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**Fest fun:** The Westland Summer Festival kicks off today and runs through Tuesday, July 4. There will be rides, entertainment, a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, fireworks at dusk on Tuesday, the Fourth of July, and more. The event will be in the Central City Park area. For more, please see the schedule, page A6.

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# Taxpayers may foot legal bill



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Taxpayers may have to pay a \$5,000 legal tab that four Westland City Council members ran up while fighting allegations of Open Meetings Act violations.

Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin defended the proposal and said city dollars should be used to defend

City council discussion's on hold for having taxpayers pay for a \$5,000 legal bill related to Open Meetings Act violation allegations. Council members disagree on whether taxpayers should pick up the tab.

public officials against lawsuits and allegations.

Otherwise, he said, elected officials could lose their homes, vehicles and other personal possessions, ending up "paupers" and discouraging potential office-seekers from public life.

But Councilman Glenn Anderson called it "preposterous" that Griffin and three colleagues may vote to give themselves \$1,250 each for legal

expenses.

Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott came under fire for allegations that they decided privately, in violation of the Open Meetings Act, to fire former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18.

They denied breaking any laws, and a Wayne County Prosecutor's Office investigation — sought by Anderson and Councilman Richard LeBlanc — found no wrongdoing.

A proposal to have taxpayers pay the combined \$5,000 legal tab was pulled from the council's June 19 meeting agenda.

"I don't know when it's coming back

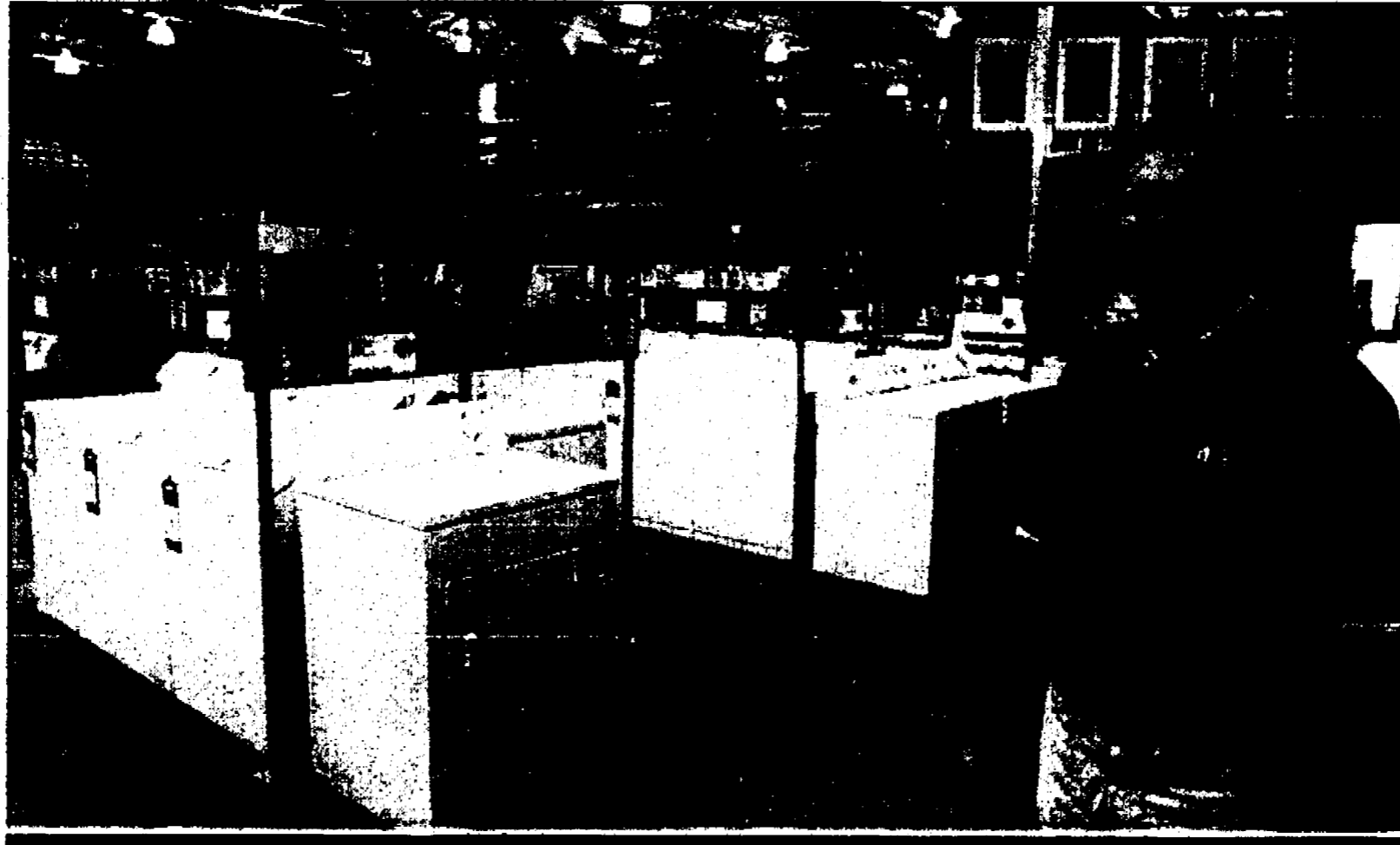
on the agenda," Griffin said, adding that he will revive the proposal when asked by his colleagues. Griffin said it's possible that a vote could be delayed until September.

That scenario would push the issue past the Aug. 8 election primary in which Anderson and Scott are facing each other for the Democratic nomination to the 18th District state House seat.

In an unusual twist, the winner will face Gibbons — the lone Republican candidate — in the Nov. 7 general election.

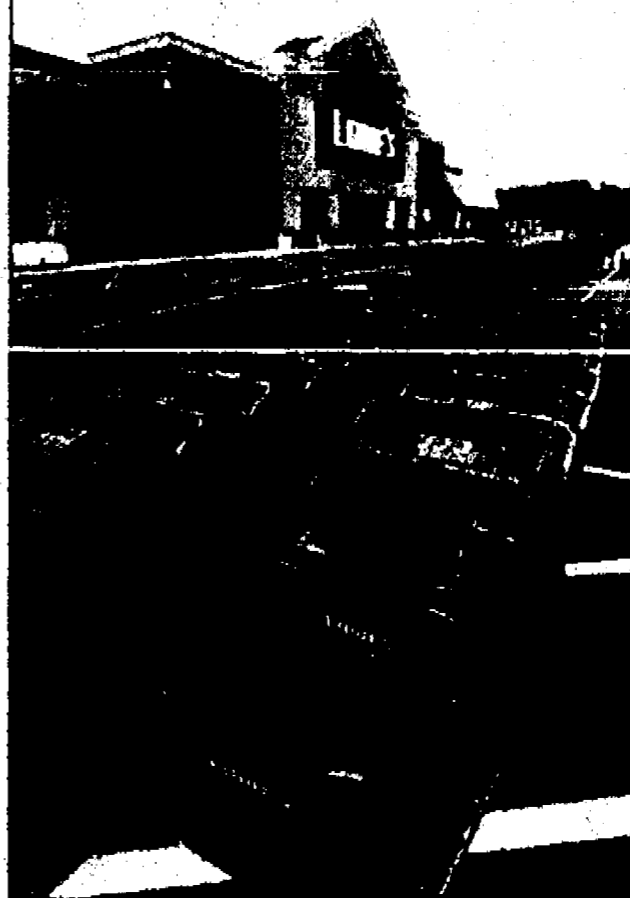
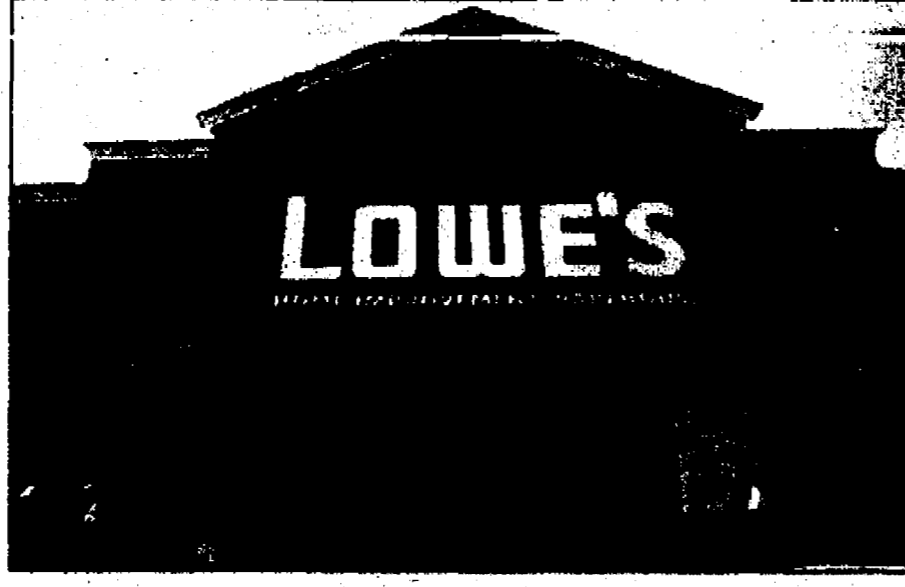
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## Hello, Lowe's!



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Big moment:** Ed Watkins of Westland, store manager at Lowe's, will open the store 6 a.m. this Saturday with the help of his colleagues. Above with Watkins are the appliances and in the background is the furniture area. At right, carts are ready to roll at Lowe's Saturday and beyond. An additional grand opening is set for 6 a.m. Tuesday, July 4. For more, please see page A4.



## Westland police officer is fired

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A Westland police officer accused of sexually molesting an 18-year-old woman during a traffic stop has been fired from his job, Chief Emery Price said.

Steven Jaworski, 34, was fired from his \$48,114-a-year position on June 8, following a police department internal investigation into allegations he molested the Westland woman early March 24.

Jaworski, charged with third- and fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, faces a Nov. 1 trial in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Hathaway.

Jaworski has denied allegations that — if proved

— could send him to prison for 15 years. He is free on a \$25,000 personal bond.

Jaworski had been on a paid suspension from his job after he was charged April 7 but was fired this month following an internal investigation. Price said.

"He can apply to come back if he's found not guilty," Price said.

Jaworski's union, the Westland Police Officers Association, has filed a grievance challenging his firing.

However, Price said the two sides have agreed to delay grievance proceedings until the criminal case has been resolved in court.

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## School funding a waiting game

Wayne-Westland educators are awaiting word on school funding from the state for 2000-01 and beyond.

The total per pupil for the upcoming school year will be \$6,417 if approved by the governor, said Gary Martin, assistant superintendent for business and finance.

"That's about a \$300 increase," Martin said. The legislation would provide increases of some \$300

for the next year and \$400 for the year after.

"I think it's a fair increase across the board," said Martin, adding it doesn't address the lost millage in Wayne Westland following Proposal A's enactment in 1994.

Martin and others are unsure Gov. John Engler will approve the state aid act as presented.

## Miss Westland



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HURLEY

**The winner:** Samantha Snabes gets crowned Miss Westland Saturday night at Westland Center. She will reign over the Westland Summer Festival, which begins today and runs through next Tuesday, July 4. For more, please see page A9 of today's Observer.

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# Recall dispute surfaces at post office site in Westland

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Westland post office authorities have reversed a decision that forced recall workers to take their petition drive against Councilwoman Sharon Scott off of federal government property.

Postmaster Chuck Quinn ended a one-afternoon ban last Friday by notifying recall workers that they could resume seeking petition signatures outside the post office on Wayne Road south of Hunter.

Quinn attributed the misunderstanding to a postal supervisor who mistakenly believed the petition drive violated federal rules for what's allowed on post office property.

"This particular form of petitioning is currently allowed," Quinn said Tuesday.

Recall workers want to oust Scott for her role in firing former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18.

They expect to submit their petitions to Wayne County elections officials as early as Friday, in hopes of securing a ballot question on whether Scott should be ousted.

Recall workers became upset when a postal supervisor ordered them off post office property. They said the action marked only the latest harassment they've received, cit-

ing other tangles on Wayne-Westland school district land.

Some accused Scott of helping to orchestrate the post office action.

"She thinks she can do it with the federal government, too, but it won't work," recall worker Georgia Becker said.

Scott conceded that she was inside the post office for a bulk mail permit for her 18th District state House bid, but she denied asking postal authorities to boot recall workers from the property.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with them getting thrown off the property," she said.

Quinn resolved the issue by calling the post office's legal department and learning that a ban on certain petition drives was lifted June 5 through July 31, in response to a lawsuit challenging the rule.

"It is something that just recently came down," Quinn said.

"Our legal department informed me that what these people are doing ... would be allowed," he said.

However, Quinn denied rumors that Scott or any other elected official has put any pressure on him to keep recall activities off post office property.

"That simply is not true," he said, adding that he believes the supervisor "was acting

in good faith" in ordering recall workers to leave.

Quinn released a summary of temporary rules stemming from the still-pending lawsuit.

For now, citizens may stand on post office property and solicit signatures for polls, surveys and petitions such as the one proposed by recall workers.

However, a ban remains intact for certain other petition drives, such as efforts to get a candidate's name placed on a ballot for election.

Even Quinn admitted that the rules are confusing, but he said postal authorities are simply trying to abide by the law.

"We have to be very careful because this is federal law," he said.

Recall workers say they have more than the 4,997 signatures of registered voters they need to get Scott's name placed on a recall ballot.

Still, they continued their petition drive this week to provide a cushion of names.

Some signatures will likely be tossed out after county elections officials forward the petitions to Westland Clerk Joann Seaberg, whose office will verify whether signers are, indeed, registered voters.

# Woman criticizes police response time

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A Westland mother criticized the police department's response after her 3-month-old son accidentally became locked inside her minivan Sunday afternoon.

Jessica Brock, 23, said it took a police officer 35 minutes to reach her Casco Court residence even though she called 911 three times.

"My 3-month-old son was sitting in a car smoldering all that time," she said.

Police Chief Emery Price denied Brock's allegations, saying only 19 minutes lapsed from the time police received the call and the officer freed the boy, Jeremy.

