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MONDAY

Meeting: The Wayne-Westland School Board will meet in regular session May 22 at 7 p.m. at the board offices on Marquette in Westland.

Library hours: The William P. Faust Library will begin summer hours May 22: Monday-Wednesdays 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sundays. The library will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

Council: The Westland City council will meet May 22 at 6 p.m. in study session in council chambers at Westland City Hall. Main agenda item is overview of mayor's budget.

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Recall target will run for House



Council veteran Sharon Scott has decided to join in the race for the 18th District House seat. She filed Tuesday and will run as a Democrat; Scott is in her ninth year on the city council.

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Seasoned politician Sharon Scott will campaign for the 18th District state House seat despite a local push to recall her from her Westland City Council seat.

"I will not allow myself to be bullied or controlled by a negative, vocal

minority who has no idea how government works," Scott, 60, said Friday.

Scott filed as a Democrat in the 18th District race on Tuesday, four days after she declared she wouldn't run. She said she was asked to reconsider by some United Auto Workers officials, Michigan Education Association representatives, supporters and friends.

Scott's candidacy comes as recall

workers are circulating petitions amid hopes of ousting her from her council post for voting to fire former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons in January.

In her House bid, Scott will face rival Councilman Glenn Anderson in the Aug. 8 Democratic primary. Anderson opposed Gibbons' firing.

In a bizarre twist, Scott or Anderson will face none other than Gibbons, the Republican House candidate, in the November general election.

Anderson and Gibbons had announced their candidacies prior to Tuesday's filing deadline, and Scott conceded she made her decision at the 11th hour.

"This has been a rollercoaster year for me. My honesty, integrity and commitment to my community have been assaulted," Scott said Friday. "I must confess that the pressure was enormous. Because of that pressure and the constant bombardment from a very vocal, negative minority, I stated that I was not going to be a candidate for office."

Scott said her supporters convinced her to change her position and run for the seat being vacated by state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, who can't seek re-election due to term limits. The

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Science in action



Close look: Jenna Floyd (left) of Detroit and Lisa Noel (right) of Livonia look at the pH balance of the water samples taken from the Rouge River.

Students study Rouge water quality

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The Friends of the Rouge Education Project held their Rouge River monitoring day Wednesday afternoon, with students measuring the western Wayne County river system for pollution levels.

Among the more than 3,000 students from 100 schools in Oakland and Wayne counties were two dozen ninth graders from Huron Valley Lutheran High on Cowan Road in Westland.

The earth science classes include students from Westland, Garden City, Redford,

Detroit, Plymouth and Livonia.

The practical science project took the students from Steve Grosinske's earth science group from the classroom immediately to the river, which conveniently runs behind the school.

The students make chemical, biological and physical assessments of the river, then analyze the data back in the school lab. Data are then entered on the Web site (therouge.org) used by the umbrella organization, Friends of the Rouge, so all students can use it.

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Checking: Science teacher Steve Grosinske (foreground) looks through the net for living organisms.

Clerk petitions submitted

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A petition drive aimed at making the Westland city clerk's job an elected post reached a milestone Friday afternoon as residents submitted thousands of signatures at City Hall.

Resident Brenda Gracin, flanked by some 25 supporters, turned over to Clerk Joann Seaberg an estimated 3,500 to 3,600 signatures of people who want to start electing their own city clerk.

Supporters say they need 2,714 valid signatures of registered Westland voters to get the issue placed on a ballot.

Voters would be asked to amend the city charter to make the clerk's job an elected position. The measure would seize control from the Westland City Council, which has always appointed the clerk.

"I definitely think it will pass," supporter Marian Greenfield said. "I think the people are so upset right now with what's happening in this city that they will pass it."

The issue has raged since Jan. 18 when the council voted 4-3 to fire former Clerk Patricia Gibbons, saying her job performance was lacking.

The firing angered residents who viewed Gibbons' firing as political. She officially lost her \$69,739-a-year job four days after council President Charles "Trav" Griffin went to her office, took her keys and placed her on paid leave.

"The people should control who should be the city clerk," resident Howard Becker said Friday inside City Hall. "The clerk should be independent of everybody."

Critics of the measure didn't show up Friday, but they have said the clerk's position could become even more political if candidates are forced to campaign for the job.

Seaberg, a former deputy clerk appointed as clerk March 20 in the wake of Gibbons' firing, has already said she will not seek election. She lives in Canton and has said she wouldn't change her residency to run for office.

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Saying hello

Hearty hello: Attorney General Jennifer Granholm (left) visited the Westland Convalescent Center Wednesday morning and laughs with Catherine Barnett (right). Barnett said, "I may not have a chance again to say this hello Madam President." Granholm visited the center as part of National Nursing Home Week.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Police to look for drivers without buckled seat belts

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Westland police will start a crackdown Wednesday on drivers ignoring new seat belt laws.

Local officers will join a statewide enforcement push that coincides with the national America Buckles Children campaign.

"We're going to have officers working overtime just for seat belt violations," Sgt. Peter Brokas said. "We want to show that we're serious about the seat belt laws, especially for children."

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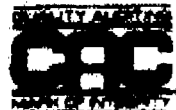
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Former mayors are among candidates in other House race

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It will be a race among three former mayors and a current council member for the 17th District state house seat that is being vacated by term-limited incumbent Thomas Kelly.

Running as Democrats are former Garden City mayors Jim Barker and Jim Plakas along with former Wayne mayor Ken Warfield and Wayne Councilwoman Shirley Powser. Also running as a Democrat is Bennie Horn of Westland.

The lone Republican candidate who filed to run in the traditionally Democratic district (that includes Garden City, Wayne, Inkster and a small sec-

tion of Westland) is Delvyn Rockwell of Wayne.

Having served two years on council and two years as mayor before losing a re-election bid in November, Barker officially entered the race on Monday.

"After the mayoral election, in a week, I had five people ask me to run for state office," said Barker, a 67-year old retiree.

Maintaining home rule for local municipalities is a priority for Barker, who joined officials from other cities in going to Lansing to protest legislative efforts to reduce local controls.

"I was so turned up by those arrogant Republicans in the House; they think they can rule the world," said Barker. "Nobody knows more about running Gar-

den City than the people who live in Garden City.

"We don't need Republicans in Lansing telling us how to run our lives. That's why I want up there."

Another priority for Barker is getting more of the local tax dollars returned to the local government or at least spent on local priorities, such as roads and schools.

A councilman for 13 years and mayor for four years, Plakas announced his candidacy in February on the steps of the Wayne City Hall, flanked by Kelly, Garden City Mayor Ronald Showalter, Wayne Mayor Robert Dickerson and Westland Mayor Robert Thomas. Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr. is

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also supporting Plakas. "Sure, I'm an underdog but so what? We'll see what happens," said Barker. "I've not been around and been a politician as long as those guys."

Much as he did during his council and mayoral campaigns, Barker expects to do a lot of door-to-door campaigning.

"I did it three times when I ran in Garden City. My wife and I'd walk in the evening, talk to people and hand stuff out," said Barker.

Powser couldn't be reached for comment following Tuesday's filing deadline.

Scott from page A1

18th District includes most of Westland and a small portion of Canton.

"After a review of the candidates who filed, it became apparent to me that the voters in the 18th District must have an alternate choice," Scott said. "The 18th District deserves a candidate who will serve all the people, a candidate with a proven legislative record, a candidate who is not afraid to make tough decisions, a candidate who recognizes that compromise is not a dirty word, a candidate who will work full time for the constituents, a candidate who will make sure the 18th District gets everything it deserves from Lansing."

"I truly believe that I am that candidate," Scott said.

Scott and Anderson are in their ninth year on the city council. Scott formerly served eight years on the Wayne-Westland school board.

Gibbons hasn't held elected office but was a city employee for 23 years. She served as clerk for

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17 months before a four-member council majority fired her on Jan. 18.

Recall workers said Scott's candidacy won't affect their effort to oust her from the council.

"It doesn't deter the recall process in the least," recall worker Brenda Gracin said. "We will continue, and knowing that the people of this community are in support of it, we will recall Mrs. Scott."

Gracin said recall workers have collected more than 3,500 signatures against Scott. She said they officially need 4,997 from registered voters to call for a recall vote.

Anderson predicted a potentially close race between himself and Scott for the Democratic nod.

"I try never to underestimate a political opponent and expect this campaign to be a tough-

fought one," he said. "I feel confident that when the citizens of our community compare my record to that of my opponent, the choice will be crystal clear as to who can best represent Westland in Lansing."

"I have worked hard to improve our city, ask the tough questions and make the tough votes, even if it meant standing alone, and I look forward to being a strong advocate for Westland in the state House," Anderson said. "Westland needs a state representative who will be a player, not a bench-warmer."

Gibbons, meanwhile, already has drawn support from GOP heavyweights such as state Sen. Loren Bennett and state Rep. Bruce Patterson, both of Canton. Another Republican House candidate, Georga Conant, dropped out of the race to support Gibbons.

"I am very happy and humbled to have Georga's support as we now look ahead to the November election," Gibbons said Thursday



Sharon Scott: Councilwoman runs for state House.

in a statement. "By building coalitions and working together, it is the people who will come out ahead."

Most of Westland is in this district.

Westland mayor will challenge Kay Beard for county commission

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Veteran Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard said Friday she will aggressively campaign against Democrat challenger Robert Thomas, Westland mayor.

"I don't know how the race will turn out," Beard, a 22-year commissioner, said. "I never take any election lightly. Every time you have an opponent you have to take it seriously and campaign hard."

Beard and Thomas will compete in the Aug. 8 Democratic primary. The winner will face William Steele, the sole Republican candidate, in the November general election.

Steele couldn't be reached for comment. Beard has been elected 11 times in the

12th District.

Thomas couldn't be reached late last week, but he had divulged April 17 that he planned to challenge Beard.

Thomas, in his 11th year as mayor, would leave his city post one year early if elected to the county commission in November.

Thomas announced his candidacy and said he wants to improve roads and county services such as snow-plowing and grass-cutting.

Beard said she believes she has served her constituents well and that she is hopeful of re-election.

"I think I've done a good job," she said Friday. "I've worked hard at it."

Beard earlier called Thomas' candidacy "puzzling" and said she had always had a

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good working relationship with the mayor.

In another local race, Wayne County Community College Board of Trustees appointee Michael Reddy will face a challenge from former teacher Elizabeth Grant Potter.

Reddy, former Westland fire chief, will try to defend his 9th District seat against Potter, a retired Wayne-Westland schoolteacher.

Reddy was appointed to the trustees board about a year ago, replacing Ted Scott.

Reddy and Potter will compete for a six-year term, according to the county elections office.

Seat belts from page A1

Under new laws that took effect March 10, seat belt violations became a primary traffic offense, meaning that police officers no longer need another rea-

son to stop motorists. The law also requires that:

- Children under 4 be placed in a child safety seat.
- Children ages 4 to 16 be

buckled up, no matter where they are seated in a car.

Adults use seat belts if they sit in the front seat.

"Michigan's new safety belt law is intended to prevent injuries and save lives," Brokas said. "And during this coming week, law enforcement officers will be strictly enforcing the law."

Westland's special crackdown will start Wednesday and end June 7, encompassing Memorial Day weekend.

Ten officers will work overtime to watch for seat belt violations, Brokas said. At any given time, as many as six patrol cars will be

solely assigned to the task.

"Michigan law enforcement agencies are uniting for the first major enforcement campaign since the new safety belt law took effect this spring, (in part) focusing on unbuckled children over the upcoming Memorial Day holiday," Brokas said.

According to Westland District Court, the fine for an unbuckled child is \$65; for an adult, \$40.

Brokas cited one 1999 study that touted Westland as Michigan's No. 1 city for buckling up. He said the state commissioned a research team that surveyed intersections in certain cities, including Westland, Livonia, Detroit, Taylor and Dearborn in Wayne County.

Brokas said the study found 69.6 percent of Westland drivers were buckled up.

"That was the highest percentage of the cities they surveyed," Brokas said.

Police officials hope the initiative that starts Wednesday will convince even more drivers and passengers to buckle up.

"Traffic crashes remain the No. 1 cause of death for children in Michigan and nationally," Brokas said. "Surveys have shown that when adults buckle up, children are much more likely to be buckled up."

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Raves are topic of Westland forum Monday night

BY DOUG JOHNSON
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The controversy over teenage "raves" will be the topic of a forum and music presentation in Westland Monday night.

Raves are often large, unauthorized dance parties held in empty buildings. Rarely are they run as approved businesses with zoning and licensing control and a police presence for crowd management. Designer drugs such as GHB and Ecstasy are often sold at these underground events.

Recently a Southgate teen was shot and killed at a rave party in Detroit. Police arrested 90 teens at a rave on Warren in Detroit last summer; kids from Livonia were among those arrested. Just two weeks ago, 100 were cited at a rave in Highland Park.

Monday's meeting will be 7:30 p.m. at the Bailey Center behind the Westland City Hall, 36651 Ford.

A group of parents loosely organized under the name Alternative Productions will present the forum and will speak at the meeting. Parents can contact the group through Sylvia Henderson at (734) 676-1943. The forum will include:

- Visits from local mayors including Robert Thomas of Westland.
- Speakers from the parents group.
- Speakers from D-Town Underground, who will explain different types of techno music. Techno music DJs will play sample music.

- Guest speaker Carol Marvin, CEO of Pop Culture Media, the Detroit-based media and event promoter.
- Speaker Julie Kiedrowsky, a nurse-educator, from the Children's Hospital Poison Control Center.

Bob Kosowski, parks and recreation director for the city of Westland, agreed to let the group use Bailey Center after hearing their anti-rave pitch. "We are always looking for

Monday's meeting will include a presentation about favorite rave music, techno. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Bailey Recreation Center behind city hall.

things for older teens, especially 16 to 19. Right now all we have is sports. We have dances, but they are for younger teens."

"At this point we are just experimenting. We need to do a lot of research, but we are excited about providing something for this age group."

Alternative Productions hopes to schedule a dance event for June.

Kosowski said anything they would do would be a dance, would not be called a rave, would run from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and would be in a safe, secure, controlled environment.

"It will not be some wild event."

Sylvia Henderson said her group wants "clean, safe, local entertaining dance scene for kids 16 and up. This is the age when they socialize the most, but we're tired of the unsafe rave situation in Detroit."

Raves start late at night. They attract large crowds of people in their late teens and early twenties. Raves center around loud music, bright lights and illegal drugs, including nitrous oxide (happy gas), gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and Ecstasy.

Dealers sell happy gas in a balloon. They inflate it to the size of a basketball and charge \$5 to \$20 for a basketball-sized hit of nitrous oxide.

Besides being a haven for drugs, raves are a safety hazard for participants, police said.

Westland firm aids woman with MS

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For Judy Breneman, four inches have made a mile of difference. Those four inches prevented the multiple sclerosis patient from being able to enter her bedroom and bathroom without help, making her feel like a stranger in her own home.

The Canton Century Club donated \$500 and the Plymouth Salvation Army donated \$200 to widen her bedroom, bedroom closet and bathroom doorways from 28 to 32 inches. Dennis Mobile Home Service & Supply of Wayne performed the work.

"It's really just a blessing to be able to do a job and help people get on with their lives," Salvation Army social worker Bill Moritz said of the project.

Joan Noricks, president of the Canton Community Foundation, which formed the Canton Century Club two years ago, said Breneman's gratitude was moving.

"She wrote a thank-you letter that just brought tears to your eyes," Noricks said. "We help people who, for whatever reason, are really just facing a hard time through no cause of their own."

Breneman said the doorway expansion has made her feel like she's back in her own home again.

"It's helped tremendously," Breneman said. "I can't tell you how much it helped. I couldn't get into my bathroom (because) I had to use my walker. I'm not very good with it."

About a month ago, she fell while trying to maneuver into the bathroom on a walker.

"I'm just grateful I didn't break anything," she said.

Breneman, 42, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis about two years ago.

"I got hit real hard," she said of the degenerative central nervous system disease, which is characterized by speech defects, loss of muscular coordination, and in some cases, vision loss.

"It came mildly one day then bam — out of the blue I got attack after attack." Since her diagnosis, she's lost about 95 percent of her sight and has undergone numerous treatments, including plasmapheresis, which attempts to filter out the parts of the blood that cause the immune system to attack itself.

The MS sidelined her from her job at AAA's main office in Dearborn, where she worked in the travel office 3 1/2 years.

"I miss it — I loved my job," she said.

She said she could never have afforded to get the work done herself. Her net monthly income of about \$1,200 comes from Social Security and long-term disability from AAA.

"By the time I pay health benefits, there is no money left over," Breneman said. "I was lucky to get into AAA (because of the) good benefits. Trust me — I'm grateful I have them now."

She's waiting for her insurance company, Heath Alliance Plan, to deliver her motorized wheelchair so she can go outside and use her new wheelchair ramp.

The Multiple Sclerosis Association of America, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan chapter and the Medicaid Waiver Program provided the \$4,000 to build the ramp. The two foundations donated roughly \$500 each and Medicaid provided the rest. Advanced Therapeutic of Westland did the work.

"I'm pretty much just stuck here," she said. "It'll be nice being able to get outside — especially with summer coming."

Breneman's sister, Cheryl Hayes Gassen of Livonia, was instru-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HENKELMAN

Access: Salvation Army Lt. Jim Spencer (left) and social worker Bill Moritz stand with Judy Breneman of Canton at the top of the new wheelchair ramp that will allow the homebound Breneman to get out of the house.

mental in making sure her sister's needs were not ignored. "I kind of became Judy's patient advocate," Hayes Gassen said, adding that she made as many as 700 calls per month on her sister's behalf. "I sort of coordinate everything."

Another project she has helped arrange is getting the Michigan Commission for the Blind to provide rehabilitative services, that could help Breneman work out of her home. The commission would help provide necessary modifications, such as an enlarged computer screen and voice-activated software.

A shop teacher at John Glenn High School has offered to help lower Breneman's kitchen sink, enabling her to use it while in her wheelchair, Hayes Gassen added.

Another family member who has chipped in is Breneman's daughter, Lisa, 19.

"That girl has been there for her mother," Hayes Gassen said of her niece, who works full time and is attending college. Breneman was diagnosed with MS shortly before her daughter's 1998 graduation at John Glenn.

Westland Center to host safety day today

Westland Shopping Center will present a "safety day" today (May 21) from 11 to 6 p.m., with fun displays and activities for children.

A clown will be at the event doing face painting and balloon animals.

Officers from the Westland and Detroit police departments and firefighters from the Westland Fire Department will be on hand to answer questions.

The city of Wayne police canine unit and Detroit Edison will also do safety demonstrations.

Bowling to benefit Vietnam memorial

The Westland and Garden City Jaycee chapters are collaborating with local VFW posts to run a fund-raiser called "Bowling for the Brave" today (May 21) at Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Road.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the effort to build a Vietnam War memorial for service personnel from Michigan.

