with a Summons and a copy of the Complaint herein because their present whereabouts are unknown, and they have no last known address, and that publication of notice of this action in a newspaper of general circulation is most likely to give notice to these Defendants, and it appearing to this Court that Plaintiff, after diligent inquiry, has been unable to ascertain the Defendants' address either within or without the State of Michigan, and it further appearing that personal service of the Summons and Complaint in this action cannot be made on the Defendants for the above stated reasons, and that publication is the best means available to apprise Defendants of the pendency of this action:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, Diamond Mortgage Corporation and Commerce Mortgage Corporation, shall on or before the 13th day of June, 2000, serve an answer on Mark A. McConnell, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 35330 Nankin Blvd., Suite 702, Westland, Michigan, 48185, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendants for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in *The Observer & Eccentric*, a newspaper of general circulation hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Defendants named above. Publication shall occur within the County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within five (5) days from the date of entry on this Order, and that mailing a copy of this Order be dispensed with because Plaintiff cannot, with reasonable diligence, ascertain a place where the Defendants would probably receive this matter transmitted by mail.

JUDGE LOUIS F. SIMMONS, JR.
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Publish: May 11, 12 and 20, 2000

EMMA L. CARR

Services for former Westland resident Emma "Louise" Carr, 74, of Canton were held April 27 in Community Free Will Baptist Church, Westland, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jimmy Lawson.

Mrs. Carr was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Calloway County, Ky., and died April 22 in Dearborn. In 1960 she had joined the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Westland, where she was a faithful member. She will be remembered as a devoted and loving mother and grandmother.

Surviving are her daughters, Glenda (David) Fletcher, Gloria Block and Brenda Carr; brother, Homer Fennell; sisters, Betty Goad, Carlene Williams, Gladys Cox and Lorene Lovett; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Carr was preceded in death by her husband, William (Sept. 11, 1986); grandson, Billy Block; and brother, Paul Lawson.

Arrangements were made by Janowiak Funeral Home, Geer-Logan Chapel, Ypsilanti.

CHRISTOPHER D. WILLIAMS

Services for Christopher Williams, 29, of Westland were held May 8 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev.

Don Devine.

Mr. Williams was born Oct. 6, 1970, and died May 4. He was a machinist.

Surviving are his companion, Christina Harden; son, Cody Harden; mother, Patricia (Jack) Heady; father, Billy (Donna) Williams; brothers, Thomas (Lori) Williams, Jack Heady Jr. and Daryl Heady; and sisters, Vickie Williams and Cheryl (Larry) Benson.

HELENA M. STARON

Services for Helena Staron, 88, of Westland were held May 9 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Rowland.

Miss Staron was born Oct. 13, 1911, and died May 6 at American House. She was a press operator.

Surviving are her nephews, Timothy Potts, Gary Potts and Thomas Potts; and niece, Penny Allen.

Miss Staron was preceded in death by her sister, Bertha Potts.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Wayne.

DANIEL P. HELMER

Services for Daniel Helmer, 50, of Romulus were held May 8 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens

OBITUARIES

West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Joe Jones.

Mr. Helmer was born July 20, 1949, and died May 5 at his home. He was a pipefitter and a member of the Phoenix Masonic Lodge, F. & A.M. in Ypsilanti.

Surviving are his wife, Alice; daughters, Tammy (Norman) Scanlon and Kimberly Hall; mother, Lucille (Donald) Williams of Westland; brothers, Larry Helmer, Eddie Williams and Steven Williams; sisters, Pattie Menna, Pamela Lane and Donna Boyer; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Helmer was preceded in death by his father, Harry Helmer.

BEATRICE E. BRENNAN

Services for Beatrice Brennan, 83, of Wayne were held May 9 in Wayne Church of Christ with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was David Schofield.

Mrs. Brennan was born Jan. 10, 1917, and died May 6. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Thomas (Sharon) and James; daughters, Nancy Jo Kenley, Mary Anderson, Ann (Dennis) Chappus and Susan Rose of Westland; brother, Bill Wahlman; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

LAWRI J. MITCHELL-KETTLER

Services for Lawri Mitchell-Kettler, 27, of Redford took place May 10 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. John Lehner from St. Kevin & Norbert Catholic Church.

Mrs. Mitchell-Kettler was born July 14, 1972, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and died May 6 in Redford. She was a graphic designer.

Surviving are her brother, Travis Mitchell; sister, Kathleen Mitchell; father, Robert Preston; and mother, Monica Mitchell of Westland.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Step.

DOROTHY SMITH

Services for Dorothy Smith, 71, of Wayne were held May 10 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Somerset Center Cemetery, Hillsdale. Officiating was the Rev. Jay Cubison.

Mrs. Smith was born April 20, 1929, and died May 8 at her home. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Chuck (Tammie) Smith of Livonia and Billy Smith; daughters, Irene Smith, Betty (Ted) Masse of Westland, Bobbie Mayberry, Jackie (Mike) Borman, Jenny Merritt and Alameda Shuster; brother, James Kimmerly; sister, Naomi Phillips; and 14 grandchildren.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

PATRICK D. NALLEY, Secretary
Livonia Board of Education

Publish: April 30 and May 11, 2000

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 8-5/1/2000

Presiding: Council President Griffin
Present: Anderson, Cicirelli, Cox, James, LeBlanc, Scott
118: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 4/7/2000
Approved request from Meijers to conduct tent sale, 37201 Warren from 5/5/2000-5/16/2000
-Request from PD Graham Elementary School to hold "Neighborhood Walk" on 6/9/2000 at 12:30 pm in school neighborhood to celebrate their achievement in accelerated reader program.
-Approved request from Senior Resource Dept to hold its 5th Annual Senior Health & Fitness Day Walk on 5/31/2000 between 8:30 am-11:00 am
-Approved lease agreement for copier for the Police Dept to Albin Business Centers for total bid price of \$3,444.48 per yr
Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-17: Increase in insurance premiums for retiree health care amt \$150,000.00
Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-18: Michigan Department of Natural Resources project agreement for revitalization of Central City Park, amt \$63,000.00
Adopted Ordinance 29-W-25-4, to amend the gross area modifier rates in Chapter 46, Section 46-1(17) of the Westland City Code
-Approved bids - 18th District Court Building Renovation, Bowder Excavating, Inc. amt \$109,200.00; Masonry Placement, amt \$182,665.00 & Morkin & Sowards, amt \$100,324.00
-Adopted Resolution recognizing Westland Jaycees' fund raiser "Bowling for the Brave" to be held 5/21/2000 in the City
119: Denied request from C Dubose of Pania Development for extension of Final Site plan Approval for Proposed Green Brook Condos, SW corner Palmer & Henry Ruff
120: Accepted bid for purchase property & upon payment to City of bid amount & \$320 processing fee
121: Closed Public hearing on request to vacate & abandon 20' wide alley adjacent to Lots 147-153 & 154 of ReSubdivision of Dearman Park
122: Closed Public hearing on request to vacate, abandon & terminate 1'x40' portion of utility easement at rear of 8344 Hugh
123: Withdraw bid of original bidder, at their request & accept bid for purchase of property & upon payment to City of bid amount & \$320 processing fee
128: Adopted Resolution to decrease the salary of Director of Senior Resources
131: Granted revised Site Plan Approval for proposed reallocation of sign area on Farmer Jack building from Huron Sign Co
132: Granted revised Site Plan Approval for proposed ATM as part of redevelopment of Birch Hill Shopping Plaza, SW corner of Merriman & Cherry Hill
133: Closed Public Hearing on Mayor's Proposed 2000/2001 Fiscal Yr Budget
134: Approved Check List-4111,566.72 & Prepaid-41,992,968.15
Mtg adjourned at 12:08 am
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office
CHARLES T. "TRAV" GRIFFIN
Council President
JOANN M SEABERG
City Clerk
Publish: May 11, 2000

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-25-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GROSS AREA MODIFIER IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-1(17) OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1(17), of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(17) Fee Schedule. The fees for the indicated licenses, permits, inspections and certificates shall be as shown below:

Building Permits, Additions, Alterations, and New Buildings

c. Permit fees for new construction and buildings are determined using the BOCA-designated formula and the BOCA-designated use groups and types of construction on a square foot basis. The formula for determining the permit fee is as follows:
PERMIT FEE = Gross Area Gross Area Modifier (which is presently set at 70) x Type of Construction x Permit Fee Multiplier (which is presently set at .0075).

The type of construction factor is determined pursuant to the following BOCA-recommended tables:

Use Group 1996 NBBC	Valuation Table 1								
	Type of Construction								
	1A	1B	2A	2B	2C	3A	3B	4	5A
A-1 Assembly, theaters, with stage	1.79	1.76	1.71	1.67	1.59	1.49	1.48	1.54	1.3
A-1 Assembly, theaters without stage	1.62	1.59	1.54	1.50	.42	1.33	1.32	1.38	1.2
A-2 Assembly, nightclubs	1.27	1.25	1.21	1.18	1.11	1.04	1.03	1.07	0.9
A-3 Assembly, restaurants	1.26	1.23	1.20	1.15	1.10	1.01	1.02	1.06	0.9
A-4 Assembly, churches	1.59	1.57	1.51	1.48	1.40	1.30	1.29	1.35	1.2
B Business	1.20	1.17	1.12	1.08	1.02	0.90	0.90	0.98	0.7
E Educational	1.28	1.25	1.21	1.17	1.10	1.01	0.98	1.05	0.8
F-1 Factory & industrial, moderate hazard	0.77	0.74	0.71	0.66	0.63	0.54	0.55	0.60	0.4
F-2 Factory & industrial, low hazard	0.76	0.73	0.69	0.66	0.61	0.54	0.54	0.59	0.4
H High hazard	0.74	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.60	0.53	0.53	0.58	0.4
I-1 Institutional, supervised environment	1.17	1.15	1.10	1.07	1.00	0.92	0.92	0.99	0.8
I-2 Institutional, incapacitated	1.74	1.71	1.66	1.62	1.56	1.44	N.P.	1.52	1.3
I-3 Institutional, restrained	1.46	1.43	1.39	1.36	1.30	1.22	1.21	1.26	1.1
M Mercantile	0.98	0.96	0.92	0.88	0.82	0.74	0.75	0.78	0.6
R-1 Residential, hotels	1.25	1.23	1.18	1.15	1.09	1.00	1.00	1.08	0.9
R-2 Residential, multiple family	1.12	1.10	1.05	1.02	0.96	0.88	0.88	0.95	0.7
R-3 Residential, one- and two-family	0.92	0.90	0.87	0.84	0.80	0.76	0.76	0.77	0.7
S-1 Storage, moderate hazard	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.62	0.58	0.50	0.51	0.56	0.4
S-2 Storage, low hazard	0.71	0.69	0.65	0.62	0.57	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.4

Note a. R-3 Garages = 0.20
Note b. Unfinished basements (all use groups) = 0.20
Note c. Finished basements (all use groups) = 0.40
Note d. For H-1 through H-4 (1996 NBBC) use H values
Note e. Gross area modifier = 70.
Note f. NP = permitted

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effectivity Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

ON MOTION OF Cox, SUPPORTED BY James the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL: AYES NAY ABSENT

JOANN M SEABERG
Westland City Clerk

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Ozone expected to set record highs this summer

BY MIKE MALOTT
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"Ozone Action" days always occur on warm, cloudless, "gorgeous" summer days.

"The sky is bright blue. It's the kind of day we wait for all winter long," said Anita Blasius, manager of public outreach for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "Some folks think that if they can't see it, it's not a problem. You can see smog, and that tells you the air is dirty, but you can't see ozone."

Ozone in the stratosphere protects humans from ultraviolet radiation, but at ground level it is a pollutant. High concentrations can be an irritant to the lungs, causing breathing problems, especially for sensitive people, the young and the elderly. Those who work or exercise outdoors are also at risk, because they inhale deeply as a result of their physical activity.

Laura DeGuire, environmental air quality specialist for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, says the effect is like a "sunburn on the lungs."

For most, it is likely to be a minor problem, but repeated exposure to high levels of ozone can lead to more serious health consequences later on.

Environmental experts predict there will be a high number of Ozone Action days this summer. SEMCOG and the Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan — a collection of more than 30 businesses and environmental and health advocacy organizations — are urging citizens to participate in Ozone Action days this season, taking steps to reduce pollution on days when the conditions are right for high concentrations of ozone.

■ Our polls show 80 percent of the residents in southeast Michigan recognize the program and 77 percent participate in Ozone Action days in some way, taking some action. The most popular way is by not mowing the lawn. What a surprise. Our motto is grab the lawn chair, not the lawn mower.

Anita Blasius
SEMCOG

Ozone season

The ozone season, running May through September, is likely to be another record-setter this year, according to Jeff Jaros, senior meteorologist for the air quality division of the MDEQ. He expects to see more than the record of 25 Ozone Action days set in 1999.

The reason is that the weather is expected to be hot and dry. No, Jaros said, it is not a result of global warming. Rather, it is due to low precipitation levels during the winter and spring months.

Light snow falls after January and little rain during the spring have left the soil in southeastern Michigan relatively dry. Moisture in the ground typically has a cooling effect, Jaros explained, carrying heat away as it evaporates. But since the ground is dry this year, higher than normal temperatures are forecast for the region.

Jaros said he does not expect it to be as bad as the summer of 1988, when Michigan set a record for the number of days over 100 degrees. But he does predict temperatures to be above normal. And there is a possibility that the drought now being experienced in other parts of the

country could occur here, too, later in the year.

Ozone is created when hydrocarbons — from automobile and lawn mower exhaust, industrial emissions, gasoline vapors and even fumes from household cleaning chemicals — react with oxides of nitrogen and sunlight.

Residents can have a significant impact on ozone levels by taking the recommended steps to reduce hydrocarbon emissions on days designated as Ozone Action days.

Auto emissions

An estimated 58 percent of ozone comes from auto emissions, Blasius said. Residents can reduce that by driving less. "Linking trips" helps cut emissions because car engines produce less exhaust once they are warmed up, DeGuire said.

Gasoline fumes account for 8 percent of the ozone. Waiting to fill up car tanks until dusk will help cut down on that portion of the problem.

If you must get gas, at least don't top off the tank, advised Blasius, a Canton resident who also serves as the manager of the coalition's ozone program.

"When you fill up all the way," she said, "you just push all those fumes right back out of the tank

and into the atmosphere."

Another 7 percent of the ozone levels come from lawn mower and motorboat exhaust, which have engines with no pollution controls.

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Residents can use Ozone Action days as an excuse to put off other chores as well. Household cleaners, degreasers and paints all add to the hydrocarbon content in the air. In fact, Blasius said, household chemicals account for another 7 percent of the ozone in the air.

Regulations help

Industries do contribute to the problem, according to DeGuire, but regulations have reduced their emissions drastically in recent years. There are 130 sources of industrial hydrocarbon emissions in the region, and they can be made to shut down on high ozone days, she said. Still, it is not unusual for high ozone levels to occur on Saturdays, when those businesses are already closed.

The majority of ozone comes from residents.

The Clean Air Coalition's six-year-old Ozone Action effort is a "premier" program, DeGuire said. It was one of the first in the country and has served as a model for similar programs in western Michigan and elsewhere in the Midwest.

The program gathers together meteorologists from the state MDEQ and the private sector, who meet daily to talk about weather conditions predicted for

What you can do to reduce ozone levels

Tips for reducing pollution on Ozone Action days:

■ Avoid using gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment. Mow lawns the day before or after an Ozone Action day.

■ Avoid refueling cars on Ozone Action days. If refueling is necessary, fill up after dark and don't "top off" the tank. Avoid spilling gas when you are at the fuel pump.

■ Reduce automobile use whenever possible. Plan to car-pool, use public transit, bike, walk or combine errands to reduce emissions.

■ Stay out of congested traffic and long lines at the drive-through window. Idling engines release a lot of emissions.

■ Brown bag it at work instead of driving to a restaurant for lunch.

■ Keep speeds down and accelerate slowly.

■ Keep all of your engines (car, boat, lawn mower) well-tuned. They'll burn cleaner.

■ Make sure your gas caps are on tight. Replace them if they are missing. Park in the shade to avoid evaporative emissions from a sun-heated gas tank.

■ Conserve energy at home

and at work. Turn off lights and fans when you leave a room. Use energy-efficient light bulbs.

■ Avoid using air conditioners on Ozone Action days.

■ Use the energy-efficient lighting and pollution prevention techniques.

■ Enjoy summer barbecues, but avoid using charcoal lighter fluid.

■ Consider natural gas, propane or electric grills as alternatives the next time you replace your backyard or patio barbecue.

■ Try telecommuting. If you work from home, you save yourself the commute and clear the air.

■ Take advantage of telecommuting when you don't have to.

■ Stay informed. Ozone Action days are announced during weather reports on both television and radio and in local newspapers. Advisories are posted on the Internet at www.semco.org. They are also announced on a hotline, 1-800-633-3AIR.

the following day. If the conditions are right, they'll issue an advisory, which is disseminated by SEMCOG.

Residents can look for advisories over the Internet by checking the SEMCOG home

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Television and radio stations and local newspapers also frequently carry ozone advisories as part of their weather forecasts.

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Engler seeks 5 percent cut in phone, electric charges

BY MIKE MALOTT
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As state lawmakers get ready to debate the restructuring of Michigan's telephone and electric utilities, Gov. John Engler has lost patience.

"I'm tired of waiting," he said, proposing a 5 percent immediate reduction in telephone company and electric utility charges. "I want Michigan customers to get a rate cut now."

"It's been nine years since the enactment of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, which sunsets at the end of this year. The intent of the act was to spur competition among all telecommunications services which in turn would reduce costs. But competition for services remains anemic and Michigan consumers are paying for it - with many rates that are among the highest in the region. In almost all cases, Michigan's prices for basic services as well as enhanced and toll services are higher than those in surrounding states," Engler said.

Engler's goals

He called for immediate passage of legislation to accomplish several goals:

- Enact a 5 percent rate reduction on all intra-state services until 2003, or until the Michigan Public Service Commission determines that a competitive market has been created.

- Quick resolution of disputes. "We need marketplace competition, not committee room fights or courtroom litigation," he said.

- Sanctions for "non-competitive behavior. State tools for enforcement should be sharpened."

- "We need to require providers to vigorously compete. This gives us, as customers a choice among providers," he said.

Engler said he hoped his proposals would break a "legislative logjam." Likewise, he contended the state House and Senate have moved too slowly on restructuring of the electric industry.

"The legislative debate has taken too long. The complexity of the issue precludes resolutions of the issue. The Michigan Public Services Commission did design a plan for electric restructuring. It was approved in June 1997, but that plan fell to a court challenge. Since then, numerous states have passed legislation, but Michigan has not. The legislature can't agree, and the PSC can't act. The bottom line? Michigan is falling behind in electric restructuring."

Reaction mixed

For the electric industry, Engler called for a 5 percent reduction in rates with rate cap guarantees for 10 years, or until the PSC concludes that a competitive market has been created in that industry, too.

Critics of the utilities approved of the governor's plan.

"The governor's proposal sounds like every thing the small business community has been asking for and we look forward to seeing the details," Barry Cargill, vice president of the Small Business Association of Michigan, said. "It's very appropriate for the governor to exercise his leadership to break the logjam."

On the other hand, the utilities were less receptive. Scott Stevenson, president of the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, which represents local telephone companies in Michigan, said he did not believe the governor's proposals would lead to more competition.

"I am certain that to have the government, rather than the free market, set prices will not lead to more competition," he said.

Rep. Robert Gosselin, R-Troy, was positive about Engler's plan. "now the governor has weighed in with a plan to quickly give the state Public Service Commission the tools it needs to 'kick open the door' to local phone competition," he said.

He gave credit to other lawmakers from Oakland County for spurring the governor's response. "The Oakland County House delegation took the matter into their own hands, by holding a hearing on the issue in Pontiac. Dozens of angry citizens showed up to complain about excessive 'local long distance' charges, local calling area that have shrunk to 'postage stamp size,' and as one citizen put it, the fact that 'I can call Hawaii

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Gov. John Engler
 Proposes rate cuts

for less than Farmington Hills," he said. "My Oakland colleagues deserve credit for spurring the Lansing establishment on the issue. They had the guts to take

on The Phone Company, probably the most powerful special interest lobby in Lansing."

A number of bills have already been introduced to address both

telephone and electric utility restructuring.

Bills introduced

Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, and Rep. Mary Ann Middaugh, R-Paw Paw, have introduced a two-bill package, House Bills 4804 and 5721, that would give the PSC the authority to expedite complaints when competing phone companies have difficulty getting their services to customers. The package would also prohibit "multi-state" providers, such as Ameritech, from charging more to Michigan subscribers than they do for the

same services in other states. Further, the bills would outlaw "cramming," adding charges to phone bills for services not approved by customers, and require that rates be posted on the Internet.

Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, has introduced legislation to outlaw cramming. House Bill 5474 would levy a \$10,000 fine to a phone company for the first offense of adding a charge not authorized by a customer. A second offense would carry a \$50,000 fine.

A variety of other bills have been introduced, including

toughening sanctions against "slamming," switching a customer's long distance carrier without permission.

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, has also introduced legislation to address telephones, although his bill is intended to simply repeal the telecommunications act. Aides say that is his "starting position," and the senator will add back regulations as they are shown to be needed. Ameritech favors the Dunaskiss proposal. Dunaskiss has also offered legislation to deregulation and restructure electric utilities.