"That's the irritating thing about this. We did help out, but that wasn't good enough," Price said.

Brock said she placed her son in a child-restraint seat and closed a side door that accidentally locked on her 1988 Dodge Caravan. The keys were inside.

She said she became frantic

when she discovered the other doors locked. She was afraid flying glass would hurt her son if she broke a window.

"This was a complete accident," Brock said. "It's scary because you hear about kids dying when they get left in a hot car."

Price said a police officer with a tool to unlock the minivan door had to be found.

"We no longer do lockouts except in emergencies," he said.

Some vehicle owners filed lawsuits claiming the police dam-

aged their vehicles, "so we stopped doing it," Price said.

"We had to find an officer who had a lockout tool, then he had to go from the north end (of town) to the south end," he said.

Brock called the response time "really lousy."

Brock said she didn't want to be perceived as harassing the police, but she questioned whether the department needs to fine-tune its 911 response time.

"It could be someone else's kid, and they could die," she said.

# Fire officials pondering arson possibilities

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Fire investigators are examining a blaze at a Livonia pool hall Friday to find out if it had been deliberately set.

At 8:29 p.m., firefighters were called to a fire in the back room at Jimmy Pro's Billiards on the 28000 block of Joy Road, west of Inkster Road.

Patrons were immediately evacuated. No injuries were reported.

Crews from Station Nos. 5, 4 and 1 contained flames to the back room area. The pool hall, which was open at the time, sustained \$5,000 in damage, said Fire Marshal Joel Williamson.

The fire remains under investigation to determine whether it is suspicious or accidental.

"(Investigators) assume the point of origin was close to or at the floor level," Fire Chief Alan Brandemuhl said. "They're waiting for preliminary test results to come back and they're looking for other evidence."

The pool hall is located between Paris Deli in Bakery and Hope's Fish & Chips on the north side of Joy Road. Neither business sustained any substan-

tial damage.

The owner of the fish and chip shop feared the worst when he returned shortly after 9 p.m.

"I about had a heart attack. The parking lot was full of fire engines," said Byrum McBride, owner of Hope's Fish & Chips, which has been in business 50 years.

"My first thought was it was the restaurant."

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# Charges likely after exposure is reported to police

BY DARBELL CLEM  
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A 43-year-old man will likely face criminal charges following accusations that he trailed a Westland woman to her apartment and exposed himself Sunday evening, police said.

The suspect, who has a prior conviction for indecent exposure in Illinois, fled but was caught by police after the victim and

her husband followed his car from The Landings apartments to Target on Warren Road, Sgt. Michael Terry said.

"He drove over a berm in front of the Target store and drove on the sidewalk. He stopped his vehicle to put on a license plate that he had taken off, and that's when the police drove up," Terry said.

The suspect has been released pending criminal charges.

The incident started about 7 p.m. Sunday when the suspect allegedly trailed the woman to her Landings apartment from Hollywood Video at Warren and Wildwood, Terry said.

"He asked her to come over to his car, and she noticed he was nude," the sergeant said.

The woman went indoors and sought help from her husband, and the pair notified police and began following the suspect out

of the Landings parking lot.

"He was driving recklessly trying to get away," Terry said. "He was fleeing the civilian victim. It wasn't a police chase."

However, police officers alerted to the incident caught the suspect after he stopped to put the license plate back onto

his car, which Terry described as a gold Ford Taurus.

The suspect was wearing boxer shorts and a T-shirt when police confronted him, but the woman told police he had been nude when she saw him in his car outside her apartment.

## CRIME

## ACHIEVERS

Katy A. Duncan of Westland graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing in April.

She is the daughter of William and Diane Duncan.

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## Bill from page A1

Griffin defended having the city pay the \$5,000 legal bill.

"The city has always had money in the budget for liability and to cover lawsuits of public officials in the performance of their duties," he said.

Candidates would shy away from public office unless they knew they'd have legal backing, Griffin said.

"The issue is not about money, to me ... The issue is about whether or not the municipalities should be defending (public officials)," Griffin said. "The answer to that is absolutely yes, they should be."

Anderson disagreed.

"I think the choice to hire an attorney was their decision, and it certainly in my opinion was an overreaction to a simple question or series of questions from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office," Anderson said.

He questioned why Griffin, Cox, James and Scott would hire an attorney if, as they stated, they knew they didn't do anything wrong.

"I think it was an overreaction, and I think it's sort of preposterous to expect the taxpayers to pay for it," Anderson said.

Scott's vote to fire Gibbons has already made her the target of a still-pending, citizens-led recall effort.

Scott's critics are nearing the end of a petition drive aimed at collecting signatures of about 5,000 registered voters. Soon, they will seek to have Scott's recall question placed on a ballot.

The same citizens group also plans to try to oust Griffin, Cox and James, who will be eligible for recall July 1.

Unlike Scott, the three men started new council terms Jan. 1 and were protected from recall for six months.

## Price

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appointment if Thomas succeeds in his bid to unseat 22-year Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard.

"If he leaves, I would go for the appointment," Price said.

Either way, he expects to campaign in 2001 unless Thomas seeks re-election.

"If you asked me today, I would have to say 'yes,'" Price said Tuesday.

Cicirelli and LeBlanc confirmed in April that they are interested in Thomas' job. Thomas is in his 11th year as mayor and, as of July 1, will have 18 months remaining on his third four-year term.

Cicirelli is an 11-year council member, while LeBlanc is a five-year council member and a former Wayne-Westland school board trustee.

■ 'If he leaves, I would go for the appointment.'

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police chief

## Paper seeks porch tales

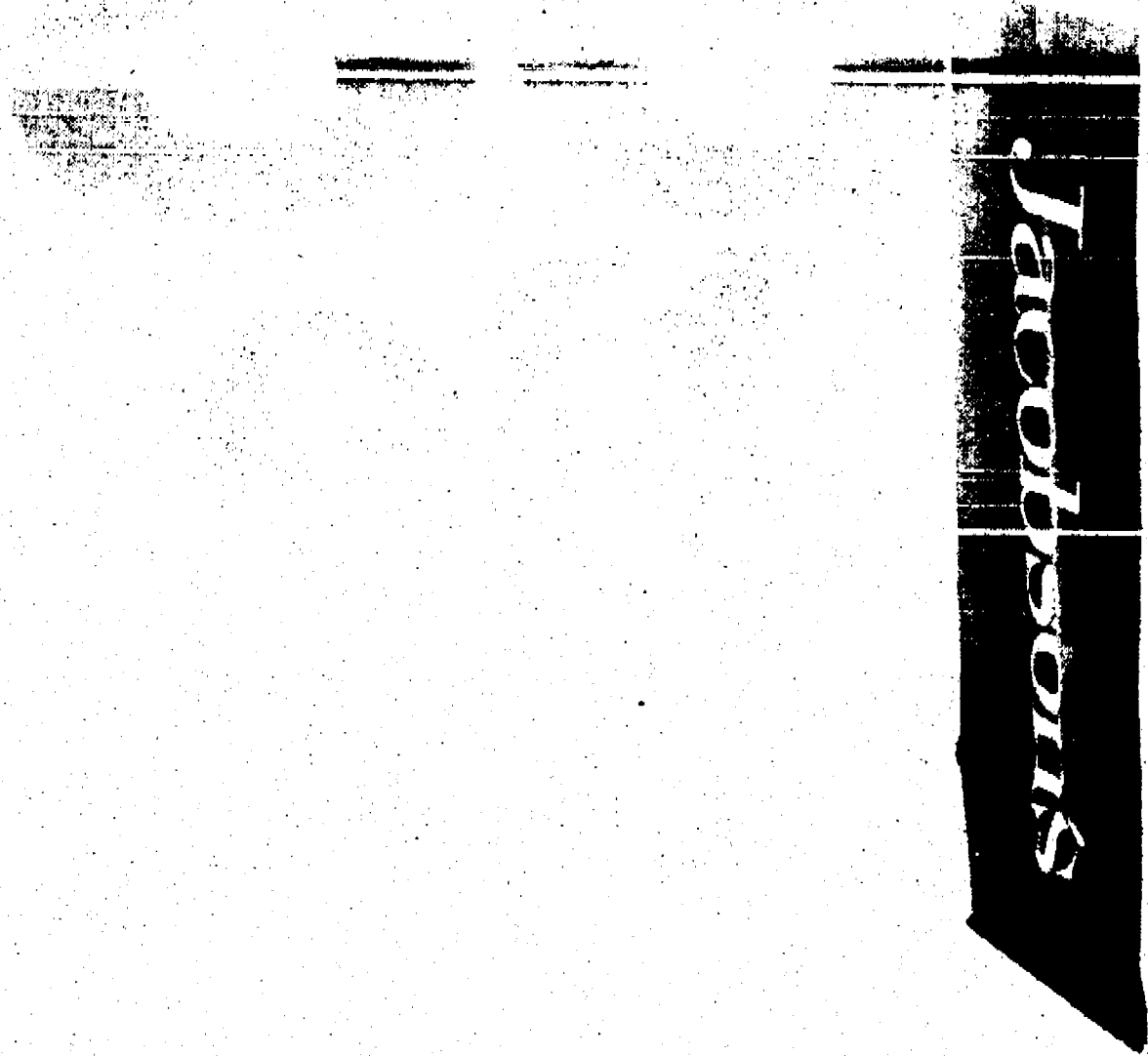
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**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

**Summer Reading Program**

Registration continues for the Children's or Young Adult Program at the Children's Service Desk. Creative Writing and Poetry Contests. Sponsored by the Friends of Library, continue through July 31. The Creative Writing Contest for children through grade five and the Poetry Writing Contest for young adults in grade six and up keep the creative juices flowing while providing the young people of Westland with a chance to express their artistic side through prose and poetry. Friends will judge all entries and prizes will be awarded. No fee. Registration information available at the Children's Service Desk.

**Readathon:**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 Today is your chance to come in and read with a companion for at least 15 minutes... and receive a reward! No fee. No registration required.

**Familytime Storytime**

7 p.m. Monday, July 10 Everyone is invited to come to this fun-filled story hour. No fee. No registration required.

**Sports Extravaganza**

5-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 Coaches, cheerleaders and players from local teams visit the library. There will be lots of sports, crafts and activities, too. No fee. Registration required. Register at the Children's Service Desk.

**Summertime Storytime**

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 12 Stories and fun for all ages. No fee. No registration required.

**Family Board Game Night**

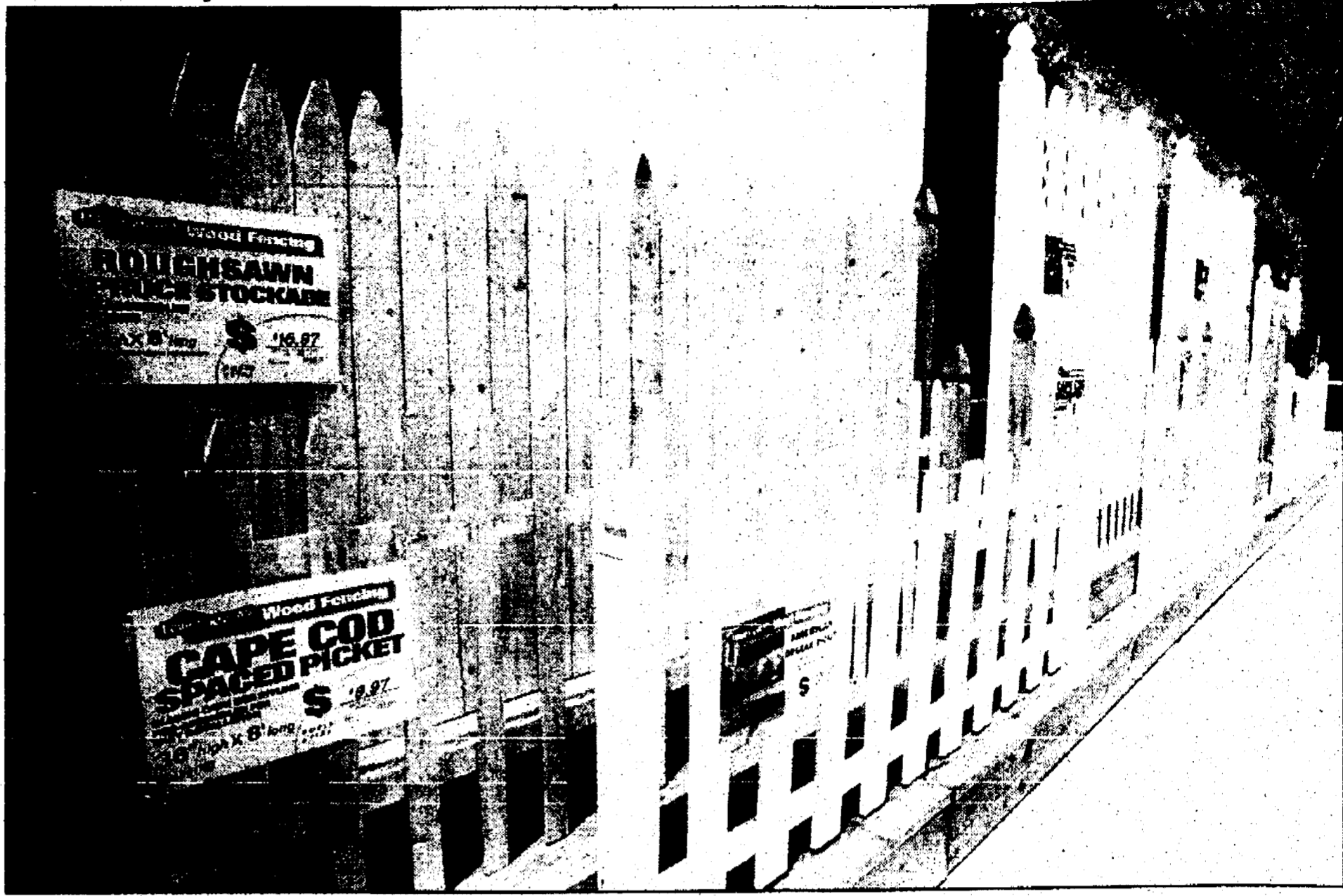
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 12 Play your favorites or learn new games. Fun for everyone at this event! No fee. No registration required.