Michigan is the only state in the nation that does not have its own memorial to service personnel who served in that war. That fact has been hard to swallow for many state Vietnam veterans because Michigan lost 2,630 soldiers and other participants during the war, second only to Ohio.

Ticket prices for the Westland and Garden City event are \$15, which will pay for three games of bowling, shoes and a lunch. There will be plenty of prizes, including those for best game and best score, as well as other raffles and games.

Sign-up begins at 11 a.m. at the door, with the actual bowling beginning at 1 p.m. On-site refreshments will be available to call and order tickets in advance. Reservations for a limited number of bowling lanes.

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WEB SITES OF THE WEEK

Following are from National Geographic Traveler, a magazine. Click on over for a virtual tour.

The National Gallery of Art (www.nga.gov) is a Web site that is superbly done and is considered one of the finest art gallery Web sites in the world. You can "walk" from room to room and check out the exhibits which are part of 5000 works of art. Text is available for more than 100,000 museum holdings; annotations are extensive, literate, and the site contains related sites (links) of interest.

The Detroit Institute of Arts (www.dia.org) is an extremely user friendly site and is quite interactive. It maintains the high standards of the nation's fifth largest arts museum and highlights its American collection and works by Michigan artists. In addition to displaying painting, sculptures and photography the site also shows decorative arts and cultural artifacts.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Chess night will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, in the Faust Reading Room. Amateurs and experts can join in. Participants are encouraged to invite beginners.

INFORMATION CENTRAL

Public Library of Westland

Chess sets available at the Reference Desk or bring your own set; no fees or registration.

INTERNET 101: THE BASICS

To be held 10:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, this class teaches more advanced use of search tools. Join us to learn how to make your searches more effective. Internet computers are reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee, no registration but class size limited.

ADULT READING CLUB

On Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier will be the topic of discussion. Meeting is informal, open forum on noteworthy books. No fees or registration. Call today to reserve a copy of the book.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: CREATION STATION

On Saturday, June 3, from 2-4 p.m. in the children's activity room, boys and girls alike will be digging for cookies, this time with a sports theme. Put your favorite team logo on a cookie or make your own cookie like a ball or a park. Cookies provided, no fees, no registration required.

FRIENDS BIG BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will hold their semi-annual BIG book sale on June 22, 23 and 24. Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up, working at the sale and taking down after. Call Julie Swank, Friends coordinator at 326-1124.

The Friends hold events on the 3rd and 4th Tuesday of each month to discuss local issues and program planning. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

WAYNE-WESTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELECTION 2000

Monday, June 12, Wayne-Westland voters will select two trustees from a field of four candidates for school board. The Westland Observer asked the four to respond briefly to five questions about the district. The schools are governed by a seven member board.



RICHARD EISIMINGER
A Westland resident, he is a real estate broker with a company in Canton and is an incumbent board member, appointed last summer. He is also a licensed builder in Michigan. Married with three children he has been active as a member of the city's board of review, Local Development Finance Authority, Westland Chamber of Commerce, the school's Citizen's Bond Committee, and a teacher and leader at First Baptist Church of Wayne.



MARSHALL P. WRIGHT
An elementary school teacher (substitute) and Westland resident, he is former secretary of the Friends of the Westland library; volunteer at the DIA, and for the Westland playhouse, for Detroit Public Television, for the Goodfellows. He has three children who graduated from Wayne-Westland Schools and holds a bachelor's degree in science and elementary education from Central Missouri State University. He has worked as a social worker.



CINDY SCHOFIELD
A resident of Wayne, she was chair of the Citizen's Bond Committee as well as numerous other Wayne-Westland school groups: PTA at Schweitzer, Schweitzer school improvement team, Durant Bond committee, furniture committee, school improvement, bond construction committee. She is a supporter of Wayne baseball and band, parent liaison of Family Resource Center. Married, she has three sons in the district's schools. She is a John Glenn grad (1976) and a 1978 grad of Rochester College with an degree in business. She works for Norplex Associates, a property management firm.



LEEANNA DENISTON
A Westland resident, she is a homemaker and is active in Autism Society of America, Autism Society of Michigan, and the Arc; attendee at United Cerebral Palsy Association seminar, and received special training at RESA for individual family service plan. She is a member of an adult community theater and is active with Ford Chorus and their select ensemble, Tenpos. She is also a graduate of a special needs program at Michigan Partners in Policy Making that trained her to serve as a community resource for the advocacy of all special needs individuals.

What can be done to boost Wayne-Westland scores on Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests?

I think we can learn to better understand the way the tests are designed so that then we can teach our students better what not to or to do on test days. I can't honestly write that I think we should change this or that because it will take many hours to understand which way is best. But we can take ideas that have worked from other school districts. I am ready to put 4 years of understanding into this MEAP testing. I can suggest some practical strategies for improving scores.

Several approaches can be utilized to improve our MEAP test scores. One such approach I feel is important is the student assessment process. It's through this that valuable information can be obtained and utilized for program development that will best meet the students' academic needs. It is equally important that any program intervention occur in the early years. Other approaches should include the continuation of curriculum upgrading for all subject areas.

One of the keys to better MEAP test scores is improved reading. Strong reading programs, curriculum in line with the Michigan frameworks, and teacher training will bring about improvements. In addition to raw test scores, I would like to see separate scores for students who have been in our district for most of their educational career. I believe that data would provide us with a clearer picture of how we are performing.

I feel we can boost our MEAP scores by identifying at-risk students and providing them with additional tutoring in their weak areas. We can also identify other districts that have made major improvements in standardized testing and try to emulate programs that were successful for them. In the long term, we need to create a classroom environment that challenges our students to excel and helps us train the best and brightest teachers.

The Wayne-Westland school district's budget surplus is expected to be \$10.5 million on June 30, but is declining. What can be done now to avoid a money shortfall in coming years?

Being that I have served on the city's Board of Review since 1992, I have a good understanding on how monies come from taxpayers to schools. Back in 1994 a bill was passed on how monies will fund local school districts, Proposal A. I do feel Proposal A has helped in certain areas; for one, we as a school board will never have to be a campaign committee for raising funds; before "1994" our track record wasn't so good. But we do need to get Lansing to be good to us.

I feel it is vital that we adhere to an established budget, ensure that expenditures are in line with our revenue growth, develop long term financial goals and strategies and create a rainy day fund where possible.

I believe that the district's money shortfall can only be addressed through cost containment and continued lobbying in Lansing to help return us to our pre-Proposal A spending level. This will allow us to continue offering a complete education to our children. This district needs to work smarter, continue to look for grant money and business partnerships for special programs. I don't believe that program cuts or opening our doors to students outside our district are options.

I feel that the best way to budget for the future is by spending wisely today. We need to ask ourselves "Is this purchase best in the long run, or is it a short term Band Aid?" Also, we need to have accurate projections of our long-term expenditure rates and budget our facilities upgrades accordingly.

Should state money be used to provide "vouchers" for students attending private or parochial schools? Why or why not?

No. Until we know where the funds are going to come from to help every student, which is federal law, we should not take from the whole to benefit a few.

I am not in favor of allowing tax dollars to be used to provide vouchers for students attending private or parochial schools. Utilizing tax dollars would increase the potential for future tax increases and decrease the potential for state aid which would further weaken public schools.

State money should not be used to provide vouchers to students attending private or parochial schools. Vouchers drain money from the public school system; therefore harming the majority of students who remain in the public school system. For example, districts are still obligated to provide support services (speech, testing, extra-curricular activities) to students for which they aren't receiving money. Also at issue with parochial schools is the separation of church and state.

I could support vouchers if a solid business case showed that the real long-term effect would be an improvement in public education due to reduced costs and improved services for our students. I would not support a program that would serve no other purpose than to gut local schools and programs.

Do you believe that Wayne-Westland schools provide a safe environment for students and staff? What more, if anything, can be done to guard against potential violence?

I do believe we have safe schools, but in this day and age you never know and who knows what is in the mind of some of our students. We can become better aware as teachers and administrators and counselors to watch for any warning signs, also to get our staff to learn more about these signs. My faith teaches that humans on their own will do things that are bad and sometimes myself or anyone else can't stop these bad things from happening.

Having attended school board meetings regularly over the last several years, I feel that the school boards during these times have addressed matters of safety in a just and fair manner according to policy. I cannot comment on the effectiveness of procedures that are currently in place within the schools at this time. However, once elected, student safety will continue to be my main priority.

As a mother I want all children to be safe but unfortunately we live in a violent society. We struggle with providing a safe environment without creating a jail. I believe our administrators take appropriate steps anytime a threat - either real or imagined - comes to their attention. Attention to locked building doors, emergency plans, training to recognize danger signs, and outside phone lines through out the building will help prevent and deal with potential problems.

I feel that our schools are safer than some other districts that have been in the news recently, but there is room for improvement. We can improve safety by encouraging more parental involvement, developing a sense of school "ownership" within our students and continuing enforcement of zero tolerance policies.

Why should voters choose you for a school board seat? Why do you stand out as a candidate?

Being a long time resident (35 years) and living in Wayne-Westland School District my entire life, folks who know me know how passionate I am about this city and W-W schools. With my experience in taxes, assessing, business, problem solving, construction, family, board meetings, corporations, land developing, budgeting, brokering real estate, business ownership and supervision I feel I can make the right decisions to keep this school district moving in the right direction.

I believe I possess the necessary qualification skills and experience that will help to improve our school district not only for the children but the community as well.

As a parent I have a vested interest in the success of our district. My involvement with various building and district committees, as a classroom volunteer, and as a leader of the Citizen's Bond Committee gives me insight on the strengths and weaknesses of our district. I grew up here, I've been here through good times and bad, and I believe that only with positive focus can we move forward into the 21st Century.

I would be a great school board member because I am a concerned and driven parent. I have a desire to be part of the solution instead of the problem, and I am a strong advocate for our children. Additionally, as a newcomer to Westland's political scene, I have no ties or obligations to the current political system. The voters can be confident that I am more concerned with working for our kids than networking in preparation for a City Council bid.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT W. COOK
Services for Robert Cook, 53, of Westland were May 17 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton.
Mr. Cook was born Aug. 21, 1946, in Dearborn, and died May 12, in Westland. He was an architect.
Surviving are his son, Robert Cook of Miami, Fla.; daughter, Christine Cook of Coral Gables, Fla.; mother, Norma Cook of Westland; sister, Suzanne Wall of Westland; nephew, Michael Mort of Springdale, Ariz. and niece, Tiffane Rusche of Dallas, Texas.
Memorials may be made to American Heart Association-West Metro Region, P.O. Box

721129 Berkley, MI 48072-0129.
KEITH G. ELKINS
A memorial service for Keith Elkins, 42, of Garden City was held May 19 in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Westland.
Mr. Elkins was born Aug. 12, 1957, in Detroit, and died May 16, 2000, at his residence. He was a salesman at JCPenney. He was a graduate of John Glenn High School.
Surviving are his wife, Martha; daughter, Heidi; parents, Arthur and Gail Elkins of Westland; brother, Jeff Elkins; sister, Michelle Talerico; and three nieces.
PATRICIA A. HASKINS

Services for former Livonia resident Patricia Haskins, 58, of Novi were held May 19 in St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Karen Lewis.
Mrs. Haskins was born Jan. 2, 1942, in Detroit, and died May 16, 2000, in Novi.
She worked for Link Engineering in Plymouth for five years as a mechanical detailer (CAD), computer aided draftsman. She came to Plymouth from Livonia in 1980 and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.
Mrs. Haskins was a member of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. She loved gardening, music and family gatherings.
Surviving are her sons, Robert Haskins and Timothy Haskins both of Canton; daughters, Monique (Michael) O'Callaghan

of Canton, Danielle (Todd) Schroeder Sr. of Novi and Karie (Christopher) Mielke of Westland; mother, Joan Kraus; and three grandchildren.
Mrs. Haskins was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and father, Charles.
Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075-5200.
Arrangements were made by Schrager-Howell Funeral Home.
FRANK J. KUBIK
Services for Frank Kubik, 87, of Canton were held May 19 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.
Mr. Kubik was born Sept. 5,

1912, and died May 16, 2000, in Ypsilanti. He was a draftsman and a member of Wayne Lodge No. 112 F. & A.M.
Surviving are his son, Ronald (Sandra); daughter, Judy (Gary) Rosenthal; five grandchildren, Sheryl (Dan) Spagnoletti, Karen (Scott) Yarkowsky, Cathleen (John) Cook, Lisa Rosenthal and Steven Rosenthal; and five great-grandchildren.
There are members of Mr. Kubik's family residing in Livonia and Westland.
Mr. Kubik was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen.
Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.
AMERICO ZUANI
Services for Americo Zuani, 87, of Westland were held May 20 in St. John The Baptist Church,

Dearborn Heights, with burial at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township. Officiating was the Rev. Edwin W. Balazy.
Mr. Zuani was born Jan. 3, 1913, in Udini, Italy, and died May 17, in Dearborn. He was a maintenance employee.
Surviving are his wife, Filomena; daughter, Ann Marie Timoszyk; sons-in-law, Thomas Timoszyk and Thomas Rintz; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
Mr. Zuani was preceded in death by his daughter, Dolores Rintz.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or Karmanos Cancer Institute.
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State House puts gun safety bills on fast track

BY MIKE MALOTT
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State House Speaker Chuck Perricone is putting his "Family Safety" legislation — a controversial mix of gun safety measures and a prohibition that blocks cities from suing firearms makers — on the fast track for passage this spring.

The cornerstone bill in the 20-piece package, House Bill 5781, has already received a 10-4 committee vote recommending approval. Unveiled just last month and introduced May 11, the bill won approval from the House's Committee on Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, May 17, and has already reached second reading on the House floor. Rep. Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, said he hopes representatives approve it before summer recess.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, would require that trigger locks be included in all sales of guns in Michigan. It would also make owners liable, civilly and criminally, if the gun falls into the hands of a youngster.

What makes the piece controversial is that it also would block municipal governments from suing gun manufacturers, as Detroit and Wayne County have already done. That suit alleges

that gun makers are engaging in "willful blindness" to the illegal distribution of their products. Because of the suit, the city and county have already won concessions from some manufacturers. But if passed, the bill would reserve authority for such lawsuits to the state Attorney General. And the pending Detroit/Wayne case would be affected.

A spokesperson for Perricone argued that the purpose behind the bill is to put all Michigan communities on an equal footing when dealing with gun manufacturers. Fourteen states have similar restrictions on such suits, he said.

Other state Republicans have

criticized the Detroit/Wayne County case, saying the suit is inappropriate because no product defect is alleged.

The "family safety" package devised by Perricone is a response in part to the shooting of a 6-year-old girl in Mt. Morris by a classmate earlier this year, but it covers more than just guns. It also:

- Increases the number of school counselors (HB 5740, by Rep. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores).
- Implements school firearm safety policies (HB 5693, by Rep. Larry Julian, R-Lennon).
- Requires day-care employee

background checks (HB 5741-5742, Reps. Gary Woronchak, R-Dearborn, and Jennifer Faunce, R-Warren).

- Gives the Family Independence Agency access to the Central Registry to complete those criminal background checks (HB 5743, by Rep. Janet Kukuk, R-Macomb).
- Raises the minimum age to buy guns at gun shows (HB 4647, by Rep. Raymond Basham, D-Taylor).
- Creates civil liability for unsafe firearm storage (HB 5747, by Rep. Jim Koetje, R-Grandville).
- Creates criminal liability for unsafe firearm storage (HBs

5745-5746, by Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield).

- Requires mental health assessments of students caught abusing animals or setting fires (Senate Bill 754, Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance).
- Provides \$1 million in grants for distribution of trigger locks to current gun owners through local municipalities and the state police.
- Includes \$48.4 million for day care in impoverished neighborhoods; \$3.67 million for 50 more Child Protective Services workers in the FLA, and \$45 million for early childhood intervention programs.



Duggan calls bills 'outrage,' will pursue county suit

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County expects to go to court "within a year" in its \$400 million lawsuit against gun manufacturers and dealers who knowingly sell weapons to felons and minors.

That was the word Friday from Michael Duggan, the county's deputy executive, who also called a bill sponsored by state House Republicans that would curb such suits "an outrage."

"We are winning this case and the Republicans in Lansing want to pass a law to cancel our lawsuit," said Duggan.

"We showed them (an undercover) videotape of dealers in western Wayne County" selling

weapons knowingly to either minors or felons "and some Republicans voted to give immunity" to the dealers.

Duggan said state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, was among those voting on the issue.

The House bill has been sent by the committee on constitutional law and ethics, of which Patterson is a member, to the House floor.

"We're not saying manufacturers and dealers are responsible every time somebody shoots somebody" with a weapon they sold, Duggan said. "But they're responsible when they illegally sell to kids and felons."

"The number that is the most critical" in understanding the

lawsuit, Duggan said, is that "in the last 10 years in Wayne County," some 6,000 teenagers under age 16 were arrested while possessing concealed weapons. That number includes 1,000 suburban teens, he added.

"When we looked into how they were getting these guns, we found they were going to regular gun stores and taking along friends who are 21 to sign the papers," Duggan said.

Dealers could be heard on the undercover tapes acknowledging the law was being violated, he said.

"That's what the lawsuit is about," Duggan said. "We're going to keep on having kids with guns if no one stops" the dealers who sell at retail and the

manufacturers who don't stop selling to those dealers.

Duggan also warned the 35 defendants in the suit, which charges them with "willful negligence," not to try any more delaying tactics.

"They have engaged in one delay tactic after another," including trying to move the case to federal court, said Duggan.

"We're fed up with the delays," he said, adding the county is "going to vigorously contest" any future delays.

In fact, said Duggan, he will personally file and argue against the defendants' motion for a stay pending the outcome of their

appeal of the decision which allowed both Wayne County and the city of Detroit to proceed with the gun suits.

Circuit Judge Jeanne Stempfen made the decision on Tuesday by denying a motion from gun manufacturers and dealers to dismiss the lawsuit filed last year.

The judge also allowed a similar suit filed by Detroit to advance.

"Our case is on a faster track" and should get to court first, said Duggan of the county's lawsuit.

Pursues suit: Michael Duggan said the county will be "in court" within a year on its gun lawsuits.

Schoolcraft offers class, 'Oh, for a good night's sleep'

If counting sheep is not helping you get to sleep, Schoolcraft College offers *Oh! For a Good Night's Sleep*, a class designed to examine sleep disorders and what you can do to correct them. The one-day class is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, for a \$5 fee.

"We are a sleep-sick society," said Dr. Bert Rabinowitz, medical director at Botsford Hospital's Sleep Therapy Clinic and

course instructor. "Fifty percent of the population with chronic insomnia can't fall asleep, and the other half can't stay awake."

Rabinowitz said estimates are that between 12 and 15 million people have sleep apnea, the condition characterized by loud snoring and periods of no respiration. "It's a universal issue with broad implications," he said.

"What happens to these people with sleep problems? What is the effect on driving, working with heavy machinery or piloting a plane?"