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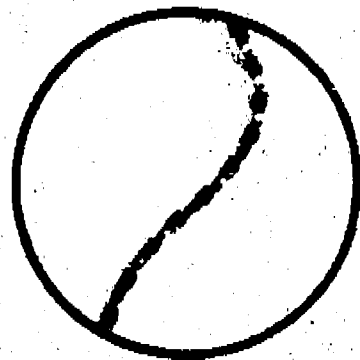
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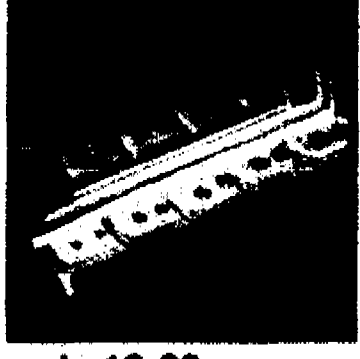


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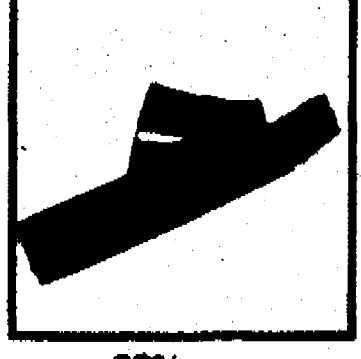
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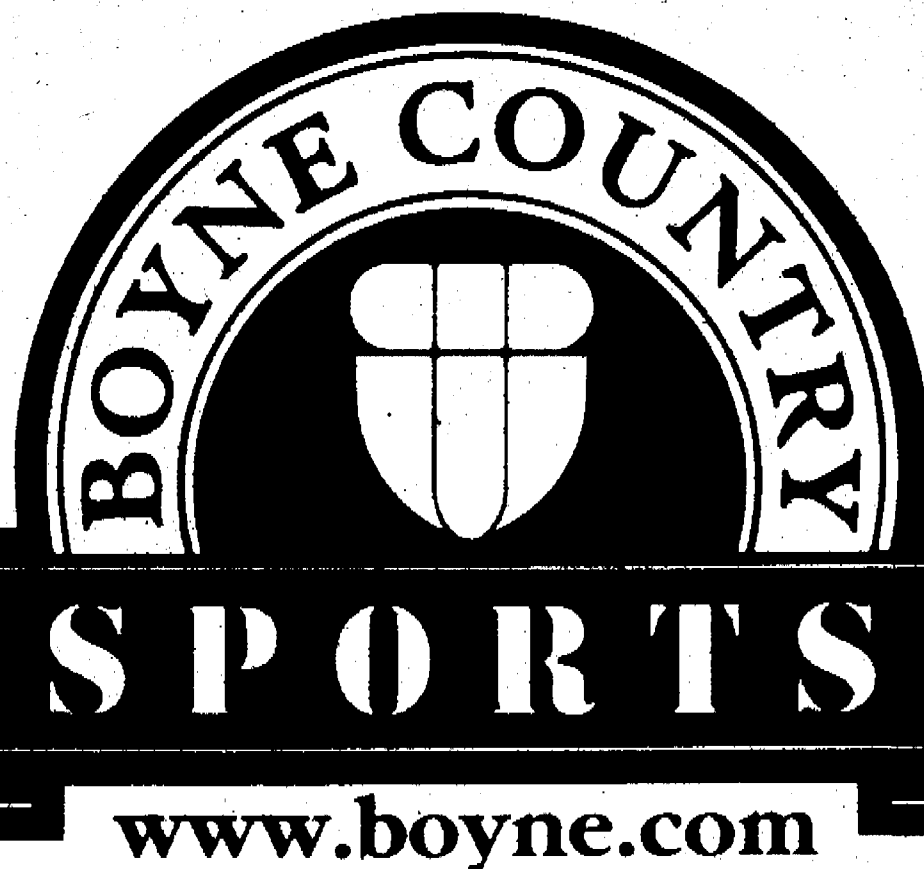
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House leader proposes tax holiday around Labor Day

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Cutting the sales tax as a way to return Michigan's budget surplus to taxpayers has certain advantages, House Tax Policy Chair Nancy Cassis told her committee May 9.

"It never leaves taxpayers' wallets," said Rep. Cassis, R- Novi. "They don't have to wait for a refund next April or to get a tax credit. The money is never

sent to the government in the first place."

Cassis is pushing for the creation of a sales tax holiday, two weeks around the Labor Day weekend when clothing purchases would be exempt from Michigan's 6 percent state sales tax.

Committee members are receptive to the proposal, although they are asking that the cap on the cost of clothing eligible for exemption be trimmed from \$500 per item to

\$150. Still, if enacted, the tax-cutting measure would save taxpayers an estimated \$16 million per year, according to House Fiscal Agency analyses.

That's money Cassis said she believes the state will recover, because state consumers will likely spend that same cash elsewhere.

"They'll go out to dinner or buy a piece of jewelry they hadn't planned on buying," she said.

Similar tax holidays enacted in Texas, New York and Florida have not cost state coffers as much as originally projected, due in part to the extra spending consumers tend to do when they can save a few dollars.

If the committee acts quickly on the bill and it gets a good review from the full House and Senate, Cassis said she hopes the holiday can be in effect for the coming Labor Day weekend. It will benefit not only families

that are shopping for clothing to send kids back to school in the fall, but should be a boon to Michigan retail businesses, which can use the holiday to attract shoppers from out of state on the last big tourist weekend of the summer, she said.

Sales tax revenues have grown so far this year, up 8 percent over this time last year, Cassis said.

Despite recent volatility on

Wall Street and signs the economy may be slowing, she said she doesn't see a slow down in consumer spending in Michigan.

Gov. John Engler is likely to be receptive to the bill as well. Engler's aides have said he is looking for "broad-based tax cuts" as a way to return the state's surplus.

"What could be more broad based than this?" Cassis said. "Everybody wears clothes."

S'craft OKs tuition hike for 2000-01

By RICHARD PEARL
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The anticipated modest increases in both tuition fees and the general fund operating budget at Schoolcraft College have been approved for the 2000-01 school year.

Trustees approved both 6-0 after no one spoke at the public hearing on the proposed increases which preceded the April 26 board meeting.

Trustee Brian Broderick was absent.

Prior to the vote, trustee Greg Stempien voiced mild opposition: "I am not happy raising tuition. But I don't have to like it."

However, Dick McDowell, college president, cautioned that tuition "has not kept pace" with overall increases.

Tuition will rise next fall by \$1, \$2 and \$3 per credit hour to \$54, \$80 and \$119 for in-district, out-of-district and out-of-state students, respectively.

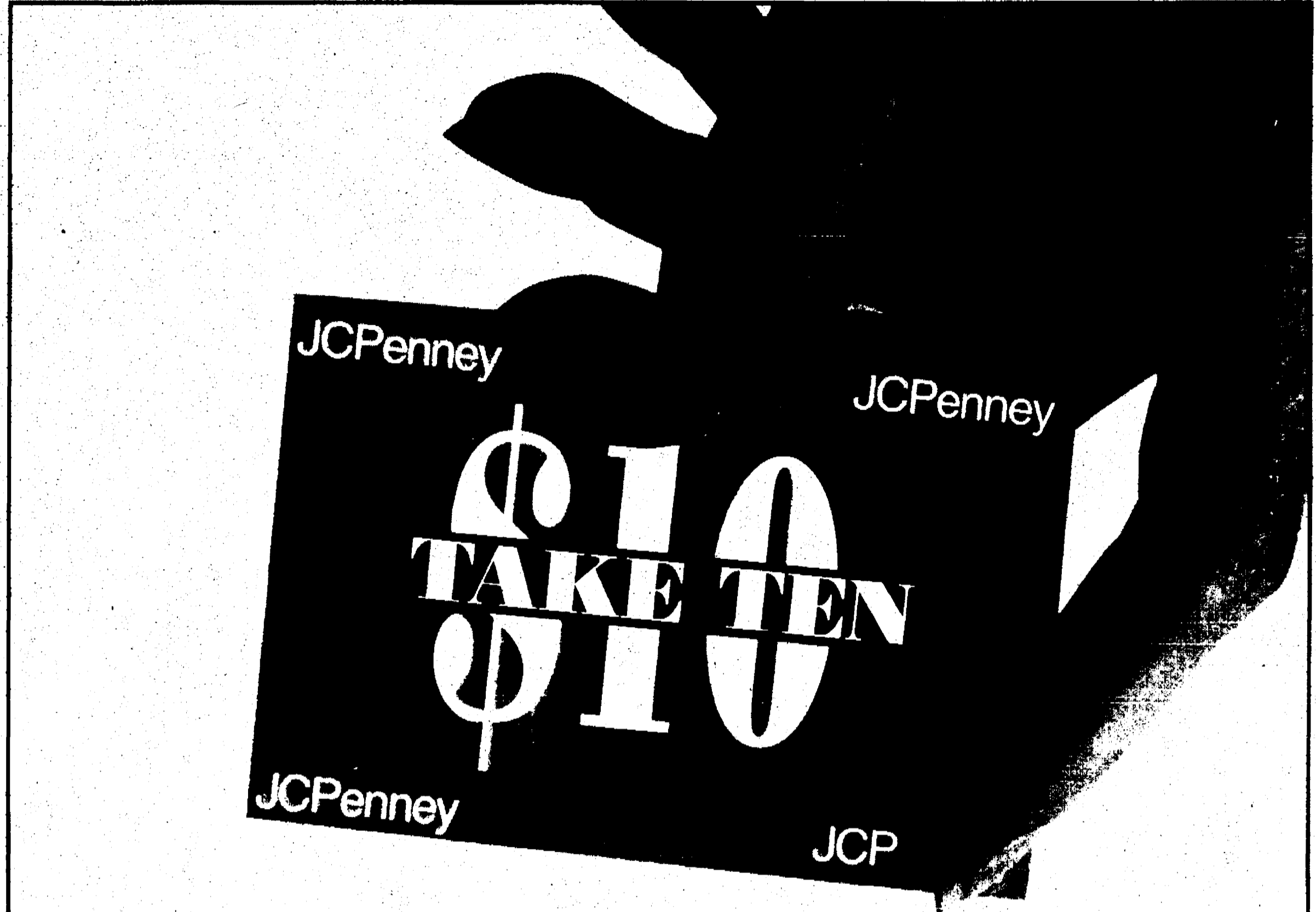
Trustees also adopted without comment a \$45.5 million general fund budget for the coming year - a 2.82-percent increase over the estimated \$44.2 million budget for 1999-2000.

Increases were due largely to previously approved teacher-salary contracts and escalating health insurance premiums, officials said.

The budget was based on a tax levy of 1.8440 mills of ad valorem property taxes and Gov. John Engler's proposed \$12.2 million state appropriation.

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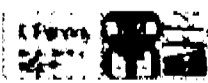
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MADD sponsors Hines 5-K run Saturday

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Friends and family of the late Caryn Casaz are hoping for dry weather this Saturday.

And it's not because they don't appreciate an occasional drought-buster like Tuesday night's.

Rather, it's because May 13 is the scheduled fifth annual "Run from the Heart" 5-Kilometer Race/Walk in Hines Park, held

in memory of Casaz, the 23-year-old marathon runner who was training for a race in 1995 when she was struck and killed in the park by a drunken driver.

The course for the annual free event, held every Mother's Day weekend, passes the spot where Casaz was hit.

Victor and Mary Casaz of Chicago, Caryn's parents, will again participate, as will Caryn's sister, Christine Byndas, who coordinates the event with the

sponsoring Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

While Christine, a marathoner like her late sister, runs the course Saturday, her children will walk it with their grandparents.

"It's a family affair," says Jenny Lozano, MADD-Wayne County chapter administrator.

Registration Saturday is to begin at 8 a.m. at the Nankin Mills shelter on Edward Hines Drive at Ann Arbor Trail, with the competition at 9.

No entry fees are charged, but donations are welcomed, she says.

Proceeds go to the chapter's victim services for families of those killed or injured by drunk drivers.

The top finisher overall and the best female and male finishers get prizes.

The MADD Race/Walk, the

only such in Wayne County, usually draws 100-150 people, Lozano says.

For the third straight year, track coach Russ Keyes of Westland John Glenn High School and his team will help. Some also will compete.

Wayne Memorial High School students from teacher Tracy Vaughn's class and WMHS cheerleader Alana Green also will help.

Carol Nalepka of Westland, the MADD-Wayne County chapter secretary, also works the race.

Another chapter event, the anti-drunk driving demonstration scheduled for Ladywood High School in Livonia on Friday, has been postponed by the wet weather until Monday, Lozano said.

For information, call the MADD office in Westland, (734) 721-8181.

Post Office collects food for the Gleaners

DETROIT/PRNewswire/ -- Gleaners Community Food Bank is reminding Detroit area residents to leave nonperishable food items at their mailbox on Saturday, May 13.

The 8th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers/United States Postal Service Food Drive will collect the food to help families in need in the community and take the donations to the Post Office to be delivered to Gleaners Community Food Bank that day.

Gleaners Community Food Bank has reserved space for the more than 300,000 pounds of food expected to be collected by the Letter Carriers. Last year, more than 376,000 pounds were collected bringing

the total to 1.9 million pounds collected over the past eight years.

"Delivering the mail, in addition to the food items, represents a serious commitment on the part of our local letter carriers who see firsthand the impact of hunger on children and seniors," says Rick Loewenstein, president of Gleaners Community Food Bank.

"The Postal Service is a neighbor in every community," says John Talck, Lead Executive/District Manager for the Detroit District Postal Service. "I am quite proud of the charitable and humanitarian efforts put forth by our employees."

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New officer: Susan Dittmer, a recent graduate of the Northfield Police Academy, reads a card given to her by her father Rolland and mother Marlene as her friend Scott Singleton, a state trooper, looks on.

Schoolcraft police/fire academy graduates a 'very special' group

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Some 113 "very, very, very special" young men and women passed a milestone Friday night at Schoolcraft College.

As hundreds of family members and friends cheered, 64 were graduated from Schoolcraft's police academy and 49 from its fire academy. It was the second annual combined commencement for the two programs.

The grads were praised by guest speaker Rich Fisher, the WKBD-TV50 news co-anchor, who said that "People who want to serve their communities" in those jobs "are very, very, very special people."

Fisher, whose father was a Detroit police officer for 26 years, noted the work is dangerous and said police and firefighters are both "looked up to and

taken for granted."

He called police officers and firefighters "the most underpaid professionals."

Of the 64 graduating the Wayne County Regional Police Academy police program at Schoolcraft, 18 had full-time positions with nine area police departments - Adrian, Ann Arbor, Belleville, Erie, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, River Rouge, Taylor and West Bloomfield.

Another 20 are reserve officers with the Berkley, Dearborn, Madison Heights, Northfield, Northville Township, Southgate, Walled Lake, Wayne and Wyandotte departments.

Jerry Flowers, River Rouge deputy chief, coveted his three graduates, saying it is "hard to find and keep recruits" because other departments seeking qualified minorities often hire away some of them.

Eight of the 49 fire academy graduates had jobs with the Ann Arbor Fire Department.

Not to worry, said Livonia Fire Lt. Clyde Rivard: "The next three to five years is going to be a great time in the job market for firefighters."

That's because many Vietnam veterans who joined the fire service in the 1960s and '70s are retiring, said Rivard, Schoolcraft's fire technology program coordinator.

Among those hoping he's right is Jodi M. Auvil of Redford Township, one of the five women among 25 part-time students earning certificates.

Auvil, a former resident of Garden City, takes night classes while working part-time at Tyme Auto Sales in Plymouth and the North Jefferson Jeep DealerChrysler Jeep plant.

"The fire academy? 'I love it,' she said.

Madonna holds basketball camps

Madonna University's All-Star Basketball Camps for boys and girls ages 8 to 15 will run Monday, June 12, through Friday, July 7.

The camps' features include guest speakers, camp championship tourney, a personal written evaluation, shooting instruction, passing and receiving the ball drills, offensive footwork, movement without the ball and much more.

There will be two camps for boys held at Madonna University is \$130 and the cost for both the boys and the girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call Coach Bernie

day, June 16, and the second camp will be Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23. A third camp for boys will be held at Fairlane Christian in Dearborn Heights on Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30. There will be one camp for girls at Fairlane Christian from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 2, through Friday, July 7, with the exception of Tuesday, July 4.

The cost for the boys camps held at Madonna University is \$130 and the cost for both the boys and the girls camps at Fairlane Christian is \$120. For more information, call Coach Bernie

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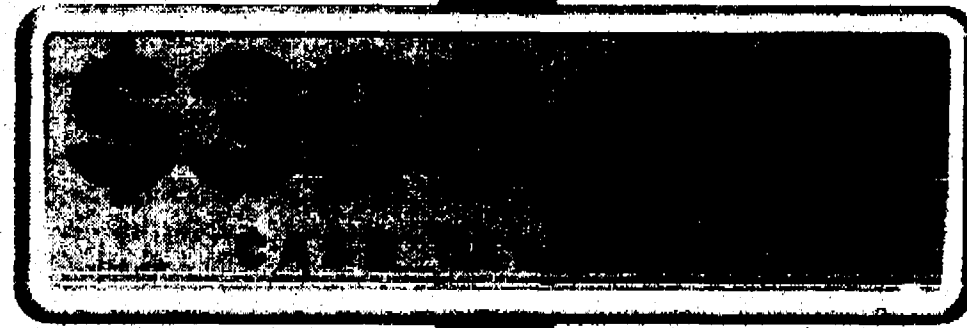
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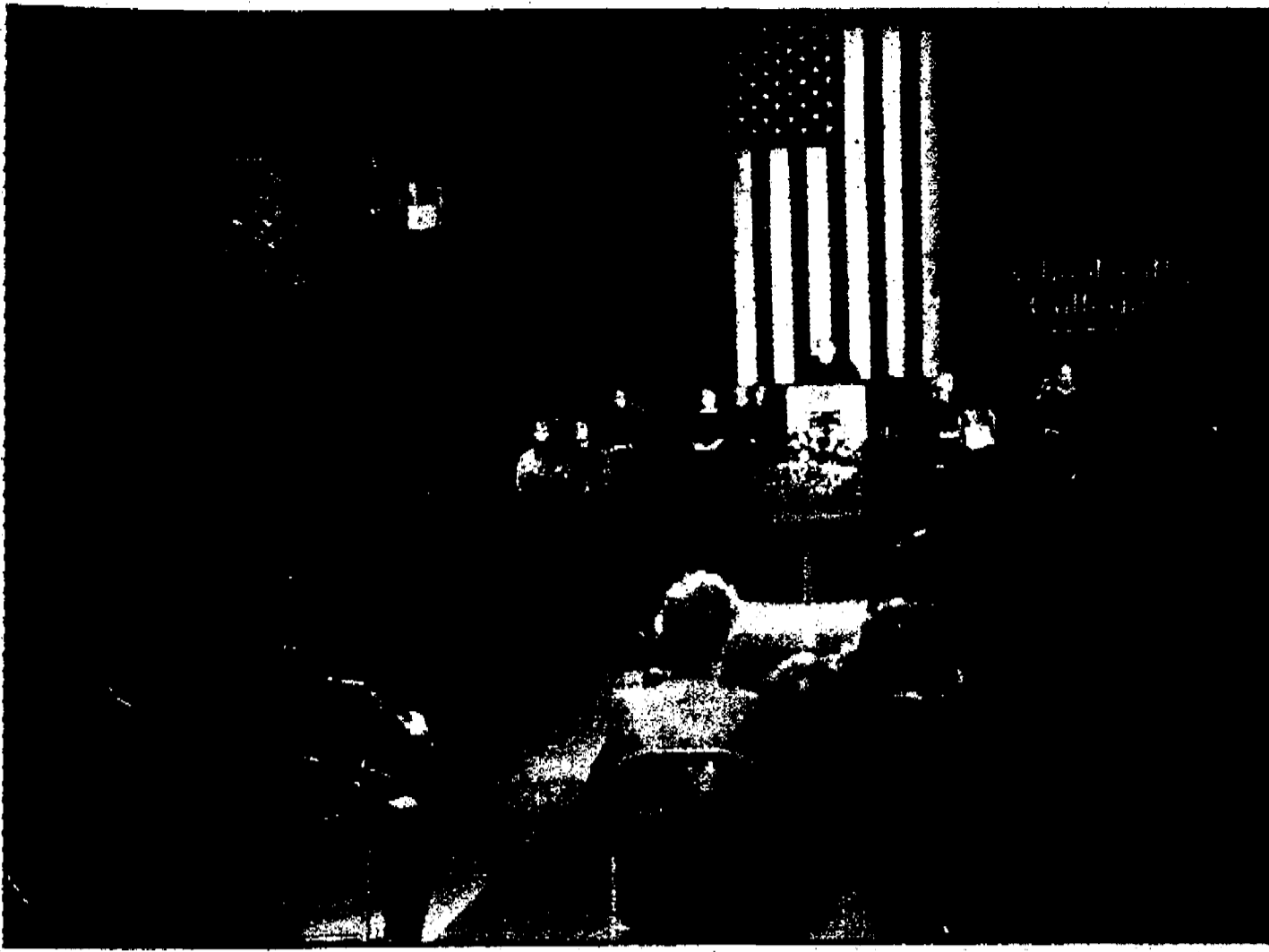


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Graduates gather: Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell addresses the graduating students during ceremonies at the Schoolcraft gymnasium.

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Schoolcraft graduates inspired

BY RICHARD PEARL
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One of the largest graduating classes in Schoolcraft College's 36-year history heard similar prescriptions for happiness and fulfillment from two very different — but very successful — speakers Saturday night.

The two — Robert Thompson, multi-millionaire founder of Michigan's largest asphalt paving company, and Rev. George Shalhoub, pastor of southeast Michigan's largest Antiochian Orthodox church — each addressed the 1,087 graduates and their families and friends during the 35th annual commencement exercises in the college's gymnasium.

"Treat people right and know your business," but take time out for family, said featured speaker Thompson, whose generosity toward his former employees has become a modern business legend.

"Be alive for God and community and family," said Shalhoub, a Syrian native whose small

parish is today's 650-family St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia. "Don't just live mainly for salary and careers."

Even the graduates were inspirational.