**Movietime**

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**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

2-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 11 The Friends meet to discuss fund-raising and programming activities. This meeting will include a review of the Book Sale in June. Come by for a visit or find out how you can help the library.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Variety: Different types of fences outside of Lowe's await customers.

# Lowe's opening this weekend provides chance to spruce up

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**BUSINESS**

So you want to do a home improvement project? Lowe's, at Warren and Newburgh in Westland, is opening its doors this weekend with some 40,000 items available.

"It means now the customer has a choice where to shop," said Ed Watkins, store manager. The 54-year-old company, based in North Carolina, specializes in home improvement.

At 6 a.m. Saturday, July 1, the doors will swing open. There's a grand opening 6 a.m. Tuesday, July 4. Regular hours will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.

to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Already, people have been driving through the parking lot, looking to see if the store's open, Watkins said.

"We're looking forward to opening our doors."

He described Lowe's as family- and community-oriented, with an emphasis on customer service. It's employee-owned.

Watkins said people will say "Wow!" Saturday when they come to the store. The

clean store offers great variety, "great customer service" and cleanliness.

"It's just unbelievable," the manager said. "We're glad to come into Westland. We think it's a great location."

He's always been impressed with Westland, having grown up in the area and living in the Livonia-Westland area for many years. Watkins attended Livonia Churchill High School.

"It's like being home."

The phone number of the new store, on the southwest corner of Warren and Newburgh, is (734) 728-6620.

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# Fired

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By law, police officials had to act on Jaworski's firing within 90 days of learning of the 18-year-old woman's allegations.

The woman testified during an April 18 court hearing that Jaworski put his hand down her pants and sexually groped her during a 4 a.m. March 24 traffic stop at Yale and Webster, near the Target store on Warren Road.

She was a front-seat passenger in a Ford Explorer, and police officials have said three other people in the vehicle didn't see the woman being molested after she was asked to get out.

Testimony has indicated that the male driver was occupied with another police officer while the woman was being questioned by Jaworski.

Police officials have said the backseat passengers, ages 15 and 16, apparently didn't see what happened between the woman and Jaworski.

Jaworski took the three young women to the home of one of them while another officer arrested the Explorer driver on a marijuana charge.

In court, the woman accused Jaworski of giving her a police station phone number and asking her for sex.

She also admitted flirting with him, giving him a pager number and calling to arrange a meeting that never occurred.

She said she planned to videotape the meeting and conceded that she tried to set him up "for what he did to me."

The woman testified that the traffic stop occurred while she and her friends were on their way to a restaurant after playing cards. She said she had consumed two vodka drinks and smoked part of a marijuana joint.

The woman didn't report the alleged molesting for a week.

Her allegations arose after she became involved in another traffic stop, this time with her boyfriend. She was arrested on warrants for driving in an improper lane and being in a park after hours.

She said she refused to let an officer search her because of her earlier encounter with Jaworski. She said she told the officer she had been molested.

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

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# Woman's body found in Canton

Leposava Filipovska's body was discovered early Sunday morning behind a Clark gas station at Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road.

A Monday Wayne County Medical Examiner's autopsy determined her death was caused by heart failure. Police believe Filipovska's death is suspicious in nature.

"Things just don't look right," said Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft. "We're treating it as foul play. But what we've got, we're not sure."

Filipovska left her job at the Ypsilanti plant at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, according to police reports. Heading eastbound on Michigan Avenue, the 62-year-old came to a roadblock at Denton Road on the township's far west side.

An earlier accident had closed the road. Filipovska was ordered to turn her car around.

Filipovska's husband, Dordi, awoke at about 7

a.m. Sunday and became worried that his wife wasn't home. He eventually drove the route Leposava took to and from work.

A 10-year-old Highland boy spotted Leposava Filipovska, who was lying on her back, while at the Clark station. Her body was more than a mile from her vehicle.

Police found no obvious signs of trauma on Filipovska.

Filipovska's car was involved in a minor accident prior to her death. Reports said there was damage to her rear bumper.

Filipovska's funeral is scheduled for Friday at St. Mary's Macedonia Church, 21740 Ryan in Warren.

Anyone with information about the case may contact Sgt. Charles Raycraft at (734) 397-6807.

By Scott Daniel

# Brist's a learner

Lori Brist, executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, recently completed a professional development program at the University of Notre Dame.

The Institute for Organization Management offered the program June 11-16. It offers innovative and challenging continuing education for chamber of commerce and association executives.

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Lori Brist

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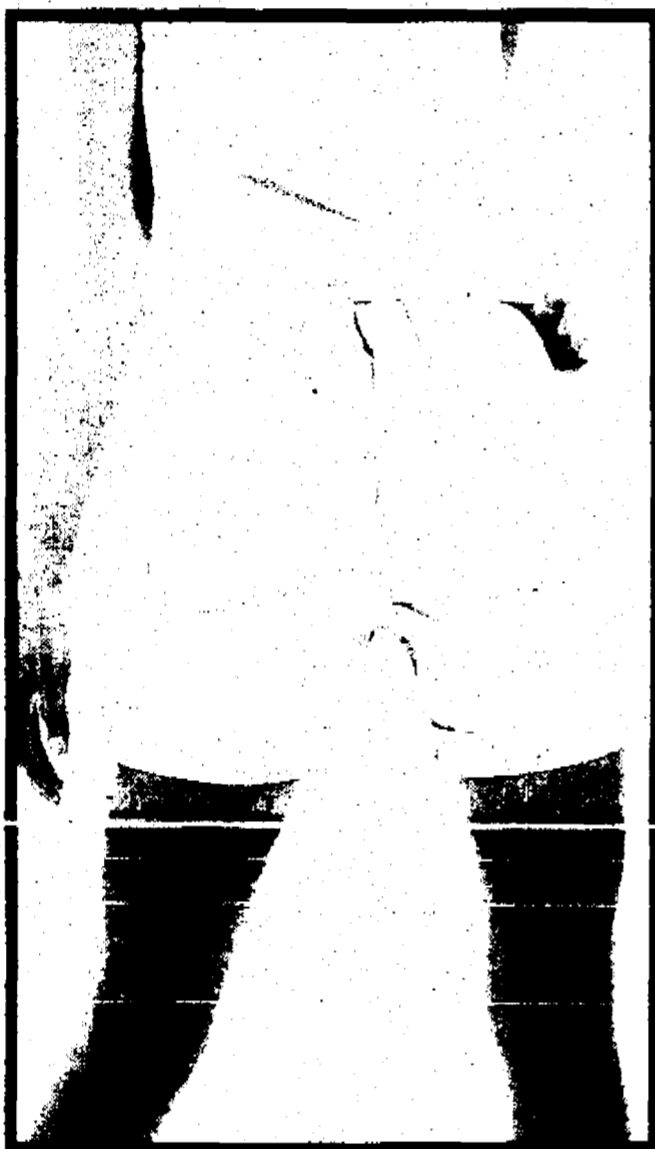
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**WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION ELECTION • DISTRICT 9**

In the Aug. 8 primary election, voters in Redford Township and voters in Livonia living between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads will decide which one of three Democratic candidates will oppose incumbent County Commissioner Kathleen Husk for the 9th District seat in the Nov. 7 general election. Husk is unopposed for the Republican nomination. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Kim Gissendanner, a Democratic primary candidate from Dearborn Heights, did not respond to this survey.

**FRED APPIAN**



62 - Dearborn Heights - Democrat - Architect, community planner and builder - Member, AAA Arbitration Association, AIA Professional Practice Committee, Armenian Scientists and Engineers.

Encourage by countywide ballot proposal for a new form of county government composed of three equal but separate branches of government with checks and balances. Yes, we now have a separate judiciary, but a very strong county executive and a county commission of limited power... The present system is not fair and does not work well, hence the problems at the Metropolitan airport.

**Name the three biggest problems facing the county commission and/or the county government and what you would do to resolve them.**

All tenders should be limited in scope, with simple requests to comply with in order to encourage more qualified bidders... Bidders cannot be related to, or associated with in business relationships the county executive, the commissioners or the county's department heads and administrators...

**Do you favor the proposed 1/2-mill regional arts tax, which would provide funds for both major area institutions and local communities? Why or why not?**

No. Because it is not the business of regional government, like county government, to tax all the people for obviously limited esoteric uses that do not and cannot benefit the entire population. Such as roads and sewer systems, which are multi-municipal projects that benefit everyone uniformly and are appropriate for county government to sponsor, fund and build.

**Do you support renewal of both the one-mill general operating levy and 1/2-mill parks levy? Why or why not?**

Yes. Because as you can see from the above answer, these two issues meet the requirements established above that benefits the entire community. Society in general and issues in particular, require the necessity of appropriately funded jails and parks in order for their adequate functioning. The same is true for our regional and county parks...

**Where should tax money go - to rebuild roads and highways or to improve mass transit, such as buses and light rail? Explain.**

The first priority is the rebuilding of the existing roads to the highest standard to last at least 40 years... To improve mass transit is a more difficult issue; like light rail, cannot be justified because metro Detroit lacks the necessary population densities to justify its use and cost.

**PHILIP M. CAVANAGH**



38 - Dearborn Heights - Democrat - Resigned as law clerk to U.S. Dist. Judge Arthur J. Tarnow to run for county commission - Former court officer, Michigan Court of Appeals - Highview Elementary PTO vice president for programming.

Fiscal responsibility - to make sure that every dollar spent by the county is needed and done responsibly. Economic development - to continue the rebuilding, growth and prosperity of the county to the benefit of our district. Quality of life - to improve the quality of our roads, airports and parks.

Balancing the budget to best utilize limited tax dollars to create less congested courts, greater public safety and improved parks and roads. Aggressively pursuing every state and federal dollar available to offset residents' burden. Raising public trust in our elected officials, that they are competent and accountable to the electorate.

I would be in favor of giving the voters the choice. The arts are always the first casualty of budget cuts. Improved quality of life includes the government's being culturally responsible. The county commission would only be empowered to allow the voters to decide such a millage.

Unlike the incumbent, I feel the taxpayers should decide renewing the parks millage. While I would vote No for any non-essential tax increase, these millages are renewals for propositions that have been efficient and effective. District residents have benefited greatly from the improvements to Hines, Lola Valley and Bell Creek parks.

This is not an either/or question, but one of setting priorities. We must keep roads safe and drivable with current resources, but we also must look toward providing fast, safe and efficient mass transit for continued growth and a healthy environment. This means aggressively pursuing such funding from the federal government.

**KATHLEEN HUSK**



44 - Redford Township - Republican - Elected county commissioner in special election March 10, 1998 - Member, county committees on the audit, the environment, drains and sewers and general government - Task forces: chairwoman, E9-1-1; vice-chair, youth at risk; member, K-12 education - Former South Redford School District trustee (1995-99) - Certified water safety instructor with district.

I will continue my efforts to address constituent concerns, ensure improvements at Metro Airport are realized, strive for continued improvements at Friend of the Court, work for more equity in the distribution of road dollars, and continue to eliminate waste and improve the operation of county government.

We need to bring in an experienced, professional airport manager to oversee Metro Airport. Procedural changes and improved technology can better the quality of service at Friend of the Court, Register of Deeds and Metro. We need to restore people's faith in county government by being completely ethical in our operations.

I do not support it. The 9th District almost always ends up being a donor district; rarely do we get tax dollars returned to the district equal to what we pay. I don't see how we would benefit. All other government levels have reduced taxes, only the county wants to raise them.

It's up to the people to decide. Personally, I support the general levy, which will continue such services as the juvenile court, public health, job training and senior citizens program. I did not support the original parks levy and neither did district voters. Parks are important, but the general fund should support them.

Maintaining our roads is very important to everyone and must be a priority. I could support a reasonable and useful plan for mass transit, perhaps a light rail system between Metro and downtown Detroit. However, it would be very expensive and would need to be justified before I could support it.

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION ELECTION • DISTRICT 10**

Wayne County Commission District 10 is bounded by Middlebelt Road on the east, Eight Mile Road on the north, Ridge Road on the west and Joy Road on the south. It covers most of Livonia, the communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and most of Northville Township.

**LYN R. BANKS**



58 - Livonia - Republican - Running unopposed in both the Aug. 8 primary and Nov. 7 general elections for a second term as county commissioner - Vice chair, county commission's health and human services committee - Member, committees on ways and means, economic development - Chair, task force on transportation - Member, permanent subcommittee on veterans services - Served on Wayne County Charter Commission - State representative 14 years, serving on appropriations committee.

To make the commission more efficient, to ensure that all Head Start participants have books and to work to create a better image of Wayne County services and the airport.

The commission needs strong leadership with organizational skills to make it more efficient and open to everyone. Make sure the airport delivers on its promises to be more customer oriented, more open with its contracts, and that the midfield terminal opens on time. Strive to be a better service provider for the people.

I support providing a stable funding base for our regional, cultural and tourism institutions and providing a much-needed base for local historic and cultural programs. We would keep a third of the money for such programs. In 1992, state commitment fell from \$80 million to \$21 million statewide for such institutions.

I support both. The county is projecting an \$8 million deficit this year, but we must continue existing services like juvenile court, public health, job training and senior citizen program. Not renewing the millage would exacerbate the problem. Our parks never looked better and are getting better still, because we have a designated parks millage.

Wayne County commissioners aren't empowered to implement mass transit programs on their own. Many studies, including my own, have been done regarding metro-area transit. What we need is leadership to develop a master plan which includes intermodal stations, trains, light rail and high speed rail, planes, automobiles, buses, boats and even trans on wheels.

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# Some say 'big increase' in school funding is not enough

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It was billed as "the largest single increase in school funding in the history of this state" by House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa.

But since the state government is enjoying record surpluses these days, other lawmakers complained the Legislature should be allocating even more toward education.

Senators and representatives wrapped-up work this week on a budget that sets K-12 school aid spending figures through fiscal year 2002-03. They had already set the budgets for the current year, 1999-2000, and next year, 2000-01. But as they carried their financial plan forward two more years, through adoption of Senate Bill 1044, they added supplemental appropriations for school districts boosting up current and next year spending.