According to Rabinowitz, sleep problems are related to hypertension, coronary diseases and other medical problems. "Doctors are just beginning to ask questions about sleep problems, tiredness and fatigue. Most of

the time spouses are the whistle blowers when it comes to snoring. Usually there is a cause for snoring. It is the first tip-off to a whole string of questions, and it is treatable."

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Fund-raiser backs Glenn band

The McDonald's at 34900 Warren Road (across from Westland Shopping Center) will host a fund-raiser for the John Glenn High School Rocket marching band on Wednesday, May 31.

A portion of sales of food and beverages bought from 5 to 7 p.m. will be donated to the Glenn band. Proceeds are used for band camp, instructions, music and drill fees.

Select members of the band will be in the parking lot performing for customers.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Wayne-Westland Community School District will receive sealed Request for Quotation (RFQ) Packets until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, June 1, 2000, for:

Asbestos Abatement at Wayne Memorial High School

All Requests For Quotation Packets must be mailed or delivered to Wayne-Westland Community School District:

Format: All Request for Quotation Packets shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled as outlined below.

Mail To: SEALED BID: ASBESTOS
Wayne Memorial High School - Summer 2000
Attn: Purchasing Department
Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184

All Requests For Quotation Packets must be received by Wayne-Westland Community School District no later than:

Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, June 1, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184

Format: All official hard copy Request for Quotation Packets must be received prior to the date and time specified in order to be accepted.

All Requests For Quotation Packets will be publicly opened:

Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, June 1, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184

Format: Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Complete Bid Tabulations will be faxed to all plan holders by Friday, June 2, 2000. The Owner and Owner's Representatives request that no Bidders call for bid results prior to Thursday, June 1, 2000. Bid results will also be available at www.health-air.com.

Wayne-Westland Community School District intends to award all projects at:

Event: Board of Education Meeting - early June, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184

A General Pre-Bid Examination will be held to review and answer questions relating to the projects:

Time: 4:00 p.m. Local Time on Monday, May 22, 2000
At: Wayne Memorial High School
First Floor Cafeteria
3001 Fourth Street
Wayne, Michigan 48184

Note: Project locations will be reviewed at the request of Bidders, following the Pre-Bid Examination. All Bidders will be required to sign-in during the initial meeting, which will cover general bidding topics.

Directions: Wayne Memorial High School is located on the southeast corner of Fourth and Glenwood. Parking is available in front of the building (Glenwood side). Please check in with the Main Office for directions to the First Floor Cafeteria.

Schedule: The format of the Pre-Bid Examination will be an initial presentation on the bidding process and the scope of work at each campus building. An overview of the scope of work for each building will be presented and the general project requirements and project dates will be reviewed. The Pre-Bid Examination will last approximately 1 hour. In addition to the Pre-Bid Examination, a representative of healthAIR, inc. will be at the building for the scheduled three hour periods. The building specific reviews at the listed times are not required, but are encouraged, and are for informational purposes only:

Time	Date	Building
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 24, 2000	Wayne Memorial High School
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 30, 2000	Wayne Memorial High School

Questions Regarding Project Specifications:

All questions regarding the Project Specifications should be addressed to:

Mr. Jeff Heydaneck, healthAIR, inc.
Office: (734) 451-0760
Mobile: (734) 6787-4771

Mr. Scott Staber, healthAIR, inc.
Office: (734) 451-0760
Mobile: (734) 678-4778

All official changes and interpretations to the Project Specifications will be made via addenda only. Bidders are encouraged to fax all questions regarding the specifications, bidding procedures, etc. to healthAIR, inc. inc: (734-451-1565).

Building/Site Visits:

All Bidders must check in with the building office as soon as they reach the building. Unless noted or allowed by Wayne-Westland Community School District, building/site visits will only be permitted after school hours (after 3:45 p.m.). Buildings are generally open until 10:30 p.m.

Project Specification Documents:

Project Specification Documents will be available at the Pre-Bid Examination on May 22, 2000. Project Specification Documents can also be picked up by visiting healthAIR, inc.'s office at 496 West Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 102, Plymouth, Michigan, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting Monday, May 22, 2000. Project Specification Documents will not be provided by healthAIR, inc. to the following advertising agencies: Dodge Daily Reports, Daily Construction Reports and Construction Association of Michigan. Specifications will not be mailed to Bidders unless pre-paid with postage.

There is a non-refundable \$30.00 charge for the Project Specification Documents. All checks should be made payable to "healthAIR, Inc." Bidders desiring more than one (1) set of documents may obtain additional sets for the amount noted above up to a maximum of three (3) sets. Specifications will be mailed to Bidders upon receipt of pre-payment of the non-refundable charge plus \$10.00 for shipping and handling.

Bonding Requirements:

Wayne-Westland Community School District requires that all bidders submit a Bid Bond in accordance with the requirements summarized below and that all selected Contractors submit Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds in accordance with the requirements summarized below:

Bid Bond Amount:

5%

Requirements: The Bidder shall submit the required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, a Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The Bid Security shall be submitted with the understanding that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a formal contract with the Owner and that the required Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds (as listed below and fully detailed in the General Conditions section) will be provided by the Contractor. The Bid Security obliges Wayne-Westland Community School District. Bidders shall agree not to withdraw proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid due date.

Performance Bond & Labor and Material Payment Bonds

Amount: 100%

Requirements: The accepted Contractor will be required to furnish, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan.

Additional Information for Bidders:

All applicable insurance policies (including asbestos specific) will be required of each accepted Bidder. Bidders must submit copies of the Contractor's current State of Michigan Asbestos Abatement License. This project is not tax exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. Prevailing wages are required for this project.

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AHERA Project Designer



Sampling: Ninth graders Jillian Brown of Plymouth (left) and Amanda Smith of Westland check for nitrates from water samples from the Rouge River



River bottom: Joshua Meyer (left to right) of Redford, Deanna Schuman of Detroit and Marisa Babbitt of Plymouth look for living organisms. Performing the Benthics test, the students were trying to find out what kind of organisms live in the Rouge.

Wayne/Westland School District Westland, Michigan 48336

SECTION 00010 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Bid Package #10: John Glenn High School Additions & Remodeling Project

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Thursday, June 15, 2000, at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

Bid Division Description
102 Asphalt
103 Selective Demolition
104 Concrete Footings & Foundations
105 Concrete Flatwork
106 Masonry
107 Steel
108 Carpentry & General Trades
109 Roofing/Sheetmetal
112 Caulking
113 Hollow Metal, Wood Doors & Finish Hardware (Supply)
114 Aluminum Windows, Entrances, Glass & Glazing
115 Metal Studs/Drywall/E.I.F.S.
116 Hard Tile
117 Acoustical Treatment
118 Carpet & Resilient Flooring
120 Painting
120A Electrostatic painting
122 Signage
123 Operable Partitions
124 Wood Flooring
125 Toilet Partitions
126 Metal Lockers
127 Fixed Audience Seating
128 Prefabricated Case Work & Countertops
129 Passenger Elevator Modifications (Alternate)
130 Window Treatments
136 Telescoping Bleachers
138 Stage Curtains, Rigging & Tracks
140 Plumbing
142 HVAC
143 Electrical
144 Auditorium Seating
148 Landscaping

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McS/EV, 25960 West Five Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48239, the PW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield, the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain one (1) set of bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, McS/EV, at (313) 535-8213. (Note: Bidders are issued 1/4 size plans. Plan scales are to be adjusted accordingly.) Additional plans may be ordered and purchased directly from Dunn Blue Reprographics Technology, (248) 353-2950. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McS/EV. The bid division(s) being bid is (are) to be identified on the outside of the envelope. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Wednesday, May 31, 2000 @ 2:30 P.M. at the John Glenn High School cafeteria. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

Rouge

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"This a worthwhile project because it is doing real science," Grosinske said. "The river is right in their own back yard. Some of the students found out for the first time about the Rouge River."

The project relates to other things the students study, such as geography and politics, and shows the pupils the importance of community involvement, Grosinske said.

Grosinske, a Westland resident, had been involved in the project for 11 years. He hasn't really seen a dramatic improvement in the water.

"It's a better looking river, cleaner. Many of the eyesores are gone. But we are still concerned about water quality," Grosinske said.

Here is a summary of the testing process:

The chemistry of the river is measured for nine things based on a model from the National Sanitation Foundation. The measures produce a water quality index of 0-100. Tests include checks for E. coli (fecal matter), pH levels, temperature, and the presence of phosphates and nitrates.

The biology of the river is measured by counting aquatic insects and their larvae from samples of water and the stream bed. Kristen Bojesen, education director for the project, said the biology samples "indicate the health of the water systems."

"Certain organisms can tolerate and survive pollution and some cannot," she said.

The physical measurement of the river includes checking velocity, width, depth, habitat health and nearby land use patterns, Bojesen said.

Bojesen said full results should be available on the Web site in a few days.

The project is closely related to the Rouge Rescue project begun 15 years ago. Rouge cleanup is June 3, and will include the Rouge watershed as well as the Detroit, Clinton and Huron rivers, hence this year's umbrella title RiverDay.

The education project for schools began in 1987 with 16 schools.

Frost Middle School in Livonia will host a student congress as an "ending event" for this year's Rouge Education Project on Wednesday, May 31, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Students can display Rouge-related projects and will break into small groups to react to and reflect upon what they learned.

Clerk

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In the wake of Friday's developments, Seaberg's office will check the 321 pages of petitions against voter-registration records to determine whether the citizens group has collected enough valid signatures to have the issue placed on a ballot.

Thomas Brown, former Westland mayor, council member and state representative, joined other citizens Friday at City Hall. He said he had supported an elected clerk's position even when the city charter was being drafted.

Westland has been a city since 1966.

"I think the clerk is the people's record-keeper and should be elected by the people," Brown said. "It shouldn't be up to the council to appoint the clerk. It gets to where they have too much control, and it shouldn't be that way."

Gracin said she believes voters will approve an elected clerk ballot measure.

"I'm 100 percent certain," she said. "Everybody wants to vote for their city clerk."

Supporters applauded Gracin as she turned in the petitions Friday, culminating a drive that started in late February.

The measure calls for the clerk to be elected starting in November 2001. Some of Gibbons' supporters have expressed hope that she will campaign for the job.

However, Gibbons has entered this year's 18th District state House race as the sole Republican candidate. In the November election, she will face one of two council members, Westland Councilman Glenn Anderson, one of her biggest supporters as clerk, or Councilwoman Sharon Scott, who voted to fire her.

Scholarships encourage future teachers

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
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Six Class of 2000 graduates from western Wayne County recently got some heavy-duty encouragement toward their stated goal of becoming teachers.

And the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) believes it's taken a significant step toward its goal of bringing "the best and brightest to the teaching profession" in the county.

The six teenagers were among 34 students - one from each of the county's school districts - to be awarded \$10,000 college scholarships as part of an innovative program by RESA.

Those from western Wayne County named as Flanagan Scholars - in honor of Mike Flanagan of Plymouth, RESA superintendent whose family was a major contributor to the scholarship fund - were Jason Glenn Canfield of Garden City; Matthew Richard Miga, Livonia Stevenson; Kristie Jill Good, Plymouth-Salem; Marc Allen Hansen, Redford Union; Monica Jayne Zuzow, Redford Thurston; and Michelle Sneed of Wayne Memorial.

In addition, one college undergraduate pursuing an education



Canfield



Good



Hansen



Miga



Sneed



Zuzow

degree and three adults interested in changing to teaching careers also received scholarships of \$2,500 per year.

The scholarships were presented May 11 at the RESA Center in the city of Wayne by Flanagan during RESA's annual Future Teachers Scholarship Program.

To qualify as Flanagan Scholars, students had to be Wayne County residents with the stated intent of becoming teachers while attending a four-year college or university in Michigan; have a 3.0 grade-point, or B, average or better; demonstrate significant community service and leadership activities; and have three recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, administrators, community leaders and/or current or past employers.

They also were required to

write an essay on "Why great teachers are needed in our communities."

The program aims to meet Wayne County's need for teachers, estimated at 10,000 in the next five to eight years. Nearly half of the county's 23,000 teachers are expected to retire by 2005.

This past year, more than 1,500 classrooms - 30,000 students - needed a new teacher to start the school year, according to RESA statistics.

Dr. Phyllis Robinson, director of learning services for RESA, said the response to the scholarship competition "was tremendous" with "a significant number of applications" among the more than 800 coming from high school students entering college next year and also from undergrads.

"Most surprising to us," she said, "was the significant number of applications from professional adults who are interested in changing careers and using their knowledge in the classroom."

The Ford Motor Co. Fund of Dearborn and The Ronald Palmer Family Foundation of Taylor led the way as \$100,000 donors.

Other local-area contributors included the RESA computer services staff; Barbara Stuart of Wayne; Botsford Health Care Continuum of Farmington Hills and its president, Gerson I. Cooper; and URS of Farmington.

Schoolcraft offers trade certificate class

To help area businesses become more competitive in the international market, Schoolcraft College offers an international trade certificate program beginning June 6. The program, through Schoolcraft's Business Development Center, provides real-world training and applications in courses and seminars taught by global trade experts. Sessions focus on developing entrepreneurs and translating international business strategy into long-term goals.

Michigan's annual overseas exports have increased steadily and recently crossed the \$30 billion mark. According to statistics, nearly 97 percent of U.S. firms that export are small businesses, while these businesses account for nearly 31 percent of total U.S. export sales.

To learn about your business's potential for exporting, attend the following sessions:

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■ June 13 and 14, International Finance
■ June 20 and 21, International Logistics
■ June 27, Cross Cultural Communications
■ July 4, Foreign Government Sales
■ July 11, Trade Agreements/Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade

All sessions are offered from 9 a.m. until noon. The program includes country-specific seminars for Canada/Mexico, June 29 and Poland, July 18.

Students may earn a Certificate of Achievement by attending all of the core seminars, plus one of the country-specific electives. Registration for all core sessions plus one country-specific session is \$600. Registration for individual sessions is \$90.

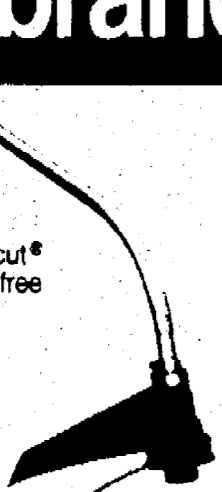
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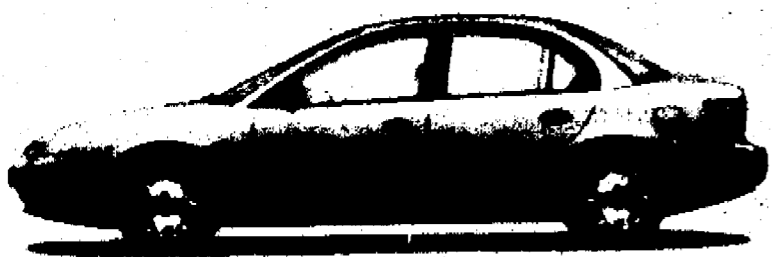
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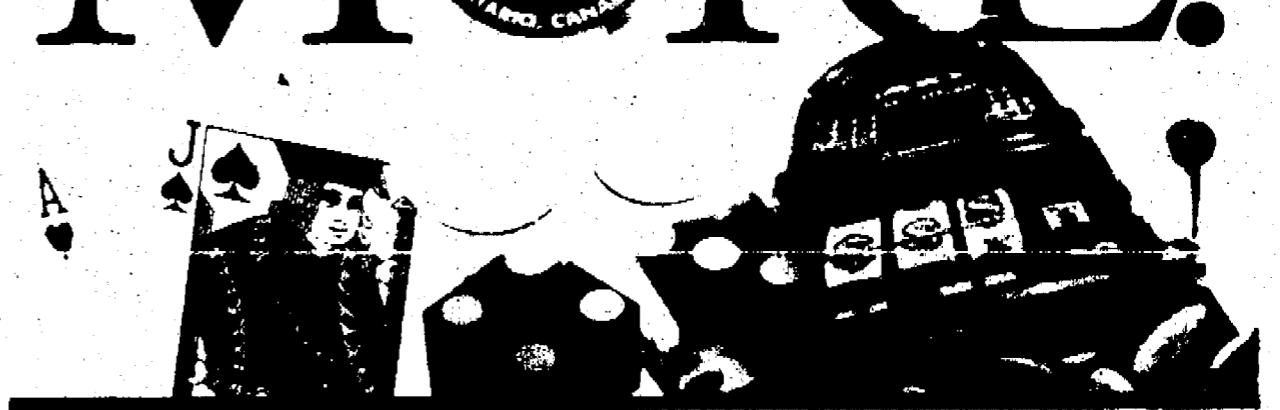
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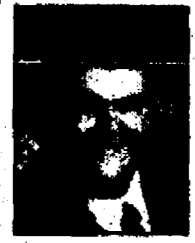
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Love, Mom, Dad, Beth and Amy



Tommy,
As you pursue your dreams, follow your heart, wherever it may lead!
Dream, Believe, Achieve!
With Love, Mom and Dad



"Lisa Cunningham Drumm"
Lisa, you finally made it! Congratulations - College Graduate Year 2000 U of M - Dearborn
Love, Mom, Dad, Amanda & Ryan



Matt,
Congratulations on your graduation and all your accomplishments, we are so proud of you! Good luck on the rest of your life.
Love, Mom, Dad and Katie



Julie, A Rose for remembrance - from a delightful young daughter to a college graduate. Congratulations - My greatest wish for you - always find happiness, success and contentment in attaining your dreams. I am so proud of all your honors and the special daughter you are.
Love Mom



Ryan,
Life is reaching out for all that you have to offer. Fill those hands with all of your goals and dreams! We are always behind you in everything you do proud, happy and full of love for you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Missy, Gram & Grams, Gram Wasko & Your entire family!!



Dale,
I'm so proud of you. You're the greatest!
Congratulations
Love, Aunt Nancy



Congratulations, Tony, CMU Graduate
We knew you could do it. We are all very proud of you! Oh, the places you'll go!
Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Kim, on your degree in Cellular & Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
We are all so proud of you!
Aunt JoAnne, Gary, Kelly, Gary Jr. & Karie and Keith, Carol, Ross & Leah



Dear Paul,
We have always been so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Your great personality and deep compassion towards others makes you a very special young man. With these qualities you can't help but be successful in everything you do. We will always be there to support you. May your future be full of love, happiness and success. Thank you for being a wonderful son and brother.
All our Love, Dad, Mom, Sherouzar, Anthony, Samara and Scott



Hey Kevin -
You always are #1 with us!
Congratulations -
You made it!! Have a GREAT life. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Kari



Dear Paul,
CONGRATULATIONS!!!
We are so proud of you. You are a very special nephew. We wish you a successful, bright and happy future.
Love, Aunt Armeny, Uncle Charles and Uncle Sandy



Claire and Mollie,
You are amazing daughters. Who have been a joy to raise. We are behind you all the way!
Love, Mom and Dad



Iori,
I am so proud of all you have accomplished and of all your hopes and dreams for the future.
You are a special girl!
Love, Mom



Nicole,
You have spoiled us with boundless joy and soaring pride. Good luck at CMU. Remember how much you are loved.
Love, Mom & Dad



Sarah, You worked so hard for the states and you did it. Congratulations! CHS Pom. It's TIGIT!
Wherever you go, whatever you do, we know you'll succeed.
Love & Happiness Always Mom, Jeff, Jason & Granny



Derek,
Congratulations - SHS Class of 2000! We are so proud and happy for you! May your future be filled with continued success, good health and happiness.
Love, Mom, Dad and Andra



Veronica,
You made it! We are so proud of you!
Love, Your little sister Tina & Charlie



Kristie,
Congratulations!
All your hard work has paid off and we are so proud of you. Good luck & remember your dreams can come true.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Katie



Sara,
Congratulations on your graduation. You have always made us so proud! The world awaits your talent and great sense of humor.
Love, Mom, Dad and Ryan



Move Over World. Here comes Daedra,
You have worked hard for a Hearty Congratulations. So proud of you.
Blessed to be, Your Grandma Watt



Congratulations Laura,
We're very proud of you. Hope your future is very bright.
Love, Mom, Doug, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins & all that love you!