College President Dick McDowell spoke of several, including Anne Bolander of Westland and Crystal Kerr of Redford Township.

Bolander, he said, was born deaf but her family thought she was retarded and put her in an institution where children were routinely beaten, not allowed to show emotion, touch one another, laugh or have a name.

She was later released and eventually graduated from high school. Now a General Motors Corp. employee for 25 years, the 42-year-old Bolander is finally earned her degree at Schoolcraft after 15 frustrating years of trying at other community and four-year colleges.

Bolander's book of her experiences, *I Was #87*, is being published this month.

Kerr earned an occupational

therapy assistantship despite having a husband diagnosed with cancer, working full time nights at a Plymouth nursing home, giving birth to the couple's daughter and also taking care of home and hearth.

"Who needs to sleep?" joked Kerr, whose husband has since recovered.

Thompson, the former teacher, fighter pilot and entrepreneur told the crowd, "You can start with nothing, and you can be anything you choose to be."

With the support of wife Ellen, he created a business which sold in 1998 for \$450 million. The couple shared \$128 million of that with their loyal employees and families and also have provided scholarships at Schoolcraft.

Stating "All of us need both education and experience" to become confident people, Thompson told the graduates, "You have received an excellent start here at Schoolcraft."

Shalhoub, honored as a distinguished alumnus, said that's what Schoolcraft gave him.

Madonna grads told 'find a passion'

Eleanor Josaitis, executive director of Focus:Hope, told the more than 800 graduates of Madonna University Saturday to turn around and wave to the people who helped get them there.

She also admonished them to "find their passion and go for it."

Josaitis joined the other honorary doctorate recipients — business leader Frank Stella, chairman and CEO of Stella Products Co. and F.D. Stella International Co., and Major Gen. Lucius Theus, United States Air Force (retired) and president of The U.S. Associates and chief operating officer of The Wellness Group Inc. — in inspiring the graduates to set goals and follow dreams at Madonna's 53rd commencement at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.



Hi folks: Art Bardell of Livonia waves to his family as the ceremony begins.

The university awarded approximately 508 bachelor's degrees, 373 master's degrees

and the rest associate degrees and special certificates.

Andrea Nodge, the university's director of marketing and public relations, was awarded the distinguished alumna award.

"It was a great honor. I've been at the university 15 years, actually became a student 17 years ago and stayed," Nodge said. "It's like Eleanor said, I found my passion and got into this position and I love it. People come and say 'Andrea you deserved it,' because they know how much my alma mater means to me. It's been wonderful to be rewarded for having a rewarding career."

The invocation was given by the Most Rev. Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit.



Happy graduates: Hundreds of students awaited diplomas at Madonna University's 53rd Annual Commencement held Saturday.

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STEPHANIE CASOLA

First-time aunt learns a few simple lessons

As the youngest in a line of three daughters in my family, I've watched and listened as my sisters went first.

All of my life, I got used to seeing my oldest sister, Paula, make all the major life choices and accomplish many rites of passage. She was the first to drive, graduate high school, go to prom, move away to college, earn a master's degree, get a good job, get married to a wonderful man and buy a home.

She's been an inspiration and a guide to what my own future may hold. But of all the "firsts" I've seen, none has impacted me more than the one I witnessed first-hand just over four months ago.

Babies remind us of the simple necessities in life. The first sounds. Angela began to make were giggles and coos. I knew she meant to bring humor and light-hearted joy into all of our lives.

When Paula — with her husband, Mark, at her side — gave birth to little miss Angela Kay Bruni, it was not only a first and an overwhelming delight, it was also a moment that has forever impacted our families. She's become the

major source of entertainment at all family functions and no one can help but want to hold the sweet baby in their arms.

Since that very day, I've done my best to coax and repeat the words "Aunt Stephanie" whenever Angela and I are together. I think she's bound to spout out those four syllables any day now.

But in the meantime, I've decided to share a few lessons she's taught me so far on her journey into toddler-dom and beyond.

Be observant. Angela didn't scream when she entered the world. Not right away. She looked around and wondered who in the world all those people surrounding her could be. And you can't look into those bright, big eyes without knowing she's curious to learn about everything she sees.

Be patient. It doesn't really matter who's holding her as long as she's been fed and changed and had a good nap. She doesn't rush around — of course she hasn't yet mastered the ability to turn over, never mind crawl.

Casual serenity

But she seems to take everything in with a casual serenity only babies can truly possess. And that calm is contagious whenever someone else is near. I feel myself relax, my voice softens and my hand loosens to a gentle cuddling grip at the mere sight of her. In a world where rushing around seems necessary, this aunt has learned how to take things one step at a time.

Be happy. Babies remind us of the simple necessities in life. The first sounds Angela began to make were giggles and coos. I knew she meant to bring humor and light-hearted joy into all of our lives. Even her eyes have the ability to smile and there's no way to stop from smiling right back.

From these simple rules I've been reminded of the true pleasures in life — and the life that is separate from deadlines, schedules and life's little responsibilities. I've finally achieved something before my oldest sister, I am an aunt and now a godmother to this beautiful little girl we waited for so long.

Becoming an aunt is an inspiring experience. It's a title I wear with pride. I can hardly wait to hear her call me by name.

Happy Mother's Day to Paula Bruni, and to all new mommies and grand-mommies everywhere.

Mother's day

Groups offer support, free time for moms

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Mom's Morning Out provides an appreciated break for Michele McElroy and it gives her kids a good change of pace, too. The Canton stay at home mom says the once a week program at Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia offers her kids a chance to play with different children.

"It's also good for my son (2-year-old Connor) to get used to other people and not just his mom taking care of him," she said.

McElroy spends this window of free time running errands that she prefers to do without the kids, like grocery shopping so she knows exactly what's going into her cart. Other times she just revels in having quiet time to herself.

"I've made friends there, too," said McElroy who has been involved with the program for about one year. "It's a good support system with a lot of moms in similar situations," she added.

Mom's Morning Out is from 9-11 a.m. every Thursday and is available to anyone who is interested. The time is extended to noon during the summer and the cost is \$15 a month for each (up to two children). Additional children are free. Moms are asked to sign a daily release form explaining where they can be reached and a medical form is filled out at the initial visit.

The 30 current members of Mom's Morning Out live in Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Westland and Farmington, according to Vicki Reault, Mom's Morning Out, president and program volunteer.

"If you just need a couple of hours to get away, it's nice to do the things that you want to do," Reault said. Mothers are asked to work as care givers for other children at least once every two months and to attend a 15 minute meeting the last Thursday monthly. The children play in group settings, work



Play time: Eddie O'Neil, 3, plays at the St. Edith Mother's of Preschools program while his mom, Ellen, listens to a guest speaker with other parents in a nearby classroom. Below, Patrick Dahlin, 3½, and his mother, Marlene, enjoy a snack as the discussion continues.

on crafts, sing songs, play games and have snack preceded by a prayer.

"We have a lot of fun," Reault said. "When the weather is good we like to take them outside to play."

The nursery holds up to eight infants from newborn to 2 years old. Other play rooms are designated for 2- and 3-year-olds and 6- to 9-year-olds.

"When they get to be about 11 and 12 we use them as helpers and we pay them," Reault said. "There's always an adult with the helpers."

The program also

includes a "Mom-to-Mom" sale every six months featuring gently used clothes and toys. It also gives moms a chance to buy items their children will need.

MOPS group

Another group, Mothers of Preschoolers, involves two Catholic churches, St. Edith in Livonia and St. Kenneth in Plymouth.

Marriage counselors, dietitians, social workers and child psychologists have been among some of the guest speakers invited twice monthly to address the group of about 25 members. The moms are in one room listening to the speaker and the children are playing elsewhere in the building. Mothers are occasionally asked to help with day care.

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DO UNTO OTHERS

Teen shows compassion for needy

FRIDAY'S Child

The first Saturday of every month Matthew Ramey has the chance to make some new friends. It doesn't matter to Ramey that these individuals, mostly adult men, are homeless. And from the perspective of these men, it doesn't seem to be an issue that Ramey is just 14 — he's a man for looking beyond their situations and offering only friendship.

The teenager's parents, Darlene and Wayne, chose to expose their children to life in the Cass Corridor by initiating a project called "Mercy House."

The entire family, along with other relatives and members of their congregation (Belleville Church of God), travel to Detroit the first Saturday of every month to provide ministry and a hot meal to dozens of "street people" at the Mercy House.

"He greets the homeless without reservation. He makes them feel wanted and shows a lot of love. The people there know him," said Matthew's mother.

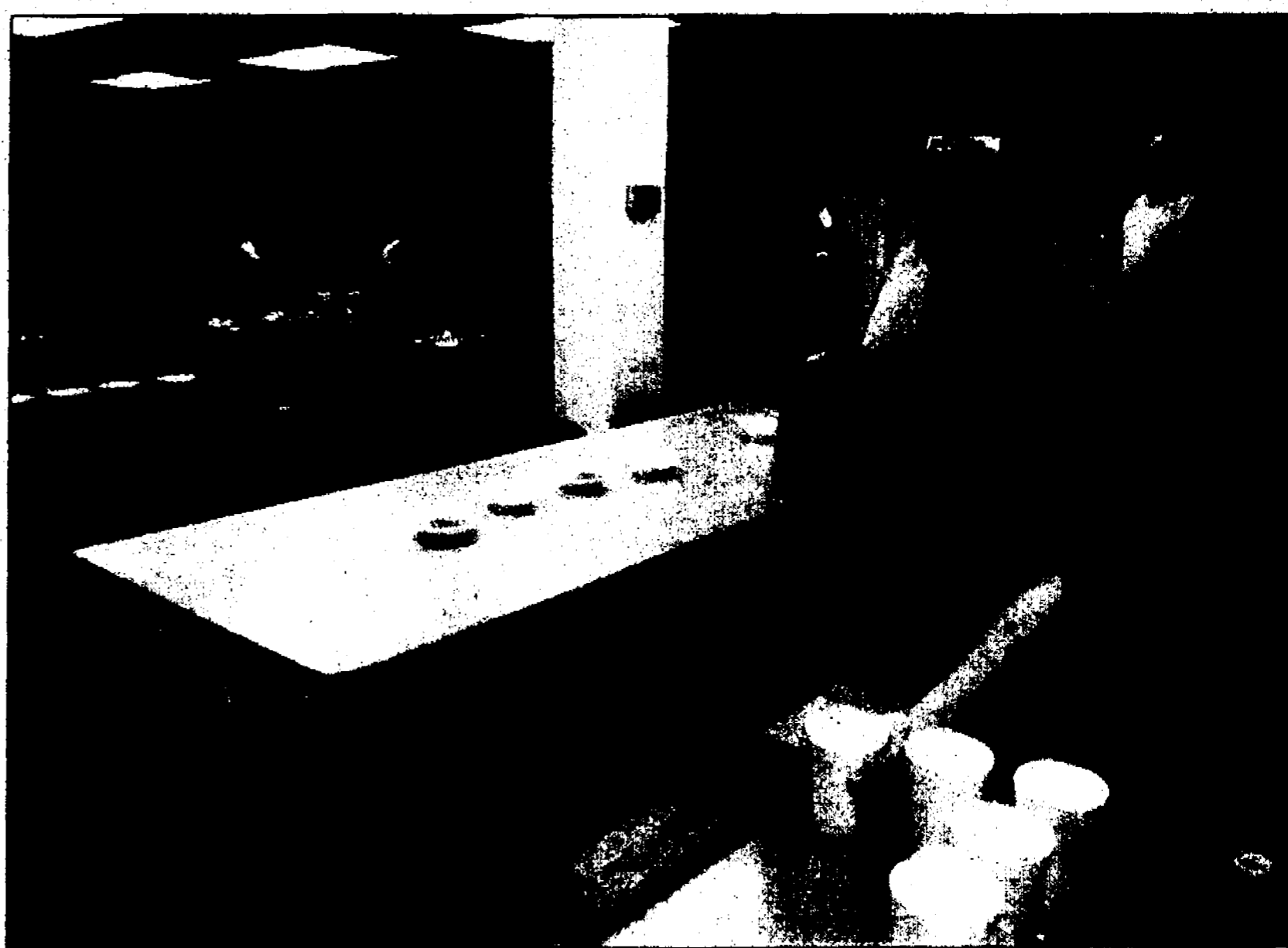
Ramey, a student at Garden City Junior High School, lives with his parents and siblings Amanda and Andrew in Garden City.

"Matthew has always exhibited a kind spirit," said Darlene of her eldest son. "He loves helping people and doesn't see a difference between color. He's color-blind."

Rise and shine

The Ramey family rises early on this first Saturday in April and heads off to their former place of worship, Dearborn Church of God, to assemble and sew sleeping bags for homeless people. Matthew doesn't mind spending his Saturday serving others rather than playing with friends or sleeping late.

After several hours of work, Matthew and his parents drive back to Garden City to cook the food they'll take to Detroit. The family and their fellow



Fair share: Matt Ramey of Garden City serves up some soft drinks at Mercy House in Detroit's Cass Corridor while more than a dozen homeless people begin to file in before dinner.

parishioners prepare an entire meal for the shelter, which opens every Saturday thanks to the efforts of members of four churches, who serve food on a rotating basis.

"We make a hearty meal ... something we'd be proud to serve at home,"

said Matthew. "A few weeks ago we cooked 150 pieces of chicken at home to take to the Mercy House, and in the summer we have the Great Cass Cook-out. We start at 7 a.m. cleaning up the park and setting up tents. We have a big barbecue and pass out drinks and

listen to music. It's great for everyone."

The family is in charge of preparing a menu and shopping for all the ingredients. From setting out plates and cutting up vegetables to serving hot

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Walk in the wildflowers with Mom **Moms** from page B1

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Phil Crookshank can't think of a better way to celebrate the nurturing and caring spirit of mothers than to participate in his three-hour Mother's Day stroll through the Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland.

For approximately the last 10 years, Crookshank and a handful of members from the preserve take guests through the hidden acreage, tucked adjacent to Westland Shopping Center, on a Mother's Day Wildflower Walk.

Scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 14, the free "stroll" as Crookshank calls it helps par-

ticipants to see and identify first-hand more than 21 unique flower species "with a few surprises."

"There are some particularly magnificent flowers in the preserve," said Crookshank. Among those, strollers can expect to see are trilliums, blue geraniums, Columbine and Jack in the Pulpits.

Crookshank, a Dearborn resident who serves on the board of directors of the Holliday Nature Preserve, will label many of species prior to participants' arrivals and provide them with a flower list so everything is easily identifiable.

"It's a very slow-paced walk so that people can take time to look at the flowers and enjoy the

preserve," said Crookshank. "I encourage people to bring their flower field guides, magnifiers and cameras. It's a real treat."

If you would like a map of the nature preserve, visit the Nankin Mills Office located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail or call Phil Crookshank at (313) 562-1873.

To participate in the Mother's Day Wildflower Walk individuals are asked to gather at 9 a.m. in the northeast end of Service Merchandise parking lot (facing the preserve), 1/4 mile west of Wayne Road and 1/4 mile north of Warren Avenue in Westland. Walkers will then enter the Cowan Road entrance of the preserve with Crookshank.

This branch of MOPS meets between 9:30-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays monthly at St. Kenneth on Haggerty Road in Plymouth. The cost is \$5 per meeting no matter how many children attend.

"Nowadays the neighborhoods aren't what they used to be when we were growing up with a lot of kids," said Karen Terleck, a MOPS member who lives in Livonia. "A lot of moms aren't staying home and if they are,

they're involved with these groups," she said.

During the summer months many MOPS members meet at area parks on a weekly basis.

"It's open to the public," Terleck said. "You don't have to be a member of St. Kenneth or St. Edith and you don't have to be Catholic." Terleck said she learned about the MOPS program from another mother she struck up a conversation with at

the library. "I found out she was adopting a little boy from Russia and we adopted a little boy from Russia," Terleck said.

For more information about MOPS call St. Kenneth Church at (734) 420-0288 or St. Edith chapter at (734) 464-2027. Anyone interested in Mom's Morning Out should call Newburgh United Methodist Church at 734-422-0149.

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cold drinks and locking the doors after the last person is fed, the family is driven by their commitment to God.

Four years ago the pastor of the Ramey's church in Dearborn approached them with the idea to serve and minister to homeless people and they "jumped at the chance," according to Darlene.

Since, they have brought the idea to their new congregation in Belleville and are passing on their convictions to their children. It's Matthew, however, who shows the greatest affection for his service.

"All of our children care about what we do but Matt has always been more sensitive to the plight of others," said Wayne Ramey.

Frame of mind

"Some kids at school ask me why I'd want to go to Detroit. 'Aren't you afraid of getting shot?' they say. That's ridiculous. They don't give a hoot about anyone but themselves. I love the people of Detroit. It's a great place. I'd go there every day if I could. I think it's a privilege to be able to serve meals to others."

The Rameys also spend their Thanksgiving at Mercy House preparing and serving a meal with all the traditional trimmings. Matt said this past year they chose to stay at home and opt out of their annual volunteer roles. "It just wasn't the same. It felt empty. It wasn't special ... just another dinner at home."

So they are planning to spend this holiday season back at Mercy House.

The Garden City teen hopes to do missionary work overseas



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Committed: Matt Ramey rolls up a sleeping bag he helped make. It will be distributed to homeless people.

when he's old enough and would like to play professional hockey.

His mom remembers his earlier career aspirations however, "When he was in preschool he was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. The other children said policeman, mailman,

doctor. Matthew said he wanted to be a millionaire so he could help all the needy people in the world. To this day, I think if Matthew became a millionaire, he would give it all way to the people he came in contact with at Mercy House."

In style



Gala: Over 450 people celebrated the legacy of Clara and Henry Ford and their Fair Lane Estate at the 12th Annual Henry Ford Estate Dinner Dance, held at The Ritz-Carlton. This year's event was the most successful ever, raising over \$170,000 for the restoration, preservation and education programs of the Henry Ford Estate. Betty Jean Awrey (from left), committee member and Plymouth resident talks with honorary chairperson Cynthia Ford of Grosse Pointe Farms who shared the honorary title with her husband Edsel B. Ford II.

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

GRASSHOPPERS MODEL GEMINI 925D LAWN MOWERS

Bid forms and specifications are available in the Purchasing Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Tim Kohut, Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 523-9160.

Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m. on the 30th of May, 2000 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

MARTHA PITSENBARGER
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: April 26 and May 11, 2000

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, May 16, 2000 the Westland Police Department will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Services 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.
1985	NISSAN	200SX/2 DR	MAROON	JN1PS2482FW064019
1989	CHEVY	BERETTA/2 DR	MAROON	1G1LV14W1KY264523

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. at Westland Car Care, 8775 Hix 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	CHEVY	CELEBRITY/WGN	GRAY	2G1AW36XXG1257653
1989	MERCURY	TRACER/2 DR	BLUE	3MABM1151KR803115
1988	CHEVY	SPRINT/V8T WGN	BLUE	1GBEG66H1P7181981
1987	FORD	TEMPO/4 DR	BLUE	2FABP36X2HB158296
1988	FORD	LTD/4 DR	RED	2FABP34PCB212894
1987	FORD	CROWN VIC/4 DR	GRAY	2FABP74FXHX132820

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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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

CAFETERIA TABLE REPLACEMENT AT FIVE (5) SCHOOLS LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 30th day of May, 2000 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid forms and specifications are available in the Purchasing Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

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All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 523-9160.

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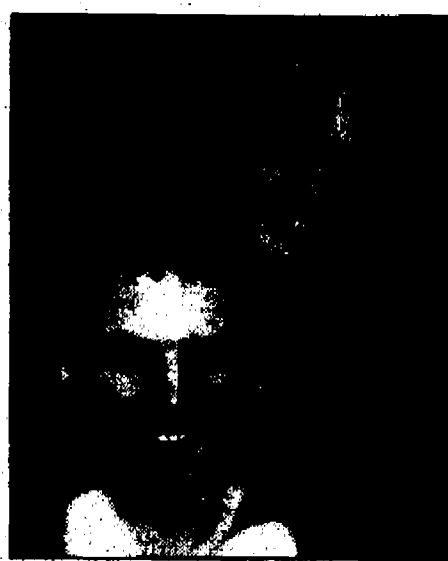
ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Hausch-Poshadlo

Mark and Julie Hausch of West Unity, Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Jama Lynn, to Michael Lawrence Poshadlo of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Mill Creek West Unity Schools and Dearborn Heights Montessori Center in Dearborn Heights.

Her fiancé, son of Lawrence and Judith Poshadlo, is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan - Dearborn in April. He works as a software design engineer at Motorola in Rochester Hills.



An August wedding is planned at Solid Rock Church in West Unity, Ohio.

Meck-Ceru

William and Elizabeth Meck of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie, to Scott Joseph Ceru of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Mercy High School graduate who also attended Oakland University. She works at Citimortgage as a loan processor.

Her fiancé, son of Joe and Jean Ceru of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School and University of Michigan. He is working toward his master's degree in business at University of Michigan. He also works at Ford Motor Company as an engineer.



A July wedding is planned at St. Mary's of Orchard Lake.

Meehan-Adamski

George and Cheryl Meehan of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin Marie to Raymond James Adamski of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. She received her degree in mechanical engineering in 1996 from the University of Michigan and works for Ford Motor Company.

Her fiancé, son of Raymond and Nancy Adamski of Plymouth, is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and he received his master's degree in mechanical engineering in 1996 from the University of Michigan. He also works for Ford Motor Company.



A June wedding is planned at Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.

Costyk-Krause

David and Christine Costyk of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to James Grant Krause December 18, 1999.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Western Michigan University and works as a nurse at Bronson Hospital.

Her husband, son of James and Marie Krause of Marine City, is a graduate of Marine City High School and Western Michigan University. He is a route manager for True Green/Chem-Lawn.