The budget bill added \$90 million in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, already under way. It hiked per pupil previously approved "foundation grants" by \$4 to \$5,700. Foundation grants for next year, 2000-01, were hiked \$134 per pupil to \$6,000.

Setting fresh budgets for the next two years, lawmakers continued the pattern, hiking foundation grants to \$6,500 for 2001-

02 and to \$6,700 for 2002-03. Along with the \$90 million in the first year, the bill added \$366 million for next year. Then for 2001-02, the total allocation comes to \$11.6 billion. In 2002-03, the figure comes to \$11.9 billion.

## New programs

The budget include \$600 million of entirely new programs, including:

- \$135 million for early intervention programs for children ages 0 to 5, a new grant program through which districts will try to send "home visitors" to the house of every new parent in the state.

- \$126 million for summer school programs for children in grades 1-4 with low test schools.

- \$110 million for teacher technology, including computers and Internet access.

- \$102 million for school infrastructure.

- \$80 million for teacher and school counselor training.

- \$32 million for Golden Apple Awards to reward high performing elementary schools.

- \$18 million to expand the Michigan Virtual High School.

- \$17 million for a new education performance database.

- \$10 million to support families seeking to gain employment.

- \$15 million for districts "whose governance has been restructured in state statute."

Gov. John Engler praised the bill, saying it "increased funding for schools to the highest levels ever."

Geiger had equal praise for it, saying the budget solved the longstanding Durant lawsuit disputes. He also said the package "builds on Proposal A, which dramatically reduces inequity" between rich and poor school districts.

Although the difference in funding between Michigan's richest and poorest districts is currently about 2 to 1, it used be 3 to 1 as recently as 1993 before the passage of Proposal A.

## Some opposed

But not everyone was enthused with the bill.

"I think that what we have to do is recognize that the second and third years of this budget really are fictional budgets," Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, said. "Everybody knows that we'll come back a year from now and pass a supplemental that will add additional dollars ... That's going to make sure that the School Aid Fund is even larger than it is currently, and we'll have an even larger surplus in that amount. We could use that money to reduce class size, pay for special education appropriately, or do any number of things that will improve the educational quality in this state. We chose not to do any of those things but chose to disguise the fact that we have the additional money that ought to be spent on schools."

Reps. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, and Ruth Ann Jamnick, D-Ypsilanti, filed a protest over the bill, stating that: "With the current budget surplus, Michigan could finally meet its obligations for funding special education. Unfortunately, this budget does not address that funding. Instead, the governor's proposal shifts funding around without adding the needed additional dollars. Finally, lowering class size is a proven method of improving student achievement. This budget provides a pittance for smaller class sizes."

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, opposed the bill saying it gave an additional \$15 million to Detroit schools and transferred \$250 million from school aid to the general fund.

But Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, thought it a good

solution to K-12 funding, noting the increases in the budgets "far exceeds inflation."

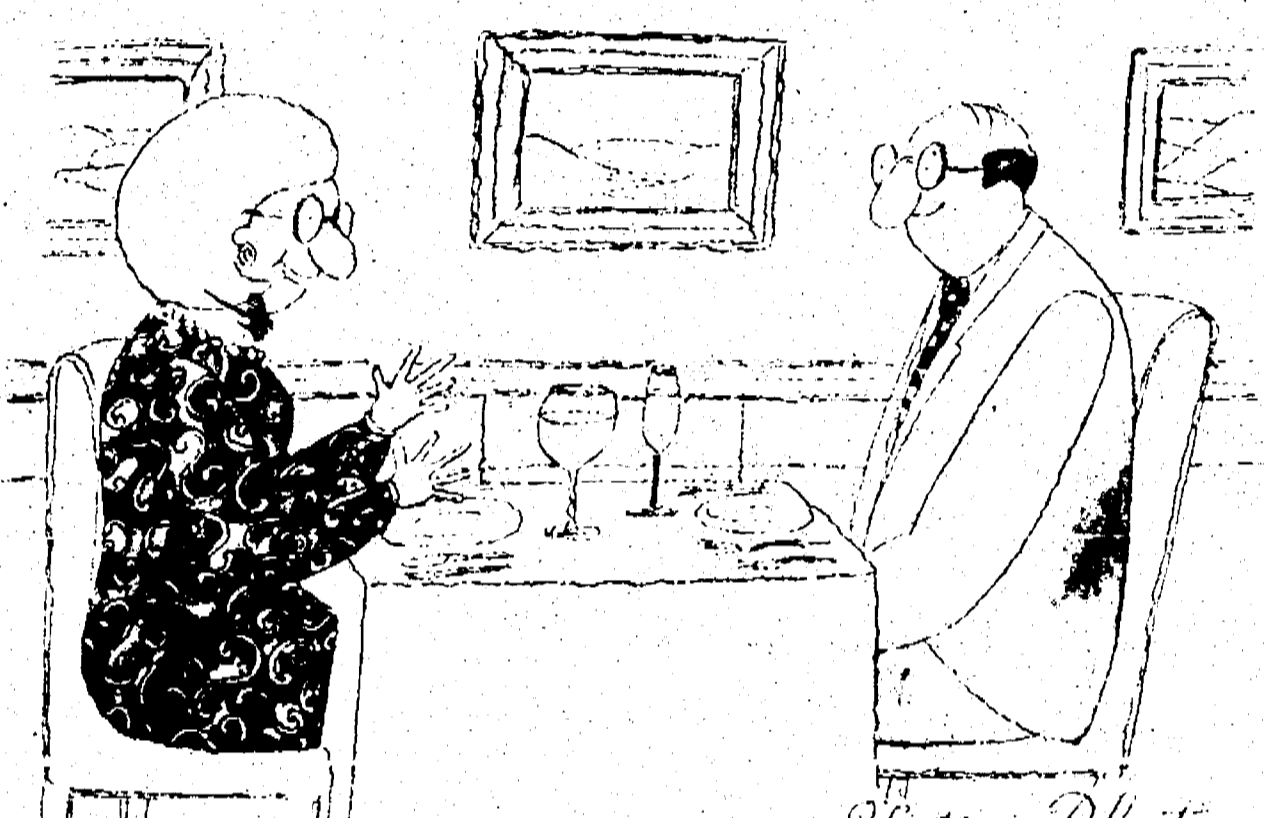
In the House, representatives approved the bill in a 68-40 vote.

Area representatives voting yes were: Reps. Bob Brown, D-Deerborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Voting no were: Reps. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. Senators voted 29-8 for approval of the school aid budget.

Area senators voting yes were: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield.

Voting no were: Sens. John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio, and George Z. Hart, D-Deerborn, voted no.



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# Miss Westland aims for stars

**M**iss Westland Samantha Snabes sets high goals.

"I want to be an astronaut," said Snabes, a 19-year-old Westland resident. She's had that career goal nearly her entire life, and was inspired in the third grade by astronaut Sally Ride's historic ride into space.

Snabes was named this year's Miss Westland during Saturday evening competition at Westland Center.

Snabes is a junior at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo., where she is studying Spanish, biology and international relations. She'll next attend Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania to work on a fourth major.

Then it's off to the University of Toronto for a master's, fol-

lowed by further graduate work at Harvard or Stanford universities. Snabes will pursue a Ph.D. and possibly attend medical school.

"A lot of them have medical degrees," she said of the astronauts. Snabes will continue her international studies as well.

The Wayne Memorial High School graduate is looking forward to representing her community at the Westland Summer Festival.

"I think it'll be really exciting and a lot of fun," she said. She's doing the Miss USA program later this summer and thought Miss Westland would help to boost her confidence and give her experience working with people.

Snabes is the daughter of Ellen and Anthony Celmo.



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**Miss Westland: Samantha Snabes stands out against her competitors as Miss Westland. Snabes will reign over this year's Westland Summer Festival.**

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# Pros say fireworks best in the hands of experts

BY BILL CASPER  
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Police and fire department officials are advising parents and children that the safest way to enjoy displays of fireworks during the July 4 holiday is to let professionals stage the shows.

There are no safe fireworks, said Redford Township Fire Marshal Leslie Wedge.

"Fireworks are all dangerous and they belong in the hands of professionals," he said. "If you don't know what the fireworks device will do, don't buy it."

The state fireworks law controls the amount of explosive powder the devices are allowed,

Wedge said. Devices that exceed 25 grams of powder are illegal and can't be sold to the public without a permit, he said.

Stores selling illegal fireworks should be reported to police, Wedge said.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department has increased monitoring of retail stores selling illegal fireworks and they can be reported by calling (313) 224-2298.

Members of the sheriff's department bomb disposal unit used Bell Creek Park in Redford as a setting for a demonstration Tuesday afternoon designed to display the dangers of illegal fireworks.

A group of about 20 youngsters and several parents watched the demonstration from a safe distance as two, life-like plastic models held fireworks that were exploded. An emergency room doctor also was in the audience.

This is the third year in a row for this demonstration scheduled around the July 4 holiday, Sheriff Robert Ficano said.

"We don't want to rain on anyone's parade, but sometimes kids don't realize how dangerous fireworks are," he said. "Children should check with mother and dad before playing with fireworks. Fireworks should only be used under adult supervision, even with sparklers."



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Watch out! A rocket goes off in this mannequin's hand as part of a demonstration put on by the Wayne County sheriff on the dangers of fireworks.



Consequences: Sheriff Robert Ficano shows some children the fingers that were blown off a mannequin's hand by an M-80.

Ficano warned parents and children that sparklers should be kept away from the eyes.

Basically, a fireworks device that explodes and leaves the ground is illegal in Michigan, he said.

Fireworks that spin and bounce also are illegal in the state because there is no control over those devices, Wedge said.

Three illegal fireworks devices were exploded on the models at Bell Creek, blowing off fingers

and burning the clothes they were wearing, Wedge said.

The fireworks used for the demonstration included an M80, similar to a quarter stick of dynamite, a Roman candle, and an aerial bomb, he said.

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## Livonia school officials probe safety issues

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A proposal to add a school liaison police officer at Stevenson High, which doesn't have one, is prompting questions.

Some think it's a good idea, especially since the district's other two high schools already have such officers. Others are

skeptical. Instead of using a full-time employed Livonia police officer, the district is considering one who is retired instead. That would save money, Superintendent Ken Watson said.

Pay for a full-time police liaison officer runs \$75,000, which includes benefits. A retired law enforcement officer would be

paid \$30,000-\$35,000. The cost at Franklin High is partially offset by a federal grant.

The city picked up \$25,000 this term. The district will assume that cost as well as continue to pay the \$75,000 tab at Churchill.

The \$125,000 federal grant runs out in 2002.

"The way we're doing it at Franklin and Churchill is not the most cost-effective," the superintendent said.

Unlike officers at those two high schools, the one at Stevenson would not carry a weapon or have police authority.

Trustee-elect Larry Naser asked why another person is needed when there are principals and other authority figures.

"I think what this provides is someone who knows security issues and who knows how to identify them ... and be able to respond," Watson said.

Another trustee wants to see how police liaison officer program is working first.

A report could not be put together until next year, Watson said. The district would like to hire a Stevenson High liaison officer before school starts in the fall.

Officials already have a candidate in mind.

The district added a liaison officer this year at Franklin, which is partially funded through a Cops in Schools federal grant. Churchill High has had a liaison officer for two years.

Two liaison officers handle five middle schools, including Clarenceville.

Sgt. Paul Wood, who oversees the program for Livonia police, would like to see liaison officers

in all middle schools, too.

Wood declined to comment on the district's proposal to add a retired officer at Stevenson. He deems the school liaison program as an unequivocal success, though.

"It's far exceeded my expectations," Wood said. "It's benefited the entire community."

A police officer in school provides more than enforcement, Wood said.

"(But) a lot of it is getting to know the kids and building up a relationship of trust and understanding with them."

District officials don't dispute the program's effectiveness. Cost is the main concern.

With a retired officer, the district would not pay benefits. The savings if they used retired officers at all three high schools, estimated at around \$100,000 a year, could be used to hire at least two teachers, Watson said.

A liaison officer - without a weapon or policing authority - could be as effective. Whether an officer is armed is not an issue, Watson said.

"We do pride ourselves in being able to talk our way through a situation," said Mark Schultz, district security director. "Our belief is a weapon is not needed."

Such an officer can be someone in whom students could confide or who could diffuse situations before they arise.

"Any good high school counselor could do that," said Trustee Ken Timmons, whose term expires June 30.

One colleague favors hiring a liaison officer rather than standing pat. Said Trustee Daniel Lessard, "We would be remiss if we did nothing."

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Wednesday, July 05, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1987	PONTIAC	GRAND AM/2 DR	RED	1G2NE11L4HC775129
1993	DODGE	RAMP/PICKUP TK	BLUE	JB7FP24D4FP706922
1988	FORD	TEMPO/2DR	BLUE	1FAPP31XJK121243

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the higher bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1986	FORD	ESCORT/S WAGN	TAN	1FABP3490GW323296
1986	FORD	T-BIRD/2 DR	BLUE	1FABP46F6GH251873
1986	DODGE	CARAVAN/VAN	BLUE	2B4FK41GXR761879
1989	FORD	ESCORT/2 DR	WHITE	1FAPP9193KT190766
1988	PLYMOUTH	VOYAGER/VAN	TAN	1P4FH4035JX301176
1976	FORD	E-150/VAN	CREME	E01HHA27897
1985	PONTIAC	PARISIEN/S WGN	BROWN	1G2BL35H3FX253320
1985	FORD	ESCORT/ATN WGN	BURGUNDY	1FABP3496FW324484
1985	CHEVROLET	CAMARO/2 DR	BLUE	1G1F58136F7N13227
1986	PLYMOUTH	HORIZON/4DR	GRAY	1P3BM18CQGD261896
1983	CHEVROLET	HAN	WHITE	1GBEG25H5D7143460

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

**30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION**  
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicles listed below will be auctioned after JULY 29, 2000 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	VIN
1985	PLYMOUTH	VOYAGER/VAN	BLUE	2B4FK51GXR236281

June 29, 2000

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION -  
REGISTRATION NOTICE**

THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS ALREADY REGISTERED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day on which persons may register in order to vote in the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2000 is Monday, July 10, 2000 at which time candidates of the Democratic and Republican Parties for the following offices will be voted upon: **United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Representative, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, Delegate to County Convention, Judge of Circuit Court (3rd Judicial Circuit - Regular Term) and the following County of Wayne Proposals: Proposition O - Operating Millage Renewal - To renew the millage authorized in 1990, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2000 rollback rate of .9627 (about 96 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2000 through 2009), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$35,914,278 in 2000. Yes or No. Proposition P - Parks Millage Renewal - To renew the millage authorized in 1996, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2000 rollback rate of 2.486 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2001 through 2005) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements of Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$9,274,218 in 2001. Yes or No. Registrations will be taken at the office of the Westland City Clerk, Wayne County, Michigan, 36601 Ford Road, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

JOANN M. SEABERG, Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE  
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION,  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2000**

Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the General Primary Election is Monday, July 10, 2000.