Ryan,
We're so very proud of our Catholic Central Graduate!
Good luck at Central Michigan University!
Love, Mom, Ed, your Family & Porsche



Joe
You did it and we're so proud!
Congratulations
Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah, Allyson & Pete



Angela and Marta,
We are very proud of what fine young ladies you have become. Double the blessings. Double the fun. Remember Proverbs 3:18.
Love, Mom and Dad



John MacFarland,
You have come a long way, babe... just look at you now!
Love, Mom, Dad, Will, Amy, Dave and Chris



Congratulations, Jessica!
We are proud of your success at Troy High. 4.0. way to go!! Take your smile, your great attitude and success will follow you at U of M. Remember that no one can forget your beautiful, blue eyes.
Good luck, Mom, Dad and Paul



Debby -
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Love & Kisses, Your Loving Family



Jason,
Congratulations
Now, go capture the world with your talent and your smile.
Love, Mom and Dad



WAY TO GO BRANDY!
To be successful, live your own life but to thyself always be true. We are so proud of our honor student! Lead us into the future!
Love always, Dad, Mom, and Krista



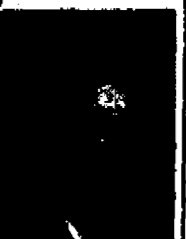
Elizabeth,
We encouraged & supported you through Colonguard, NHS, Key Club and Christian Club. We'll wait as you leave for Germany in the fall. We love you & are very proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Sarah,
This day has finally come. Enjoy everything the world has to offer you. We couldn't be prouder.
Good luck in college. You'll be great!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Ashley



Joshua R. Pado
Congratulations. It has been quite a struggle, but you persevered and made it. We are extremely proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad and Juliette



Lester,
Happy Graduation!
We're proud of you. Stay focused, Remember the Word and keep God in your life.
Success is yours for the taking. Love, Mom and Dad



Justin,
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We're very proud of you! Good luck at Michigan Technological University.
Love, Dad and Denise



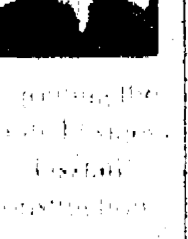
Eric,
You finally did it! We are very proud of you. You have become a very handsome young man with a good head on your shoulders. With your determination & personality, we know you will succeed in whatever you endeavor.
Love, Dad & Mom



Matt,
Congratulations to our son at Central Michigan University.
Love, Mom, Dad, Megan and Grandma



Boris Uszhan
Michigan State University
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Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Grandma



SC's Briggs may leave for new job

Heard it through the grapevine.

•Carlos Briggs' marvelous three-year run at Schoolcraft College could soon be over.

Briggs, 74-19 overall with one state championship and one conference title under his belt, is mulling over an offer to become an assistant coach at Western Illinois University.

Two SC guards, Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) and Gilbert Mitchell (Detroit Cody), recently signed NCAA letters-of-intent with the Leathernecks, a member of the Mid-Continent Conference and located in Macomb, Ill.

Briggs, who led the nation in scoring when he was a guard during his days at SC, is certainly ready to become a Division I assistant coach.

But he certainly has plenty to offer at the junior college level as he's already proven, too. He helped produce All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference player Kevin Melson (Wright State). And recently 6-4 forward Robert Brown signed with Buffalo.

He's produced quality players as well as students. When was the last time a half dozen Schoolcraft men's basketball players walked together through graduation exercises?

Briggs has a banner recruiting class coming in this year led by Eastern Kentucky transfer Sam Hoskins (Redford Bishop Burgess), who led the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 15 points and nine rebounds.

He also snared North Farmington's 6-6 Emir Medunjanin, along with Hillsdale transfer Colin Wilkinson.

Next year's SC team has the potential to go to the NJCAA Nationals, especially after playing No. 3 finisher Vincennes (Ind.) so tough this year in the Region 12 semifinals.

Losing Briggs would be huge loss Schoolcraft, but a great gain for any Division I program.

A decision may be forthcoming sometime this week.

Stay tuned.

•Speaking of assistant coaches, I'm puzzled by Eastern Michigan's hiring of River Rouge's LaMonta Stone.

True, Stone is a nice guy who coached Rouge to the 1999 state Class B title, but he was also banned from the 1998 state tournament for MHSAA rules violations.

The recent success of the Rouge program was built on transfers from other districts. How will it play when Stone walks in to talk with a coach whose student left his school to play at River Rouge?

Not well, I think.

Then, EMU also gets rid of Milton Barnes after he goes 15-13. His top recruit, Jason Moorhead, one of the top JUCO players in the state, was released from his scholarship by new coach Jim Boone. Moorhead wasn't projected into the player rotation.

Go figure. Maybe new EMU A.D. Dave Diles, who promises to build a winner in football and basketball while beefing up sagging attendance, can provide us some answers.

His most significant move to date is dropping men's soccer and men's tennis in order to fall in line with gender equity guidelines.

•Speaking of MHSAA rules violations, it appears Stevenson All-State junior soccer player Lindsay Gusick could miss up to the first three games of the girls state tournament.

Gusick is headed to Texas over Memorial Day weekend to represent the U.S. developmental team in an international tournament.

There's a problem, however.

Gusick's participation in the outside tourney is not sanctioned by the MHSAA.

The MHSAA, though, waived another trip by an ODP team to play this spring in Europe. It was the only outside tournament sanctioned.

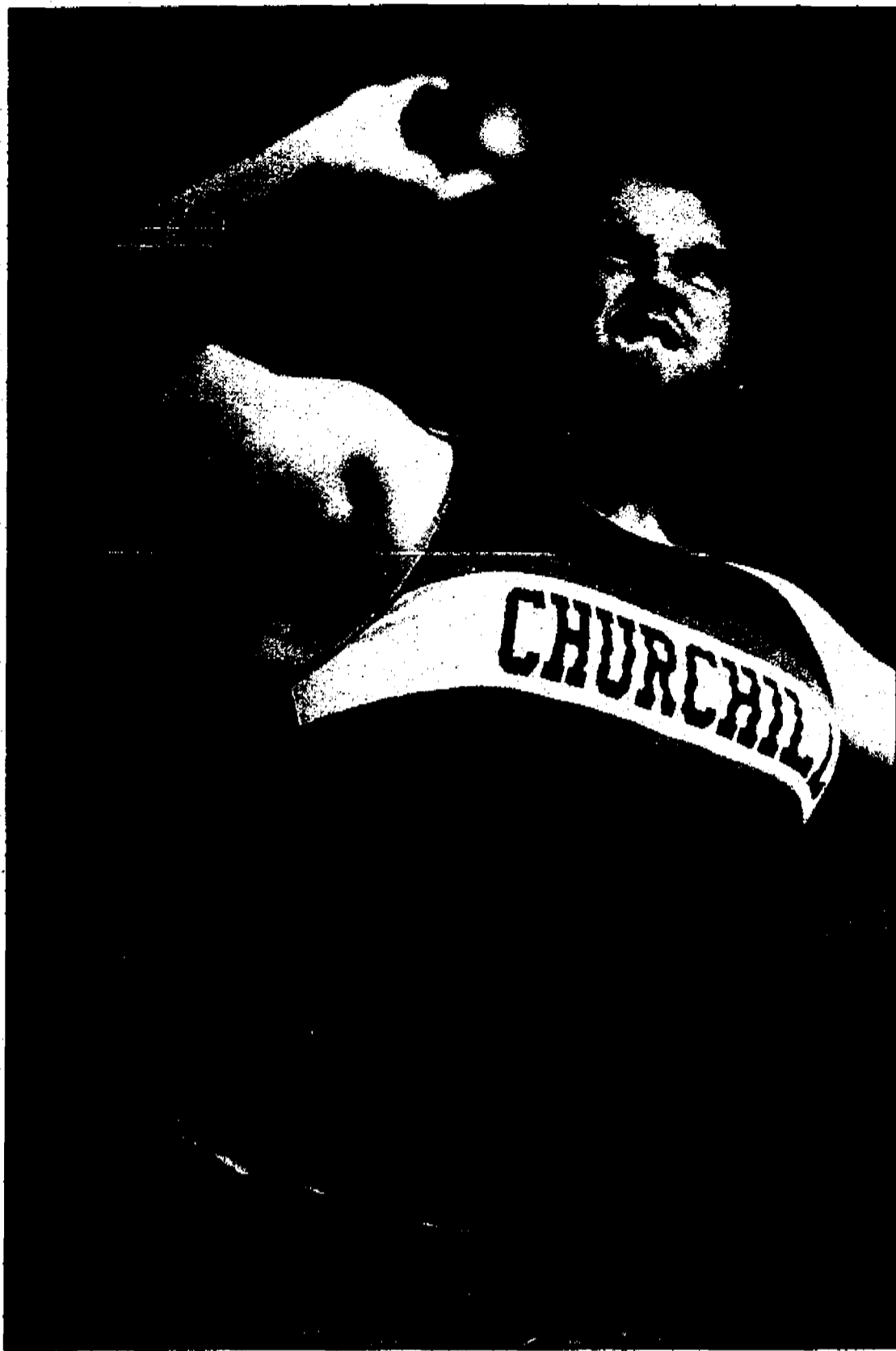
I applaud the MHSAA for trying to set rules as far as outside participation during the season because there's always somebody out there trying to get an edge.

Gusick is representing the U.S. and that should weigh heavily, but the U.S. Youth Soccer Association is also at fault. This, I believe, could have been avoided with some advance leg-work.

USYSA, you see, is under the aus-

Please see EMONS COLUMN, B3

Cass rules boys track regional



Long heave: Livonia Churchill's Mike Gaura captured the shot put with a throw of 53 feet, 6 1/2 inches at the RU regional.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Lady Technicians pull out victory Salem, Spartans edged

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

With temperatures in the low 40s, the Division I Region 5 girls track and field meet at Redford's Hilbert Junior High felt more like a football game.

And you might say Detroit Cass Tech scored a last second touchdown to pull off the victory over second-place Plymouth-Salem, which held a narrow half-point lead going into the final event, the 1,600-meter relay.

In that race, the Salem quartet of Autumn Hicks, Brynne DeNeen, Valerie Brown and Rachel Jones finished third with a time of 4:11.60.

Dominating all the day's dashes, Cass Tech finished first in the event (4:02.10), propelling them to team-high

120 points and the championship. Salem finished with 116.5.

Although he was frustrated with the runner-up finish, Salem coach Mark Gregor did not point the finger at his 1,600 relay team.

"I was not disappointed with our performance in that last event," he said. "We ran our best time of the season. If I'm disappointed it is because they didn't qualify for the state."

Despite DeNeen's earlier victory in the long jump (15-11.75), Gregor pointed to the field events as being the team's biggest letdown.

"I thought we should have won the meet," he said. "We didn't do some things in the field events that really hurt us, especially in the long jump and high jump."

The Rocks, however, got their usual point production from defending state discus champion Tiffany Grubaugh, who captured shot put (38-3) and discus (124-4).

Livonia Stevenson, the two-time defending regional champ, finished third with 106.5.

After winning the meet two years in a row, coach Paul Holmberg said it was tough to fall back into the pack.

"It would have been nice to win, but we had a great day," he said. "We did not have the balance or depth that we have had in the past couple years. We actually asked our kids to do more this time around. I think we got all we could out of them today."

The Spartans were led by senior Andrea Parker, who was one of the top performers at the meet.

In addition to finishing first in the 1,600 (5:23.0) and 3,200 (11:45.80), Parker, along with Tessa Tarole, Erin Mazzoni and Heather Vandotte, came in second in the 3,200 relay (9:48).

She qualified for the state meet in each of those events, while also taking a third in the 800.

Parker was particularly impressive in the 3,200, where she shaved two seconds off of her season-best time.

"I felt really, really good out there," Parker said of her 3,200 performance. "I just felt very strong. It was almost like a nice jog."

Other Stevenson firsts came from Andrea Polasky in the high jump (5-2) and Cassie Ehlerdt in the 300 intermediate hurdles (48.1).

Garden City's Kim Wise, the top pole

Workaholic: Livonia Stevenson's Andrea Parker figured in three firsts and one third.

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Canton close 2nd; Churchill gets 3rd

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Three points. That was the difference between perennial state powerhouse Detroit Cass Tech and Plymouth Canton at Friday's Division I regional meet at Hilbert Jr. High.

Three points. When Canton coach Bob Richardson found out, he closed his eyes and got real quiet.

Upset? "Not at all. This is like a dream," said Richardson. I'm just as happy as can be. I've been here since 1989 and we've never had a shot at winning the regional. We definitely had our shot today."

The Technicians won the meet with 107 points, followed by Canton at 104, Livonia Churchill at 68, Redford Catholic Central at 60 and Livonia Stevenson with 48. Livonia Franklin was seventh at 32, Plymouth Salem was eighth at 31, Garden City was 10th with 10, followed by Redford Westland (8), Wayne Memorial (7) and Westland John Glenn (1).

"It was a pretty competitive meet," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "Cass Tech had the speed, Canton had the best well-rounded team and we were glad to finish third. Our goal was top five, so we achieved that, plus more."

Well-rounded was an understatement as the Chiefs earned points in all but three events.

Jerry Gaines figured in both wins as he won the 400 dash in 49.50 and ran the anchor leg of the 1,600 relay, where he held off Cass Tech's Steven Tucker and caught up to Stevenson's Michael Lenardon in the last 20 yards.

"I felt (Tucker) come up on the outside and did all I could to stay ahead," said Gaines, who teamed with Jack Tucci, Jamie Bonner and K.J. Singh for the win. "I caught (Lenardon) down the stretch and just got him. I wanted to get Jack to state because he's a senior

and never been."

The ending was just as thrilling in the 1,600 run as Franklin's Brian Klotz shaved 10 seconds off his personal best to nip Churchill's Jason Richmond at the tape — 4:29.4-4:29.7 — with Salem's Donnie Warner just behind at 4:29.90.

"I can't believe I pulled it off," said Klotz. "I asked my coach what I needed to do to win and he said cut 10 seconds. I did what I was told to do."

CC's Mike Morris outdistanced teammate Charlie Rozum in the discus — 149-4 to 141-5 — but was upset by Churchill's Mike Gaura in the shot, 53-6 to 52-9.

"I threw good in warmups — like 136 — and kept improving from there," said Gaura. "I hurt my hand during warmups . . . maybe that was a good thing. It was my best throw ever."

Morris wasn't sure that his throw in the discus would earn him a trip to the state meet in Rockford on June 3.

"I was surprised that 149 would win," Morris said. "The first throw didn't go on target. But I kept my shoulders right and did well. In the shot, I kept getting better as I went along, but he got me early."

Shannon Simon of Garden City earned a win in the pole vault at 12-0, while Chris Kalis of Canton took the high jump at 6-4 and Eric Scott of Churchill was tops in the long jump at 21-0.

Churchill's Ryan Gall won the 800 run (1:59.1), CC's Matt Daly took the 3,200 run (9:33.8) and Dave Novara, Matt Isner, Brad Carroll and Steve Keeske won the 3,200 relay for Livonia Stevenson (8:04.5).

"We had 18 seniors on this team and most of them have been here for four years," said Richardson, whose team will represent the region at the MITCA team championships at Brighton next Saturday as the runner-up. "We improved as the year went along and didn't backslide. This was the best."



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High jumper: Livonia Stevenson's Andrea Polasky cleared 5 feet, 2 inches to secure the regional championship.

vaulter in Observerland, won the event with a jump of 9-10, which was six inches shorter than her season-best. It was her third consecutive year qualifying for the state finals.

"I was happy to get the win, but I wanted to jump a little higher," Wise

said. "I was really going for 10-6 or even 11-0. I expect to do better at the state finals."

One of the day's memorable races was the 400 dash that pitted Meredith Fox of Plymouth Canton against Ser

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Ocelots' Brown Buffalo-bound

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Schoolcraft College's Robert Brown is back in the MAC.

The Oak Park native, who averaged 18.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game for the 24-7 Eastern Conference champion Ocelots, is headed for the University of Buffalo.

He visited the Elmhurst, N.Y. campus last weekend and signed an NCAA letter-of-intent after mulling over offers from Wisconsin-Green Bay and Western Illinois.

The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Brown, one of the most explosive players and dunkers ever to come out of SC, started his collegiate career at Central Michigan, but transferred after academic concerns limited his appearances to 10 games.

"I have some unfinished business," Brown said of his return to the Mid-American Conference. "I like the coaches at Buffalo and I want to get them back to being a winning program."

Buffalo, which changed coaches in early December, hired interim coach Reggie Witherspoon on a permanent basis shortly after the season as the Bulls finished 5-23 overall.

Witherspoon, a former Junior College coach (Eric, Pa.), wasted little time in signing six recruits, including Brown.

"Robert gives us experience and leadership, and plays with a lot of intensity," Witherspoon said. "Having played a year at Central Michigan, he's tested and MAC ready. I feel that gives us an edge with a player who can compete right away at this level."

COLLEGE HOOPS

Also in the fold is Flint Northern product Carlos Gill, a 6-7, 220-pound forward who played at Brown Mackie JC; Kevin Swofford, a 6-10 center from William Christian JC (Independence, Mo.); Brian Kennedy, a 6-2 guard from Madison (Wis.) West; Dakar Senegal native Amadou Koundoul, a 6-7 forward from Faith Christian Academy; and 5-10 guard Gabe Cagwin, a native of Belfair, Wash. who played at Northeastern JC (Sterling, Colo.).

Brown shot 65.5 percent from the floor for SC en route to All-Eastern Conference, All-Michigan Community College Athletic Association and NJCAA All-Region 12 honors. He was runner-up for Player of the Year in the MCCA and was an NJCAA Division I honorable mention All-America.

"It's a good decision for Rob because he's back in the MAC," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "And it's a level he can play on. Some players go too high and some go too low. For Rob, with a new coach and new players, he has a chance to go in and play right away."