The couple wed at Mary Margaret wedding chapel in Roseville and received guests at Sajo's Restaurant. Lori Comiskey was the bride's attendant and Jeffrey and Jason Krause and Patrick Costyk were the groomsmen.



The Krause's took a cruise to the Caribbean to celebrate and will make Kalamazoo their home.

David-Kummer

Ray and Barbara Schiller of Temple, Texas, and Allen Ray David of Taylor announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole LeAnne David, to Robert Francis Kummer of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University and is employed by the university's athletic department where she serves as athletic assistant director for Olympic sports.

Her fiancé, son of Frank and Christine Kummer of Livonia, is a 1992 graduate of Redford Catholic Central and a 1996 graduate of the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. He is also employed by Texas A&M University's athletic department as assistant basketball coach.



A May wedding is planned at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple, Texas and the groom's parents will host a reception in Michigan in August.

Piper-Galligan

William and Marilyn Burns of Michigan City, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Lou Piper, to John Steven Galligan, a former Livonia resident.

The bride-to-be is a Rogers High School graduate and works for the News-Dispatch in Michigan City, Ind. and Crate and Barrel.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. James and Katherine Galligan of Livonia, is a Livonia Churchill High School graduate and graduate of Central Michigan University. He works at From's Supply Company in Michigan City.



A June wedding is planned at Free Methodist Church in Michigan City.

Wright-Henkel

Larry Wright of Westland and Judy Wright of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Annette of Plymouth, to Sean Eric Henkel of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is a visual specialist for Reebok International.

Her fiancé, son of Russell and Geri Henkel of Livonia, is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Madonna University. He works as an information systems analyst for Johnson Controls.



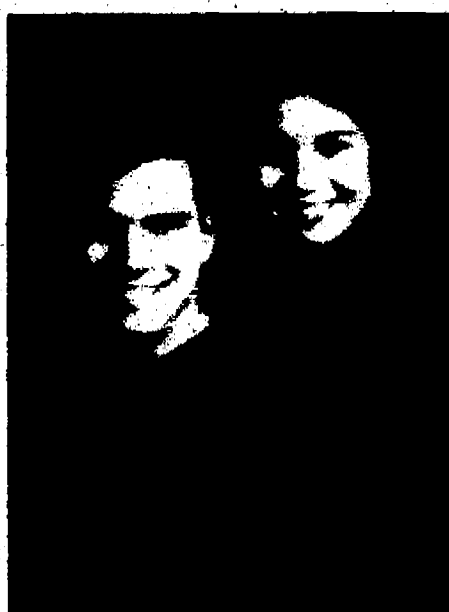
A June wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Rapin-Holmes

Richard and Cecilia Rapin of Curtis, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Ann to Douglas Andrew Holmes of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Petoskey High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan Technological University. She will attend the University of Michigan Graduate School in the fall to study ecology.

Her fiancé, son of Emmett and Karen Holmes of Livonia, is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and will graduate with a mechanical engineering degree from Michigan Technological University this month.



A June wedding is planned in Curtis, Mich.

'Arrivals

William Powell Sr. and Pamela Douglas of Wayne announce the birth of **Bril Pamela** April 15 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. She joins J'Dale Douglas, Chris Williams and William Powell. Grandparents are William and Lillie Powell of Inkster and Priscilla Douglas of Detroit.

Mike Walter and Stacy Eglinton of Westland announce the birth of **Cameron Michael Walter** April 18 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins brother Michael Walter. Grandparents are Mike and Cherrie Walter of Westland and Ken and Margaret Eglinton of Westland.

Antonio and Shannon Speight of Inkster announce the birth of **Antonio Michael Jr.** April 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins sister Antania. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wardell Johnson and Shirley Moore all of Inkster.

Robert and Crystal Desselles of Belleville announce the birth of **Verity Taylor** April 21 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Tony and Tammy Desselles and Frank and Carol Romano all of Belleville.

Phillip and Maryann Beckert of Wayne announce the birth of **Michael Patrick** April 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. He joins siblings Phillip Jr. and Elizabeth. Grandparents are Mary M. Beckert of Canton, Ohio and Francis M. Norton of Plymouth.

Duran Carl and Sarah Renee of Westland announce the birth of **Alyssa Renee** April 22 at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Dan Stephan and Mary Hewson of Westland and Tracy and Duran Crow of Lincoln Park.

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

HENRY FORD TRADE
Class of 1950

February and July classes of 1950 are planning a 50-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Holiday Inn, Dearborn. Call Harold Brockel, (810) 465-1517; Frank Collar (248) 618-9865. All alumni are invited.

HIGHLAND PARK
January-June classes of 1950-51 Are planning a reunion.

Send name, address and telephone number to Fred Kashouty, 21528 Raymond, St. Clair Shores 48082 or call (810) 294-7512 or (313) 881-2023

HOLY REDEEMER
Class of 1940
There will be a Mass at Holy Redeemer 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at Bill Knapp's, 15750

Northline, Southgate, 734/281-9948. For information, call Bernie Diroff, 313-388-2148.

IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 1955
A reunion is planned for the fall of 2000.
Call Margaret White at (248) 299-1938 or e-mail

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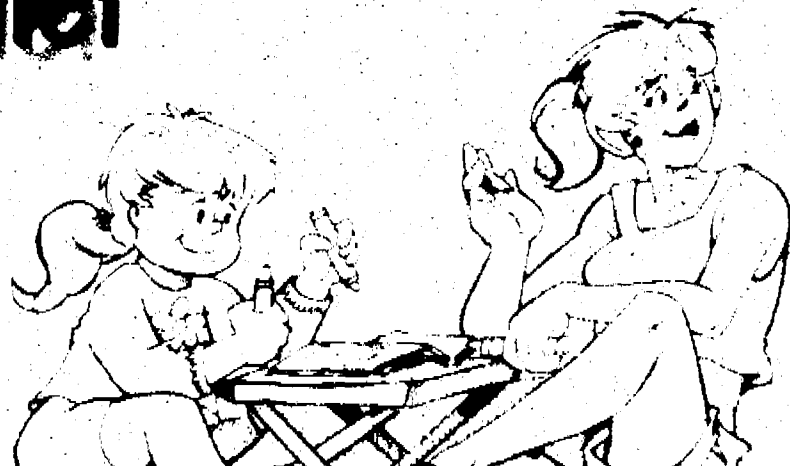
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CALENDAR

YOUR BUSINESS EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOWN HALL

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

GOLF OUTING

The Westland Rotary Charities Golf Outing will be held Thursday, May 18, at Golden Fox, west of Plymouth. Participants will play 18 holes of golf, with registration 8:30-10:30 a.m. and an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages at the turn, and a filet mignon dinner/banquet. Registration forms are being mailed. For information, call Kim Shunkwiler, (734) 728-5533, Tom North, (734) 421-1300, John Toye, (734) 729-TOYE, Ken Belanger, (734) 721-1810, or Dick Isham, (734) 729-5401.

GARAGE SALE

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

OPEN HOUSE

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

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library organization meets at 2 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS

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

RECREATION

BAILEY POOL

The Bailey Center pool will open Memorial Day weekend for the summer. It is open seven days a week and is heated. A baby pool is also available. Swimming lessons for all ages are offered, along with birthday packages. Teen Night is 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Debbie Lindquist is pool supervisor. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the sec-

ond 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.

ALTERRA HELP

Volunteers are needed at Alterra Sterling House and Alterra Clare Bridge Cottage of Westland. The assisted living residences are at 32111 Cherry Hill, between Merriman and Venoy. For information, call Vince or Justine at (734) 729-4034.

ANGEL CARE

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

CROCHET ANGELS

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

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food and clothing distribution is available. The center is located two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road. Those who need help filing for a service-connected disability may see Winnie Busby, a national service officer with the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1-3:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 882-6424. Those who have filed for Social Security and/or a VA pension because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi; call (810) 227-1215 to set up an appointment.

Combat/combat-era veterans from Wayne County who need ongoing counseling may contact one of the centers operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Lincoln Park, at (313) 381-1370 (Chet McLeod) or Detroit at (313) 831-6509 (Paul Esser).

CAMELOT HALL

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

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Cen-

Helping veterans



Many thanks: Residents of Wayne Tower have singled out a special group for help: the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Mich. The home was chosen because fewer businesses in the remote area are able to donate money or items. Among the items sent were lap blankets made by Tower residents, as well as socks, flannel shirts and sweat pants and tops. Dave Hall, Jacobetti activities director, thanked the seniors for their help. "Your commitment and dedication to our nation's heroes is second to none. Your friendship and love is cherished by those you serve," he said.

ter, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

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

ed. For information, call Mary at (734) 522-2967.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tot's class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The school emphasizes basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills and offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the

Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE PEOPLES

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

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

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

MT. HOPE

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

WILLOW CREEK

Willow Creek Co-op, on Cherry Hill between New-

burgh 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, 4:50-5:30 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.

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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.

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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.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

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

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday through Thursday at the center, located on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. The instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

DYER TRIP

The Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Adult Center is hosting a 15-day Hawaiian guided tour of four islands, departing Oct. 17. Roundtrip airfare, accommodations, sightseeing, entrance fees, transfers, ground transportation and other expenses are included in the \$1,649 per person price (double occupancy). Reservations are confirmed only with a \$100 per person deposit on a first come, first served basis. Flurs and information are available by calling the center.

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

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St. Mary opens new activity center

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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After 138 years, St. Mary Catholic Church honors a special addition this week.

The church, 4530 Michigan Ave. in Wayne, will dedicate its new activities center on Thursday, May 11. The center holds up to 750 people and is a representation of the church's continued growth.

Construction on the activities center began in April 1999, and its doors will officially open at the dedication ceremony, which follows a 7:30 p.m. Mass. Holy water will be sprinkled at the door and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be performed by pastor Jack Baker.

"The purpose of (the building) is to gather together outside of

church," he said. The addition offers more of a community perspective and chance for parishioners to come together, he said.

Pastoral Council Chairman Kenneth G. Hafeli said the project to build the \$2.5 million structure has been in progress for the past six years. Money was raised by pledges and a credit line from the archdiocese. "It's going to be a proud moment for us," said Hafeli, a Westland resident and church member for 21 years. "It's a focal point as you come into the city from the east side. We now have an entire city block."

The activities center at St. Mary's includes a large multipurpose room with a basketball court as well as a stage and collapsible seating. Parish offices, which have been temporarily housed in a convent on church

grounds, will be moved to the center, offering more space.

The center will be used for athletics, theater, dinners and other activities planned by the parish, which has a membership of more than 2,000. The dedication ceremony will allow visitors a peek at the building. Invitations have been sent to priests who have ministered at the church in the past as well as local and state officials. St. Mary's Choir and Bell Choir will offer music and light refreshments will be served. About 700 people are expected to attend.

Baker extended the invitation: "It's a celebration of the building. Everyone is welcome."

For more information, call (734) 721-8745 or check the Web at www.waynestmarys.org

Jewish congregations host Town Hall

CANTON

The Jewish Community Council and the Detroit Jewish News are preparing to sponsor the third in a series of Town Hall meetings slated for Sunday, May 21.

Hosted by Congregation Bet Chaverim, the Plymouth/Canton Town Hall meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center, 4600 Summit Parkway

in Canton.

The Town Hall meetings represent the first concerted effort by the organized Jewish community to reach out to residents living outside the Oakland County suburbs which have significant Jewish populations.

Developed in consultation with organizational partners and area residents, each Town Hall meeting offers participants the opportunity to learn about the various services provided by metro area Jewish organizations, discuss their needs and explore the

unique issues facing them as Jewish members of their community. Leaders from area congregations and agencies will be on hand to take part in the meetings and respond to questions.

The Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center is located west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For further information, call the Jewish Community Council, (248) 642-5393.

RELIGION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2000-2001 Sunday School is being accepted for Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia). Affordable tuition. Tuition assistance available to those who qualify. Call (248) 477-8974 for information.

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.

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.

UUCF SUNDAY PROGRAM

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for May 14 is titled "Parenting Sunday and Child Dedication." In honor of Mother's Day, but also with inclusion of all who might be parents. Pancake breakfast will be served by the Youth Group. "Meet the Minister" will be held after each service for visitors and others interested in finding out more about our church and Unitarian Universalism. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. UUCF is located at 25301 Halsted Road (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.wvnet.com/~uucf/

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 fol-

lowed by a pancake breakfast. Mothers eat for free while adults are \$3 and children are \$1.50. Plants and flowers will also be available.

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.

SCRIPTURE SERIES

A Scripture Series is being offered at Saint Colette Church (Newburgh Road between Six and Seven Mile roads) from 7-9 p.m. Thursday evenings. May 18: "Get into the act and take a letter," will be the topic discussed in the activities center. What is the Acts of the Apostles? What does it tell us about the early church? May 25: "Revelations about the Book of Revelation," Why is the Book of Revelation so frequently misinterpreted? How do Catholics understand this last book of the Bible? Sr. Ginny Silvestri, OSM, will be the guest speaker. Pre-register by calling (734) 464-4435.

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WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES

Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-6258.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule from May to August follows:

May 23, Dealing with Anger, Guilt and Depression. Ms. Koppin will help you to recognize and understand these emotions and explore ways to work through them.

June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

June 27, Legal aspects of divorce. Learn about the legal proceeds of divorce, including information on property settlement, custody, child support, visitation, alimony and more from Attorney at Law, Laura Reyes Kopyak.

July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

July 25, no meeting.

Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

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Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

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The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. Dance will be held Friday, May 26, June 2 and June 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Novi (Novi Road at I-96); Friday June 16 at Excalibur Convention Center in Southfield (Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile Road); Friday, May 12 at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield (Walnut Lake Road between Orchard

Lake Road and Farmington Road) for \$10; and Monday, July 3 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills (13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road) for \$10 admission. For more information, call (248) 851-9909.

SINGLES WELCOME

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

■ Tuesday's BSW goes to Thomas's Family Dining on Plymouth Road (east of Stark) at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth week of the month. The second Tuesday of the month the group meets at Vic's Family Diner at 7 p.m. for Birthday Night. (Vic's is one-half block north of Ford Road on Middlebelt). For information call (734) 981-4553.

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

■ Divorce Recovery Workshop (eight consecutive weeks) to begin soon. For information call Diane at (734) 981-4553.

■ Coffee & Conversation every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact Diane at (734) 981-4553 for location.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES

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

YOUNG SINGLES

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served. Early admission special \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

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

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

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

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AAU hoop qualifiers

The Livonia Lightning qualified two girls basketball teams for the 16-team state AAU tournament, which begins Friday in Lansing.

Members of the under-12 team, which qualified last weekend out of the Lake Orion regional, include Paris Hawkins, Jamie Rhodes, Lauren Trossell, Megan Szczypka, Courtney Jekot, Amy Bodnar, Nicole Koterba, Megan Bahr, Robin Johnson, Emily Hipple, Katie Armbruster, Marissa DiPonio and Samantha Shuk.

The Lightning are coached by Rhonda McAllister and Monica Higgins.

Members of the 10-under Lightning team, which earned one of the two regional spots last weekend out of Lincoln Park regional, include: Allie DiBella, Amber Drabicki, Lauren Goyette, Kailie Hobbins, Lauren Lewis, Kristen Lowney, Andrea McCall, Haley Michalsen, Katie Mitchell, Kelly Thomas, Robyn Whalen, Courtney Whalen and Theresa Whalen.

The 10-and-under team is coached by Tony Drabczyk and Dale Drabicki.

Patrick Cannon is director of operations for the Lightning.

NBA 2Ball runners-up

Dawn Drabicki (Livonia) and Tony DiBella (Redford) combined for a runner-up finish in the 12-14 year-old co-ed division at the state NBA 2Ball Championship last weekend in the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Drabicki and DiBella were among 36 state finalists.

Crusader Jr. spikers 1st

The Madonna University Junior Crusaders, a 12-and-under girls volleyball team coached by Kim Price, recently finished first in two tournaments including Coldwater (May 6) and Mt. Morris (April 29).

Members of the victorious Crusaders include: Marissa Bober, Teresa Coppellie, Jansen Falcusan, Ashton Judis, Amanda Lenart, Madison McCoy, Trisha Morrill, Rachel Pasquali, Lauren Price and Terry Rhodes.

Collegiate track note

Hillsdale College sophomore Kelly McNeillance (Livonia Stevenson) was a member of the school-record 3,200-meter relay team which finished sixth at the University of Tennessee Sea Ray Relays.

The foursome of McNeillance, Mayrea Pike, Amy Sayers and Tara Shamey posted a time of 9:14.0, shattering the school mark by seven seconds.

The distance medley team of McNeillance, Tanya Eaton-Fraser, Pike and Shamey also broke the school record in 21:11.0.

Catholic League dinner

The 73rd Catholic Coaches Association and Catholic League Hall of Fame golf outing and anniversary party will be Monday June 12 at Maple Lane Golf Course in Warren (14 Mile and Hoover) and Warren Chateau (dinner).

Open tee times for golf will be at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. (unlimited play until 3 p.m.). The golf package is \$45 (includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch and use of shower facilities).

Single tickets for the dinner only are \$35 (\$60 per couple).

The full hall of fame cost is \$70.

Among the 2000 inductees are officials Mike Hessen and Lamont Simpson, along with Mike Jolly (Warren DeLaSalle), George Porritt (Orchard Lake St. Mary's), Nancy Malinowski (Farmington Hills Mercy) and the late Rich Madera (Southgate Aquinas).

The eight legend of the Catholic League is Magr. Stanley Milewski of St. Mary's.

Dick Kennedy will be inducted as the Ed Laurer Person of the Year.

Athletes of the year include: Amy Buhl, Mercy (University of Chicago); Colleen Bates, Cardinal Mooney (Bowling Green); Carrie Carpenter, Divine Child (Michigan State); Matt Handso, DeLaSalle (Hope College); Diallo Johnson, St. Mary's Prep (Michigan); Dion Johnson, East Catholic (Kansas); Matthew Malek, University of Detroit-Jesuit (Villanova); Paula Slingerland, Waterford Our Lady (Eastern Michigan); and Jocelyn Trapani, Riverview Gabriel Richard (U-D Mercy).

For more information, call (313) 237-5960.

Crusaders WHAC playoff foes

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Unexpected?

To say the least — considering the streak Madonna University's baseball team carried into the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament.

But the Crusaders came through when they had to, beating Aquinas College 8-4 in the WHAC Tournament championship game Tuesday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

The three-straight tournament wins put Madonna, now 28-23-1, in the double-elimination four-team NAIA Region VIII Tournament, 11

a.m. Friday at Indiana Wesleyan vs. Marian (Ind.). The other matchup pits Indiana Tech vs. Huntington (Ind.). The finals will be 4 p.m. Saturday.

"The kids really played well," said Madonna coach Greg Haeger. "They played great. They really didn't have a lot to play for the last 10 games, so we did some different things, had kids playing other positions. And it didn't work — we lost nine of 10."

But as Haeger said, it really didn't matter. One thing the Crusaders could do in that final, meaningless

stretch was save their pitching, and it showed.

The Crusaders led all the way in the championship game, scoring four times in the first three innings. When Aquinas closed to within 4-3, Madonna put four more runs on the board in the fifth, with Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) singling in one run and Bob Hamp — who was 4-for-4 in the game — slugging a three-run home run.

Hamp also had a double in the seventh and RBI singles in the first and third innings to finish the game with five RBI. Lightle and Derick Wolfe each had two hits and an RBI (Wolfe hit a double and a solo homer, scoring

three runs), and Neil Wildfang (Plymouth Canton) added one hit and three runs scored.

The pitching win went to Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn), boosting his record to 2-4.

Hayes worked seven innings, giving up four runs (one earned) on seven hits and four walks, striking out five.

Eric Williamson tossed the last two innings, surrendering no runs on one hit, fanning two.

The loss went to Don Zomer (3-3). It was a big win in a big game, to be sure, but the turning point for Madonna — perhaps for their season

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STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Uncolled: Livonia Churchill's Eric Scott takes off during the long jump at the Observerland Boys Track and Field Relays.

Canton rallies for Observerland win Chiefs edge Hawks, CC

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BOYS TRACK

The best track meets are decided by the last event.

Saturday's 30th Annual Observerland Relays certainly fit that bill.

Down 21 points to Redford Catholic Central with six events remaining, Plymouth Canton won three of the last six events to edge the Shamrocks and Farmington Hills Harrison to win its first crown since 1986.

"Because of the order of the events, I knew we were going to score well at the end," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "If it was close we were going to have a chance."

Canton won the meet with 68 points, while Harrison was second with 64, CC was third with 62, North Farmington was fourth with 49 and two-time defending champion Plymouth Salem was fifth with 42. See results on C8.

"I told Bob before the final results were announced that I didn't care who won between us," said Harrison coach John Reed. "Bob's been a great friend over the years and I was just as happy to see his kids win."

CC, on the strength of its field events and distance teams, led most of the meet — taking a 61-40 lead over both Canton and Salem with six events to go. Then Canton got hot with wins in the sprint medley and shuttle hurdle relays, with Harrison getting a win in the 400 relay and seconds in the 100 dash and shuttle hurdle.

With two events to be completed — the pole vault and 1,600 relay — the Shamrocks still held a 62-56 lead over Harrison, with Canton at 54.

Lightning then struck twice for the Chiefs within minutes of each other. First, Jordan Chapman, Brian Page and Kevin Palmer led Canton to an upset win in the pole vault over the Hawks as the two teams moved past CC to share the lead at 64. Then Canton finished fourth in the 1,600 relay, while Harrison was sixth and CC didn't place.

When the standings were announced and the Hawks were named the second-place team, the Chiefs exploded.

"The seniors kept us going, but we had a huge day," said Richardson. "We set four school records and had several

kids who set personal bests. Jerry Gaines had an awesome day. He ran his 800 split in the distance medley in 1:57.5, anchored the sprint medley relay in 50.0 in his 400 split and ran 50.4 in his split of the 1,600 relay. He had a huge day."