Candidates seeking nomination to the following partisan and non-partisan offices are to be voted upon:

- United States Senator
- State Representative
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Delegate to County Convention

And the following propositions:

**Proposition O Operating Millage Renewal**  
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The office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk  
Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

Published: June 29 and July 9, 2000

**CITY OF WESTLAND  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION**

The Westland Housing Commission will be opening its waiting list for the Section 8 Existing Housing Choice Voucher Program on Thursday, July 27, 2000 and Friday, July 28, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. both days. Applications must be picked up at the Westland Housing Commission's Main Office, located at 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan 48186. Individuals with questions may come in person or contact the main office between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at telephone (734) 595-0288.

To apply for the Section 8 Existing Housing Choice Voucher Rental Assistance Program, the applicant's total gross household income must not exceed the limits established below:

(1) Persons: \$21,850	(4) Persons: \$31,200	(7) Persons: \$38,700
(2) Persons: \$24,950	(5) Persons: \$33,700	(8) Persons: \$41,200
(3) Persons: \$28,100	(6) Persons: \$36,200	

The Westland Housing Commission will not deny any family the opportunity to apply for admission into the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, nor deny any eligible applicant the opportunity to lease a dwelling unit suitable to the applicant's needs on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, handicap and/or familial status.

All applicants must attach to their application a copy of their driver's license (both sides), State I.D., or other appropriate picture identification. If applicant for one bedroom is handicapped or disabled, written certification of a handicap or disability must be attached to their application.

Only one application will be issued per person (age 18 and over). The person picking up the application must provide a valid driver's license or State I.D. at the time the application is picked up. No hand-delivered applications will be accepted. All applications must be completed, dated, signed and mailed to the Westland Housing Commission's main office, **submitted by Thursday, August 31, 2000. No applications will be accepted after this time.**

JOHN FRANKLIN, President  
Westland Housing Commission

JAMES GILBERT, Director  
Westland Housing Commission

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**GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Garden City Public Schools is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors for Re-Roofing Garden City High School Fieldhouse. For additional information contact Deb Smitt at (734) 762-6306.

Bids will be opened July 7, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the board office at Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135

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**GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF  
GARDEN CITY HIGH & JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
BLEACHER REMODELING**

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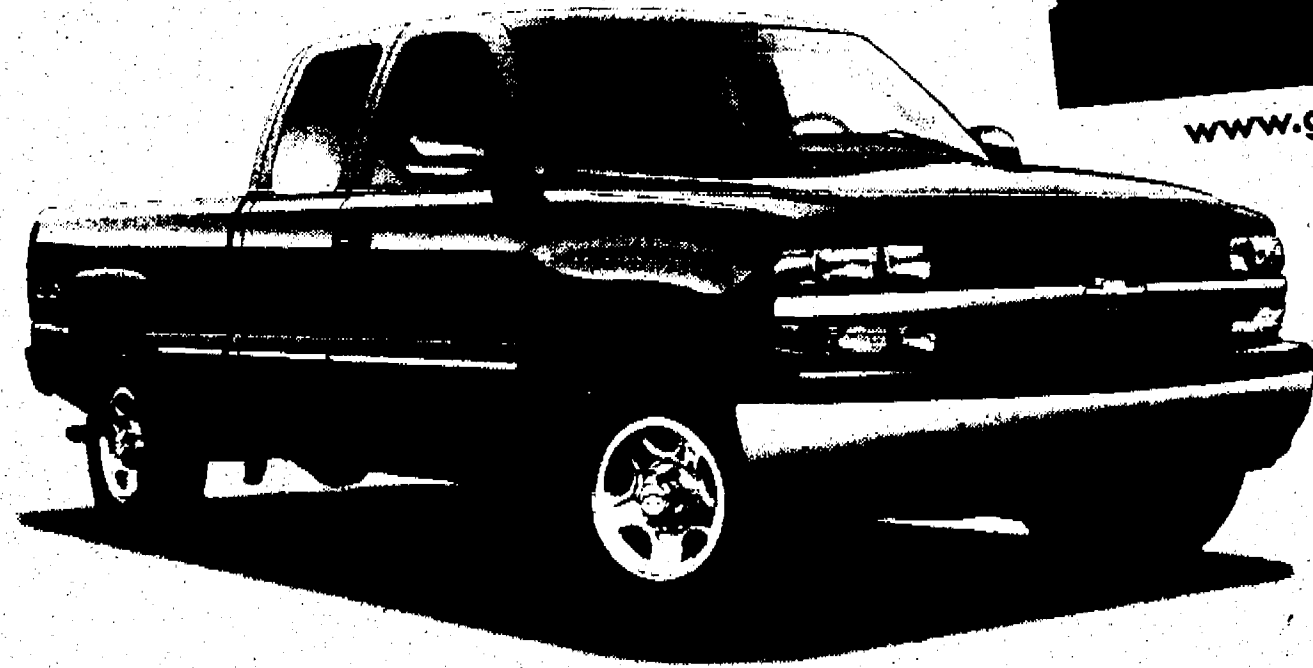
Bidding Documents will be available for examination & distribution after Monday, June 19, 2000. Documents will be available at TMP Assoc., Inc. 1191 W. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, the FW Dodge Corp Plan Room, Southfield, MI, DCR Plan Room, Madison Heights, MI, or the Construction Assoc. of MI, Bloomfield, MI. Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by Owner in public:

Time: July 7, 2000 - 2:00 pm - EST  
Place: Garden City Board Offices  
Garden City Schools  
1333 Radcliff  
Garden City, MI 48135

Attn: Mr. Gary Marchel  
Executive Director, Operations & Personnel

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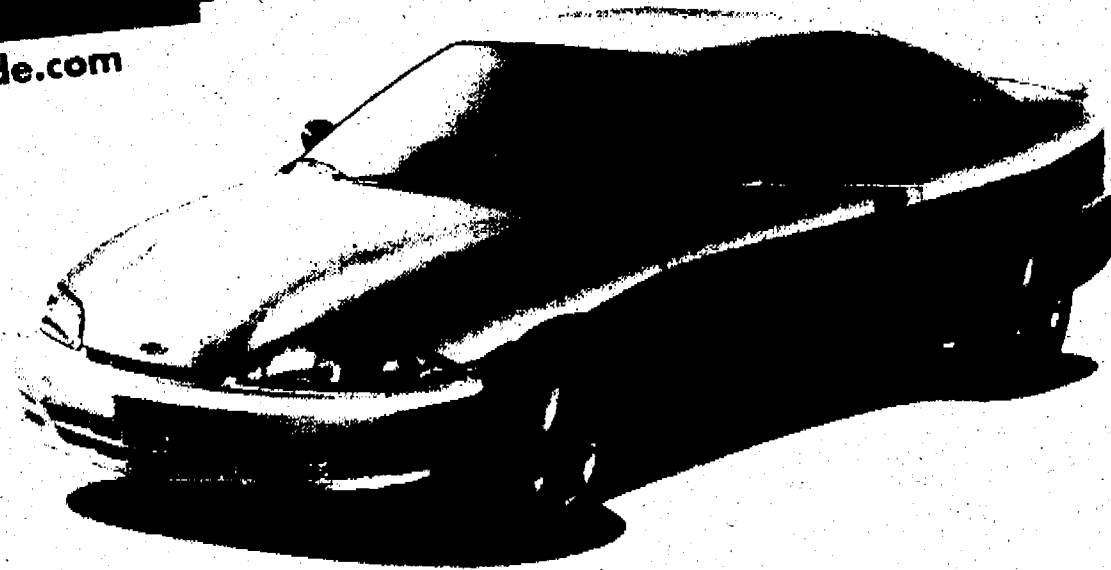
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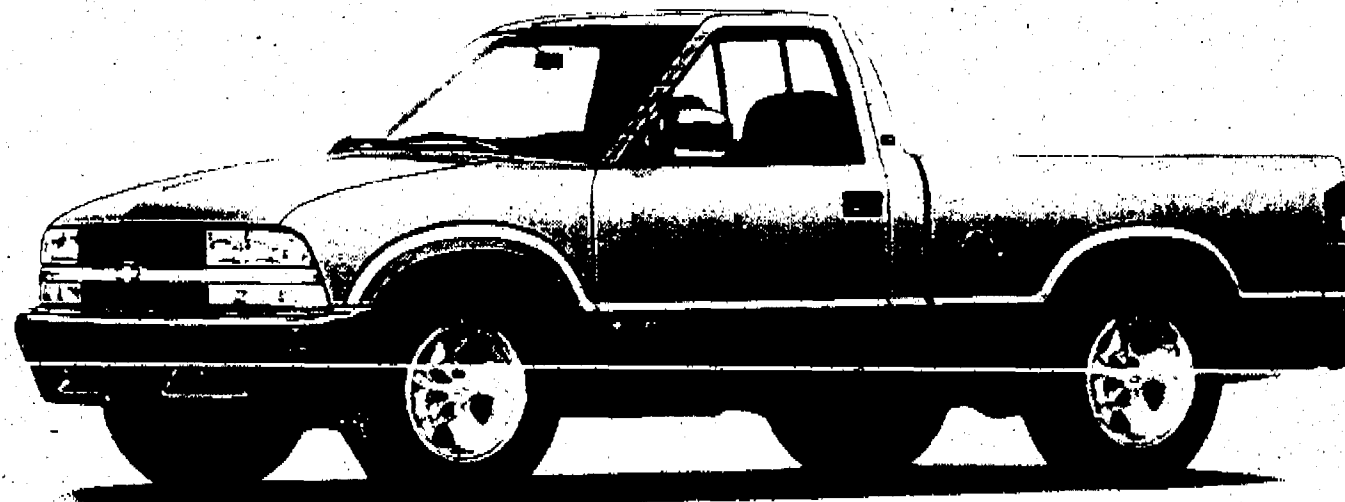
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THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2000

## Good idea Iron out meeting guidelines

They certainly haven't been noted for their decorum.

Westland City Council meetings have been chaotic since January, when former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons' firing caused such an outcry. There's been name-calling, along with general unpleasantness.

The business of government, of course, isn't always courteous. Our English cousins across the pond are noted for their acrimonious parliamentary debate, and it's not surprising that ire should arise in Westland over such a heated local issue.

Recently, concerns have arisen over all citizens having their right to speak at council sessions. Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin has apologized for what he termed an oversight at a recent meeting, closing the meeting before those people had their chance to speak.

All citizens should have their right to speak, and should exercise that right responsibly, stating their views succinctly and taking no more than their allotted time. At the same

time, the council has an obligation to provide a forum for people to speak.

The council is mulling a study session in which they would work out meeting guidelines. This sounds like an excellent idea to us, as it would clarify just how council business should be conducted and how best to allow citizens to speak their minds.

We would encourage the council to refine such meeting guidelines and to use them. All should be given their chance to speak, not just those with whom a council majority agrees.

The Norman Rockwell painting from the "Four Freedoms" series comes to mind, of a man speaking out at a public forum. He may not have been speaking of the firing of a popular city clerk, but nevertheless the painting reminds of the importance of all views being heard in a democracy. As we move toward our Fourth of July celebration, let's not forget the importance of freedom of speech.

## Race should focus on issues

It's tough to know what to make of the Kay Beard-Robert Thomas conflict.

Beard, county commission vice chair and longtime commissioner, faces the Westland mayor in the Democratic primary for the 12th District commission seat. She's filed a formal complaint against Thomas, saying his campaign literature is deliberately misleading on the question of who's the incumbent.

Thomas termed her reaction "petty" and voiced concern that their race should focus on more substantive issues. That's true, but it's also true that Beard is an incumbent who has served on the commission for 22 years. She's a seasoned veteran who's very visible in her dis-

trict, and voters have every right to know that before they enter the voting booth.

Thomas, on the other hand, has a track record as mayor and should run on that and his ideas for the 12th District.

Whatever the outcome of the Aug. 8 primary, we hope to see a high-minded campaign between Beard and Thomas - two established politicians.

The question of incumbency is easily answered, but other questions about county services in the district are not and require more thought and effort to answer.

Let's see that thought and effort taking place before voters.

## Nursing: A worthy profession

High school grads and college students unsure of a major might want to consider a career in nursing. It's a rewarding field that offers jobs and opportunities for advancement.

The demand is great. Industry experts predict things could reach a crisis point by the year 2005. Nurses are getting older with the average age ranging from 42 to 45, and there simply aren't enough young people entering the field to satisfy the demand.

While the demand is great, there is industry pressure to downsize and cut costs, which often results in workload increases for nurses. Restructuring in the health care industry has also had a negative impact on nursing. Some community hospitals, most recently Beyer Center in Ypsilanti, which is owned by Oakwood Healthcare System, have closed.

Stays are shorter and more procedures are being done outpatient, but hospitals are increasingly becoming large intensive care units whose patients require cardiac monitoring, respiratory assistance and intense treatment. Heavy patient loads and pressure to treat more people, quickly for less money have made nursing a less attractive career choice.

Nurses complain about long hours, being bogged down with tasks that could be done by less skilled workers, and not having enough time to spend with patients.