Brown's best outing this season came

against Vincennes (Ind.), which finished third in the NJCAA Nationals. He had 32 points, 14 rebounds and six assists.

"Hopefully I can be an impact player, score a lot of points and get a lot of time at the No. 3 position (small forward)," said Brown, who plans to major in Urban Studies at Buffalo after finishing associate degree requirements this summer at SC. "The school is in a nice area and it's only 15 minutes from downtown Buffalo and it's close to Niagara Falls."

"Coach Witherspoon is a down-to-earth guy whose main focus is winning. He's also a guy you can talk to and he'll be a guy who will be there for you."

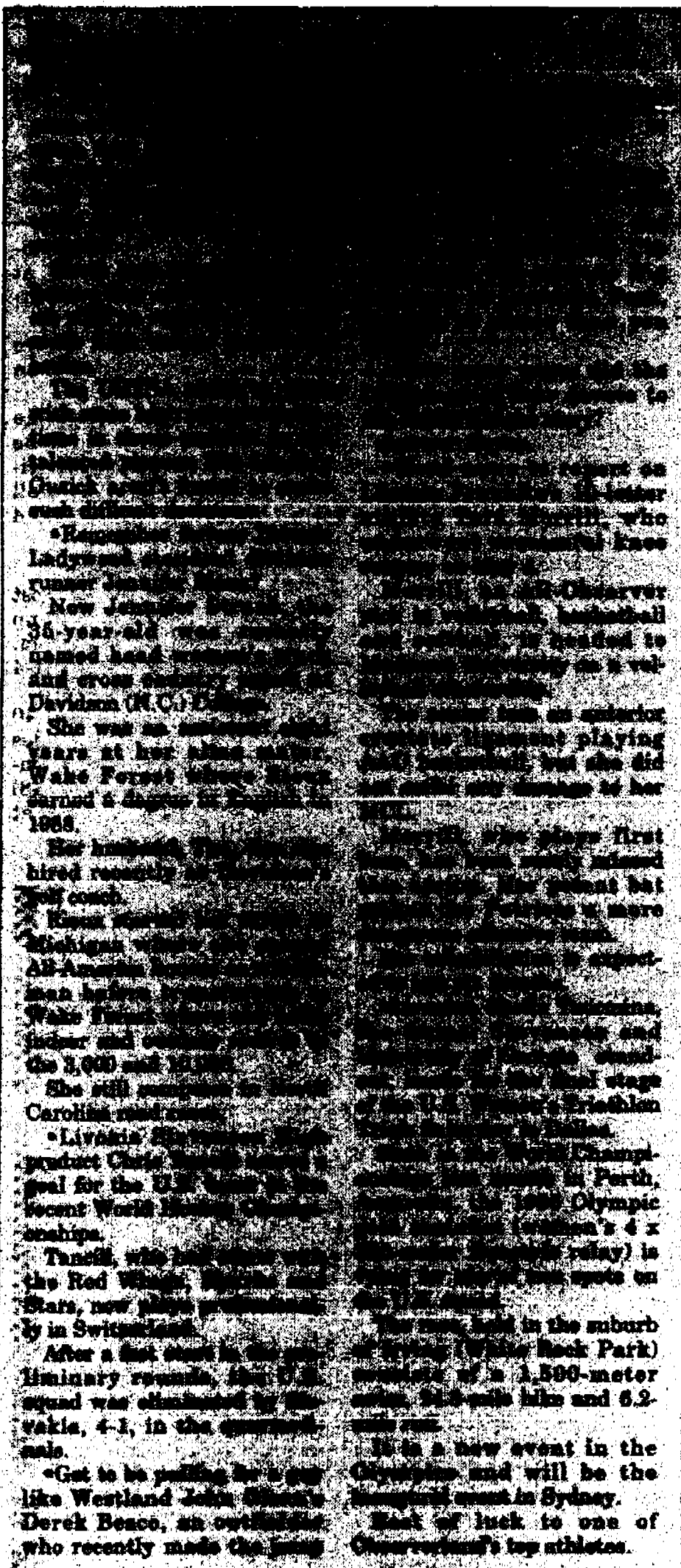
At Oak Park, Brown played for coach Howard Golden where he scored a career-high 43 points in a game against Pontiac Central.

Brown arrived at Mount Pleasant a highly-touted recruit along with Detroit Country Day's David Webber and Mike Manciel.

But the first part of his season was curtailed when his core curriculum classes from Oak Park came into question, forcing him to sit out the first eight games.

Brown eventually migrated to Livonia and had an outstanding season for the Ocelots.

"The best thing about playing at Schoolcraft was being coached by coach Briggs," Brown said. "I really learned the mental part of the game under him."



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PREP GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP
Spartans roll, 5-0
Livonia Stevenson is right on course. The Spartans handled visiting Livonia Churchill, 5-0, Wednesday to set themselves up for a pair of regular season ending tests.
Stevenson played Troy Athens, ranked No. 2 in the state, on Saturday with a May 25 date against Plymouth Canton to follow as a prelude to the state tournament.
The Chargers will be hosting the Chiefs in the WLAA finals. "If you combined this weekend with last weekend," Coach Jim Kimble of Stevenson said, "that gives us a preview of what's to come down the road — along with Canton."
The Spartans split Katherine Koch and Lesley Hooker in goal against the Chargers to raise their record to 10-2-2. Lindsay Gusick scored two goals while Dana White and Andi Sied each scored a goal and added an assist.
Danielle Lewis also scored a goal and Nicole Katikos two assists.
•WAYNE 7, ROUGE 0: Kristina McCahill, Sheila Honeycutt and Alana Green tallied two goals apiece Friday to lead Wayne Memorial (11-3-1, 10-0-1) past visiting River Rouge in a Mega Conference Blue Division encounter. Liz Becker added a goal for Wayne, which led 3-0 at intermission. McCahill, Honeycutt, Wendy Pierson and Jessica Linto each added assists.
Goalkeepers Jenny Sheppard and Amanda Bledsoe combined on the shutout.
•WAYNE 8, YPSILANTI 1: Honeycutt scored three goals and added one assist Wednesday to lead Mega Conference Blue Division co-leader Wayne past the visiting Braves.
Green added two goals, while Toni Watson, Katie Brothers and Tish Tedders contributed one each.
Jenny Clark collected a pair of assists, while Tina Bradley added one. The defensive unit of Bledsoe, Watson, Kristen Zilkka, Clark, Rachel Fye and Lori Giordano also stood out.

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Pitchers sharp as Spartans sweep North, remain in race

Complete game pitching performances by Brad Buckler and Gary Zielke enabled Livonia Stevenson to sweep a baseball double-header Friday at North Farmington.

Buckler, a senior right-hander, pitched a two-hitter in the opener as Stevenson prevailed, 8-0. He allowed just two walks and hit three batters.

Zielke, a junior, four-hit the Raiders in the nightcap en route to a 3-2 victory. He struck out seven and did not walk a batter.

Stevenson is now 11-9 overall and 7-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Spartans need a win Monday against Walled Lake Central to claim at least a share of the divisional crown.

Stevenson pounded out 11 hits to beat North (2-7 Lakes) in the first game.

Ethan Goodman, who walked 10, also went seven innings to take the loss.

Zielke was 2-for-2 with three RBI to lead Stevenson. Dan Wilson and Pete Pinto each had two hits and scored two runs. Ronnie Williams also went 2-for-4.

Wilson also finished with three stolen bases. North's Jeff Granat pitched seven innings in the nightcap, allowing nine hits and one walk. He struck out five.

Buckler finished with two hits and two RBI. Zielke added two hits and one RBI, while catcher Brian Campbell also collected two hits.

Right fielder Mike Livernois had an RBI single for North. The other run came home on a Stevenson error.

FRANKLIN 6-0, NORTHVILLE 7-0: In a WLAA-Western Division twinbill Friday, Livonia Franklin (6-14, 3-6) salvaged a split against the host Mustangs (9-10 overall) as John Nagle struck out 10 and tossed a three-hitter in the second game.

Ryan Tracy went 3-for-3 with a sacrifice and three RBI to pace the Franklin offensive attack. Andy Kelley added a solo homer in the fifth inning. Joe Ruggiero collected two hits and scored twice, while Tony Clark went 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Northville took the opener in nine innings, 7-6, as Andy Doren walked and eventually scored on a Franklin infield throwing error.

Franklin trailed 5-0 after five innings, but rallied to take a 6-5 lead in the top of the seventh, scoring three runs in the sixth and three more in the following frame.

Ruggiero had a two-run double in the sixth. Tracy added an RBI single in the seventh. Nagle also had an RBI single. Northville tied it in the bottom of the seventh on two errors, a stolen base and a fielder's choice.

Designated hitter Chris Betker led Northville two hits and three RBI.

Both pitchers went the distance with Tom Hughes outdueling Jim Pribe.

Hughes struck out nine, walked five and allowed five hits in nine innings.

Pribe gave up seven hits, walked four and struck out five.

PREP BASEBALL WRAP

CHURCHILL 9 SALEM 3: Brad Bescoe got a little home happy for the Chargers, who have now beaten both division leaders in the WLAA.

Bescoe stroked a solo home run Wednesday and a two-run shot in a 3-for-3 game in which he drove in four runs. Tim Greenleaf went 3-for-4 with an RBI and Jason Domnas drove in a pair for Churchill (11-11).

Paul Mercier pitched all seven innings, allowing six hits while striking out six and walking two. Churchill is 5-7 in the WLAA.

Adam Kolb, who had two hits for Salem, started for the Rocks but lasted just one-third of an inning and allowed four earned runs.

FARMINGTON 6, FRANKLIN 1: Brett Brown two-hit the Patriots on Wednesday, striking out five in the four innings he pitched.

Starter Tim Claranan, who worked the first 2 1/2 without allowing a hit, went 2-for-2 with a solo home run in the fifth that tied the score, 1-1.

The Falcons then exploded for seven runs in the sixth, featuring a two-run home run by Tony Lutman.

Ryan Tracy had an RBI double for the Patriots, now 5-13.

HARRISON 7, STEVENSON 3: Matt Zalkin earned the win for four innings of good pitching Wednesday with Brent Perhola earning the save for three innings of hitless relief.

Mike Byberg took the loss, allowing six runs in four innings. Tim Lawson went 2-for-2 and Tim Oliver allowed just one run in relief for Stevenson (9-9).

Jake Ghannam smacked a solo home run in his 2-for-2 game for Harrison (15-2). Sean Sutton stroked a two-run double in the third as the Hawks scored three times to take the lead for good.

Lou Hadley went 3-for-3, scored a run and hit a double and Tim Dog went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

WL WESTERN 4, JOHN GLENN 3: Rob Pisha scattered four hits, struck out eight and walked four Wednesday in hurling the Warriors to the win.

Brandon Aljoury went the distance and took the loss for the Rockets (6-15). He gave up 10 hits, struck out six and walked one.

Jeff Mitchell went 3-for-3 and drove in a run for John Glenn.

Pisha went 3-for-4 with a two-run home run in the third and Mike Pisha went 3-for-3 with a double. The Warriors are 12-8.

WAYNE 13, WOODHAVEN 7: Justin Smoes returned to the mound for the Zebras and hurled a complete-game seven-hitter Wednesday, striking out six and walking five.

"Justin has been out with arm trouble," Coach Tom Wakefield said. "He came back and proved he can be a good pitcher for us. He can be an integral part of our team heading into the districts."

Smoes also had double and scored a run as Wayne Memorial (6-7) improved to 4-3 in the Mega White division.

Jon Judd drove in three runs and Adam See drove in a pair for Wayne, whose Thursday game with Trenton was rained out in the second inning. It will be rescheduled.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FATHER'S DAY SCRAMBLES

The 19th annual Father's Day 3-Person Golf Scrambles Tournament, sponsored by Canton's Parks and Recreation Services, will be at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$100 per three-person team, which includes greens fee, awards and snack lunch (electric carts extra). Awards will be presented for longest drive, closest to the pin and to the top three teams.

Registration deadline is June 15. The tournament is open to all golfers; there are no residency requirements. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

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Included is a continental breakfast at 8 a.m., a shotgun start to the 18-hole tournament at 9 a.m., lunch at the turn (burger/hot dog), contests, prizes and raffles, cocktails at 2 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 3 p.m., with the awards following.

For further information, call (734) 729-4477.

FARMINGTON FAMILY RUN

The Farmington Family Festival's four-mile run will be Saturday, June 24.

It will begin at 9 a.m. at Shiawassee Park in Farmington, at the corner of Power and Shiawassee Roads.

The entry fee is \$15 before Tuesday, June 20, and \$20 on race day.

The race will be run on the parade route. There will be awards and T-shirts for participants. For more information, call (248) 473-9570 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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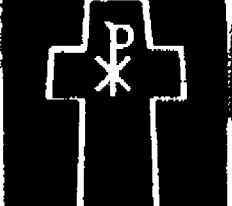
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Photo finish: Livonia Franklin's Brian Klotz (front) just noses out Churchill's Jason Richmond (left) and Salem's Donnie Warner (back) in the 1,600 run.

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REGIONAL BOYS TRACK RESULTS

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Salem, 45.3; 6. John Glenn, 46.3. 400: 1. Jerry Garcia (PC), 49.5; 2. Kevin Schneider (LF), 50.2; 3. Brandon Parley (DCH) ...

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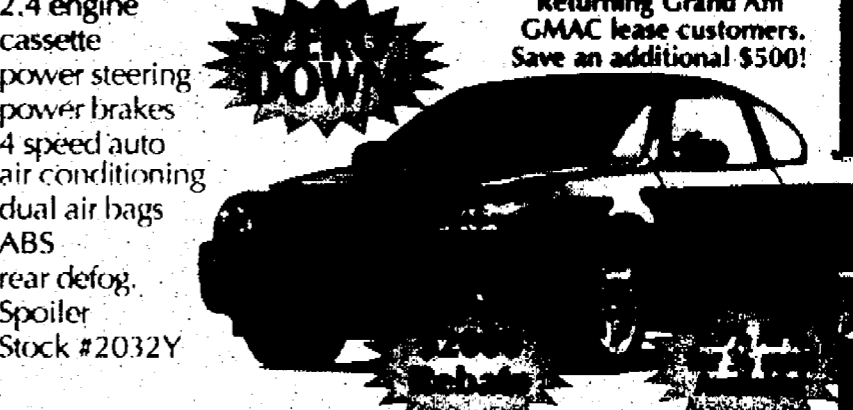
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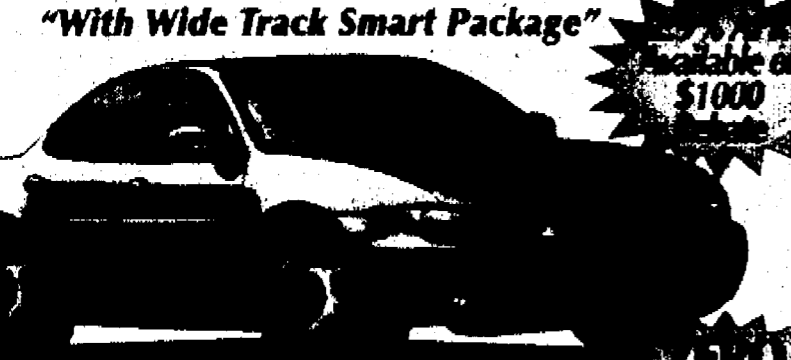


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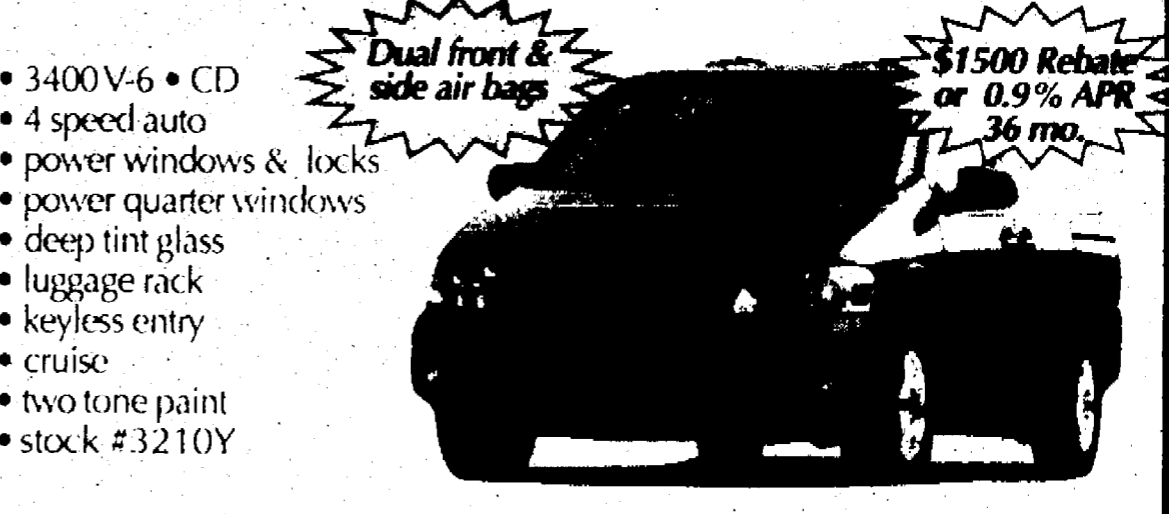
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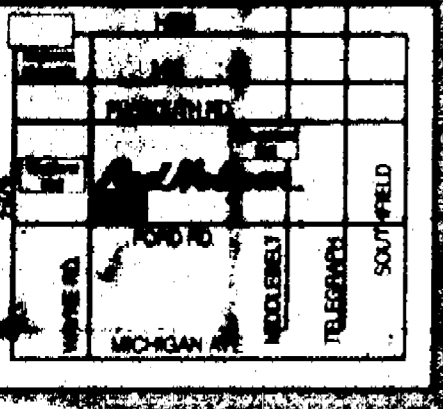
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists happy to let audience judge their work

Artists like Nancy Walls Smith are applauding the trend toward non-juried shows, which allow members of groups such as Three Cities Art Club and the Visual Arts Association of Livonia to display their work if they so choose. As an exhibitor with Three Cities Art Club and chairwoman of its spring show May 26-28, Walls Smith thinks the absence of judging before entry encourages creativity, especially in fledgling artists.

But viewers can decide for themselves. The majority of the art exhibited in such shows is good as well as reasonably priced, which makes it even more attractive. Most artists know when work is not up to par and won't exhibit until their skills improve.

"Juried shows sometimes reflect the basic personal taste of a specific juror," said Walls Smith. "The Three Cities show is judged for prizes, but members are never juried out. In that way, the public gets to view a cross section of the type of work each of our members is doing."



Children's Day: Elbert Weber painted this vibrant watercolor after a trip to Kyoto, Japan.