So did CC's Mike Morris. He had the best throws of the day in the discus (151-8) and shot put (53-11), and joined with Jeff Dueueke and Charlie Rozum in setting a meet record in the discus at 439-11.

"I'm very pleased with what we did," said CC coach Tony Magni. "We were strong in the events I thought we'd be strong in. The way the events were lined up, we got all our points early and hoped for the best after that."

CC's Matt Daly won the 1,600 run (4:26) and Adam Tymowski, Robert Tymowski, Ron Lowry and Jeff Haller won both the 6,400 relay (18:43.9) and the 3,200 relay (8:23.9), with Haller outdueling Churchill's Jason Richmond in the last 100 yards in a thrilling conclusion to the 6,400.

Bishop Borgess' Darryl Anglin won the 100 dash (10.9) and Harrison's Nick Hall came through in the 110 hurdles (14.8).

Agim Shabaj, Chris Roberson, Marcus Woods and Kevin Woods provided dual wins for Harrison in the 400 relay (43.0) and the 800 relay (1:29.3), setting meet records in both events.

"I thought we could run well," said Reed. "We practiced our handoffs and did a great job on the relays. Marcus is just a freshman and did a fantastic job and we're going to miss Kevin because of his leadership. But I'm very happy with what we did today."

Canton also used wins in the high jump (Chapman, Gaines, Chris Kalis; 18-4), the sprint medley relay (Jack Tucci, Jamie Bonner, K.J. Singh, Gaines; 2:27.8), and shuttle hurdle relay (Jim O'Brien, Dane Kobus, Ugo Okwumabua, Kalis; 1:02.4).

Salem won two events in the meet — the long jump relay (Pat Johnson, Ryan Silva, Gabe Coble; 59-4') and the distance medley relay (Coble, Rob Showalter, Manvir Gill, Donnie Warner; 10:46.2).

Stevenson takes on midwest powers

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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Talk about a tough weekend.

Livonia Stevenson, 8-0-2 overall, will have its hands full Friday and Saturday when the top girls high school soccer teams from Illinois and Wisconsin come to town.

Last year Stevenson made the trip to St. Charles, Ill., falling to the host Saints, 3-1, and Lincoln Way (Ill.), 3-0.

This year St. Charles and Wisconsin power Waukesha Catholic Memorial will return the favor. The action starts Friday with a double-header at Stevenson.

Madison Heights based Holy, ranked No. 2 in Division II and winner of two state titles under coach Rick Larson (two 100-0 shutouts with unbeaten Catholic Memorial) will play at 7 p.m.

Immediately following that matchup, Stevenson takes on St. Charles, the four-time defending Illi-

nois state champions with a 16-2-2 record.

The action shifts Saturday to Bishop Foley with another twinbill. The opener at 11 a.m. pits Stevenson against Catholic Memorial, currently ranked No. 4 in the country. St. Charles and Bishop Foley hook up in the nightcap.

"To stay alive we're going to have to be sharp," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, whose team has won two of the last three state crowns, including a runner-up finish in 1999. "We're going to have our hands full. We kind of have a score to settle and this is a good tuneup for us as far as the state tournament."

"We're going to have to be extremely focused and flawless in order for it not to be a repeat of last year."

Stevenson; 91-10-7 under Kimble in six seasons, is led by Miss Soccer and three-year All-Stater

Andrea Sied, along with junior striker Lindsay Gustick.

Gustick, a two-time All-Stater and the team's leading scorer, is a member of the under-17 national team. Sied, a sweeper, has signed with Michigan State.

St. Charles coach Joe Moreau is a familiar name in area circles. He played at Redford Catholic Central High and was a teammate of Kimble's for one season at Central Michigan.

The two have remained close friends since their days at CMU.

This year St. Charles started slowly at 3-2-2, losing its first two games of the spring to Glenbard West and Lincoln Way. They also played to ties against Wheaton-Warrenville and Naperville Central.

Since then, St. Charles has won 13 in a row and regained the No. 1 ranking among all 304 girls soccer teams in the state of Illinois. The Saints have

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Clarenceville wins tourney

Livonia Clarenceville picked the right time to win back-to-back baseball games.

On Saturday, the Trojans swept Bloomfield Hills Rooper, 17-5, and host Whitmore Lake, 4-2, to capture an invitational tournament.

Clarenceville unloaded for 26 hits in the championship final.

Hitting stars for the Trojans included Eric Elmore, 3-for-3 with a double; Mike Murphy, 3-for-4 with a triple; Tim Riedl, 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles; Raynar Gutierrez, 3-for-5 with three runs scored; Scott Carr, 2-for-4 with a triple.

Winning pitcher Joe Keough worked the first four innings and freshman Chuck Bolander finished up.

In the semifinals, Riedl had a two-run triple in the opening inning and pitcher Kevin Silye tossed a three-hitter.

Silye struck out eight as the Trojans notched their second victory of the year.

Gutierrez and Dan Tondreau each had a hit and scored runs for the Trojans.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 13, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Sophomore pitcher Brent Habitz led the way with a six-hitter, as the Warriors continued their winning ways Monday on the road.

Habitz (3-2) went six innings and had nine strikeouts, helping Lutheran Westland win for the fifth time in its last six outings. The team improved to 7-8 overall, and 3-2 in the Metro Conference.

"Habitz looked sharp right from the beginning," said Lutheran Westland coach Ted Younglas. "This is the best he's looked in two years. He was really in command."

Brad Nollar led the Warriors offensively, going 3-for-4, with three RBI, two stolen bases and scoring three runs.

John Baseley also had three hits with three RBI, and Mike Moser added two hits and two RBI.

Tim Riedl gave up eight earned runs and took the loss for Clarenceville, which fell to 3-7 overall and 1-5 in the Metro.

Riedl had a better day at the plate, going 2-for-3 and knocking in one run. Dan Tondreau also had two hits for the Trojans.

The Warriors scored three runs in the first inning and coasted the rest of the way.

"We came off the bus ready to play. That is what I'm happy about," Younglas said. "Really, we've been playing good for two weeks now. It's great to see the guys getting going."

SALEM 5, STEVENSON 3: The picture at the top of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lake Division got a little cloudier Monday with the Salem victory.

The Rocks held off a rally in the bottom of the seventh inning and avenged an earlier loss to the Spartans. Both teams are now tied atop the division with 4-1 records.

Jason Lukasik starred on the mound and at the plate for the Rocks. The winning pitcher went six-plus innings with six strikeouts, and helped his own cause by getting two hits, including a solo homerun in the fifth inning.

Ian Winter also had a productive day at the plate for the Rocks, getting three hits.

Starting pitcher Dan Wilson gave up seven hits and

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four earned runs in four innings and took the loss for Stevenson, which dropped to 8-7 overall.

The Spartans loaded the bases in the seventh inning, but were unable to get the big hit.

"We just came up short," said Spartan coach Harv Weingarden. "It was a tough loss."

On Saturday, Stevenson finished second in the Bloomfield Hills Lahser Tournament.

Stevenson began the day by beating Lahser 8-3, behind three hits and two RBI from Pete Pinto. In game two, Stevenson got a strong pitching performance from starter Joe McCrohan (nine strikeouts) and dropped Birmingham Seaholm, 12-5.

The Spartans lost the championship game to Allen Park, 2-1. Although he took the loss, Gary Zielke pitched well, giving up only five hits and no earned runs.

FRANKLIN 12, W.L. WESTERN 5: Dan Horning scattered 12 hits Monday and was backed by the host Patriots' heavy hitting in squaring his record at 2-2.

Horning helped himself by walking only two batters. He struck out three.

Chris Hall walked, scored three runs and drove in three in a 2-for-3 game while Joe Ruggiero went 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI and three runs scored.

Tony Clark went 2-for-4, both singles, while Ryan Tracy went 3-for-4 with a home run, double and four RBI.

Livonia Franklin (5-9) raised its division mark to 2-4. Walled Lake Western is winless in six league outings.

Franklin scored five runs in the second and four in the sixth.

On Saturday, Franklin split a pair in the Redford Union tournament. The Patriots lost to Garden City, 10-3, before coming back to defeat Dearborn Fordson, 15-6.

Jim Priebe was the winning pitcher against Fordson, surviving four walks in the mercy shortened game with the help of six strikeouts.

Ruggiero went 2-for-3 with two RBI and four runs scored. Andy Kelley had a two-run double in the fourth and Steve Tracey had a two-run single in the first.

Ryan Tracy had four RBI on a hit, walk, a hit batsman and a sacrifice.

Garden City, which won the tournament, knocked off Franklin with Justin Ockerman hitting a solo home run in the fifth.

Shawn Middleton was the losing pitcher while Ryan Krol won it despite walking five by holding the Patriots to six hits. The Cougars had 10 hits and two walks.

It was 6-3 when Garden City scored four times in the sixth.

John Nagel went 1-for-2 with a double and a run while Ryan Tracy had an RBI single in the fifth.

Mike Sparks went 2-for-4 with a double plus a single for Garden City and Brent Pelz scored three runs, hitting a double and two singles.

KENNEDY 17, WAYNE 7: Taylor Kennedy broke away from the Zebras in the final two innings to cruise to the win.

Wayne Memorial trailed, 4-0, entering the third but tallied six times, three on a home run by Justin Smoes, to take the lead.

Losing pitcher Matt Mackiewicz held the Eagles off for one inning but they broke loose in the final two to win.

The Zebras (5-6) are 4-2 in the Mega White.

CANTON 9, CHURCHILL 1: Plymouth Canton (13-5, 4-1) collected 12 hits in a WLA Western Division win Monday at home against Livonia Churchill (7-9, 2-4).

Mark Hanson got his second-straight win of the season, stopping the Chargers on eight hits and four walks; he struck out five.

Brad Bescoe, who gave up three runs in 2 1/2 innings, took the loss for Churchill.

Oliver Wolcott's two-run single keyed Canton's three-run third inning. The Chiefs added four more runs in the fourth.

Hanson went 3-for-3 at the plate with two doubles. Bryan Kay had two hits, an RBI and two runs scored; Jason Evans collected two hits and two runs scored; and Brad Smigielski got two hits and an RBI.

FARMINGTON 11, GLENN 3: Preston Picard went 4-for-4 and scored two runs Monday to lead the host Falcons (12-5, 3-2) past Westland John Glenn (5-13, 0-5).

Farmington had 14 hits, including two apiece from James Clarahan, Nick Hippler and Justin Gerwatowski.

Clarahan homered and had three RBI; Hippler had a double and one RBI.

Ian Pardonnet pitched a complete game for the Falcons, scattering eight hits, striking out six and walking one.

REDFORD CC 5-0, NOTRE DAME 3-4: If you'd have told Redford Catholic Central coach John Salter that his team would give up three hits in a doubleheader and not sweep, he wouldn't have believed you.

Yet, that's exactly what happened on Saturday as the Shamrocks no-hit Harper Woods Notre Dame in the opener to post a 5-3 win, then gave up just three hits in the nightcap and lost 4-0.

"I would have said we would have had a real good chance to sweep," said Salter as his team moved to 8-5 in the Catholic League Central Division and 15-6 overall. "Give (ND pitcher Carl) Saad credit. He pitched well and shut us down."

It was the Shamrocks that did the shutting down in the opener as Andy Smith and Adam Kline battled the wind to shut down the Irish. Smith started and went the first 2 1/2 innings, but had control problems and walked six in that stretch as ND took a 3-2 lead.

Kline came in and shut down the Irish over the next 4 1/2 innings and struck out eight, while allowing only one walk.

CC tied it in the fourth inning as Brian Williams hit a two-out triple and scored on Phil Marone's RBI single. The Shamrocks then took the lead in the fifth inning as John Hill and Mike Tadowski scored on Kline's single.

The second game was ND's turn to draw the win — thanks to Saad, who allowed just two walks and struck out 13 in pitching the shutout.

"To allow just two walks in 3-2 ball is excellent," said Salter. "He'd get ahead in the count and we were kind of chasing him."

Williams had a pair of doubles in the game, while Ryan Rogowski, Charlie Haeger and Matt Loidas all singled.

ZOE 7, HURON VALLEY 4: Four errors doomed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-4-1, 1-2) in its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game Tuesday at Warren Zoe Christian.

The Hawks lost despite out-hitting Zoe, 10-7. Losing pitcher Alan Kleinke went 4-for-4 in a losing cause. Tony Mroz added three hits, including a two-run homer, and three RBI. Jeremy Husby contributed an RBI single.

Kleinke pitched all seven innings, giving up six earned runs on seven hits and six walks. He struck out six.

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— came in the Crusaders' first tournament game against Spring Arbor Monday.

Pitching wasn't good in this one; Madonna found itself trailing the Cougars 9-4 entering the bottom of the eighth inning.

But the offense saved the Crusaders. With two on and two out in the eighth, Wolfe smacked a three-run homer, trimming the five-run deficit to 9-7.

The ninth inning was equally dramatic. Todd Miller (Farmington/Birmingham Brother Rice) opened the inning with a double

and Lightle followed with a two-run homer, knotting the score at 9-9.

Hamp then reached base on an error and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jason Brooks, bringing Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) to the plate — and he unloaded a game-winning, two-run homer.

"They had us dead to rights," said Haeger. "They really did. Maybe their pitcher got a little tired. He started elevating his pitches and we really tagged them."

"That got us back rolling, back to where we were before those last 10 games (of the regular season)."

Wolfe went 4-for-5 with three RBI. Miller had three hits and two RBI. Lightle totaled two hits and three RBI. Mario D'Herin (Redford CC) had two hits, and Rabe had his homer and two RBI.

The pitching win went to Ryan Andrzejewski (Plymouth Salem), who allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits and three walks with three strikeouts in 3 1/2 innings of relief.

Jeremy Stevens started, but he was tagged for seven runs (six

earned) in 5 1/2 innings.

In its second game Monday, Madonna defeated Aquinas 7-3 behind the strong pitching Mitch Jabczynski and the Crusaders' 15-hit attack.

Jabczynski (5-4) allowed three earned runs on nine hits and three walks, striking out nine in nine innings.

Hamp had three hits and an RBI to pace Madonna's attack.

Wildfong had two hits and two RBI. Lightle had two hits and an RBI, and Wolfe and D'Herin each had two hits.

If Madonna can keep both the offense and pitching clicking, it could extend its season.

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Glenn snaps skid; Wayne rolls

Sarah Pack notched a hat trick Monday to help host Westland John Glenn snap a four-game losing streak in girls soccer against visiting Walled Lake Western, 4-3.

Pack scored unassisted in the first half, as did senior forward Nicole Panyard. The Rockets were tied, 2-2, at the half.

But junior forward Pack banged home two goals in the second half to help John Glenn improve to 5-6 overall.

"We had a real tough first half of the season," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "But our biggest loss was by three goals, so we're playing everybody tough."

Goalie Jade Fukuda turned aside eight shots, with Walled Lake Western scoring the tying goal in the first half on a penalty kick.

Lacey Catarino assisted on Pack's first second-half goal and captain Val Kurzynski assisted on the second.

WAYNE 6, TRUMAN 1: Wayne Memorial (8-3, 7-0) stayed unbeaten in the Mega Conference's Blue Division behind Alana Green's hat trick Monday at Taylor Truman.

Kristina McCahill added two goals and one assist, while Sheila Honeycutt contributed a goal. Assists also went to Nancy Bednarz and Tiffany Mishloney.

Goalkeeping duties were shared by Jenny Sheppard, Amanda Bledsoe and Tina Bradley.

STEVENSON 4, NORTHVILLE 0: Megan Urbats, who scored a pair of goals and had one assist, was the catalyst Monday as Livonia Stevenson (8-0-2) won a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover against the host Mustangs.

"Megan was pretty amazing," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "Her play resembled her playoff run

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of a year ago.

"She was all over the field."

Senior Andrea Sied added a penalty kick goal and junior Lindsay Gusick also scored for the Spartans, who led 4-0 at intermission.

Katie Beaudoin and Carly Wadsworth chipped in with assists.

Goalkeeper Lesley Hooker and Katherine Kochi combined on the shutout.

Northville field Stevenson scoreless in the second half thanks to the efforts of sweeper Emily Carbutt.

CHURCHILL 2, FARMINGTON 0: Livonia Churchill (7-2-1) bounced back from Saturday's 8-0 loss at Troy Athens to beat the host Falcons (6-6) on Monday.

Michelle Esparza (first half) and Sarah Phillips (two minutes to go) tallied goals for the victorious Chargers.

Dana Thomson assisted on the first goal, while Esparza set up the second goal.

Jennifer Gabon, who made six saves, earned the shutout. Churchill had 17 shots on the Farmington net.

"We possessed the ball well, but they play on a narrow field and it's difficult to get things going," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We had some more opportunities to score in the first half."

Troy Athens (10-1) pounced on Churchill for four goals in each half in a battle of state-ranked teams.

Tiffany Laskowski and Jessy Barrett each scored twice for the Red Hawks.

"They're the best team I've seen in a couple of years," Campau said of Athens. "They're deep. They rotate three or four in at a time and they're fresh.

That helps on a hot day because we're not as deep."

CANTON 7, FRANKLIN 0: Anne Morrell's hat trick carried Plymouth Canton (10-1-1, 4-0) to the WAAA Western Division triumph Monday at Livonia Franklin (1-9-1, 0-5). The Patriots did not have a shot on goal.

Stephanie Johnson added two goals for the winners, while Kara Marsh and Eric Ahrens added one apiece. Amanda Lentz chipped in with three assists.

Franklin freshman goalkeeper Megan Farrell made 35 saves. The Patriots also got strong defensive play from sweeper Katie Roberts.

On May 3, Franklin lost at Farmington Hills Harrison, 4-0.

LADYWOOD 2, REGINA 0: Livonia Ladywood (3-8-1; 3-5-1) tallied a goal in each half Monday to subdue host Harper Woods Regina in a Catholic League Central Division matchup.

Stefanie Stachura scored the game-winner in the opening half from Megan Kogut.

Lauren Hesano added an insurance goal on a cross from Melissa Harakas.

Goalkeeper Liz Obrecht, who made 16 saves, posted the shutout.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3, LUTHERAN N'WEST 3: Goalkeeper Stephanie Erickson held visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest scoreless in the second half Monday to give her offense a chance to get back in the game.

Lutheran Northwest held a 3-1 halftime league but the tie let the Warriors (4-5-2) move their Metro Conference record to 2-4-2.

Lutheran High Westland got two goals from Kellie Buczek and one from Angie Matthews.

On Friday, Matthew scored all four goals as Lutheran Westland dumped visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East, 4-0.

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allowed only one goal in the past 14 games.

"Each team sets its own identity," Moreau said. "What we try to compare with each team is the work ethic. We try to be a blue collar team in a white collar community."

St. Charles is loaded with individual talent.

Two players have signed with Arizona State — senior sweeper Anne Poulin, who is "arguably the best player in the state," according to Moreau, and forward Patrice Feulner, the 1999 Gatorade Circle of Champions Illinois Player-of-the-Year.

Defender Katie Conway, who will probably end up marking Stevenson's Gusick, has signed with Central Michigan. Meanwhile, forward Lisa Himrod is committed to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and midfielder Sara Beebe is headed to

Wisconsin-Parkside.

"Defense is their strong point," Kimble said of St. Charles. "They don't give up many goals. It's going to be tough to crack that."

St. Charles, with an enrollment over 2,000, has total of six coaches in its program. The Saints field two JV squads and two freshman teams.

Spring break does not interrupt the season at St. Charles either.

"Our spring break is always the last week in March," Moreau said. "We give them off Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We come back Monday (during spring break) and then start our two-a-days. We also have a scrimmage with the boys and we end the week with a game on Saturday."

"The prom, of course, is bigger for girls than spring break. We don't practice or have a game

that day. You can't skip even if it's Senior Skip Day. The only issue for us in the spring is weather. We try to stress staying focused. The major issue is commitment to each other."

Catholic Memorial, with an enrollment of 990 and nicknamed the Crusaders, is 16-0-1 overall with a 21-game unbeaten streak dating back to last year. The suburban Milwaukee power recently was tied by 6-6 Cedarburg, 0-0, but still holds the No. 1 ranking in Wisconsin.

Midfielder Leslie Osborne, Wisconsin Player-of-the-Year as a sophomore, leads the team. She is a teammate of Gusick on the under-17 U.S. National Team. Three other returnees made All-State last year including Kristen Betz, Anne Ioder and Allison Balke.

Coach John Burke is 114-8-10 in six seasons with Catholic

Memorial.