But despite the challenges, there are lots of

good reasons to consider nursing as a career. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs for registered nurses will grow 23 percent by 2006 - faster than the average for all occupations. Working in a hospital isn't the only option for nurses. There are many areas to specialize in, such as administration, clinical care, emergency and medical surgical care.

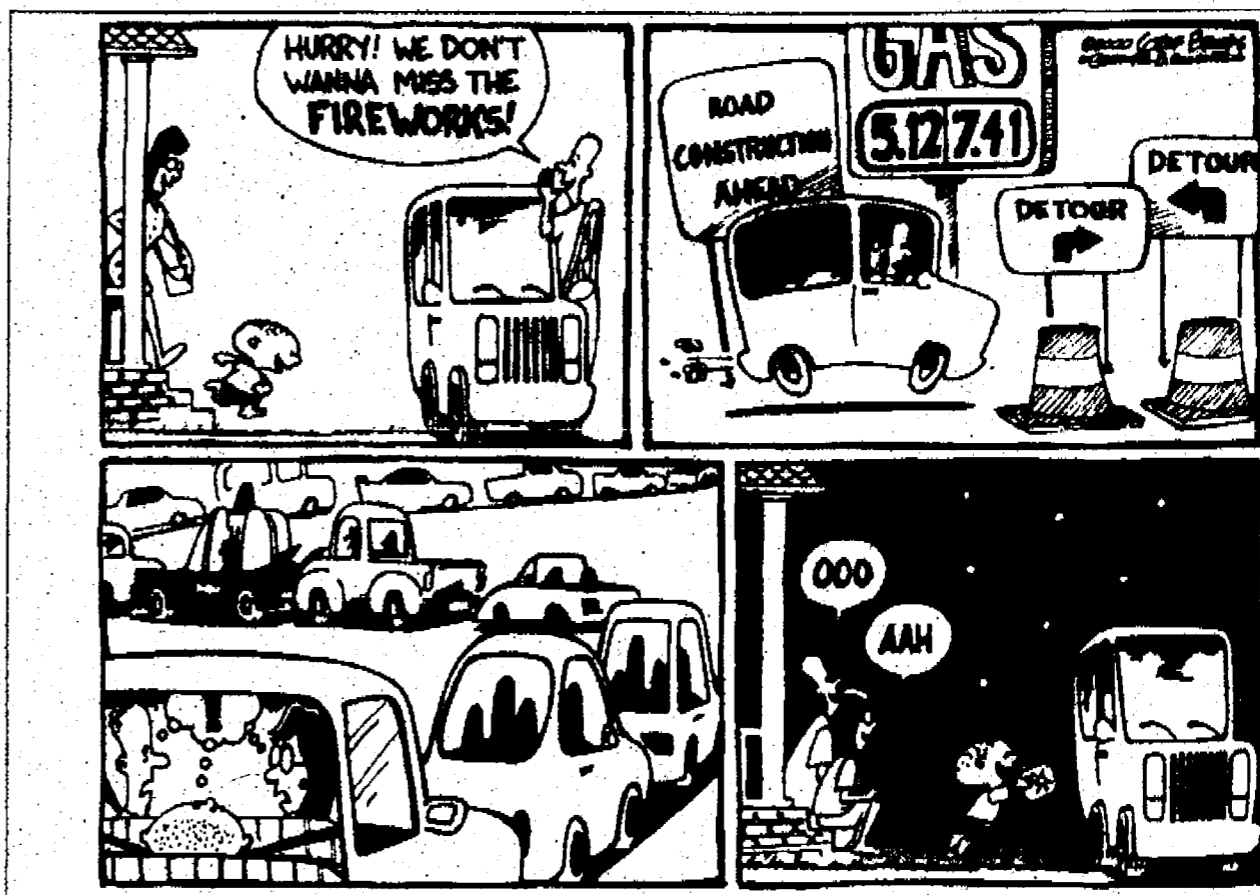
Salaries are an issue, too. Nursing salaries start out well; \$35,000 to \$38,000, but don't increase significantly. More career enhancement incentives are needed for nurses to explore advanced positions within the profession. There's also a need for mentoring, experienced nurses helping younger nurses.

Better communication between schools that prepare nurses and hospitals, clinics and other care facilities that hire them will help ensure that nurses are properly trained to do the work that must be done.

Resources must be allocated to allow nurses to spend more time balancing wellness care with monitoring illness. Nurses can teach patients how to take better care of themselves - preventative medicine is the best medicine - but they often don't have the time.

The women and men who make nursing their life work are committed, caring professionals, dedicated to helping people heal and stay well. They deserve our admiration, respect and support.

GEORGE BROOKS



### LETTERS

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

### Businesses help

"Sardate 2000" was the theme for the Livonia Churchill High School Senior All-Night Party.

The annual party was held June 15 following commencement and again was a huge success because of the support received by businesses and individuals from Livonia and neighboring communities such as Westland. Without their help, we would not have been able to provide our graduates with such a wonderful way to celebrate the culmination of 13 years of education.

The graduates of the Class of 2000 would sincerely like to thank the following Westland businesses for their help in providing the seniors with a party they will remember for a lifetime:

All Exposed Tanning, Applebee's, Arby's, Bill Knapp's, Boston Market, Circuit City, Clyde Smith & Sons, DeLuca's Restaurant, Electric Stick, Flowers by Joy, Laser Quest, Mancino's Pizza & Grinders, Mervyn's California, Precision Auto Care, Ram's Horn, Red Holman Pontiac, Red Robin, She's Got Nails, Sportway of Westland Inc., State Farm Insurance-Gary Druchniak, Target, TLC Auto Wash, Tubby's Submarine, Vintage Market, Westland Bowl

A complete listing of supporters of the Churchill High School Senior All-Night Party will be shown in the Livonia Observer.

Churchill High School Senior All-Night Party Committee

### Sorry for recall

I am writing this letter today because I had it with all the political nonsense in Westland. On Saturday, June 10, one of the petitioners who is recalling Sharon Scott came into my back yard uninvited and confronted my friends, asking them if they would like to sign a petition to recall Sharon Scott. Not only was I having a barbecue with some close friends, but these were also people in the market to purchase a home in Westland. Believe you me, if I hear there is turmoil in the city's government system it would sure lessen my desire to buy a home in that city. Also, who gives these people the right to trespass onto residents' personal property, especially to go out of their way to come into someone's backyard, and invade their privacy? There should be guidelines on how these signatures can be obtained. I hope appropriate steps are taken to ensure citizens still have privacy rights.

There is a small group of residents in Westland who have made false and inaccurate statements and have slowed down council meetings with repeating themselves time and time again. I personally have had enough of

the immature mind games and would like the residents of Westland to take a stand. These people are wasting the time of our council and wasting the time of the people!

One more thing, it's obvious this recall group struggled to get the signatures they needed to recall Mrs. Scott since it took them nearly three months to finally reach their small goal of 5,000 signatures (considering the population of this city is over 90,000). Thank you to the citizens of Westland who believe in Sharon Scott who we elected as a community. I am sorry for the recall and hope this doesn't happen again to any of our elected officials.

Lynette Hobyak  
Westland

### Focus on majority

I am tired of reading headlines that seem to be dedicated to a few irate vindictive people who have nothing better to do than disturb the city council meetings. Westland has a large population and I'm sure your headlines would be better served writing for the positive majority instead of the dysfunctional minority. I'm sorry, but after watching the recent city council meetings on the public channel and reading your articles on the smear campaigns the only descriptive word that comes to mind is dysfunctional.

All etiquette and proper meeting decorum have gone out the window at city council meetings and it has just about become a free-for-all. Put these negative articles in the back page and watch how quickly these people disappear. Stop pandering to these people and start printing popular public opinion. I don't read the Free Press or The Detroit News because their headlines sensationalize stories to the extreme. In my opinion, that's what the Observer is doing with these recent city council disputes. You've been making a mountain out of a molehill. In my opinion, you as the responsible voice of this community, are doing more harm to the Westland community by continuing to give a voice to these negative campaigns by a small minority.

Carlos Manzo  
Westland resident (since 1970)

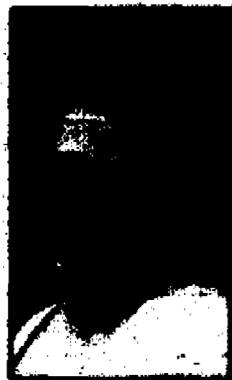
P.S. Why haven't you run a survey to poll Westland resident opinions on the city council overall performance and popularity, or a poll on the mayor's overall performance and popularity? For the record, I have high marks for the overall performance of the city council and the mayor. I can't say I've agreed with them on everything. But the city had prospered in recent years and I was hoping they would continue in their positions. It is very upsetting to see a small minority destroy what was probably one of the better administrations I'd seen in the last 31 years in Westland.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

How are you planning to celebrate the July 4 holiday?

We asked this question at the public library in Redford Township.



"Staying at home. I don't go on the road during the summer holidays because people are crazy."  
Judy Heribert



"With a car show. I'll be in a parade in Clarkston, driving my 1968 Ford LTD 390."  
Thomas Smith



"I'll go to a car show because I'm a car enthusiast and a member of a car club."  
Ted Pritch



"I'm going up to the Cherry Festival in Traverse City."  
Gloria Baky

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POINTS OF VIEW

Metro puts region on map, for the worse

"You're from Detroit, you have that awful Northwest Airlines hub."

We were in a bed and breakfast in Stratford, Ontario. Our housemates were two older couples from upstate New York. The woman with strong opinions about Northwest had a horror story to tell about her lost and found 11-year-old grandson.

"I just hate flying into Detroit," said her husband, a retired child psychologist. "It has to be the worst airport in the country."

Maybe this is progress. It used to be when I mentioned Detroit, people made comments about its murder rate or drug problems or generally rundown condition. Now it seems attention has shifted from the big city by the river to the sprawling airport in Romulus.

The airport is currently the football in a number of political high-stakes

games. County Executive Ed McNamara says the Republican Legislature, especially House Speaker Chuck Perricone, have a grudge and they're taking it out on McNamara and the airport. But apparently the Wayne County Commission has its own grudge and the airport is being picked up as a new battleground in the city-suburbs war.

The Midfield Terminal, now under construction, is being touted as the answer to several prayers. McNamara and airport officials promise the new terminal will help ease traffic and flight problems, open more gates to rival airlines and provide a cleaner, safer environment for travelers in a "world-class" airport.

Maybe. Unfortunately, we've heard these promises before. Every new parking scheme was supposed to make it easier to get around the airport. Getting around the airport is



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still a nightmare for most people.

The woman's story about her grandson, who was temporarily misplaced, matches other stories concerning Northwest. Recently, Birmingham resident Heidi Van Arnem, a quadriplegic, complained that she was left stranded on an airplane in San Francisco waiting for the delivery of her electric wheelchair. Northwest denies the charge, saying it did take them a while, 30 to 45 minutes, to get the

wheelchair because of the size of the airport but that airline attendants were there.

It's true that Northwest isn't alone among airlines that lose luggage or mistreat passengers. But in Detroit, the options are limited. Northwest flies 75 percent of all flights out of Metro. It currently has 60 of 103 gates (its commuter line Mesaba has another 12) and with the new Midfield terminal it will have 99 gates, 66 for Northwest and 33 for Mesaba at the new terminal, freeing up some of the other gates at the old terminal.

The combination of Northwest and Metro is making travelers more than a little uneasy. And when they land at other airports, or fly on other airlines, they realize the rest of the world doesn't operate this way. The last time I flew was to Washington's National Airport. It was under reconstruction and it was still easier to

navigate than Metro, cleaner than Metro and had a direct rail connection to the city center. The airport in Orlando is arranged and arrayed like a luxury hotel. The airport in Fort Myers, a much smaller city, is better run.

It's way past time to correct this situation. Metro is a public facility and all of its records, all of its dealings should and must be made available for public scrutiny. It is time to reassess the arrangement with Northwest and open more gates to competing airlines.

It is time to understand that Metro has become a major embarrassment to our area and something must be done about it.

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LETTERS

Gas views

I keep hearing a lot of excuses for the increased gasoline prices here in the Detroit area. One of the things I don't understand is why you (and others) keep broadcasting the hype that the petroleum industry wants us to hear. Where is your investigative team? This could be the largest news story of the year, if you take the time to check things out. Let me give you some basis for your story.

This past week on the Today show, the president of the Petroleum Producers Association said the reason for the price increase in the Midwest was because of the new environmental requirements. It costs more to make the new ethanol blend gas, therefore the reason for the increase. WRONG! We have had Ethanol gas now (lower quantity of ethanol in the gas) for sev-

eral years. Meijer, Sunoco, City Service, to name a few, have been selling it for a long time. It has always been three to five cents cheaper than real gas. The reason? It doesn't cost as much to produce, as ethanol doesn't cost as much as oil before refining, therefore the replacement saves them money. Besides, five large cities in the Midwest (Chicago is one of them) have been selling this new formulation now for several months with very little, if any, cost increase.

Your typical excuse for higher gas - it costs more in Europe, therefore we should just accept it and shut up. WRONG again! Gas does cost more overseas, primarily because of the taxes placed on a liter of gas. This is widely accepted in Europe as the money is used for social services (medical, schooling, etc.)...

The other excuse is that the cost of

producing the gas hasn't gone up as fast as the rate of inflation; therefore, we should allow them to increase the cost at this time. In the petroleum industry, as in most industries, they have been lowering their costs by smarter methods of refining. This is typical of all industries and a normal method of lowering costs while maintaining profits in an inflationary time.

Another excuse for the increase in our gas prices was the break in the Jackson County pipeline. (I thought the prices were higher than elsewhere BEFORE the break). I happen to drive past this pipeline a minimum of twice a week. They have been replacing the pipeline now for over three months (west of Jackson on I-94). It seems that this pipeline was/is questionable to the industry as a possible reason for replacement. Does this mean it has been leaking or on the

verge of leaking for some time? If this is the reason for the new line, was it negligence of the line that caused the leak/rupture? If so, why is it everyone feels it is the responsibility of the consumer to pay for their lack of taking care of their lines? If it is a new line being installed and the contractor (assuming the pipeline company isn't performing the work) accidentally broke into the line, why isn't the contractor paying for the mishap or their insurance company, instead of the consumer?