Watercolor

Walls Smith is looking forward to exhibiting a watercolor painted in memory of her son, Jason Alan Smith. The Three Cities show will be judged by Eugene Smith, an art teacher for Wayne-Westland Schools. In addition to a Best of Show and Grumbacher Award, Smith will award first-, second- and third-place awards to artists in the categories of oil and mixed media.

Art shows

Three Cities Art Club presents its 43rd annual spring show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, May 28, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St.
Visual Arts Association of Livonia continues its spring art exhibit through Wednesday, May 31, in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 39000 Civic Center Drive. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

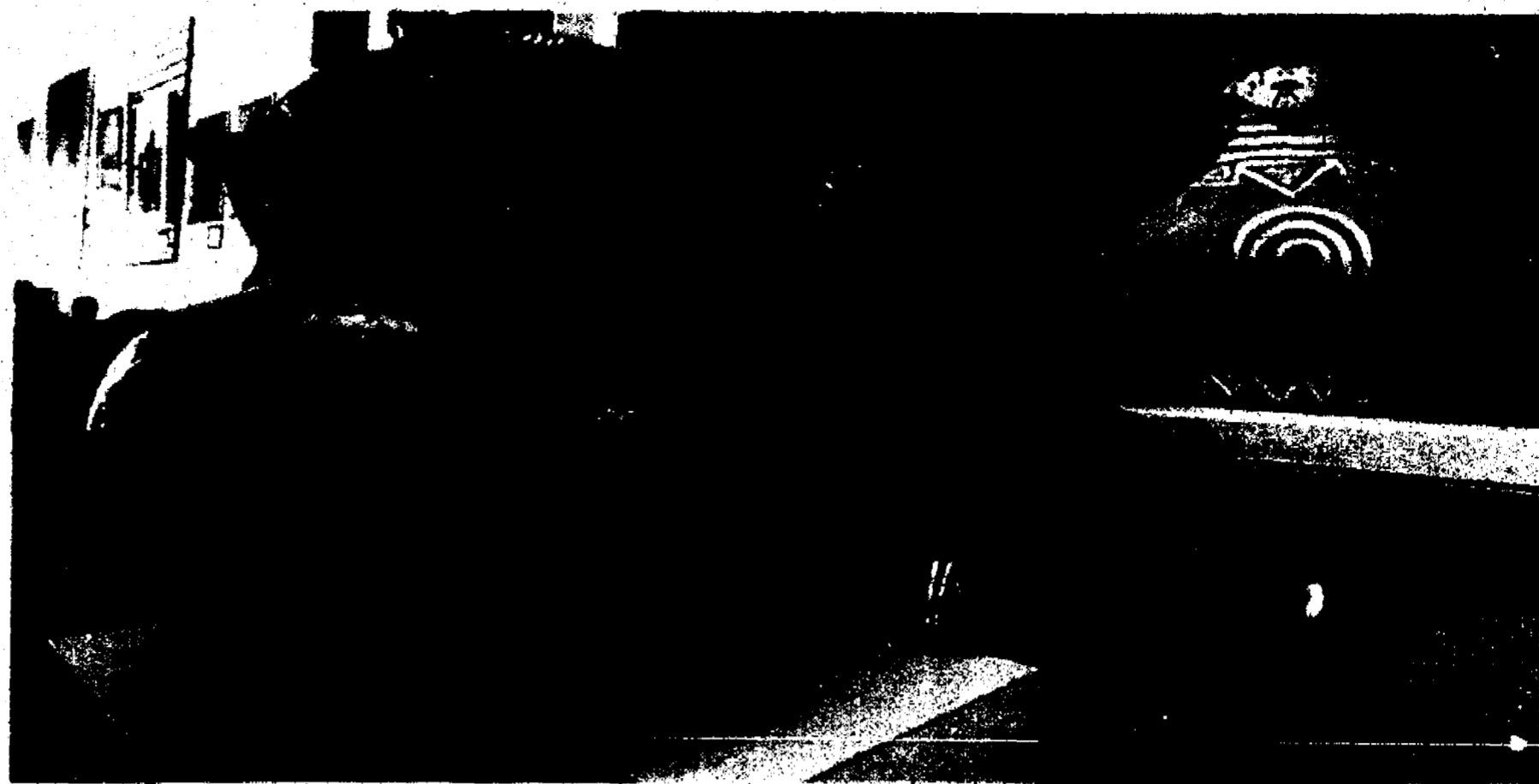
Flowers for Jay focuses on an empty candlestick, which symbolizes the death of Walls Smith's son in 1995 at the age of 21. A cherub in the corner brings spirituality to the work. Flowers

represent the beauty of his life.

It is the club that helps Walls Smith continue to work through the grief after Jason's death. That's why she's such a strong advocate of the group, which was founded in Plymouth in 1957.

Three Cities Art Club held its first outdoor exhibit in 1967 in Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The name comes from the group of Plymouth, Northville and Livonia artists who founded it to promote an appreciation of creative art in the communities. "It's the only art club in the Plymouth-Canton community," said Walls Smith. "Hopefully our show will be a draw for the many other talented artists in the area to join us and share their gifts. We are not a high-profile group at this time, but we would certainly welcome the opportunity to become one by adding new artists to our roster."

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM SAWYER

Inspired by ancestry: Patricia Gardner bases her contemporary clay work on traditional American Indian art.

A JOURNEY OF THE SPIRIT

NATIVE AMERICANS CREATE TRADITIONAL BEAUTY

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Adrienne Brant James stood tall and proud as she gazed around the Woodland Indians Trading Post and Indian World. The contemporary paintings, traditional beadwork and pottery were all created by her people.

From the earth these artists create beauty. Their spiritual journey is showcased in an exhibit of the same title through Saturday, June 10, at the gallery-like space in Redford.

Brant James wants viewers to "experience the culture and creativity of America's first peoples." That's why she invited artists representing Woodland Indian tribes such as the Odawa, Onondaga, Ojibwe, Mohawk, and Cherokee. These Native American artists will exhibit their work in a group show. Included in the show are large acrylics by her late mother, Hazel Brant Mell, a Mohawk; paintings by Nora Chapa Mendoza, a West Bloomfield artist and Coahuiltecan Indian, and clay by Plymouth potter and Mohawk Patricia Gardner.

Different attitude

"Native artists have a different attitude toward their work," said Brant James. "They're not interested in selling it but the journey of creating it. They always treat their materials as sacred. If they take something from Mother Earth, they give something back."

The show represents the three major groups of Native Americans living in the area. The Three Fires Council (Odawa, Potawatomi and Ojibwe) is second in size only to the Iroquois, which consists of six nations or tribes, among them the Mohawk. Ron Curley, a Mohawk of Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, carves the creation story from a deer antler. An eagle soars above an evergreen in the majestic piece springing forth from a soapstone carving of a turtle. S. Kay Young represents the

third-biggest group in the area — the Cherokee. Her color photographs of the Everglades and the Hudson's implosion reveal an energy similar to that found in the flower and garden life images she exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Arts three summers ago. The yellow-and-red feathers of ceremonial regalia dazzle the viewer with its vivid color and movement.

Indian ancestry

Patricia Gardner treasures her roots as a Mohawk. If it weren't for summers spent on Six Nations Reserve with her aunt, Sylvia Smith, a well-known ceramist, the Plymouth resident might never have begun to work in clay. Those early years led to her love for traditional pottery, which influences her work today. Gardner's large sculptural vessel at the front of the gallery bears a strong resemblance to traditional Iroquois pottery. Gardner accents the corners of the earth-colored work with faces representing the four directions.

"It's a traditional piece used long ago, the shape and design," said Gardner, who began working in clay in 1979. "It's a feast bowl. The guardian faces represent the four directions. We use the four direc-

tions a lot in our religion."

It's apparent by looking at Gardner's figurative vessel, "Praying Woman," and a yellow horse wall sculpture that she's learned from some of the best artists working in clay.

She studied raku and hand-built ceramics with Robert Pipenburg at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills; wheel-thrown ceramics with Bob Black at Schoolcraft College, Livonia; ceramics and fine arts with Kathy Dambach and Annette Siffin at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, and three-dimensional design and ceramics at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"I try to pull on the themes of Indian women and legend," said Gardner. "It's contemporary in that I use modern techniques. They didn't have kilns 500 years ago. Their clay was pit fired. I use high fire, and that way it doesn't chip when transporting."

Functional art

Several of the artists in the show create art that can be used every day. Soapstone carvings from Six Nations serve a function in addition to adding beauty to an interior. The smudge pots are used to burn sweet grass to purify the air or for meditation purposes.

Joyce Barner Tinkham's delicate bead work colors jewelry with Native American design that can be worn as well as displayed on a shelf. A Niaga's Indian, Barner Tinkham shows mastery of the needle in the pillows, purses, vests and a dress sporting a turtle pattern. Ceramics by Mohawks Elda, Leigh and Steven Smith of Talking Earth Pottery tell stories.

Works by Arnold Aron Jacobs, Onondaga; Le'Ana Asher, Ojibwe, David Shananaquet, Odawa, and Thomas B. Maracle, Mohawk round out the offerings in *Spiritual Journey*. Not to be missed is the turquoise palette found in Le'Ana Asher's portrait of an Indian child. Asher, an Ojibwe, received her bachelor of fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan

Spiritual Journey
What: An exhibit of art by Native Americans
When: Through Saturday, June 10.
Hours: are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, until 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
Where: Woodland Indians Trading Post and Indian World, 26181 W. 38 Mile Road, between Beach Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 535-9728



Religious roots: Nora Chapa Mendoza exhibits paintings and images from her new series of retablos which are encased in frames from Mexico.

PROFILE

Park West Gallery expansion brings art to the masses

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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The thick scroll of blueprints tucked under Albert Scaglione's arm are as dense and tightly bound as Sunday's rolled-up *New York Times*. But there's hardly any need to study diagrams to chart the course ahead for Park West Gallery, a business Scaglione established in the late 1960s that has flourished into a \$100-million privately-owned company making profits in international auctioneering and catalogue art.

Don't think for a moment that Scaglione hasn't charted every step of the business he started as a one-employee, one-room gallery when Tricky Dick roamed the west wing, and the Internet was sci-fi fantasy.

It's hardly a coincidence that Scaglione, who holds a doctorate in mechanical engineering, has organized Park West Inc. into a proficient, high-

yield revenue machine that has been increasing profits at a rate of 30-percent per year since the mid 1990s.

Impeccably groomed in a navy pinstriped suit, Scaglione clutches the roll of blueprints more as a prop than a guide.

When the timing is right, he unrolls the bundle of translucent paper that outlines the expanded look of Park West, alternately pointing to the diagrams of floor plans and places in the gallery that will be transformed as the Southfield gallery expands to a sprawling 60,000-square feet by the end of the year.

By then, Park West will certainly have the look and feel of a museum.

Lasting showpiece

Only a few other privately owned galleries in the country, according to Scaglione, will be able to claim being larger, in terms of space or revenue. And Scaglione quickly points out, only the large, tier-one auction houses like Sothe-

by's and Christie's generate more sales and revenue.

Designed by Ukrainian artist/architect Anatole Krasnyansky, who worked on the renovation of the Hermitage Museum, the expanded space will add seven galleries and an ethereal classical aesthetic with Corinthian-style columns and limestone floors.

"The gallery is a showpiece for us," said Scaglione, whose much-publicized palatial home a few minutes drive away in Farmington Hills also could be characterized as a main attraction.

"What we'll have is something that will be around for 100 years. But I wouldn't say the gallery is going to be like a monument. It's more like a tree that's grown, whose roots started growing 20 years ago when we moved to this location."

There are vestiges of the late 1970s in the strip mall where Park West is located.

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Albert Scaglione

Expressions from page C1

Although Elbert Weber is an experienced artist, the Visual Arts Association of Livonia allows him to experiment with his watercolors and still show them. VAAL's Spring Art Exhibit, which is sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, continues to Wednesday, May 31, in the lobby of Livonia City Hall. Weber's *Children's Day*, a vibrant watercolor painted after a trip to Kyoto, Japan, won an Honorable Mention.

"I always try to experiment," said Weber, who has 19 works on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "It's the basis of creativity. One instructor several years ago told me, 'Don't paint yesterday's painting.' That's especially true of watercolor."

Jim Pujdowski, a Redford

artist and instructor at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, judged the VAAL spring art exhibit. Best of Show went to *Cupboard with Goggles*, an oil by Isabelle Renaud. Dorothy Thorne won first place for a painting of poppies. The Livonia Arts Commission Award went to Regina Dunne, for her pastel "Sum Ergo Cogito." This is one work not to be missed.

Eye of the beholder

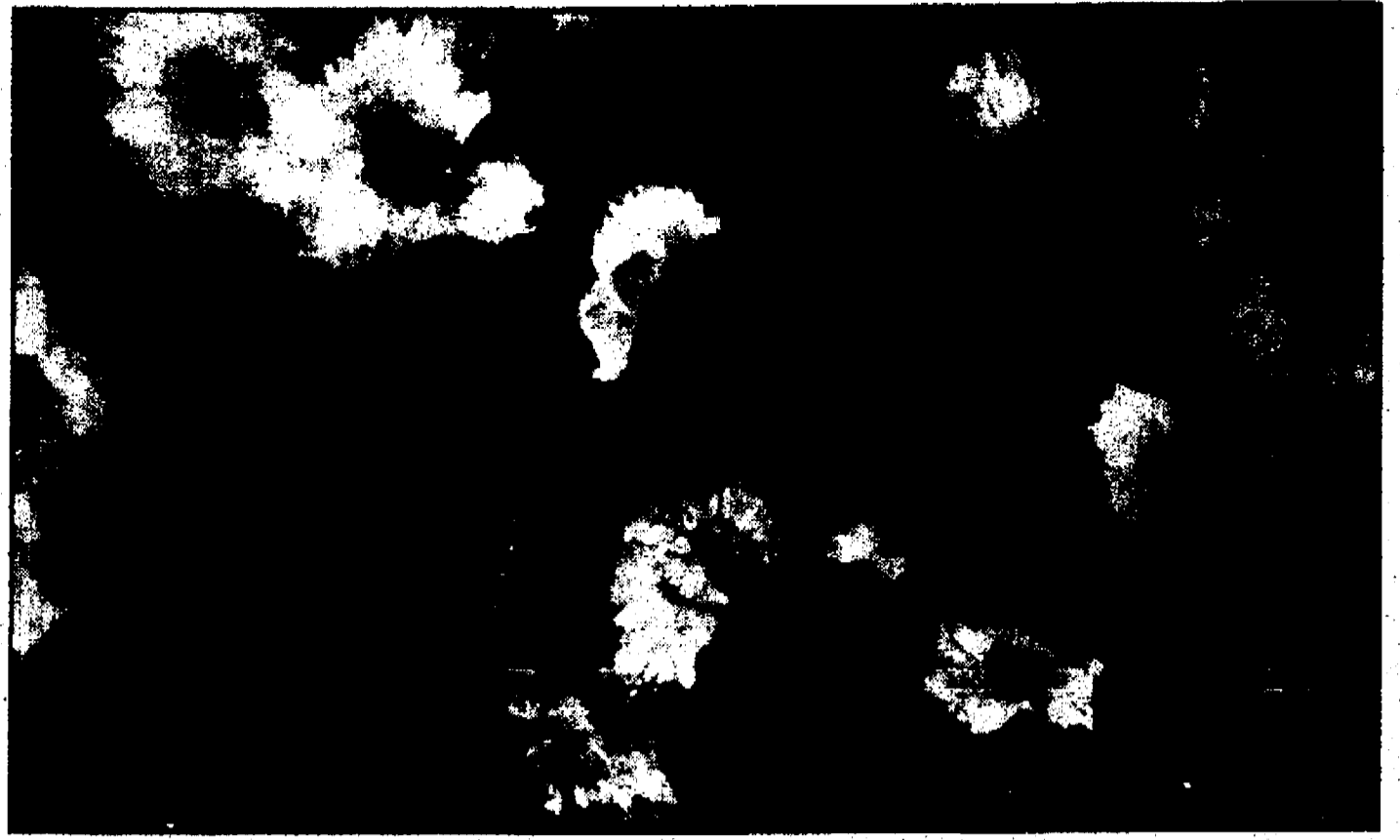
Regina Dunne sees the portrait as a depressing picture because of the dark palette. I think it's very dramatic and mysterious. I want to know what is the story behind this man.

The pastel was created during independent drawing sessions held on Fridays at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

"The model came dressed like they were in the times of Louie 15th or 16th when they were cutting off heads," said Dunne, who was disappointed that so few works were able to be exhibited in VAAL's annual spring show. New panels installed for showing art in the lobby reduced the space available for hanging. Livonia City Hall is one of three venues the Livonia Arts Commission uses to promote art in the community.

"Art is important for a city," said Dunne. "I'm hoping they bring back some of the panels."

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Poppies: Dorothy Thorne won first place in the VAAL Spring Art Exhibit at Livonia City Hall.

Spirit from page C1

University in 1999.

Nora Mendoza is the only Indian not of Woodland ancestry. An internationally known artist, Mendoza's ancestors go back for generations in Mexico. Although Mendoza grew up in Texas, her religious background exposed her to such traditions as retablos. Inspired by these icons, Mendoza's newest work speaks to the struggles of the Indian

people. The frames come from Mexico where Mendoza was in March to collaborate with artist Martha Ramirez Gropeza on a mural for a room dedicated to Cesar Chavez at Lansing Community College.

"In the old days when someone was sick you'd make an offering to the saints to heal," said Mendoza. "Another old tradition are milagros, what people would

hang to pray to. They're religious symbols. I wanted to mix old culture and new."

Mendoza is grateful to be able to show her work in an authentic Indian gallery such as Woodland Indian Trading Post and Indian World.

"It's one of the first fine arts galleries run by Native Americans," said Mendoza. "It's about time that the art of the Woodland Indian was recognized. It's just as fine as art by the southwest tribes, and you don't have to go that far to find it."

For John Kerr, a Chippewa with the Sault Ste. Marie tribe, the gallery is a place to come between pow wows. Along with all the art, Brant James offers a lending library with books on Indian related subjects.

"This is an enabling place," said Kerr, a Livonia resident. "It allows people of Native American ancestry to make a connection with their heritage, especially for those of us who live in the lower half of the state. It's a gathering place that completes the circle downstate."

Park from page C1

A sign along Northwestern has the bloated letters of the decade of disco, but inside Park West is unmistakably contemporary, at least in terms of looking like a state-of-the-art gallery business.

Ironically, the pieces of art that hang salon style are remarkably nondescript. There isn't the slightest indication of cutting-edge or pushing-the-boundaries type art found, for instance, in the current Whitney Biennial or even innovative art often found in the upscale galleries in Birmingham.

Clearly, the sensibility at Park West is safe and pleasant with plenty of dreamy hues and familiar compositions. Collectively, the work easily fits the designation of "art you can live with," although Scaglione comes close to guaranteeing that a purchased piece of art will appreciate in value.

By land and sea

Perhaps as impressive as the space exhibiting art is the manner in which Scaglione has creat-

Park West Gallery

Where: 29469 Northwestern Highway, between 12 and 13 Mile Roads, Southfield
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ed ways to bring works of 20th-century and contemporary artists to the masses.