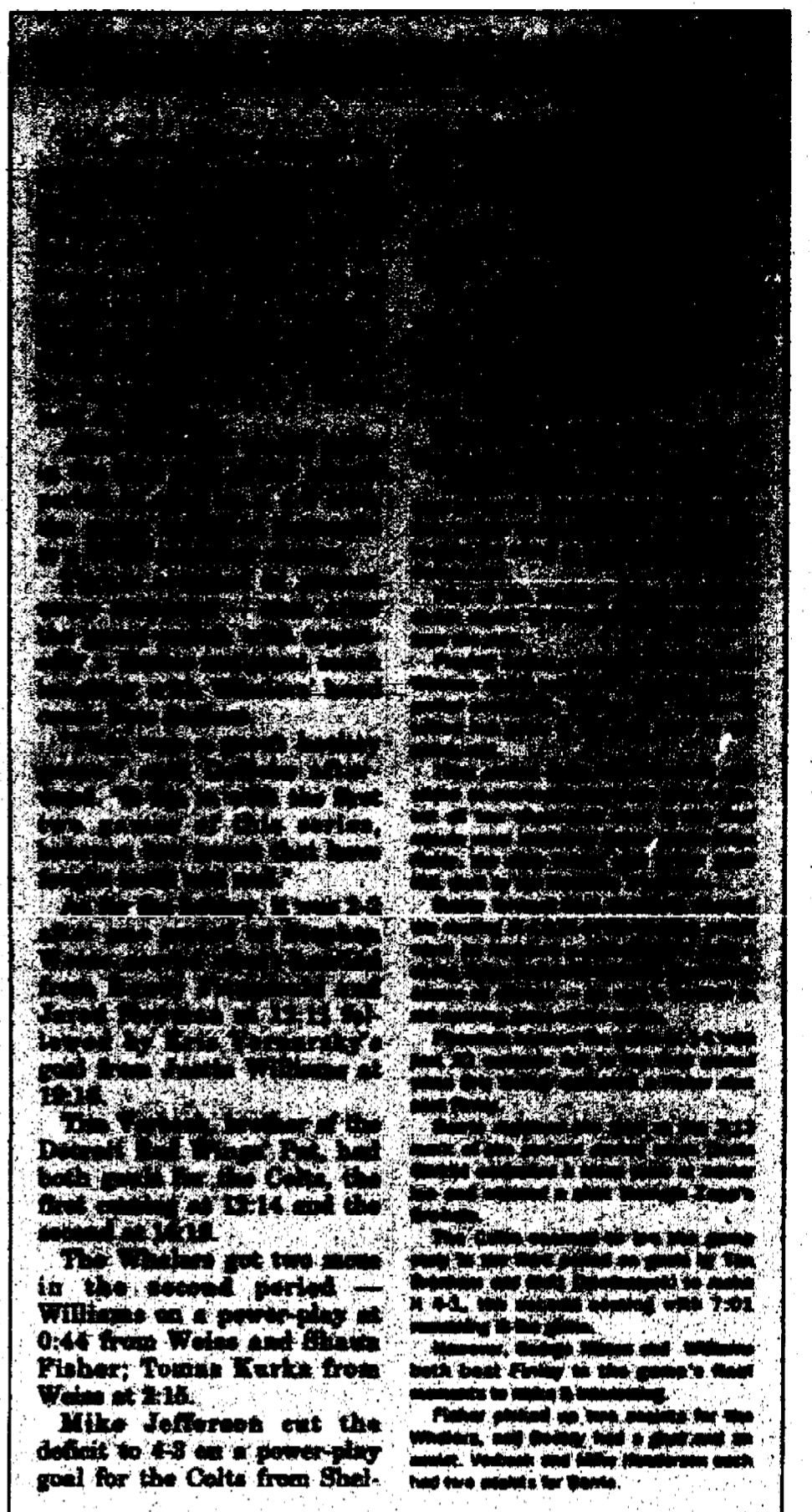
"They're different than St. Charles in that they score a ton of goals," Kimble said.

Stevenson, which tied Western Lakes rivals Plymouth Canton (1-1) and Salem (1-1), has not been the same type of juggernaut resembling the 1997 and '98 state championship teams, or even the 1999 runner-up team for that matter.

"We score a few goals early in games and then kind of fall asleep," Kimble said. "We still don't have that killer instinct to put the game away."

"But we hope to peak for the state tourney."

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SHOT PUT

- Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53.11
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 51.43
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50.4
Nate Hansman (Franklin) 47.8
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 46.1
Ase Hensley (Canton) 45.10
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 44.61
Brad Person (Harrison) 43.10
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 43.10
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 43.9

DISCUS

- Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151.8
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148.7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145.1
Brad Person (Harrison) 144.7
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 141.5
Mark Snyder (Salem) 139.8
Nate Hansman (Franklin) 139.10
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134.11
Ase Hensley (Canton) 131.9
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 131.4

HIGH JUMP

- Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6.6
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6.5
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6.4
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6.2
Jery Gaines (Canton) 6.2
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6.2
P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6.0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6.0
Brad Person (Harrison) 6.0
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 6.0

LONG JUMP

- Eric Scott (Churchill) 21.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20.11
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20.10
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 20.6
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20.3
Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20.2
Ken Page (Canton) 20.1
Aaron Veithoven (Redford CC) 19.11
Jawain Spinks (Farmington) 19.11
Jermaine Garner (Wayne) 19.10
Randy Lee (Wayne) 19.10

POLE VAULT

- Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14.2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13.6
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13.0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12.6
Brian Page (Canton) 11.6
Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11.0
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 11.0
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 11.0
Jim Bruch (Salem) 10.6
Drew Mortens (Farmington) 10.6
Jason Davis (Luth. Westland) 10.6
Steve Richert (Luth. Westland) 10.6

- Kevin Palmer (Canton) 10.6
Greg Kubrtski (Salem) 10.6
Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 10.6

110-METER HURDLES

- Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.0
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.2
Chris Kalis (Canton) 15.2
Dennis Kuslak (Franklin) 15.4
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.5
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 15.6
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 15.6
James Cook (Harrison) 15.6
Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 15.7

300-METER HURDLES

- Nick Hall (Harrison) 39.8
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
Chris Kalis (Canton) 41.2
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42.3
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 42.5
Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42.8

100-METER DASH

- Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 10.9
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.1
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.1
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.2
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 11.2
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.2
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.2
Rob Gentry (John Glenn) 11.2

200-METER DASH

- Agim Shabab (Harrison) 22.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.7
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.9
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.1
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 23.1
Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.2
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.2
Jery Gaines (Canton) 23.3
K.J. Singh (Canton) 23.3
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 23.3
Mike Parker (Canton) 23.3

400-METER DASH

- Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48.7
Jery Gaines (Canton) 50.9
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 51.3
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.5
Jack Tucci (Canton) 52.1
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 52.7
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 52.8
Dave Novara (Stevenson) 52.9
James Cook (Harrison) 52.9

800-METER RUN

- Jason Scarborough (Harrison) 2:01.3
Steve Kucsmetti (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Brian Horr (N. Farmington) 2:02.2
Ryan Galt (Churchill) 2:04.0
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:05.1
Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:05.2
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1,600-METER RUN

- Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 4:27.6
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:33.9
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:39.6
Brian Coates (Harrison) 4:40.1
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 4:44.3
Eric Mink (Stevenson) 4:43.0
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:45.0
Isaac Kaufman (N. Farmington) 4:46.9
Scott Gillen (Canton) 4:48.6

3,200-METER RUN

- Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:35.0
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:51.0
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:13.4
Darryl Anglin (Franklin) 10:13.4
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 10:13.9
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
Dornie Warner (Salem) 10:22.2
Doug Gibbons (Redford CC) 10:24.3
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:25.0
Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:31.0

400-METER RELAY

- Farmington Harrison 43.0
Farmington 43.1
Redford Bishop Borgess 43.7
Plymouth Canton 44.2
Livonia Stevenson 44.6
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800-METER RELAY

- Farmington Harrison 1:29.3
Redford Bishop Borgess 1:30.2
North Farmington 1:30.5
Farmington 1:30.8
Plymouth Canton 1:30.8

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North Farmington 3:27.1
Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
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- Redford Catholic Central 8:20.4
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- Farmington Harrison 1:29.3
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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

MU ends campaign at 31-24

It was a short stay at the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament for Madonna University's softball team.

The Lady Crusaders went two-and-out on Monday, losing to Cornerstone University 4-0 and then to Siena Heights University 4-1. Madonna ends its season with a 31-24 overall record.

The pitching wasn't bad for the Crusaders, but they managed just seven hits and one run in the two games. In the opener, Cornerstone's Tarrah Brown stopped them on two hits and four walks, striking out seven.

Jenny Tenyer took the loss for Madonna; she allowed four earned runs on 11 hits and a walk, striking out two. Stacie Wilson had both of the Crusaders' hits.

The game was a scoreless tie until the bottom of the sixth, when Tenyer weakened and surrendered four runs.

In Madonna's second game, its only run in the tournament knotted the game at 1-1 in the fourth inning. Devon Fletcher scored it when Meghan Quinn was safe on an error.

Tanya Liske deserved a better fate; she pitched all six innings, allowing four runs (one earned) on five hits and no walks, striking out four.

Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton) had three of Madonna's five hits, one of them a double.

Errors plagued the Crusaders — they committed six in the two games.

Patriot hurler no-hits Western, 5-0

Tara Muchow was a terror on the mound Monday for the Livonia Franklin girls softball team.

The senior right-hander raised her season record to 7-4 by no-hitting against visiting Walled Lake Western.

Muchow struck out seven and did not allow a walk. Only three Western players reached base.

"Muchow had excellent control and was quite poised," said Franklin coach Linda Jimenez, whose team is 7-6 overall and 1-4 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "She rarely fell behind in the count. Our defense was also a key."

Franklin third baseman Jamie Linden made seven assists. She also went 3-for-4 at the plate including a two-run double in the seventh inning. Teammate Jeanette Bertrand went 2-for-4.

Franklin, averaging a 5-3 loss to the Warriors earlier this season, collected eight hits off Western starter Laura Bell.

The loss dropped Western to 10-7 overall.

CHURCHILL 10, CANTON 3: There's a three-way deadlock for first place in the WLA's Western Division after Livonia Churchill's win Monday over Plymouth Canton.

Churchill, which has won 10 straight, is 10-2 overall and 4-1 in the division (tied with Farmington Hills Harrison and Canton).

Canton ace Laura Stewart did not pitch after going 32 innings on Saturday, including a 19-inning 1-0 victory in the finals of the Chief Invitational against rival Plymouth Salem.

Churchill jumped on Canton starter Katie Conlon for eight hits. Sarah Hennessey had a two-run double in the opening inning and Carly George broke it open with a three-run double in the fifth.

Sophomore pitcher Sheila Gillies also went 2-for-3. Winning pitcher Meghan Misiak struck out 14 in seven innings to pick up the win. She scattered six hits and three walks.

Paula McKernan led Canton with two hits.

HURON VALLEY 14, ZOE 4: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-0, 6-0) remained unbeaten Tuesday with a five-inning mercy rule-shortened win over host Warren Zoe Christian (1-9, 1-1).

Stacie Graves led the victorious Hawks by going 3-for-4 with three stolen bases and one RBI.

Winning pitcher Rachel Zahn had two triples in two trips to the plate with five RBI. She had a three-run triple in the fourth inning.

Lauren Merian chipped in with two hits, including a double and two RBI.

Zahn worked all five innings, fanning five and allowing just three hits and three walks.

LADYWOOD 9-12, LUTHERAN 1-3: Livonia Ladywood evened its Catholic League Central Division mark at 5-5 by sweeping a double header Tuesday at Harper Woods Regina.

Freshman hurler Shawn Fallon tossed a one-hitter in the opener. She struck out four and walked only two in a 9-1 win.

Kristen Barnes had three of Ladywood's 12 hits. Freshman Patty Kolinski added two hits, including a triple and three RBI.

Ladywood (8-13 overall) unleashed a 15-hit attack in the nightcap as Cathie Rosperski had three hits and three RBI to lead the way. Dawn Rini and Barnes each added two hits, while Jana Buemel, just called up from the JV squad, had a double and two RBI.

Winning pitcher Shelly Moros went the distance, allowing

GIRLS SOFTBALL WRAP

five hits and five walks while fanning five.

In Saturday's Brandon North Star Tournament at Liberty Park, Ladywood finished with a 2-3 record, including a 5-0 loss to top ranked Waterford Kettering.

SALEM 2, STEVENSON 1: Plymouth Salem hurler Jacqui Siebodnick tossed a four-hitter Monday as the Rocks edged visiting Livonia Stevenson (5-9, 1-5) in a WLA-Lakes Division game.

Dawn Allen, Siebodnick and Jessica Chapman each collected two hits.

Losing pitcher Kelley Hutchins gave up 10 hits and one walk.

Amy Hollandsworth had an RBI single for Stevenson.

"It was a real tight game, defensively," Stevenson coach Jeni Knopf said. "It was our best defensive game, but we had no base runners, which just killed us."

In Saturday's Canton Invitational, Stevenson finished 1-2 on the day, defeating Dearborn Edsel Ford (9-1), while losing to the host Chiefs (3-2) and Williamston (7-6).

Hollandsworth went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI against Edsel Ford. Mary King added two hits and two stolen bases.

Hutchins tossed a three-hitter, while fanning three.

Debbie Gaiessky went 2-for-2 with a RBI double against Williamston, while Kim Giller had an RBI single against Canton.

FARMINGTON 6, JOHN GLENN 1: Falcons ace Melissa Mytty proved too much Monday as WLA-Lakes Division leader Farmington improved to 8-5 overall and 6-0 with win over host Westland John Glenn (3-11, 1-5).

Mytty struck out 14, allowed just three hits and did not walk a Glenn batter in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Stephanie Fedulchak gave up just four hits and four walks.

Brooke Robertson collected two of Glenn's three hits.

On Friday, Glenn defeated visiting Plymouth Salem for its first Lakes Division victory, 6-2, as Abby Massey and Fedulchak, the winning pitcher, each belted two-run homers in the opening inning.

Samantha Crews had three hits for Glenn, while Fedulchak and Jenny Lack added two each.

Katie Kelly and Shae Potocki each had two for Salem.

Liz Dekarske, who struck out nine and did not walk a batter, took the loss.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 14, CLARENCEVILLE 4: It was no contest Monday as Lutheran High Westland (3-10-1, 2-3) belted host Livonia Clarenceville (8-5, 3-2), in a Metro Conference game.

Winning pitcher Heather Rose helped her own cause with a grand slam homer in the third inning. She finished with three hits and six RBI. On the mound, Rose walked nine, struck out four, and allowed just two hits (five-inning mercy).

Sarah Marody, also chipped in with three hits for the Warriors.

Taryn Charrette, who lasted two innings before giving way to Meghan Schifman, took the loss.

"The game was closer than the score indicated," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "Clarenceville had the bases loaded and no outs three times and nobody scored."

On Saturday, Lutheran Westland dropped a twinbill to visiting Allen Park Inter-City, 12-0 and 14-2. Marody had three hits on the day.



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Jumping for joy: Lutheran Westland's Emily Reinke (right) leaps into the arms of teammate Heather Rose after scoring a run in a 14-4 victory over Clarenceville.

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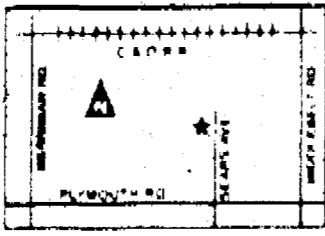
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THE MORE TO LOVE 42 yr old, divorced, 5'8", long blonde hair, pretty blue eyes, a large framed lady. Like camping, dirt out, gardening, flowers, the outdoors, crafts, dancing, music, concerts, theater. She is a Christian and old fashioned. Seeking a single or divorced white male to pursue a relationship. BOX 12888

LONELY HEART Single brunette female, 36, 57, enjoys traveling, fishing, art, and flea markets. Looking for a single male, 30 to 50, who enjoys life but a tad of doing it alone. BOX 12929

SEEKS SPECIAL SOME 1 Single Hispanic female, black hair, petite, enjoys dancing, swimming, bike riding, walking in the woods and more. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 13011

ENJOYABLE TIMES Single white female, 22, 5'5", blonde with blue eyes, 110 lbs, bubbly, enjoys hiking, fun, looking for a single male, for friendship and more. BOX 13011

ROMANCE 101 Single white mother of three, 38, 37, blonde with green eyes, medium built, employed, enjoys long walks, camping, going to the beach and more. Looking for a single male, 30 to 45, 5'10" and above, non-smoker with similar interests for friendship and more. BOX 13031

HATES COUNTRY MUSIC Single white female, 40 something, 5'4", medium build, long brown hair, green eyes, smoker and social drinker, likes movies, dining out, shopping, pool, television, rock, CD, quiet times at home. Seeking a single white male, 30's to 40's, for a loving relationship. BOX 13734

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LONG TERM LOVE 38 yr old single female with blonde hair and blue eyes who goes to college and works full time. Looking for a single male who is ready to settle down. BOX 14639

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single white female, 48, blonde with brown eyes, medium built, may go, enjoys fishing, dogs and cats and just having good time. Looking for a single male with similar interests, for friendship and more. BOX 14944

SEeks RELATIONSHIP Single, mother of one, blonde hair, green eyes, student, enjoys the outdoors, and is looking for a single male, for friendship, dining and a possible companionship. BOX 15440

Promotional report 29 yr old, single white female, 135 lb., 5'7", freckled, smiling and open minded, enjoys going to movies, restaurants, the outdoors, dancing, music and more. Looking for a single male, 30 to 40, with similar interests, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 15970

LOOKING FOR YOUR SPECIAL 1 Single female, fun loving, caring, energetic, intelligent, looks to spend an afternoon with my fiancé. Single white male, 30 to 40, divorced, stable, loving, caring, honest, enjoys music, dining, and loves to travel a lady. BOX 15970

COLLEGE EDUCATED... 36 yr old, 5'7", single mother of one with light brown hair and hazel eyes. Seeking a college educated, single, white male who's honest and has a sense of humor. BOX 13164

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR 34 yr old, comfortable from Levi's to a floor length gown, 5'4", lots of fun, curvy, beautiful, brown hair and eyes, and spiritual. Enjoys movies, plays, opera, concerts, ballet, boating and swimming. Looking for a Caucasian gentleman, 48 to 75, successful, sincere and kind to complete my life. BOX 36697

DANCE WITH ME Single white female, 24, lithe sports, dancing and the outdoors. Seeking a single male for friendship first and more later on. BOX 16682

SHOOTING STAR Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks like 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 60, attractive, 6' stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

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MAKE ME SMILE Divorced white Christian mother of two, 37, 5'4", 145 lb, self employed. Enjoys theater, walks, museums and keeping up with my children. Seeking intelligent, emotionally fit, non-smoking, non-drinking male with a healthy attitude and a sense of humor. Must value honesty and be goal oriented. BOX 31976

JUST THE TWO OF US! 56 yr old, 5', white female with blonde hair and green eyes who is new to the area, enjoys dining out, movies, quite times, romantic evening meals more. Seeking a single male 45 to 60, to share good times, friendship and maybe more. BOX 16544

HARD TO FIND 60 yr old, white widowed female, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys music, long walks, bike riding, movies, bridge, going to church and much more. Looking for a single, white male, 55 to 62 who enjoys life. Must be honest and caring with similar interests. In Down River area. BOX 31909

KEEP ME COMPANY 18 yr old, single female, Auburn hair, hazel eyes, 5'8", likes having fun and being around people. Looking for a single male, with similar interests, for friendship and companion. BOX 16328

GOING UP NORTH? Pretty blonde haired, blue eyed, single white female, 46, petite, romantic, enjoys boating, movies, dining out, music and more. Looking for a single white male, 40 to 50, with similar interests for a possible relationship. Children are welcomed. BOX 16361

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CLASSIC ROMANCE 30 yr old, single female, 5', believes in romance, likes music, dancing, classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 42 to 60, non-smoker with similar interests for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

WORTHY OF YOUR LOVE Single white female, young 40 plus, 5'10", seeking life partner who enjoys church, dancing, fellowship and ready to be fully blessed with a good woman. BOX 33640

REV YOUR ENGINES Attractive, independent female, 37, 5'8", 140 lb, looking for a single male, 35 to 45, who is a social or non-drinker and enjoys cars, car show and likes to go dancing. BOX 33647

GOLPERS WHERE ARE U Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures, seeking a single white male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

EXTREMELY ENERGETIC Single white female, 33, 5', 115 lbs, long blonde and hazel eyes. I am looking for a sincere, romantic, non-smoking, white male, 45 to 55, who loves dancing, traveling, and eating out. Start with friendship and see what happens. BOX 31910

LOOKING FOR YOU Youthful 33 yr old, single white female, energetic, good sense of humor, athletic to muscular build. Likes horseback riding, bowling, long walks in the park. Looking for a fun loving black or Caucasian male 45 plus, for fun times and possible relationship. BOX 31912

TAKE A CHANCE! 36 yr old, divorced white mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, smoker, non-drinker, enjoys movies and dancing. Looking for a man who doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River area. BOX 12314

SOMEONE SPECIAL 44 yr old, single black woman, fun loving and outgoing. Likes gardening, cooking, walking, concerts and traveling. Seeking a black male, 43 to 53, who's outgoing, down to earth and sincere, for friendship and more. BOX 13003

WANTED: A GOOD MAN Single white female, 48, full figured, casual, smoker, casual drinker. Seeks very honest, warm male, 46 to 55, to share dinner's, movies, concerts and good times. Serious minded man only. BOX 31937

SEEKING COMMITMENT 34 yr divorced white female, mother of one, 5'3", blonde hair, blue eyes, above size 10. Seen told I am pretty and have a good personality. Smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Enjoys movies, camping. Seeking a marriage minded man that doesn't drink or do drugs. Down River area. BOX 13140

LET'S MEET Single white male, 34, 5', 180 lbs, professional, sensitive, non-smoker, enjoys laughing. Looking for an honest, affectionate, slender, attractive, single white female who likes to hold hands, for friendship and more. BOX 13061

YOU SHOULD CALL Single black male, 33, 6'7", 220 lbs, dark complexion and eyes, well employed, enjoys sports, music, dining, the outdoors and bowling. Looking for a single female, 21 to 40, with similar interests for dating and a possible relationship. BOX 13069

THE MOON AND STARS Single white male, attractive, tall, enjoys golf, traveling, movies, CDs, and more. Looking for a single white female, 25 to 40, with similar interests for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 16366

WE NEVER KNOW...CALL Very young looking 44 yr old single black male, brown complexion, 5'7" 170 lbs, medium build, easy to get along with, clean, healthy, employed, with transportation never married. Likes bike riding, cooking, gardening, movies, movies, drives, and more. Seeking a single or divorced female. BOX 18387

LIGHT HEARTED Honest, gentle, attractive, looking male, 44, 5'8", 175 lbs, suburn hair, blue eyes, good physical condition, active, financially secure, enjoys camping, long walks and good conversation. Seeking honest, slim or semi slim, attractive, single white female, 50 to 60, light hearted, for companionship, first and possible relationship. BOX 31869