Why does it cost \$2.159 to \$2.199 per gallon for gas in Westland, \$2.119 a gallon for ethanol gas at mile marker 25 (exit 25, Sunoco station) on I-69 in Michigan, and \$1.819 at the Shell station at mile marker 157 (state line) on I-69 in Indiana? No, it isn't just this exit. At exit 148 (Angola, Ind., Marathon station) the price is \$1.799

per gallon. Why or how can anyone justify a \$0.30 to \$0.35 increase in gas in just 25 miles? No, the difference in state taxes won't wash on this as I usually pay only 5 cents more for gas in Michigan over Indiana.

The governor of Indiana just announced he was doing away with the state taxes on gas for the next 60 days or until the price of gas comes back down, whichever is sooner. The reason? The state is losing money from the traveling public in their state... Sales taxes would be higher than the losses presently seen and this would also keep about 17,000 people working (people who drive for a living or drive distances to and from work). Why doesn't the governor of Michigan have this foresight and do the same thing?

Jack Stange Westland/Noblesville, Ind.

MEAP measures school reform

Michigan fifth- and eighth-graders across the board improved their scores in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests for science, writing and social studies, according to scores released last week.

More significant is the long-term trend. By and large, scores are far higher than they were when the MEAP test became the instrument of choice for assessing student performance. Interestingly, some of the biggest gains have come from districts Lansing is now considering for takeover, such as Hamtramck and Inkster.

Various authorities greeted the report with enthusiasm. Local school officials say it's because teachers and teaching methods are improving. In Wayne-Westland, there was improvement across the board in science, writing and social studies, although there were some small dips at individual schools. Livonia, too, mirrored the state trend of improvement.

State school authorities say the school system is finally beginning to make real progress in reform. Gov. John Engler, who directed the takeover of the Detroit schools, says it's because schools are realizing the governor is serious.

Whatever. When the news is good, everybody is entitled to take a chunk of the credit.

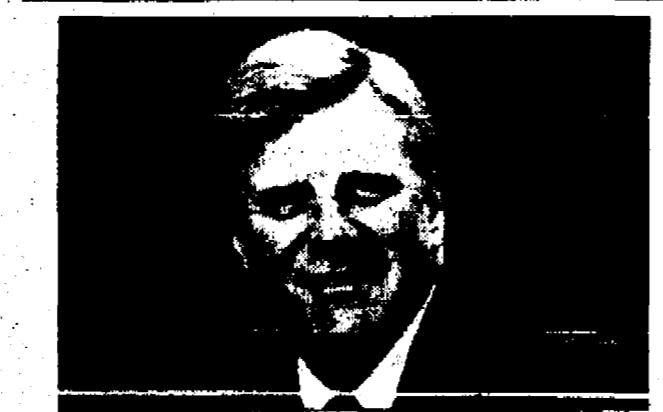
Although it's tough to do and takes a long time, reforming the public schools is not rocket science. Reformers proposed a sensible model for improvement years ago. First, you decide what kids are supposed to learn at various grades while they are in school. Second, you assess what kids do, in fact, learn, in Michigan, that's called the MEAP. Third, you release these scores - district by district, school building by school building - to the public so as to ensure accountability. Fourth, you demand that schools respond to the results by improving teaching methods and materials. Fifth, you make it clear that you are resolute in staying on the path of reform.

The main point to seize firmly - especially right now, before all the pro- and anti voucher propaganda hits - is that the school reform model is working in Michigan. Kids are learning more, virtually across the board.

That's very, very good news.

It's important to realize that most of our schools were not so bad to start with and have improved considerably over the past decade. The districts with real problems have been the very urban and the very rural. In the case of urban districts like Detroit, where the outrageous politics of school governance got in the way of good schools, drastic measures like the state takeover appear to be yielding results. Remote rural districts, where geographic isolation limits resources of all kinds, a technology fix such as increased reliance on computers and the Internet may offer hope.

State Board of Education President Dorothy



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Beardmore, one of the unsung heroes of school reform in Michigan, is delighted. "What these scores show is that standards-based education reform works because it makes sense to specify what kids should know at various stages in their education career," she says.

"It started in 1991 when we established model curriculum outcomes. In 1995, we established standards. We worked on the MEAP test and gradually turned it into an accurate assessment of what kids learn. And now we're starting to see some real progress as all this trickles into every classroom in Michigan."

Beardmore's right. Improving an entire school system in a state as big as Michigan doesn't happen overnight. "People are beginning to figure they might as well get on board because standards-based education reform is not going to go away," she says. "Some years ago, people in the Legislature were talking about abolishing the MEAP test, but you don't hear much about that anymore."

In fact, the numbers of pupils taking the MEAP tests are going up, evidently in large part because of Gov. Engler's bright idea of linking success on the junior year MEAP to a \$2,500 Merit Award scholarship to college. Starting in the 2000-01 school year, eighth-graders can earn \$500 in scholarship money to attend a public college in Michigan by scoring well on the MEAP.

A small irony amidst all this encouraging news: Folks at the Michigan Board of Education have yet to receive the official MEAP scores report. Administrative responsibility for the MEAP was transferred from the state board to the Department of the Treasury last year. Beardmore learned about the current results by reading the newspapers.

Maybe the next step should be to tidy up some bureaucratic organization charts so the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.

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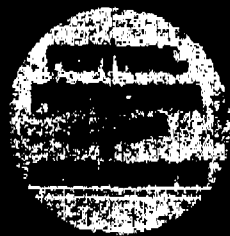
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**VIRGINIA PARKER**

## Treasure brings cousins together

Until this past weekend, my husband's great-grandmother, Marion Parker, was little more than a name on his family tree. His cousin, Nancy, changed that when she arrived from Florida loaded with family memorabilia.

Marion raised four children on a farm near Port Huron. Among her mementos were two turn-of-the-century ledgers, as well as diaries from 1941-43 when she was in her seventies.

Through them, we discovered that Don's father, Donald, donated blood for his father, Charles (Marion's son), when he was hospitalized with a serious illness and needed a transfusion. Marion was none too well herself at the time. She wrote, "I am slipping. I got medicine today [but] you bet I will not stay down long when I am needed by my kiddie[s]."

Once a mother, always a mother, I guess, since her "kiddy" Charles had grown sons himself! Marion said little about World War II, not even when the bombing of Pearl Harbor hurled the U.S. into combat. Only once did she record a scarcity of goods, starting with trying to find kerosene for her stove. Tea and sugar, likewise, were difficult and/or impossible to buy.

"This war business is awful," she wrote. "Everything rationed." Of greater concern was the welfare of young men close to her as service called them to the front. She was delighted when Donald and "his best girl" arrived for Marion's birthday in 1942. She added, "By the way, [Violet] just got her diamond."

The next year's birthday celebration brought somber news - Donald had been ordered overseas. "The big day is

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# No place like home

## Single mother awaits new house for her children

BY MARGO DEWEY  
SPECIAL WRITER

When Inkster resident Jocelyn Thomas was a little girl, she built her own club house. She doesn't remember all the details that went into this childhood dream, but she probably spent hours finding the right piece of wood and the perfect tree for her "little house."

Now a mother of three, Thomas is preparing to make her childhood dream a reality as she is about to become a homeowner for the first time. Thomas has been selected by the Habitat for Humanity committee in western Wayne County to participate in the construction of a home in Inkster. She will become the owner of the property after the house is completed.

"Words really can't describe how I feel at this moment," Thomas said. "It's truly a blessing to be selected. I've always wanted to own my own house. I've lived in an apartment for nine years, and the last two years I have rented a house."

A kindergarten teacher's assistant at King Academy in Inkster, Thomas said she applied along with more than 25 other people to participate in the Habitat for Humanity program.

"These last few years I have really had a strong desire to own my home," she said. "The Lord has been so good to me. I'm looking forward to enjoying the holidays with my family in our new home, especially Christmas. I've always wanted to decorate my home, really light it up inside and outside."

The official dedication ceremony for building Thomas' house in Inkster took place June 13. Several local and state officials took part in the festivities, including

Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr. and Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano. United Parcel Service (UPS), which is the main sponsor of the construction of this particular home, was also present at the dedication.

"UPS has assisted with building many homes for Habitat for Humanity over the years, but this is our first home for the metro Detroit area," said Linda Long, UPS community relations representative. "We are opening up this opportunity to volunteer to work on the home to every employee. It's really a great project."

### Generous donation

In the last five years, Long said, UPS donated nearly \$1 million to build 31 homes across the U.S. "We're really looking forward to helping Jocelyn build her own home," she said. "This kind of project also promotes a great deal of camaraderie among all the UPS employees that volunteer."

As a result of volunteers and the donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent homes with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are then sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are then used to build more Habitat homes.

Thomas impressed the Habitat for Humanity selection committee with her personality and genuine desire to become a homeowner.

"We selected Jocelyn not only because she met the necessary criteria, which is based on the level of need and financial stability, but she also is an outstanding person," said Mary Reeber, chairperson of the Habitat for Humanity family selection committee. "Jocelyn is



PHOTO BY PAT EAGAN

**Special delivery:** Jocelyn Anderson (center) and her three children, Nadiyah, Cary and Mariah, listen as Ray Mueller, president of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County, talks about the home the organization, in collaboration with United Parcel Service, will build starting in July.

very hard working and is a good mom." The volunteers won't be the only ones spackling paint and pounding nails. As part of the Habitat program, the selected individual must invest a little "sweat equity."

"Jocelyn will have to put in 250 hours of work on the house," Reeber said. "We know she can do it. She said she's looking forward to it."

The actual building of the house will begin in early July. Construction is expected to be completed this fall.

"I'm actually very excited about being able to build my own home," Thomas said. "I fix little odds and ends around where we live now. I just feel very

bleased." Thomas already has her favorite colors picked out for various rooms. She wants burgundy and cream for the kitchen and tangerine for the bathroom. Her children - Nadiyah, 12, Cary, 10, and Mariah, 8 - are thinking hard about what they want their rooms to look like.

"I know my oldest daughter likes purple, and Mariah loves tangerine," Thomas said. "They are all just excited they're going to have their own home."

Two more homes are expected to be constructed in Inkster within the next year. They will be sponsored by Ford

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

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Let's celebrate 224 years of independence with a picnic at Rotary Park starting at noon. Reserve a place for \$5 and a dish to pass. Call Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church. Call (248) 374-5920.

**SPM SHOWCASE**  
Bring a friend to the Single Point Ministries Showcase at 6:30 p.m. July 7 for volleyball, softball and whatever lawn game you wish to bring. Cost is \$6. Call SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

**TRIP TO TORONTO**  
Singles of all ages are invited for an escorted motorcoach trip to Toronto, Ontario Aug. 18-20 with such options as The Lion King, Canadian National Exhibition, Tall Ship Harbor Cruise, Toronto Blue Jays game, Toronto Zoo or Science Center. Cost: (hotel and motorcoach only): \$224/person double occupancy. Hotel, motorcoach, and Lion King ticket: \$324/person double. Single occupancy: add \$53. Payment due by July 10. Call Single Place at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, (248) 349-0911, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You do not have to be a member of Single Place or a church to go on the trip.

**WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES**  
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-8258.

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

to August follows:  
July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.  
July 25, no meeting.  
Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.  
Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

**SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES**  
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Dick Bont will be speaking on "Who Can You Trust?" Part 1. Dinner at 8:30 p.m. Cost \$6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

There will be a bonfire, picnic and canoeing at Proud Lake July 21. Call (248) 374-5920.

Grab your bike and join in the biking events on Saturdays for fun, friends, outdoors, exercise, great rides and more. Call the SPM office for a schedule of biking locations.

"Rethinking marriage when thinking remarriage." Program is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 15 in room D450/452. Registration at the door begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Includes continental breakfast. Call Stacy, (248) 374-5912.

Summer Divorce Recovery. Monday, July 17 through Saturday, July 22. Cost is \$25 for pre-register and \$30 for those who register the first night.

**Home from page B1**

Motor Co. and St. Edith Church in Livonia. "Every 45 minutes a home is being built somewhere in the world by Habitat for Humanity,"

Reeber said. "It's a great organization, and it has helped thousands of people in need." The cost for Habitat homes varies from as little as \$800 in

some developing countries to an average of \$46,600 in the U.S. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can call (800) HABITAT, (800) 422-4828 or (912) 924-6935.

**History from page B1**

over," Marion wrote, "and my Darling Grandson is off to this awful war. How glad I was that he had a day with his bride and the rest of his family to spend with me before he left. May God keep him under the shadow of his hand till he comes home again."

Generously scattered through the diaries are notations about visits with her beloved children and grandchildren. Dinners together often extended into overnights either at Nancy's home or with Marion's daughter Jennie. Despite the lavish attention, Marion still complained about the infirmities of aging and her solitude as a widow. "How lonely I have been since I got old." That is not to say she didn't show a sense of humor. She even laughed at her own jokes, as when daughters Katie and Jennie went off by themselves for awhile. "Jennie and Katie ... my dar-

ling daughters sneaked away downtown and left me to entertain myself. It was an awful rainy day and I was not sorry when they got wet. Ha, ha."

She must not have been too angry because she was quick to add, "I made two nice nighties for Katie while they were gone."

Another time, she wrote, "We old people feel so old and alone... we are glad for even a dog to look pleased and wag his tail when he sees us coming. Ha, ha." Loneliness did not totally absorb Marion, though. She frequently confided that her children took good care of her.

Marion began married life in 1887. The ledgers from the early years give us a glimpse into her life as a bride.

Under the heading "Commenced Housekeeping" - which she was able to do for \$14.49 - she listed a bottle of bluing to whiten fabrics (\$.08), 19 pounds of sugar (\$1.00), a broom (\$.25), a rolling pin (\$.15), a stove-cover

lifter (\$.05), and 100 pounds of pork (\$10.00).

A decade later, she made entries for stamps (\$.10), coffee (\$.18), a pound of crackers (\$.07), a dozen eggs (\$.12), 10 pounds of butter, (\$1.60), and 15 pounds of lard, (\$1.50). She also bought a product we no longer use: oil-cloth, 10 cents worth, for the floor. This versatile forerunner of vinyl was used not only as a floor covering but also as rain gear, known as "slickers," and for use well into the 1950s as tablecloths.