This isn't a place for to celebrate artistic angst or the role of art in the early 21st century. Park West's mantra could be simply put: "Pretty pictures by land, by sea and by mail."

In addition to the Southfield gallery, which includes on-site printing shop, marketing, graphics and sales departments to keep in touch with their catalogue customers, Park West runs at-sea auctions on cruise ships sailing throughout the world. In the last month, Scaglione closed a deal to acquire Fasi Co., an auction house in Florida, where he plans to headquarter Park West's at-sea business.

The key, according to Scaglione, has been to bring art to the buyers, who feel intimidated by contemporary art and what they perceive as pretentious art galleries. Prospective buyers who have the means to buy, but not necessarily the knowledge about what to buy.

Obviously, any high-falutin notions of art are deflated by conducting auctions in hotel ballrooms and on fun ships.

"We sell only original work," said Scaglione, who could probably offer a dissertation on the many ways to identify an original from a reproduction.

On many levels

For many unknown buyers, however, it might be unclear that original doesn't necessarily mean an exact painting, but an original lithograph from a limited edition.

While Scaglione has certainly taken advantage of an opportunity, success wouldn't be possible without his legendary frenetic salesmanship and ability to see business opportunities where many gallery owners would simply call it a day - for art's sake.

With Scaglione, there are many levels of the art business. His approach was influenced

more by his academic background in mechanical engineering than by any deep allegiance to an art movement.

From the late 1950s to the late 1960s, Scaglione was working on his doctorate at Michigan State University, and then teaching at Wayne State University. His focus on a particular branch of electromagnetic energy caught the attention of several noted engineers of the day. But when NASA decelerated exploration of space, Scaglione rethought his career, and decided to pursue a gallery business, recalling that he enjoyed his stint working in a relative's gallery when he was a teenager.

Yet with the new career, Scaglione didn't leave the theoretician or pragmatic thinker behind. With Scaglione, not only are the wheels always turning, they move at warped speed.

No blueprint could possibly capture the charm, effusiveness and feistiness of the self-described kid from Nutley, New Jersey whose father worked seven days a week, driving a truck and steadily hammering away at a the rewards of a positive attitude.

Through Scaglione's eyes, the world is not only in a constant state of flux, it's dynamically charged awaiting a catalyst to set the course. And make no mistake about it, Scaglione sees himself as that catalyst.

In a span of moments, he traverses several planes, from astrophysics to the pragmatic approach in running what he calls the dog-and-pony show of auctions.

Then just as suddenly, he appears reflective with an existential wandering in his eyes. "No, I don't think on many levels," he said. "Mentally, I live on one level in a race with death."

Toss away the blueprint. When you see Scaglione, you're looking at an original.

The art on the walls at Park West might not be cutting-edge material, but in many ways, Scaglione's ability to invent himself and his gallery is truly contemporary stuff.

And, at times, utterly engaging.

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Professor paints sensitive portrait of family in pain

Phoenix: A Brother's Life by J.D. Dolan (Alfred A. Knopf, \$22)

Phoenix, written by Western Michigan University English professor J.D. Dolan, is a thoroughly compelling memoir that is, in a sense, structured in reverse.

The Dolans are quarrelsome, loving, petty, generous, bitter, hopeful, kind, hurtful, ordinary, and unique.

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Tragic mishap

By the time John's tragic mishap occurs in 1985 (a weak seam on a pipe gives way, blasting out steam and asbestos registering 1,000 degrees F), all the children are grown, and their father had succumbed to a heart attack some months earlier.

The older brother doesn't talk, and the younger brother chooses words as his vocation.

It is all too real, though and, as the family gathers at the Phoenix hospital for the death watch, J.D. Dolan revisits the family's past, showing us the good times and the bad.

In addition to the sensitive family portrait Dolan paints here, he also provides an atmospherically rich picture of the time and place in which they lived as the two brothers and three sisters were growing up.

From their modest home in California's San Gabriel Valley, they could see Mt. Baldy in the distance, the searchlights of a Hollywood premiere dancing across the night sky.

Sometimes, the brothers hopped into John's souped-up car and headed out Route 66 in search of desert bike races.

J.D. Dolan's depiction of the tragic present is equally indelible - from the hospital "vending machine swill" shared by the family, to sweltering Phoenix, to the chill air of the burn unit.

Though some readers may wish that Phoenix were a bit less sketchy and anecdotal, it contains more than enough powerful moments to make it a reading experience not to be missed.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, movies and theater for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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GARDENING DISCUSSION GROUP

Learn how to turn your back yard into a natural habitat for wildlife. Master gardener Peggy Mainati, an advocate of organic gardening, will provide you with extensive information on creating a haven for wildlife.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Be a part of this extremely popular group of budding writers. This continuing monthly series of events is designed to help develop your writing skills and creativity.

HISTORY/BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP

Join this interesting discussion of a feminist description of the experience of women before, during and after the fall of communism in Eastern Europe.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Richard A. Ferri of Troy, author of Serious Money: Straight Talk about Investing for Retirement, will discuss current economic and financial market conditions.

PSYCHIC TALK

Olympia Entertainment presents "An Evening with Sylvia," a part of Sylvia Browne's book tour and psychic lecture series.

Ark concert features jazzy violinist

Composer and jazz pianist Jeff Haas adds a special voice to his band when jazz violinist Miri Ben-Ari joins the Jeff Haas Trio.

Ben-Ari will be in Michigan for a week performing and recording with Haas & Friends.



Featured musician: Jazz violinist Miri Ben-Ari will perform with the Jeff Haas Trio May 25 at the Ark in Ann Arbor.

Original music

Haas' original music combines the Jewish musical tradition with contemporary jazz. His 1996 CD, L'Dor VaDor - Generation to Generation, received national acclaim.

Original music

The Jeff Haas Trio & Friends with Miri Ben-Ari and Marcus Belgrave will be appearing at the Ark at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 25.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

MEDIEVAL DAY

A humble group of Lords and Ladies from the Society for Creative Anachronism, a nonprofit organization, will demonstrate several aspects of the Middle

Ages noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

Admission is free. For additional information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

In addition to shows of period music and dance and merchants selling exotic wares, the afternoon event features demonstrations of fencing and fighting in heavy armor.

ART SHOW

The Palette and Brush Club presents its 65th annual Spring Exhibition June 2-29 at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Juror for the show is Elaine Wilson, assistant professor at the University of Michigan School of Art & Design.

Viewing hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday.

SUMMER ART CAMPS

D & M Studios, in cooperation with the Canton and Plymouth parks and recreation departments, presents their summer art camps, *Knights of the Roundtable: Medieval Madness*.

Children will create shields, castles and masks from a time when knights on white horses and damisels in distress were part of reality. A 10 percent discount is offered for tuition paid in full by May 31.

To register for the camps, call (734) 453-3710.

MICHIGAN WATER COLOR SOCIETY

A slide show of the entries to the Michigan Water Color Society's 53rd annual exhibition will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

The show is free to the public

and refreshments will be served afterward.

The Society's exhibition will be held July 9 to Sept. 24 at the Ambleside Gallery, 17116 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival is holding its annual fund-raiser, a Father's Day Brunch, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The Larry Nozero Quartet with guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell are the featured artists.

Tickets are \$25 and available by calling (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. Proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College.

ARTISTS WANTED

The Michigan Association for Education of Young Children is looking for artists for its Michigan Wolf Trap Artist-In-Residence program this spring and summer.

The program pairs a Michigan Wolf Trap trained professional performing artist with a classroom teacher. Together they develop new approaches to teaching basic life and academic skills through the performing arts.

Michigan Wolf Trap artists are talented artists whose specialties range from classical harp to storytelling and modern dance.

For an application or more information, call Todd Greenbaum at (248) 651-9653 or visit the Web site at www.miaeeyc.com/wolftrap.



On stage: Kevin Krekeler as David, and Courtney Malo as Lisa, in a scene from "David and Lisa."

CAPA students to present comedy

Students in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia presented the drama "David & Lisa," May 11-14 at the Livonia-Redford Theatre.

The play produced by the Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, "was very successful," said Gail Mack,

director of the CAPA program. "I was very proud of the kids."

If you missed the play, there's still another chance to see these talented students on stage this year.

CAPA students will present "And Never Been Kissed," a 1920s comedy by Aurand Harris,

2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10 and 8 p.m. Monday, June 12 in the Black Box at Churchill High School.

Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 students and seniors. Performances frequently sell-out.

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MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

When you play the game and hear the word, self-tanner, you may conjure up the image of an orange, streaky, George Hamilton, over-tanned look.

These are old stereotypes.

Today in our health-conscious world, creating a tan

is as essential to preparing for summer as is dieting and suffering through bikini waxing.

Effectively using and applying a self-tanner is much easier than you think. The product contains DHA, a sugar derivative that reacts with the superficial proteins in the top layers of the skin to darken the pigment temporarily.

The improved formulations have come a long way since the day of Q-T by Coppertone. The new products go on the face and body more smoothly and evenly. The color is far more bronze and natural than its predecessors. All you need are the right products, a pair of gloves and some uninterrupted time (and patience).

Your first step to a tropical tan is to exfoliate, ensuring a smooth, even application of self-tanner. While in the shower, cleanse, shave and then scrub the rest of your body. Dry yourself completely. Self-tanner will dilute and streak where there is moisture.

Wait for your body temperature to return to normal and apply small amounts of moisturizer to the knees, elbows, heels and knuckles on the toes and fingers. The moisturizer acts as a slip between these porous areas and the tanning product.

Now, your second step is to apply the self-tanner. Put on surgical gloves, apply a quarter-sized blob of self-tanner into one palm, rub your hands together and massage into your skin, starting at the tops of your feet and working your way up to your stomach, chest, arms and neck, being careful not to miss the nooks and crannies, including the area behind the ears.

Replenish the cream as necessary. Save the knees, elbows and knuckles for later. Apply the cream with upward strokes everywhere except for the breasts, where the self-tanner goes on more evenly with horizontal strokes.

The third step is to apply the tanner to the tough spots. Because joints grab the color strongly, resulting in dark patches, the knees, knuckles and elbows need much less product than the rest of the body.

Remove excess moisture from these areas by lightly blotting them. We've already placed a small amount of moisturizer here, so now gently dab a little of the tanner on these areas.

Now apply self-tanner to the backs of the hands, remove the right glove and spread the cream on it with the gloved left hand. Blot the knuckles with tissue. Then put the right glove back on and reverse the procedure.

Your final step is to sit still and wait to dry. Toss the gloves and let your body dry for 15 to 20 minutes. Then put on dark underwear and loose-fitting cotton clothing. For best results, apply self-tanner before bed and sleep in a cotton night gown.

Be gentle with your skin and don't rub too hard after showering. If you are applying self-tanner by day, wait at least an hour before you dress in tight-fitting clothing.

Apply self-tanner about every three days and in between tanner applications, moisturize your skin twice daily.

There are many self-tan products. Some favorites are Chanel Bronze Automatique, Mia Pelle Self Tanning and Bain de Soleil Sunless Tanning Creme.

Another product is Banana Boat Sunless Tanning Spray, which is good to use after you have created a base. At this point you don't have to be as precise with the application, so the spray cuts down on time.

Which ever products you choose depends on your own personal preference, but know that in this hyper health conscious world you are being responsible to your skin and still appearing as if you've been walking the beaches along the California Coast.

Be dark, be healthy!

Express yourself

Buying is a creative experience at some stores

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

Janice Pastorelli fished a stuffed fabric heart from a basket and held it above her head.

"I need you to lasso all the bad wishes out of it," prompted Ashley Neumeyer, manager of Build-A-Bear workshop, a new store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Pastorelli, a West Bloomfield mom, drew invisible circles in the air with her heart, following Neumeyer's instructions.

"Now, put it on your forehead and make a wish. Give it a kiss on both sides."

Pastorelli planted her lips on the heart.

"It's definitely mine with lipstick on it," she laughed, watching Neumeyer insert the heart in her new toy polar bear.

The mysterious ritual is all a part of buying a stuffed animal at Build-A-Bear, a nationwide chain of do-it-yourself teddy bear shops based in St. Louis, Mo.

Build-A-Bear, its competitors, including Teddy Bear Factory in Great Lakes Crossing, are among a variety of retailers in southeast Michigan who make hands-on manufacturing a part of the product purchase.

Shoppers buy an entertaining process and end up with a customized item.

"It's as if they were telling the manufacturer, 'this is how I want it,'" Neumeyer explained Build-A-Bear's seven-step process.

Customers choose an animal "skin," pick a corresponding button-activated sound, pump the stuffing machine pedal, pick a heart, fluff the stitched and stuffed toy, dress the animal and fill in vital statistics — including a name — on a birth certificate reminiscent of Cabbage Patch dolls.

"With Cabbage Patch, you were given everything. You weren't able to physically make it and put it all together. This is something they see from the empty skin and they turn their bear into life," Neumeyer noted. "You can go anywhere to get a teddy bear. We aren't selling products. We sell experiences."

Customization and camaraderie are

part of the purchase, too.

"It's like a party all day long here," said Pat Tisch, Teddy Bear Factory manager. "We get the job done but we have a good time doing it."

Like Build-A-Bear, Teddy Bear Factory offers in-store parties for Scout troops, school groups and family celebrations.

"We're working to get even more personalized for the kids," Tisch added. "What they like is that they've created something themselves or for someone else."

That's why most shoppers at Bead Works in Franklin, choose individual beads rather than completed bracelets and necklaces. They design their pieces and Bead Work artisans make them.

At Fieldstone Brewing Company in downtown Rochester, customers follow one of several established beer or wine recipes, but create their own customized labels.

"Some people are in it for the labels. They're excited they can put their own label on their own brew," said Gail Tripp, who co-owns the brew-it-yourself business with her husband and brother. "For a lot of people it's just a fun, entertaining thing. They have a blast doing it."

Juliann Roush, owner of The Painted Pot in downtown Rochester, does a brisk business in both parties and walk-ins.

Customers choose from an inventory of 500 ceramic items, select glazes and paint their own purchases at their own speeds. They leave their decorated works with Roush for kiln firing and pick-up the pieces at another time.

Drop-in sessions cost \$7 per hour, plus the cost of the item. Children's parties are \$17 per child and include two hours of painting and pottery valued at \$10.

"Our Wednesday nights are adults night out. It's three sacred hours where people can bring in their own wine and they don't have to think about children running around," Roush said.

She sells about eight or nine parties every week. Groups range from corporate offices to bridal groups.

"It's the process of doing something



STAFF PHOTOS BY DOMINA McLAUGHLIN

Stuffed with fluff: Ashley Neumeyer fills a bear for Taylor Pastorelli of West Bloomfield. Janice, Taylor's mom, watches, waiting to fill her own bear at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

themselves. It's being proud of having made something. And so much of our stuff is for gifts. What better way to make a really special wedding or birthday present?"

Gift inventory includes ceramic baby booties, perfect for customizing with a child's footprint, wedding cake servers and platters.

Tiles painted with denomination amounts double as gift certificates.

"Everything is one-of-a-kind, per-

sonalized," she said. "Any one can be an artist."

Or a collector. Taylor Pastorelli, 11, figured she'd add a grizzly bear from Build-A-Bear Workshop to her stuffed animal collection. Her menagerie includes about 100 critters, mostly bears.

"I've never seen anything like this before. It's so much fun," she said.

"I think it'll make this bear pretty special."



Ceramic artists: Sara Schaefer (left) and Andrew Pillsbury, both of Rochester, get creative at The Painted Pot, a do-it-yourself ceramics studio in downtown Rochester. Customers can paint pottery and have it fired in the studio kiln for \$7 an hour.



Creative process: Taylor Pastorelli, 11, West Bloomfield (left) brushes her new bear after fluffing it with air at the Build-A-Bear Workshop in the Somerset Collection, Troy. Her mother, Janice, makes a wish on a cloth heart (above) before placing it inside her new stuffed animal, a polar bear named "Winter."

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

BE SAFE
Westland Shopping Center will celebrate Safety Day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with fun displays and activities for children and adults. Clowns will be on hand to paint faces and twist balloon animals. The Wayne K-9 police unit will show off its dogs and Detroit Edison will make a presentation. The mall is located at Wayne and Warren roads in Westland.

DRIVING PASSION
Check out the vans, pick-ups and SUV's on display today in Livonia Mall, located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Car buffs can browse classic vehicles, hot rods, motorcycles and more in the mall parking lot. The show runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (248) 476-1160 for information.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

DRUM DEMONSTRATION
Artist Ken Wright explains and demonstrates his handmade drums from noon to 4 p.m. at Hands On Leather in Plymouth. Wright's drums explore the cultural and spiritual traditions of Northern California native American tribes. (734) 459-6560.

MONDAY, MAY 22

THANK YOU, SHOPPERS
Downtown merchants celebrate "Community Appreciation Week through Saturday, May 27. Look for entertainers, prize drawings, store specials and giveaways at several stores. Performers include music students from the Birmingham school district. A few highlights: Complimentary make-over from your make-up line of choice at Jacobsons, student art work on display

at Presence U: daily drawings for denim hats at Three Dog Bakery; prize drawings at Watch Hill Antiques

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

AT JACOBSON'S
Check out the Rena Lange Fall 2000 collection show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the International Designer department in the Birmingham store. (248) 644-6900

THURSDAY, MAY 25

FALL FASHION
View exciting fashions for fall at the Pamela Dennis Trunk Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Couture Salon at Neiman Marcus in Somerset Collection South, Troy. (248) 643-3300

Maui's paradise - sun, shopping, sightseeing

BY MARGO DEWEY
SPECIAL WRITER

If you've always dreamed about going to Hawaii, stop dreaming and just go.

Visiting Hawaii is like entering a different time zone. From the moment you get off the plane you are greeted by an ocean breeze, the sweet smell of more than 100 tropical flowers and the clapping of palm trees.

My husband, Earl, and I recently returned from a very relaxing April vacation in Maui, which is one of the eight islands that make up Hawaii. There are actually only six islands that are inhabited by people. They are O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and the Big Island.

If you are considering your first trip to Hawaii, we highly recommend Maui. We have visited this island eight years in a row, and it is considered one of the best venues for having a wide variety of activities as well as hundreds of stores for those who dare to shop 'til you drop.

Maui is known as the "Valley Isle" and is famous for its beautiful beaches. If you love to sun, snorkel or catch a wave with your surfboard, then Maui is definitely the island for you.

There are more than 100 things to do on Maui, and this is proven by a popular tourist magazine that is a must to get when you land, "101 Things To Do On Maui."

Having seen and done most everything on Maui over the past eight years, I'm going to just describe the top 10 things you should do on your first visit, and it all begins with a trip to the volcano, Haleakala.

Volcano

At the present time, Haleakala is non-active. You need to get up about 3 a.m. to take on this journey, but it is well worth it. You will catch a bus from your hotel or condominium.