CANT WAIT Single white male, 5'7", 180 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, NASCAR, roller blading, dining, quiet times, honest caring, down to earth female with similar interests. BOX 16432

THE LIFE FOR U! 34 yr old, single male, 8', 190 lb, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys traveling, biking, movies, the outdoors and more. Seeking a single female, 28 to 38, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 13061

LIFE TO THE FULLEST! Single male, 5'7", 170 lb, black hair, brown eyes, easygoing, humorous, enjoys dancing and the movies. Looking for a special lady with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 13066

LOVE BLOSSOMS 28 yr old, single male, 5'7", muscular build, black hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys movies, reading, long drives and great conversations. Looking for a single female who loves to laugh, feels good about themselves, for friendship leading to a long term relationship. BOX 13100

ARE YOU THE ONE? 5'8", 170 lb, single male with brown hair and eyes. Looking for a single female, 30 to 40, who enjoys camping, fishing, and being together with one who would appreciate her company. BOX 12943

HUNT LIKE AN ANGEL 39 yr old, 5'9", clean cut, attractive, single white male, enjoys music, dining out, gardening, working out and sleeping in. Looking for a single white female, for a long term relationship. BOX 12966

CALL YOU BACK 180 lb, single male with brown hair and blue eyes. I like camping, picnics, church and barbecues. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 12962

GIVE ME A CHANCE 26 yr old, single, white male, looking for a white female, 18 to 26, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 12880

LET'S SEE WHAT COMES 33 yr old, 5'8", 180 lb, single white male who enjoys sports, clubbing, and having fun. Looking for a single female, 20 to 25, 5'2" to 5'5", for friendship and possibly more if it is agreeable to the both of us. BOX 12899

SEEKING BEST FRIEND 41 yr old, 5'8", 175 lb, single white male with blonde hair and blue eyes. I like the outdoors, animals, working out and being romantic. Looking for a single female, for friendship and more. BOX 12910

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TILL DEATH DO US... Part 200 yr old single white male, 5'8", 200 lbs, wears glasses, non-smoker, social drinker, likes camping, four-wheeling, country music. Seeking an attractive single female, 26 to 30, non-smoker, for friendship, companionship and eventually get married and have a family. BOX 12959

LET'S GET TOGETHER Single white male, 6'1", 170 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys sports activities, clubs, music, movies and more. Looking for a single, warm, caring, loving female with similar interests. BOX 13027

WITH OPEN ARMS Single white male, 38, 6'3", 210 lbs, brown hair and eyes, looking for a single female, 5' to 5'4", who likes to have fun, sports, travel and more. If interested, give me a call. BOX 13028

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BEST TIME TO CALL Sensitive, caring, divorced white male, 38, 5'10", brown hair and eyes, family oriented, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys all sports, movies and dancing. Seeking a single or divorced white female, 28 to 40, for friendship and possibly more. No head games. Children are okay. BOX 15379

VERY NICE GUY!!! 54 yr old, white male, good conversationalist, non-smoker, moderate drinker. I enjoy movies, travel, music, baseball, photography, video, walks, good laugh and dancing. Looking for a lady, 46 to 63, who likes to communicate, is fun to be with and enjoys being spoiled. BOX 16160

GET TO KNOW ME 37 yr old, 5'5", 160 lb, divorced white father who enjoys traveling, camping, hiking, and weekend get a ways. Looking for a down to earth single female to spend time getting to really know each other. BOX 16268

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LOOKING FOR LOVE Single white male, 40's, 6', blue eyes, educated, non-smoker, home owner, enjoys playing racquet ball, dancing and just having fun. Looking for a single female with similar interests. BOX 16465

DESIRES OF THE HEART Single white male, 34, 5'7", 153 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker or drinker, well educated, enjoys golf, bike riding, weight lifting and more. Looking for a single or divorced female, with no children, 23 to 35, 5'10" to 5'9", non-smoker or drinker, family oriented with similar interests. BOX 16471

EVERYTHING IS SAID 26 yr old, single male, thoughtful and outgoing. Seeking a single female, 18 to 25, height and weight proportionate, with similar interests, for a possible relationship. BOX 16491

WANT TO MEET ME? 38 yr old, divorced white male, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'11", 185 lbs, who enjoys baseball, is looking for a single female, with similar interests, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16498

BEACHES, PARKS & MORE 40 yr old, white male, 5', 200 lb, good shape, no gut, social drinker, smoker, honest, up front and open. Looking for a single white female, who's height and weight proportionate, 35 to 45, enjoys various interests, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 16516

CARING AND HONEST 37 yr old, single white father of two, caring and honest who enjoys gardening, is seeking a single white female, with similar interests and children, for friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 16593

MARRIAGE IN MIND? 39 yr old, divorced white male, who enjoys the outdoors, sports, and much more. Seeking single white female, who enjoys cats, the outdoors, and sports, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 13129

SOMEONE SPECIAL Single white male, 30, 5'8", 165 lbs, with black hair. Some of my likes are outdoors, animals and cooking. I enjoy jet skiing and going up North. Seeking female cook/baker, petite to medium build, 21 to 40, to spend time together in a great relationship. Down River area. BOX 32038

SEEKS COMMITMENT Single black male, 21, 5'11", 165 lbs, hard worker, smart, honest, gentleman, who enjoys basketball, football, reading, writing and music. Seeking a single female, 18 to 35, non-smoker, for long term relationship. BOX 36069

PLEASE BE MINE 36 yr old male, 5'8", 155 lb, brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys golfing, cooking, traveling, camping and music. Seeking that special lady that shares similar interests. BOX 16497

BLACK OR HISPANIC 40 yr old, looks 30, divorced white male, 5'9", 175 lbs, brown hair and eyes, attractive, intelligent, physically fit, honest, caring, and a good job. Seeking a single or divorced black or Hispanic female, 25 to 36, attractive, intelligent, physically fit with a big heart and great smile. BOX 16497

SHY BUT WELL EDUCATED Good looking, 46, divorced white male, good looks, much sought after. 5'9", 150 lbs, with many interests including music, love all types, plays guitar, exercise, I work out continually and I love being outdoors doing just about anything. Children okay. BOX 36091

BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 33 yr old, single white professional male, 5'9", 180 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, social drinker, no dependents and down to earth. Likes country music, dining out, boating, the Red Wings and Cubs. Seeking an attractive, petite, white female, 25 to 38, with similar interests. BOX 31925

CC captures all 8 flights at Grand Blanc tourney

A little motivation was all third-ranked Redford Catholic Central needed on Saturday as the Shamrocks won the Grand Blanc Invitational.

CC won every flight and came away with a perfect 24 points, followed by host Grand Blanc with 17 and West Bloomfield with 16.

Singles winners included Mike Finding (No. 1), J.D. Shade (No. 2), David Atallah (No. 3) and Billy Walsh (No. 4).

Doubles winners included Jeff

BOYS TENNIS

Fleszar and Rob Sparks (No. 1), Mark Fleszar and Evan Currie (No. 2), Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Van Holsbeek (No. 3) and Matt Rowe and Nick Gonzalez (No. 4).

"The guys just went out there and were pretty anxious to go out and be successful," CC coach

Philip Eagleson said. "There was a point in time where West Bloomfield was ranked third and we were fifth."

"The kids look forward to beating the teams in front of them and taking their spot."

The Shamrocks came back on Tuesday with a 5-3 win over perennial power Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett to run their dual meet record to 10-1.

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Love, Mom, Dad, and Andy

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON WORLD TRACK INVITATIONAL May 6 at Stevenson

TEAM PARTICIPANTS (no seeding): Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP), Berkley (BK), Birmingham Seaholm (BS), Brighton (BR), Farmington Hills Mercy (FM), Livonia Churchill (LC), Livonia Stevenson (LS), North Farmington (NF), Plymouth Canton (PC).

Shot put: 1. Wicker (BS), 37 feet, 21 inches; 2. O'Neal (NF), 36-10 1/2; 3. Telford (FM), 34-11 1/2; 4. Jacoby (LC), 33-8 1/2; 5. Decker (BK), 31-3 1/2; 6. Ramsey (FM), 30-11 1/2.

Discus: 1. Telford (FM), 126-3; 2. Decker (BK), 110-5; 3. Ramsey (FM), 101-11; 4. Chen (NF), 99-1; 5. Haid (NF), 98-0; 6. Yambasky (NF), 96-1.

Long jump: 1. Ramsey (FM), 16-2; 2. Picucci (BR), 15-11; 3. Driscoll (PC), 15-8; 4. Kasperek (LS), 15-5; 5. Dean (LC), 14-10 1/2; 6. Lokken (LC), 14-8 1/2.

High jump: 1. Driscoll (PC), 5-1; 2. (tie) Polasky (LS), 5-0; Alfonsi (LS), 5-0; Lindquist (BR), 5-0; Ramsey (FM), 4-11; 6. Lanning (PC), 4-11.

Pole vault: 1. Peterman (LC), 9-4; 2. Cozart (LC), 9-0; 3. Bratton (AAP), 9-0; 4. (tie) Turner (NF), 8-6; Driscoll (PC), 8-6; 6. Janaulis (LS), 7-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Ehlendt (LS), 16:22; 2. Clemens (NF), 16:41; 3. Marciniak (BR), 16:92; 4. Alfonsi (LS), 17:04; 5. Gross (BS), 17:19; 6. Lindquist (BR), 17:66.

300 hurdles: 1. Ehlendt (LS), 47:78; 2. Marciniak (BR), 48:86; 3. Bosman (LS), 49:79; 4. Gross (BS), 50:2; 5. Alfonsi (LS), 50:59; 6. Ward (BR), 50:64.

100 dash: 1. Fox (PC), 13:34; 2. Cherenkoff (LS), 13:34; 3. Picucci (BR), 13:53; 4. Abela (NF), 13:77; 5. Mikkelsen (LS), 13:8; 6. Mills (FM), 14:1.

200: 1. Crawford (BR), 28:02; 2. Mills (FM), 28:58; 3. Mays (AAP), 28:72; 4. McKenzie (BR), 28:96; 5. Cade (BK), 29:67.

400: 1. Fox (PC), 1:02:15; 2. Bude (PC), 1:03:04; 3. Levely (PC), 1:03:71; 4. Kinkead (LS), 1:04:55; 5. Pendergrast

(BK), 1:06:22; 6. Herzdorf (BR), 1:06:05.

800: 1. Martin (BR), 2:30:91; 2. Cassar (AAP), 2:32:51; 3. Lieberman (NF), 2:32:88; 4. Smith (AAP), 2:33:96; 5. Russell (BK), 2:34:36; 6. Wodyka (LC), 2:34:6.

1,000: 1. Slater (BR), 5:35:89; 2. Parker (LS), 5:37:42; 3. Vandette (LS), 5:37:8; 4. Gruber (AAP), 5:37:74; 5. Duncan (LC), 5:38:18; 6. Russell (BK), 5:40:46.

3,200: 1. Bumann (BR), 12:10:77; 2. Pollack (AAP), 12:28:52; 3. Tarole (LS), 12:33:07; 4. Westrick (LC), 12:51:91; 5. Pilon (LS), 12:55:87; 6. Rousseau (LS), 12:57:96.

400 relay: 1. Brighton, 52:18; 2. Pioneer, 52:56; 3. Stevenson, 52:98; 4. Churchill, 54:03; 5. N. Farmington, 54:4; 6. Canton, 55:77.

800 relay: 1. Brighton, 1:51:58; 2. Pioneer, 1:52:33; 3. Canton, 1:52:74; 4. Stevenson, 1:55:83; 5. Berkley, 1:56:58; 6. N. Farmington, 1:58:45.

1,600 relay: 1. Brighton, 4:13:87; 2. Stevenson, 4:19:27; 3. Canton, 4:20:5; 4. N. Farmington, 4:28:29; 5. Pioneer, 4:30:6; 6. Berkley, 4:32:49.

3,200 relay: 1. Brighton, 9:53:94; 2. Stevenson, 10:00:94; 3. Churchill, 10:06:69; 4. N. Farmington, 10:20:07; 5. Canton, 10:39:1; 6. Seaholm, 10:42:78.

RAM RELAYS May 6 at Flat Rock

TEAM STANDINGS (eight schools): 1. Carleton-Airport, 94; 2. Lutheran Westland, 90; 3. Erie-Mason, 76.

Lutheran Westland finishers
Shot put: 1. Carly Higgins and Ashley McLaughlin, 55-1 1/2; **discus:** 1. Jen Dash and Higgins, 163-9; **high jump:** 1. Karen Abramczyk and Amanda Sales, 9-8; **long jump:** 2. Anna Rolf and Sarah Vetting, 29-6 1/2; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Rolf, 17-0; **100 dash:** 3. Chelsea Romero, 13-6; **400 relay:** 2. Romero, Jen Loomis, Abramczyk, Rolf, 54-7; **1,600 relay:** 3. Erin Jung, Mary Ebedick, Abramczyk, Tess Kuehne, 4:34-7; **3,200 relay:** 2. Jodi Rolf, Jung, Ebedick, Kuehne, 10:52-7; **freshman-sophomore relay:** J. Rolf, Beth Rush, Jung, Kuehne, 4:42-2.

METRO CONFERENCE TRIANGULAR MEET May 9 at Lutheran Westland

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 108 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 41; 3. Harper Woods, 63.

Lutheran Westland winners
Shot put: Carly Higgins, 28-1 1/2; **discus:** Jen Dash, 95-4; **long jump:** Sarah Vetting, 14-7 1/2; **pole vault:** Kelly Clark, 7-7; **110-yard hurdles:** Anna Rolf, 17-5; **330 hurdles:** Rolf, 53-6; **100 dash:** Chelsea Romero, 12-6; **220:** Romero, 28-9; **440:** Tess Kuehne, 1:05-3; **880:** Erin Jung, 2:36-2; **mile:** Kuehne, 5:53-2; **440 relay:** Romero, Vetting, Beth Rush, Jen Loomis, 56-3; **800 relay:** Jodi Rolf, Vetting, Clark, A. Rolf, 2:01-0.

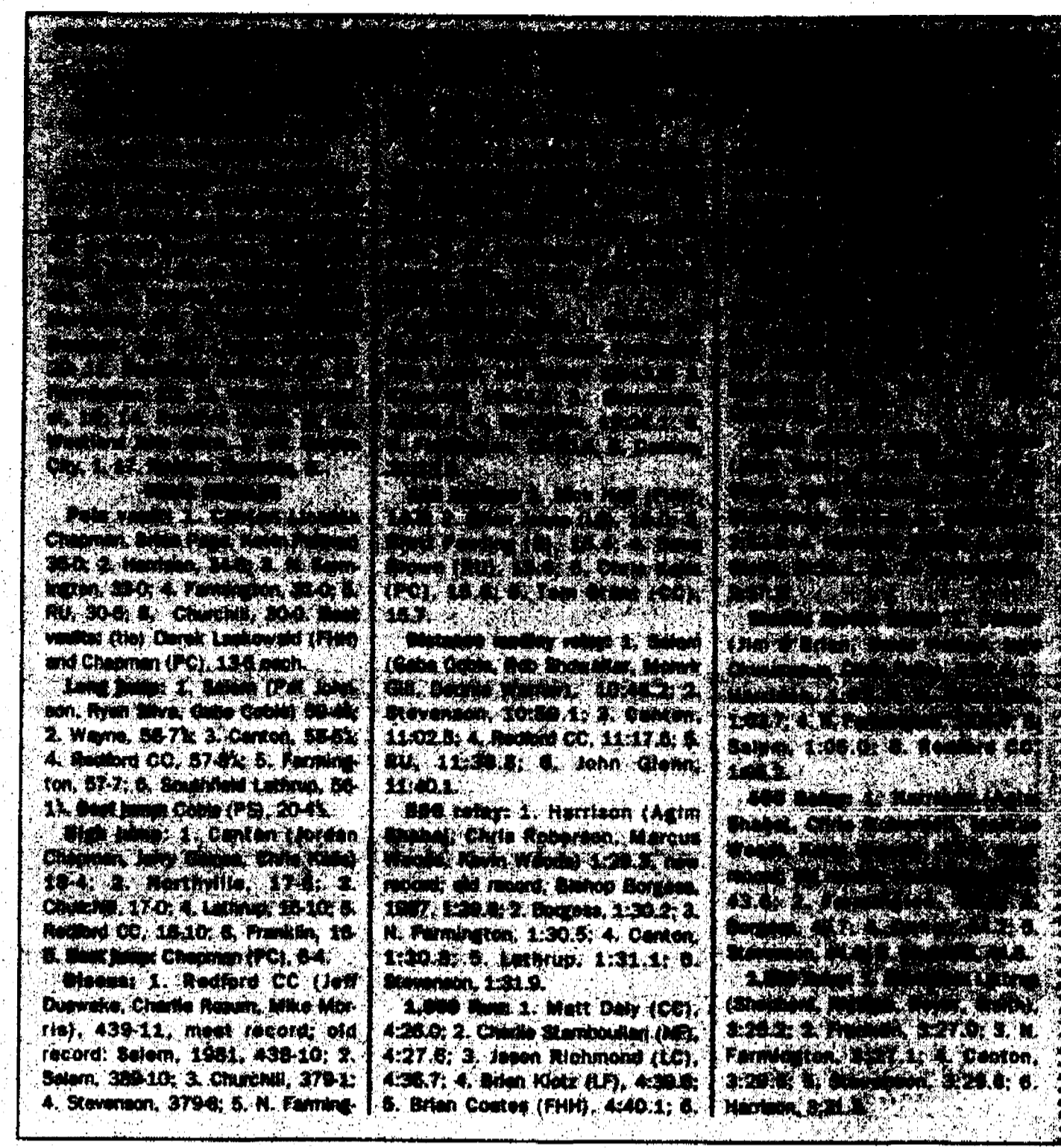
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Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 6-0 overall.

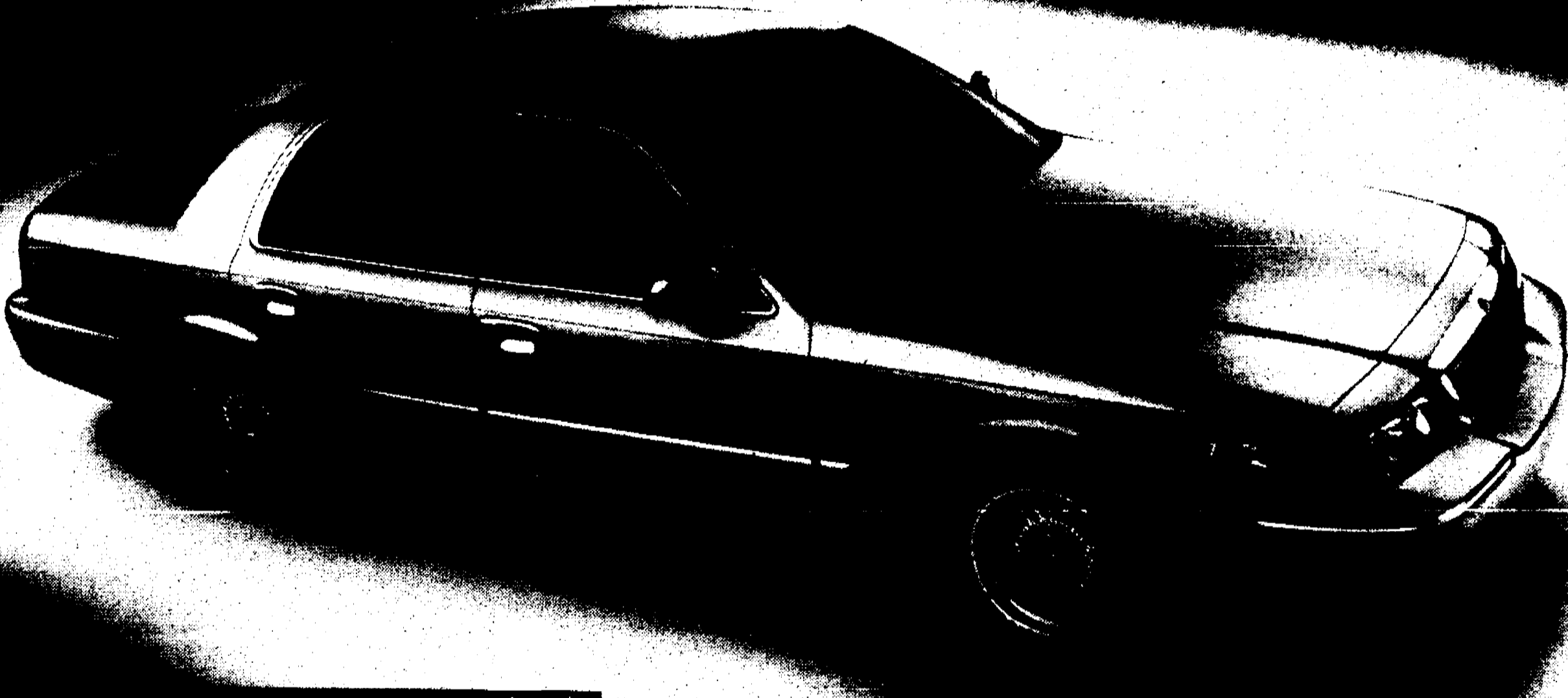
**LIVONIA LADYWOOD 84
BIRMINGHAM MARIAN 84
May 9 at Ladywood**

Shot put: 2. Christen Juy (LL), 27 feet, 9 inches; **discus:** 2. Edna Lamsen (LL), 79-4; **long jump:** 1. Alexis Noel (LL), 16-1 1/2; **high jump:** 1. Noel (LL), 4-10; **100-meter hurdles:** 2. Noel (LL), 17:77; **300 hurdles:** 2. Marianna Batog (LL), 55-4; **100 dash:** 1. Brianna Watson (LL), 12-9; 2. Sierra Miller (LL), 13-1; **200:** 1. Kelly Carey (LL), 28-0; 2. Laura Yates (LL), 28-5; **400:** 3. Kayla Bridges (LL), 1:05-9; **800:** 1. Andrea Doud (LL), 2:33-9; 3. Rachael Malenfant (LL), 2:42-0; **1,600:** 2. Stacey Schroeder (LL), 5:49-8; 3. Patty Simon (LL), 5:58-0; **3,200:** 2. Anna Plagany (LL), 12:49-6; **400 relay:** 1. Marian, 55-3; **800 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Watson, Carey, Chelsea Respondek, Elaine Thompson), 1:54-9; **1,600 relay:** 1. Ladywood (Carey, Doud, Thompson, Bridges), 4:28-4; **3,200 relay:** 1. Marian, 10:11-8; 2. Ladywood (Doud, Michelle Taylor, Jennifer Koterba, Plagany), 10:20-2.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-1-1 overall, 2-1-1 Catholic League.



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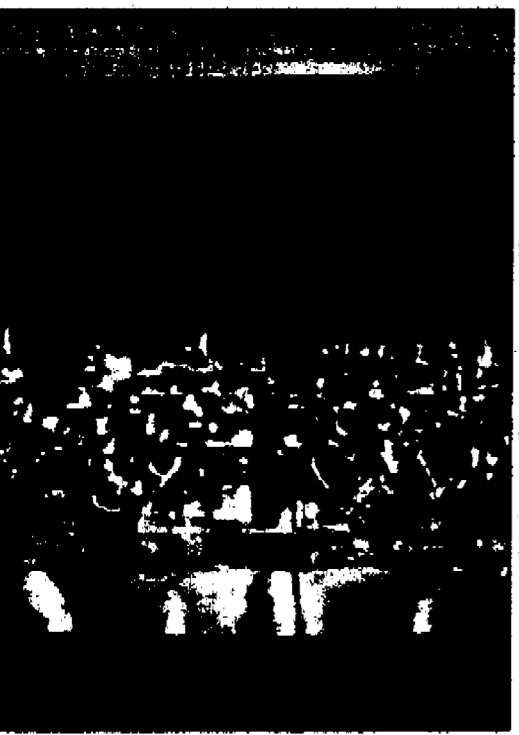
THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Ethan Hawke (left to right), Diane Venora and Kyle MacLachlan star in *Hamlet*, opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, the premier youth orchestra of Detroit, celebrates its 30th season, 3 p.m. with a concert at Orchestra Hall. Tickets \$4-\$5, call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Medeski, Martin and Wood perform 8 p.m. at Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets \$22.50-\$33.50, call (248) 645-6666.



Comedic yin yang: Sally Bondi has won accolades for her comic portrayals of 12 characters in *Dreams of Martha Stewart*. Rob Dubac, below right, wrote and stars in *Male Intellect... an oxymoron?*

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Merely asking, "What do men and women really want?" usually opens the psychobabble floodgates. Out flows a stream of armchair analysis about love, and the nature of relationships delivered with Oprah-like, drive-thru efficiency.

The popular theory goes: Men are one-dimensional hedonists, and women, well, they're grounded all right. Grounded in making men's lives a miserable series of practical tasks.

And so it goes... But who's fooling who? If the eclectic 1990's taught anything, it was that there's no use for stereotypes, and definitely a blurring of differences between the genders. Despite all the talk about diversity, men and

women share more anxieties than differences. In the spirit of new millennium-age male sensitivity and female liberation, two comedic plays — *Dreams of Martha Stewart* and *Male Intellect... an oxymoron?* — at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts peel away at the eternal question about what each gender desires. The revelations are neither simple or complicated. Just funny, and sometimes, painfully true.

While the play titles have a charming accessibility, don't expect anything remotely similar to male or female bashing. Playwrights Pamela Parker and Rob Dubac have constructed a range of truthful characters in their respective one-person plays.

Dreams of reflection

To her followers, she's known simply as "Martha." Perhaps there's some symbolic connection to the first mother of the country, Martha Washington. Then again, to those who find Stewart more than a bit irritating, perhaps not.

In the tradition of Betty Crocker and Donna Reed, Stewart is held up as the contemporary model of female domesticity. Of course, her uncanny sense of marketing and reinvention makes her firmly rooted in the cash-cow present.

For playwright Parker, the choice of Stewart was both symbolic and

On Stage

■ *Dreams of Martha Stewart*, a one-person play written by Pamela Parker, starring Sally Bondi; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14. Friday show is sold out. Tickets \$27.50-\$37.50.
■ *Male Intellect... an oxymoron?*, a one-person play written and starring Robert Dubac; Tuesday-Sunday, May 16-21, performances 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 & 9 p.m. Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$15 (opening night only), \$20-\$35.
Where: Both shows at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666 for tickets and information.
Note: Talkback sessions will be held after May 13 & May 18 shows.

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COMEDIES LOOK AT WHAT MEN, WOMEN REALLY WANT



Robert Bradley — discovered, uncovered

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise sounds more like a story title than a five-piece band. Here's how the fairy-tale goes.

Three young Detroit musicians are playing in the studio when — much to their surprise — they hear a blind street-singer crooning outside. They approach him

and after time convince the well-traveled Alabama native to join the band. Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise may have been blessed with a fable-like beginning, but the band that's reinventing the soulful Motown sound says now is the *Time To Discover* what Detroit music is all about.

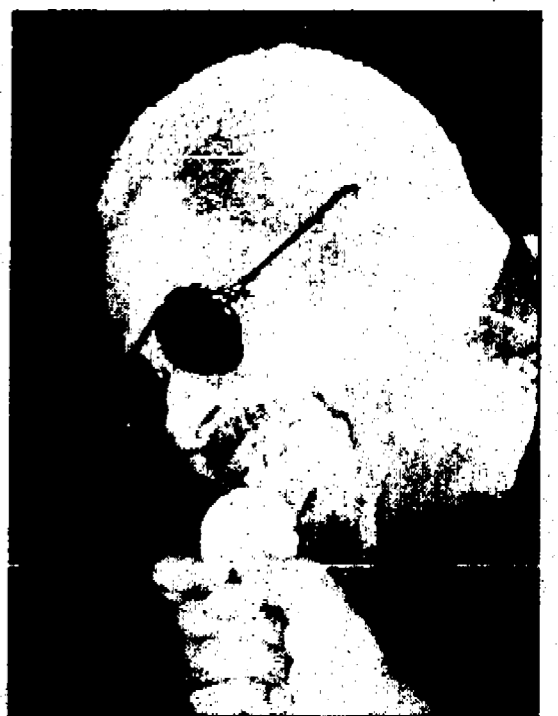
With a new album of the same name, and the addition of keyboardist and Detroit Music Award winner Tim Diaz, RBBS sounds stronger than ever. Of course radio and MTV exposure never hurts. Neither do tours with mega-stars like Dave Mathew's Band, Beck and Sonic Youth, appearances on *Conan O'Brien* or write-ups in *The New Yorker*. Let's start at the beginning.

Chapter one

Robert Bradley discovered music around age 6. "I realized I could carry a melody and started singing along with the radio," he said in a phone interview from Mt. Pleasant. Trained on tunes by Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash,

What: Celebrate with Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise at the CD release party for *Time To Discover*.
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20
Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
Tickets: \$15, call (248) 544-3030

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Surprising: Robert Bradley was one of the performers at the 2000 Detroit Music Awards April 14 at Detroit's State Theatre.

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THEATER

Director brings more realism to 'The Sound of Music'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Watching *The Sound of Music* on stage or TV is an emotional experience for a lot of people. It evokes memories, makes you want to "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," and say "I Have Confidence."

"I see people crying in the audience — it touches their emotions," said Jeanne Lehman who portrays Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music* opening Wednesday, May 17, at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. "It reaches human values we can all relate to — love, hope in the face of adversity. The music is inspiring, it touches people in so many different ways."

Richard Chamberlain stars as Captain Georg von Trapp and Meg Tolin as Maria Rainer in this Broadway revival directed by Susan H. Schulman.

Lehman has portrayed Maria five different times in *The Sound of Music*, but this is her first time portraying Mother Abbess. She's enjoying the show and the part she's playing.

"Maria and Mother Abbess have a lot in common," said Lehman. "They both grew up in the mountains and have the same love of life and adventure. The Mother Abbess chose a more spiritual life, she sees herself in Maria."

The Sound of Music

When: Wednesday-Sunday, May 17-21, performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; 1 p.m. Thursday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.
Where: Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit
Tickets: \$25-\$55, call (248) 645-6666

Schulman and her creative team have brought more realism to this production. They visited the Nonnberg Abbey in Austria to learn how the nuns really lived.

"The nuns weren't honestly represented in the original play," said Lehman. "They don't stand around and sing. Work and prayer are spiritual commitments, they're all the same. The Mother Abbess is elected, it's very democratic."

There's lots of attention to detail in this *Sound of Music*, and more sense of place and time.

"While the creative team was walking around Salzburg our sound designer Tony Meola recorded the bells," said Lehman. "The bells the audience hears are actually the bells of Salzburg. The costumes are gorgeous."

To further understand her role, Lehman visited a Benedictine order in the U.S. "When they sing, the nuns became like one voice. They were radiant, their faces were glowing with their commitment."



JUAN MARIN

At work: Jeanne Lehman and cast in a scene from *The Sound of Music*.

For her, *The Sound of Music* is not only a role to play but a spiritual experience.

"I got to sing *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*," she said. "It's the most glorious song. I just love it. I never tire of it. It's a new experience every time I sing it, something I want to share. There's so much hope in this musical — it's an emotional journey for everyone."

Based on the book by Howard Lund-

say and Russell Croise with music and lyrics by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. *The Sound of Music* opened at Broadway's Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on Nov. 16, 1959. The production won seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and ran for 1,413 performances.

The 1965 film version, starring Julie Andrews as Maria, earned five Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

HOT



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Marvin Gaye, Elvis Presley and Otis Redding. Bradley moved to Michigan with his parents in the 1960s, when he said "Detroit was hip." "There was a lot of good music going on."

So he started singing on the streets of Motown, finding some good spots where his voice would echo beneath the buildings. He was singing for almost 17 years before brothers Michael (guitar) and Andrew Nehra (bass) and drummer Jeff Fowlkes ever caught sight or sound of his talent.

"They were suburban guys," explained Bradley. So when asked to join the band, he first said no. "I didn't believe a word they said."

About six months later, he changed his tune and picked up the phone. It was the early 1990s, and Bradley was making \$500 to \$600 singing in Detroit's Eastern Market - he didn't exactly need another gig. But he split his time between singing for himself and jamming at White Room Studio with the band. That's where he met Kid Rock - who appears on two songs on *Time To Discover*. "He was Bob, just a white boy trying to rap," recalled Bradley.

In 1995, the band went from the studio to a music showcase in New York City. "Bob went with us," said Bradley. "He was the emcee at the show."

What's happened since then is of no consequence to this music-made man. "I'm living for what's happening right now," he said with conviction. "I was always successful in my head. This here is just fame. That's all it is."

On *Time To Discover*, RBBS takes its recipe for success one step further, with 11 solid songs loaded with old-school soul and modern style. Bassist and Royal Oak resident Andrew Nehra was basking in the band's success and the flood of good press RBBS has received while at the Detroit Music Awards.

He said the new album took seven months to complete. "It was all pretty spiritual," he said. "To get perfection, it took time to find the magic and go that extra step."

Nehra, whose influences include The Temptations and Stone Roses, said notoriety for the Detroit bands is "way overdue." "People have been asleep."

"We just want to be happy with the music first," said Bradley of this album. "That's

the way we feel about it." Two of his favorite songs on the album remind him of his fiancée. *You and Me* and *Ultimate Sacrifice* reflect their relationship and impending May wedding. Bradley said it's all about being "for real."

Another change reflected by the album is the addition of Tim Diaz, whom Bradley said fit right in. "He's one of the most talented musicians in the state of Michigan," said Bradley. "I ain't talkin' no jive."

And he ain't the only one talkin'. Scott Forbes, singer and guitarist of The Forbes Brothers, couldn't say enough about friend and musical colleague Tim Diaz, either. "He's so deserving," said the Farmington Hills resident after Diaz won the Detroit Music Award for outstanding rock

instrumentalist. "He is extraordinary. He writes great songs and plays several different instruments."

Forbes predicts RBBS will be "the next big thing" out of Detroit.

"Detroit is in my soul," said Bradley. "When I come to Detroit things happened." The band with his namesake is one reason the city is on this musical upswing.

"Back in the '60s, it was booming. Now it's '60s, it was booming to get it running. We need to keep moving to really pump it up."

Take it from someone who's seen it before, Robert Bradley: "Detroit City, The Motor City, it's gonna rise again."

Stephanie Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



Time to Discover: Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise is Tim Diaz, Jeff Fowlkes, Michael Nehra, Robert Bradley and Andrew Nehra.

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icated her support for the play.)

Dreams of Martha Stewart is Parker's first one-person play. She incorporated the stories of 12 characters with her friend and collaborator, actress Sally Bondi, in mind. Bondi has received a long list of impressive critical reviews for her portrayals.

The play, on a three-year run since debuting at the 1997 Piccolo Spalato Arts Festival in Charleston, S.C., follows a wife/mother searching for perfection. She's intent on living the "perfect life," including antiquing her bathroom, building her own loom and styling her hair à la Martha.

Unsatisfied without the real

thing, the unhappy housewife sets out for Turkey Hill, Conn. to come face-to-face with the real deal. The journey is more of a confrontation of the myriad faces of America, and an uncovering of the illusion behind the notion of perfection.

Among Parker's other plays is *A Higher Place in Heaven*, nominated for a 1995 Pulitzer Prize. Her work has been called distinctively in the southern literary tradition of writers such as Carson McCullers, William Faulkner and Harper Lee.

Clearly, Parker's most recent play is a more adventurous statement about American culture than her other stories, typically set in a southern milieu.

Dreams of Martha Stewart doesn't offer a *Saturday Night Live*-type spoof. Rather, Parker has set out to illuminate what's behind Stewart's immense appeal.

"Since the beginning of time, there's been symbols of perfection," said Parker. "I want to show that we are good enough with who we are, if we can learn to appreciate and accept ourselves."

Similar to Parker's lead character, the protagonist in *Male Intellect*... is searching to discover what lies beyond the notion of perfection. In Dubac's story, however, it's the ideal of romantic love.

Jilted by the girl of his dreams, the lead character, Bobby, is all-too-ready to hear some homespun wisdom from five male characters who apparently know what women really want. Of course, they have their own illusions about how to avoid dealing with what women really want.

The advice ranges from the benefits of admitting that men are jerks to the attitude of "love 'em fast and leave them first." None of the five characters, Dubac was quick to point out, are autobiographical.

Clearly, *Male Intellect*... has struck a chord with audiences. Dubac has played to sold-out houses in Denver, and had an 18-month run in Chicago and a 10-month run in Boston before

heading into Detroit for seven performances.

The show, which is part stand-up comedy and part dramatic theater, has been called by some critics as "too stereotypical." Dubac simply cites the roaring approval of audiences as proof that his characters have more than one dimension. The appeal, he said, is that each of the characters represents a distinctive male perspective.

But the key is that Dubac's message - "Men can't live in the past and have to change" - is delivered with a heavy dose of humor.

"Men are so blatantly maladjusted," said Dubac. "It's not that we're lost, it's just that the tools we're using are outdated."

Dubac has been approached by television producers about adapting his play for a sit-com. Until now, however, he hasn't been pleased that producers have wanted to "dumb down" the material.

"They're looking at demographics, rather than the comedy," he said. "Hey, I know I'm not breaking new intellectual ground here. This isn't the *Vagina Monologues*. I simply wrote the play. My wife explained it to me."

And what about the ideal male role model?

"Hold on," said Dubac, "let me ask my wife."

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You'll enjoy Plymouth Theatre Guild's 'Squabbles'

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Squabbles, a comedy by Marshall Karp, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 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, call (248) 349-7110.

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
SPECIAL WRITER

"I was born to squabble," declares Abe Dreyfus in the latest offering from the Plymouth Theatre Guild, and squabble he does. In fact, this comedy by Marshall Karp is called, appropriately enough, *Squabbles*.

Abe, played with considerable vigor and gusto by Barry Levine, is a cantankerous elderly gentleman who has taken up residence with his daughter and her husband upon the passing of his wife. While we are encouraged to believe that Abe has a heart of gold, his exterior is formed of a much less precious material, and he is a character whose one-liners alternately provoke laughter

and sudden intakes of breath as he wallows in personal invective and political incorrectness for the sheer joy of annoying others. Either you like Abe or you hate him, or more likely, you love him one minute, then hate him the next.

Abe's personality is clearly the driving force behind the play, and it is the job of his daughter Alice Sloan and her husband Jerry to rein him in as best they can. Alice is played with long-suffering grace by Nicole Ludwig, while Jerry, played by Robert Purcell, is relentlessly chipper and upbeat despite the best (or worst) that Abe can throw at him. Just when they seem to have adapted themselves to Abe's motto ("to argue is to live!"), the walls start closing in on them when Alice announces that she is pregnant.

Immediately after this, Jerry's mother calls with the news that she just burned down her house while making chicken soup. When Mildred Sloan moves in, Abe is appalled, but at the same time, perversely appreciative of the fact that he finally has someone around him who will give

him an argument.

Mildred, ably played by Dorothy Dunne, at first seems no match for the strafing attacks of Abe, but her retorts grow increasingly pointed until Abe is getting as good as he gives.

Indeed, the sparks that fly between Abe and Mildred effectively put their children in the role of playing parents to their own parents, and there are many occasions when Abe and Mildred sound more like squabbling siblings than senior citizens. How it will all turn out is helped along by the ticking clock of Alice's pregnancy, because it is apparent that once the baby arrives, the house will simply not hold all of them. In other words, someone has to go. After much agonizing and debate, the solution to this dilemma may not surprise you, but it is as elegant as it is effective.

On its opening night, *Squabbles* played to a highly appreciative audience who gladly went along for the ride, and with good reason. Director Bob Weibel and producer Mary Lynn Kuna have put together a very enjoyable



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Acting:
Barry Levine (left) as Abe Dreyfus, and Dorothy Dunne as Mildred Sloan argue during a rehearsal of "Squabbles."

production and the detail and care that went into it is evident from the set design down to the costumes. The only problem one could point to is a sound system

which was, at times, not as cooperative as it could have been.

Still, that is a relatively minor flaw in an otherwise fine production with a first-rate cast which

brings a considerable degree of craft and professionalism to the play.

David MacGregor is a Livonia resident and playwright.

Clever set, great costumes, acting, singing in 'My Fair Lady'

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the Lerner and Loewe musical, My Fair Lady, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13; May 19-20, May 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14 and May 21 at the playhouse on Madison, near the southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Drive, in Dearborn. Tickets, \$14, senior citizen and student discounts available; call (313) 561-TKTS.

BY SUE SUCHTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents the toe-tapping, feel-good musical, *My Fair Lady*, the next three weekends in May. From the ragged street vendors to the chic aristocracy, director Ron Deihl brought together a cast whose acting and singing is stellar and gave the show a lively, quick pace. The set is cleverly conceived and executed, and the costumes are breathtaking.

My Fair Lady is the story of an unconventional language professor who turns a poor flower girl into a lady by transforming her speech. As Professor Henry Higgins uncovers the princess inside Eliza Dolittle, she touches and changes his life as well.

Ron Otulakowski is the consummate Higgins - articulate and rude in a gentlemanly way, delivering deliciously funny lines with impeccable timing and perfect aplomb. He improves the role each time he plays the part.

Otulakowski was well matched by Emily Trybyon's Eliza Dolittle, whose flashing eyes, quick comebacks and resilient dignity bring class to the role. And oh, that girl can sing - a challenge made even more difficult by the demanding attention to precise accents required by her songs.

Dennis Decker, a newcomer to the stage, is a natural as Alfred P. Dolittle, a "common dustman" and Eliza's father. He conveys complacent pleasure in equal measure for both beer and his total lack of status in life.

Jeff Ostrowski, as a bright-eyed and devoted Freddy Eynsford-Hill, was vocally stronger in the second act than the first. He suffered the indignity of redundant pratfalls when one would have been sufficed. However, he brought a likely affability to the role, as Bill Rumley did to the role of Colonel Pickering.

The supporting cast, which includes Annette Ripper of Westland as Mrs. Eynsford-Hill and Mark Ripper as Prof. Zoltan Karpathy, and chorus strengthen the show and deliver some of its finest moments.

The Cockney quartet was a vocal and visual treat. The Ascot race scene was delightfully entertaining with every mincing step and head toss choreographed with amazing detail.

James Cape's incredible Ascot and Embassy Ball costumes were stars in their own right. His stunning black-and-white Ascot creations, capped by elegant hats, captured both the privilege and the wasteful frivolity of the ruling class.

His ball gowns painted a bright palette of sparkling color, adding richness and elegance to a Cinderella scene.

Diana Reynolds, and her costume committee clothed the rest of the show with attention to detail and imagination, from

Eliza's simple but elegant night-gown to the careworn but colorful garments of the flower sellers.

Chorus members handled their many costume and character changes with speed and tal-

ent, removing facial grime and becoming elegant socialites in rapid order.

One of their finest numbers, *Get Me To The Church On Time*, showcased their talent and displayed choreographer Valerie

Mould's creativity and ability to add imagination to the dances on a relatively small stage.

David Reynold's set design was cleverly versatile and overcame the handicap of limited space. Mary Beth Oravec's richly ren-

dered backdrops added a soft pastel dreaminess to the garden scenes.

Sue Suchta is a Dearborn resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.

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