The bus will lead you up the summit, 10,023 feet above sea level. It takes a little more than three hours to reach the summit, depending on where you are

Planning your trip

If you are eager to find out more about Maui there are a few web sites you should check out.

- For the best luau on the island, look up www.oldhainalaua.com.
 - There are awesome galleries on the island that are a must to walk through when you arrive on Maui, but you can get a sneak preview by checking out www.lahainagalleries.com.
- There are plenty of ocean activities for you to enjoy with a loved one or with the entire family. The web site www.mauioceanactivities.com is a great site for early planning.
- Finally, to help you organize your trip, www.travelhawaii.com will give you more than enough information on the best way to enjoy paradise.

staying on the island. Once you have made it to the top, you will witness an awesome sight. The sun will rise over clouds that are just barely drifting by the tip of the volcano. It's very cold up there, so make sure you bring a jacket.

Whale watching

The second thing you must do on Maui is go whale watching. Humpback whales are in abundance around this island December through April. In fact, you will actually see hundreds of these magnificent creatures a few miles off the shoreline.

The best way, however, to see the humpback whales up close and personal is to get on a boat and there are lots of charters available for tourists.

Helicopter ride

The third thing that is a "Maui must" is to take a helicopter ride around the island.

Driving around Maui is spectacular on its own, but in the air you will see unbelievable waterfalls, rain forests and the Haleakala Crater. A handful of helicopter companies offer videos of your trip, so choose wisely.

Snorkeling

The fourth event you have to take part in on Maui is snorkeling.

Again, there are several charters that are available in the morning or afternoon for this excursion. You will be taken to Molokini, a rock that is approximately three miles off the coast

of Maui. This area is great for snorkeling or diving. The water varies in depth from 10 to 50 feet. You can enjoy a nice lunch while on board as well as get a great tan.

Surfing

The fifth thing to do on Maui is visit Ho'okipa Beach Park. This is a place for only those who dare to challenge the biggest waves. Professional windsurfers arrive here daily to enjoy waves up to 10 feet. This site has been seen on various sports television channels. It is not only for windsurfing but also surfboarding, boogie boarding, swimming, kite surfing and sun bathing.

Golf

If you love to golf in Michigan, you will definitely feel like you are in paradise in Maui.

The sixth thing to definitely check out on Maui are the golf courses. In fact Maui is the site for international golf tournaments - the Mercedes Championships and the Kaanapali Classic (the Senior PGA tour). These golf courses are not only challenging but breathtaking.

Road to Hana

The road to Hana is my seventh thing to do on Maui, but I don't recommend it for those who have tender stomachs. It's about 52 miles from the Kahului Airport. But the real challenging aspect of this event is the actual road to Hana. Once you approach this road, you are in for 600 curves (90 degree angles)



Take a walk: "The Seven Pools," or seven waterfalls, in Hana is worth the one-mile walk.

and 54 bridges on a one-land road. The road to Hana takes about two hours to complete, but once you reach the end, you will be basking in one of the world's most beautiful black beaches.

Hana is also known for the "Seven Pools" or seven waterfalls. You have to hike up nearly a mile to get there, but the view is worth it.

Night life

If you play hard during the day on Maui, make sure you relax in the evening. My eighth thing to do is check out the night life. Visit the popular Lahaina district for endless musical entertainment, historical movie watching about Maui, Karaoke singing and much more.

Some of the hot spots in Lahaina for music include Moose McGillycuddy's and the Maui Brews Island Bistro and Nightclub. If you like live theater, visit the Maui Arts and Cultural Center. There are also several luau's taking place around the island. Check out the Grand Wailea or the Marriott for the best luau's.

Aquarium

The ninth best thing to do on Maui is visit the Maui Ocean Center Aquarium. This park expands over three acres with 40 aquarium exhibits. If you did not snorkel or dive like me, you will appreciate this aquarium which displays the hundreds of colorful fish that can be found in the ocean. If you dare to see a shark up close, this aquarium also houses this beautiful creature along with stingrays.

Shop

Finally, my 10th "must do" activity on Maui is shop. You can't leave Maui without strolling down Lahaina and visiting the many unique stores that display all the souvenirs you want to take home or mail home. Hilo Hattie is definitely catered to tourists. You will find the Hawaiian shirts, chocolates, unbelievable Kona coffee (grown on the big island) and authentic Hawaiian macadamia nuts.

If you prefer to shop in air conditioning, the Lahaina Cannery

Mall has more than 50 shops to cater to your needs. I also enjoy strolling through Whaler's Village in Kaanapali Beach.

Make sure when you book a flight to Maui you look at all the options, including taking two different airlines versus just one. It takes about 10 hours and two or three planes to get to Maui from Michigan. Don't forget about the six-hour time difference (Maui is six hours behind Michigan). I also like to check out buying tickets on the Internet because you can often get a good deal.

When you do make it to paradise, don't try to do everything in one trip. Relax, enjoy the sunsets and sunrises. Make each second count. And don't forget to smell the flowers.

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WHAT'S COOKING

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Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalisoive Baum, author of *Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking*, conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899 Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled sessions 6-9 p.m. on a model spring dinner, Monday, May 22. Learn the principles of macrobiotics, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays in May and another on Mondays in June. Other June classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays include: pressure cooking, June 7; Mid-east favorites, June 14; cool pasta salads, June 21, and delicious vegetables, June 28. Call (248) 478-4455.

Outdoor Grilling - The secrets of successful grilling of poultry, seafood and vegetables will be demonstrated at Schoolcraft College in this two-day class, offered through Continuing Education Services. Learn to infuse your own oils and vinegars to prepare unique and flavorful marinades and salad dressing. A variety of salad dishes will be demonstrated using mixed garden greens, fruits and pastas. The class is scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m. for Wednesday and Thursday, May 24 and 25. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Classic and Contemporary Sauces - Dress up any plate and add flavor to all your dishes with this course at Schoolcraft College offered on Wednesdays for two weeks starting May 31. From breakfast to dinner, appetizers to snacks, classic and contemporary sauces create elegant and exciting finishing touches. This course will start with very basic sauces used in all French cuisine and not on to lighter, modern versions. You will never need packaged sauces again. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Herbs and Spices - Herbs and spices have many uses for enjoyment and good health. Peter Stark of Renaissance Acres and the M-Fit Culinary Team will show quick and easy recipes to incorporate herbs and spices into favorite foods 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, and Wednesday, June 7, at the demonstration kitchen of the East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, ext. 236 to register. Class fee is \$20 for individuals, \$35 for couples.

Pastries and Desserts - Through demonstration and hands-on experience, the student will learn how to construct pies, tarts, cakes, tortes and French pastries in this course offered on Mondays at Schoolcraft College for three weeks starting June 5. Pastries and desserts presented are designed for the person who loves to entertain at home. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Wines of the World - This class offered at Schoolcraft College will introduce the student to the great variety of wines and wine regions of the world. An ever-increasing worldwide variety of wines is available today. This five-week class offered on Mondays starting on June 5 will highlight these wines with tastings. You must be 21 years old to register for this class. Call (734) 462-4448 for information.

Food service sanitation - Designed for owners and managers of food service establishments, this course prepares students for final examinations administered by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association and by the Michigan Department of Health. The two-day course at Schoolcraft College from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. costs \$275 and will be offered Monday and Tuesday, June 12 and Aug. 14 and 15. Call (734) 462-4448.

Dietary program - Four out of five children at the age of 10 are afraid of being fat. Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist, has information on how you can implement programs on eating disorder awareness and prevention at your school. Price operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. For information, call (248) 539-9424.

Kebabs features Asian flavors

You can make a classic quartet with tuna, adding the biggest cherry tomatoes you can find, onion wedges and cucumber, and string up these kebabs.

The marinade, which keeps the fish moist as it cooks, features Asian flavors, pungent basil and mellow olive oil. The combined flavor is strong enough that 15 minutes of marinating is sufficient. (This is less time than it takes to soak bamboo skewers, if you prefer wood to metal skewers.)

TUNA KEBABS

- Marinade**
 1/3 cup fresh lime juice (about 2 limes)
 1 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
 1 garlic clove, minced
 2 tablespoons chopped Thai or Italian basil leaves
 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

- Kebabs**
 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
 1 lb. fresh tuna, cut in 12 chunks
 6-inch piece cucumber, peeled
 8 large cherry tomatoes
 1 medium red onion, halved vertically and cut in 1/2-inch crescents

Preheat a gas grill or broiler.

In a glass or other non-reactive bowl, combine the lime juice, soy sauce, garlic, basil, pepper flakes, pepper and oil. Add the tuna chunks to the marinade, turning to coat them. Set aside to marinate 15 minutes at room temperature.

Halve the cucumber lengthwise, scoop out the seeds and cut each half crosswise into 8 crescents.

Assemble the kebabs using four metal or 10-inch (well-soaked) bamboo skewers. Slip a cucumber piece almost to the bottom of a skewer. Add a tuna chunk. Slip on a 2-3 layer onion crescent, followed by a tomato. Repeat with more cucumber, fish, onion and tomato. Finish the kabob with a final cucumber crescent, turned towards the onion. In the same way, make up 3 more skewers.

Broil the kebabs 3 minutes. Turn and cook until the fish is firm to the touch and the vegetables browned, another 2 to 3 minutes. Do not overcook or the tuna will be dry. Serve either hot or at room temperature.

Nutritional information: Makes 4 servings, each containing 171 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. This free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>.

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Another virus worms its way into computers



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This is becoming a habit. Another serious computer virus is making the rounds this weekend, a variant of the "Love Bug" germ that hit earlier this month. But this one is more insidious. It, too, targets users of the popular Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express e-mail programs and spreads by sending itself to all entries in the users address book. The virus arrives with a subject line, "FW," and contains an attached file with the .VBS extension in the body of the e-mail. The tricky part of this virus is that the attached file name is likely to change each time a new e-mail is sent. Once that attached file is opened, it sends itself out to

address entries then does massive damage to the infected machine. The worm will rename all files on the local hard drive and network drives with a .VBS extension and set the file size to zero. According to Computer Associates (<http://www.cai.com/press/2000/05/spammer.htm>), the first to sound the alarm, this will make the computer system and the network inoperable. Meanwhile, the suspected Philippines hackers who wrote and distributed the so-called "Love Bug" virus will likely avoid any significant prosecution. US cybercrime experts say, as with many other nations, there's nothing on the books in the Philippines that provides a basis for prosecution. While I think some media estimates that it did \$10 billion in damage are wildly inflated, there's no disputing the massive problems caused by the virus. Consider what the IT manager for one Detroit-area firm says it did to his company of 450

employees: He tells me the "Love Bug":
 ■ Generated some 35,000 e-mails.
 ■ Damaged 5,000 files that had to be restored from backups.
 ■ Consumed 400 man-hours of IS/technical staff time to clean up, and they're not completely finished yet.
 ■ Left the company without e-mail for five days.
 That Detroit-area company is one of many thousands similarly hit. With the new virus making the rounds this weekend, the problem shows no signs of going away. Viruses aren't pranks. They aren't inconveniences. And the world Internet community needs to make sure adequate laws exist to treat those responsible as the criminals they are.

Internet hoax
 Then again, there is such a thing as over-reacting. If ever there was doubt about how powerful a lie can be, look no further than a hard-to-kill hoax that has been flooding the Internet. The hoax was spread by e-mail, warning of a soon-to-be-enacted FCC regulation that would tax Internet access by modem. The e-mail even said the bill was being introduced by a congressman named Tony Schnell. There is no congressman by that name. Never has been. The Internet tax e-mail was fake. False. Totally bogus. An urban myth. But so many people fell for it that they've been deluging skittish, election-year legislators with tens of thousands of protests. So, the United States House of Representatives passed a law this week making such a tax illegal. I think Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, got it right when, in disgust at his lemming-like, law-making cohorts, said: "What we have is a fabricated solution to an imaginary problem. We have

here a bill that solves a problem that doesn't really exist." Gives us all a lot of confidence in our elected officials, huh?
No loners
 Forget all that nonsense about Internet users being socially isolated losers who ignore family and friends to pursue solitary lives online. A new study by the Pew Internet and American Trust Project (<http://www.pewinternet.org/reports/toc.asp?Report=11>) finds just the opposite. In fact, it says that 72 percent of Internet users had visited a relative or friend in the past day. Only 61 percent of non-Net users had done the same. Further, Internet users are also more likely than non-users to say they call family and friends just to talk, and they have many people they can turn to for help if they are worried or in trouble. Two-thirds of users say e-mail has brought them closer to friends, and almost half say they would miss e-mail considerably if they

could no longer use it.
PC Mike seminar
 Meet me next Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the next PC Mike Internet 101 seminar. Sponsored by TalkRadio 1270, WXYT, the free seminar will teach you what you need to know to use the Internet successfully. It will be at The Community House of Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, in Birmingham. The seminar is totally free but you need to get a reservation. Call (248) 455-7343. Till next week everybody ... 73.
 Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com> and hear him Monday through Friday at 6:26 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Items from the Observer/Land area for the Business Calendar can be sent to: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150 attention: Renee Skoglund. Call (734) 953-2128.

TUES, MAY 23
ESTATE PLANNING
 Attorney Michel Nagy presents "Do I Need a Will? Should I Have a Trust?" 1-2 p.m. at the Livonia Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile Road. The seminar is free. To register, call (248) 353-1032.

WED, MAY 24
BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
 BNI Laurel Park Chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Contact the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

FRI, MAY 26
BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L
 BNI Livonia Chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Fox Drive and Six Mile Road between I-275 and Haggerty. Contact the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

TUES, MAY 30
BUSINESS SEMINAR
 The Ann Arbor IT Zone will present "Cultural Shock: Strategic Organizational Change," a human resource management program with Dr. Frank Petrock of General Systems Consulting 5 p.m. at the IT Zone Launch Pad, 30 E. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. Members, free; public, \$25; students, \$5. Call (734) 623-8286 or visit www.annarboritzone.org.

TUES, JUNE 13
CAREER WOMEN
 The West Suburban Chapter of National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cost: \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. For more information, call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355.

Retailers urge passage of sales tax legislation

The Michigan Retailers Association recently urged the full House and Senate to follow the lead of the House Tax Policy Committee, which unanimously approved a bill to provide a two-week Labor Day sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear purchases. House Bill 4862, sponsored by Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) and strongly backed by the Michigan Retailers Association, would provide a sales tax exemption for clothing and footwear purchases up to \$150 during the week before and the week after Labor

Day. "This legislation gives a broad-based tax cut directly to consumers," said Jason Klonowski, MRA manager of government affairs. "The tax holiday will especially benefit lower-income families shopping for back-to-school clothes." He added: "We commend the committee for its bipartisan vote and urge the full House and Senate to follow its lead. Other states have found that a sales tax holiday benefits both consumers and retail businesses. Michigan families should be able

to enjoy the benefits of this legislation this Labor Day." House Speaker Chuck Perricone (R-Kalamazoo) is expected to bring the issue to a vote on the floor of the House before summer recess. The Michigan Retailers Association is the unified voice of retailing in Michigan and the nation's largest state trade association of general merchandise retailers. MRA's more than 5,000 retail business members operate more than 12,000 stores across the state.

Schoolcraft named small business satellite

Schoolcraft College has earned the designation Small Business Development Center Satellite Center from the Michigan SBDC Network. The College's Business Development Center provides entrepreneurial and export business assistance to small and medium-size businesses. Among the programs available at Schoolcraft are:

- government contracting assistance; customized training programs; apprentice training; organizational performance consulting.
- The Michigan SBDC Network, a program of the U.S. Small Business Administration and Wayne State University, provides existing and emerging small business with counseling,

training, research and advocacy in all of Michigan's 83 counties. The organization seeks to improve profitability and reduce failures among small businesses, the most important job-creating sector of Michigan's economy. Contact the Business Development Center at 734-462-4438 or bdcc@schoolcraft.edu.

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Identifying a concussion
 So what, exactly, is a concussion? In general, Wojty's said, it's an "alteration in brain function usually caused by trauma, and it can be anything from dizziness to nausea, to a headache or even loss of consciousness." How can you tell if you or someone else has suffered a concussion? "If an athlete is acting a little bit dazed, if their balance is obviously affected, if they're not walking or talking right, or responding properly, all of these things are very important. If

these are combined with headache, nausea, vomiting or inability to sleep, that could be very significant," Wojty's said. Most commonly, a "routine" head trauma presents a mild headache that gradually disappears. However, before returning to sports, anyone who experiences a concussion, no matter what the severity, should be checked by a physician. It is especially important when symptoms persist, such as a headache that continues more than 15 minutes after the incident, that the injury be evaluat-

ed. "Anyone who shows deterioration after the initial event, who has a headache for awhile and an hour later is nauseated or is vomiting, should be taken to the emergency room," Wojty's warns. "That's someone we can't take a chance with."

Warning
 Wojty's says neurological research indicates the brain sustains lasting "bruises" even after

symptoms, even the subtlest ones, have disappeared. In order for the brain to fully heal, it requires rest, sleep, protection from subsequent impact and abstinence from alcohol. Wojty's stresses the need for parents, coaches and trainers to know the basic signs of concussion. There's a simple sideline evaluation that tests an injured athlete's memory, which is a good

indicator because memory is particularly sensitive to alterations in brain function. If the player cannot pass the evaluation, he should be sidelined. The form is available on the American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine Web site, www.sportsmed.org, along with an article on concussion manage-

ment. After going to the Web site, click on Products and Publications. Then click on Patient Education Materials. Then click on Concussion in Sports Monograph. Call TeleCare, 800-742-2300, www.med.umich.edu/libr/topics/f118.htm



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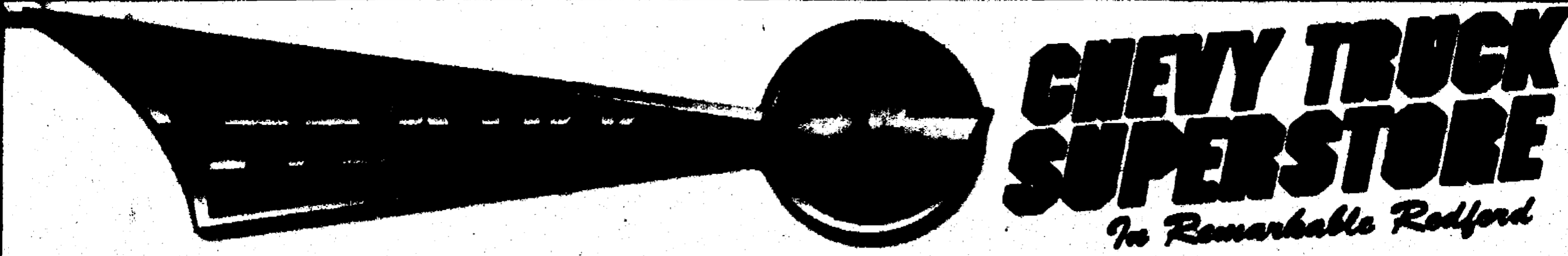
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