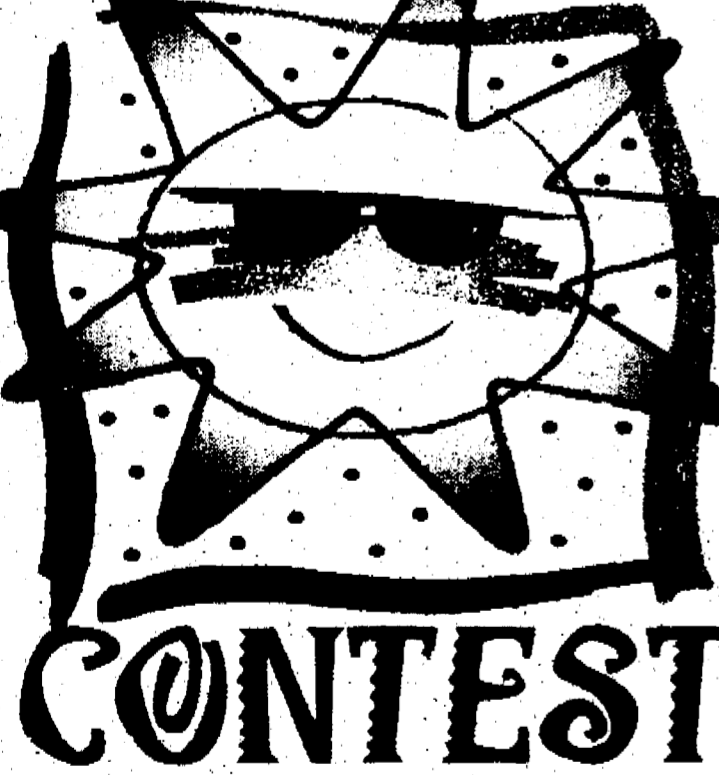
Until recently, Don and Nancy had not known each other very well, but the stories they shared about their ancestors brought them together. I'm sure that Marion, who was devoted to her family, must be looking down and smiling.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Bushnell-Owsley**

Roger and Barbara Bushnell of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Lynn, to Stephen Tye Owsley of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree from Queen's University in Northern Ireland. She works as a product developer at Detroit Regional Chamber.

Her fiancé, son of John and Linda Owsley of Hudson, Florida, is a Wayne State University graduate who will attend graduate school in 2001 in the field of industrial and organizational psychology and computer and information systems.

An October wedding is



planned at St. John's Church in Plymouth.

**Osowski-Morgan**

Martha L. and Stanley S. Osowski of El Paso, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Lee of Garland, Texas, to Charles Michael Morgan of Memphis, Tenn.

The bride to be is a graduate of Hanks High School and of Baylor University, Clemson University and Utah State University. She is presently an ecologist for the Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas, Texas.

Her fiancé, son of Sandra K. and Charles L. Morgan of Livonia, graduated from Churchill High School and also of Eastern Michigan University and Memphis School of Preaching. He is a



preacher for Church of Christ. A July wedding is planned at Austin St. Church of Christ in Garland, Texas.

**Rambidis-Montroy**

Constantine and the late Ioannis Rambidis of Illinois announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Olga to William Montroy, both of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Proviso West High School in Hillside, Ill. and a 1997 graduate of Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill.

Her fiancé, son of Don Montroy of Plymouth Township and Gail and Dan Ryder of Dearborn, is a 1989 Redford Union High School graduate who has worked for Barton Malow in Southfield since 1999. He graduated from Elmhurst College in 1997 and is self-employed with Excel Communications.

A June wedding is planned at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland. The Rev. James Stathakios will preside. The bride will be attended by maid of honor Victoria Zepeda, bridesmaids Vickie Sdoukos, Eugenia



Sdoukos and flower girl Maria Zepeda. The groom will be attended by best man Tim Wojtasik, groomsmen Don Montroy and Joe Montroy and ushers Aaron Bald and Manny Zepeda. The couple will receive guests at Fox Hills Golf Resort in Plymouth and plan to take a wedding trip to the Greek Islands. Their future home will be in Redford.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Kilyanek**

Joseph and Theresa (Forget) Kilyanek of Westland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 1. The couple wed July 1, 1950.

Joseph Kilyanek retired from G.M.-Hydramatic as a machine repairman. Theresa retired from G.M.-Hydramatic and also worked as a homemaker and for the Livonia Public Schools.

They have five children Michele Handle (Wayne); Joseph Kilyanek (Nova Scotia, Canada); Janice Kind (Livonia); Michael Kilyanek (Howell); and Sharon Hill (Howell). The family also includes 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

The Kilyaneks are members of St. Bernardine of Sienna Church in Westland.



To celebrate their golden anniversary the couple will renew their vows at 5 p.m. Mass on July 1 at St. Bernardines Church with dinner to follow at Deluca's.

**Duffey**

Gene and Irene (Laycock) Duffey of Livonia will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1. The couple wed July 1, 1950 at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Detroit. They lived in Detroit for 17 years and moved to the Wayne County area where they resided in Plymouth and later Livonia.

Gene Duffey worked for Bob Saks Oldsmobile and has now been retired for 7 years. The couple enjoy entertaining and traveling.

They have two children, James Duffey and Kenneth Duffey, and four granddaughters.

To celebrate the grand occasion of this golden anniversary, friends and family came from near and far to attend a formal



dinner party in their honor. The party was held at Old Village Plymouth. James Duffey and his wife Karen, Kenneth Duffey and his wife Judith, and granddaughters Nicole, Jessica, Alexis and Victoria were in attendance.

**ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT FORMS**

Download our engagement and wedding announcements from the Observer Web site at <http://observer-eccentric.com>

On the homepage click on the HomeTown Life link and look for the highlighted text that reads "Weddings/Engagement Form." Print the form, fill it out and send it to: Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150, attn: Kim Mortson.

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# CALENDAR

## YOUR GUIDE

### AT THE LIBRARY

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

### RECREATION

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

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

### VOLUNTEERS

**TRAINING**  
Community Hospice and Home Care Services needs patient care volunteers. A Volunteer Training Class will be held 9-11 a.m. Aug. 21, 23, 25, 28, 30 and Sept. 1 at the office, 32932 Warren Road at Venoy, Westland. Classes are free, and other volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call (734) 522-4244.

**ASSISTED LIVING**  
Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive in Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

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

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

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

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

because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi; call (810) 227-1215 to set up an appointment. Combat-era veterans from Wayne County who need ongoing counseling may contact one of the centers operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Lincoln Park, at (313) 381-1370 (Chet McLeod) or Detroit at (313) 831-6509 (Paul Esser).

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

**PET-A-PET**  
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4992).

### SCHOOLS

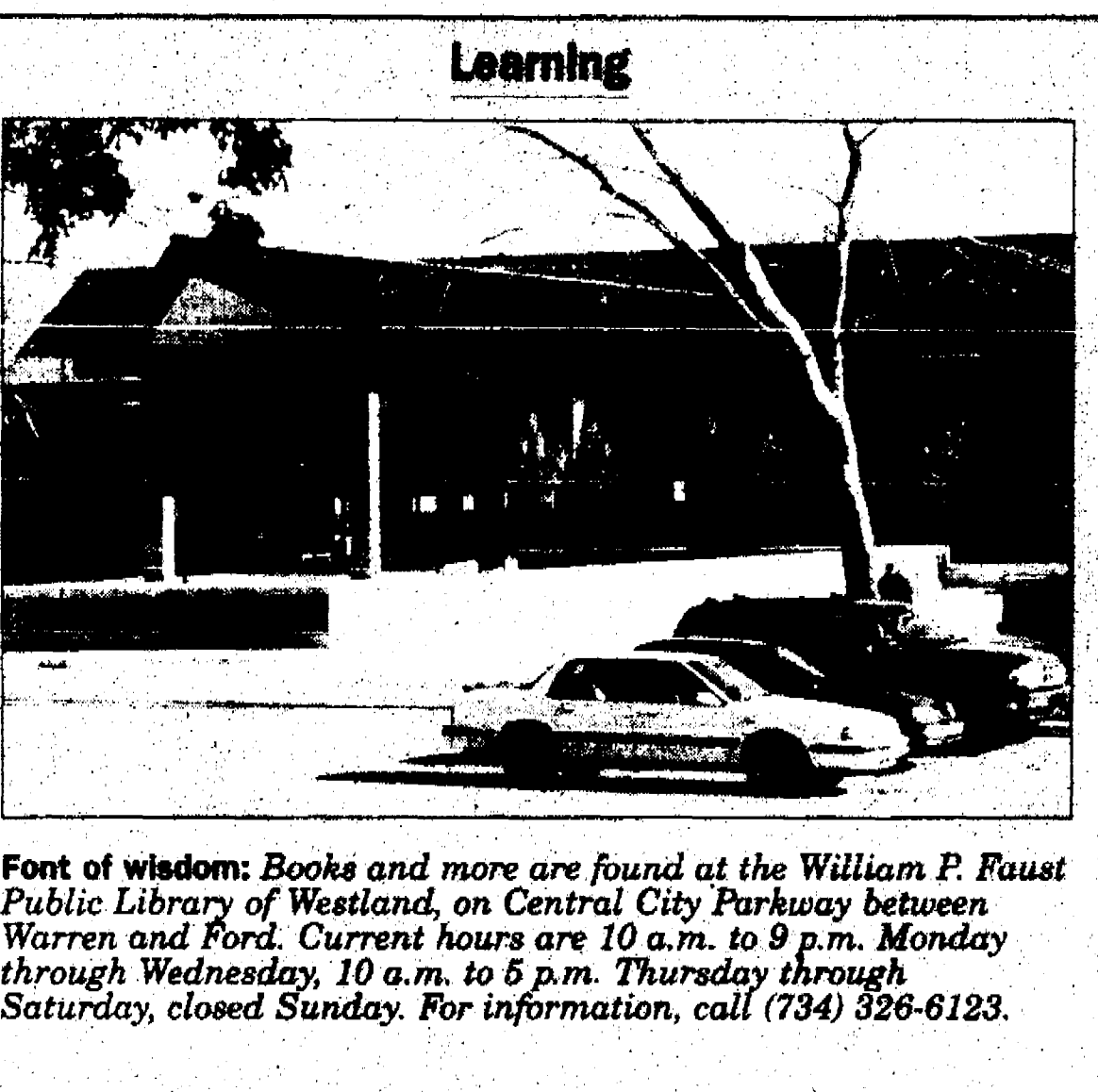
**SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S**  
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

**PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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

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

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



**Learning**  
Font of wisdom: Books and more are found at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, closed Sunday. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

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

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

**CHARTER SCHOOL**  
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The school emphasizes basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills and offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

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

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

**GARFIELD CO-OP**  
Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years of age. It is in Cass Elementary, 34633

Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

**BUILDING BLOCKS**  
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. A pre-kindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a Parent/Child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7350 for registration information.

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

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

**MCKINLEY**  
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne and Hunter roads in Westland, is holding open registration for 2000-01. Youngsters 2-4 are welcome. The school has a certified teacher. Morning and afternoon classes are offered. For information, call (734) 729-7222.

**FRANKLIN PTSA**  
The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should

be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia 48150.

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

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

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

### HISTORIC

**PIONEER TREK**  
The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the rich history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that affected the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered

patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

**SUMMER SCHOOL**  
Summer School is in session at the Perrinsville One-Room Schoolhouse. It is located at the corner of Warren and Cowan roads. Built in 1856, the schoolhouse has been restored to its 1890s appearance. It is open to the public the last Sunday of the month through October. Hours are 1-4 p.m. For information, call the Westland Historical Museum at (734) 326-1110.

**FRIENDS MEET**  
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

### FOR SENIORS

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

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

**SENIOR CHOIR**  
The Friendship Senior Choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

**EXERCISE**  
Musical Chairs is a program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

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

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

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

**DYER TRIP**  
The Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Adult Center will host a 15-day guided tour of four Hawaiian islands, departing Oct. 17. Round-trip airfare, accommodations, sightseeing, entrance fees, transfers, ground transportation and other expenses are included in the \$1,649-per-person price (double occupancy). Reservations are confirmed only with a \$100 per-person deposit on a first-come, first-served basis. Fliers and information are available by calling the center at (734) 595-2161 or Sandy Porter at (877) 845-7329. Family and friends are welcome.

### CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-593-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Living Science Foundation hosts summer camps for kids

Are you looking for a summer camp experience for your children that could only be duplicated if you sent them to the Australian outback or the Amazon rainforest?

Living Science Foundation, located in Plymouth, has approximately nine camps including marine biology, science sampler, rainforest, biodiversity, animal planet and air/space that integrates children with animals.

Dedicated to providing positive science experiences for children, Living Science Foundation strives to increase the study of science by introducing children to living animals such as wallaby, exotic birds, reptiles, star fish and more.

Since 1982 LSF has been visiting Michigan schools and running summer day camps that introduce participants to live animals from all over the world in a non-threatening environment that encourages individual development, discovery and exploration.

Upcoming camps in this area include:

**■ Livonia**  
**Marine Biology Camp** for children ages 6-9 and 10-12 at Holy Trinity Church of Livonia. Fishing for a unique experience? Touch a shark. Hold a sea star. Explore the wonders of the Pacific Ocean. Campers will get their hands wet in our 300 gallon salt water tanks as they take a close-up look at ocean animals and their unique habitats. July 10-14. Call (734) 464-0211 to register.

**Science Sampler Camp** for ages 5-7 and 8-10 at Holy Trinity Church of Livonia. Make friends with science. Explore the stars on "Air & Space Day"; journey to the jungle on "Rainforest Day"; meet radar the wallaby on "Australian Day"; discover how all animals are related on "Natural Science Day"; and visit the Pacific Ocean and touch a shark on "Marine Biology Day." Program runs Aug. 14-18. Call (734) 464-0211 to register.



**■ Plymouth**  
**Science Sampler Camp** for ages 5-7 and 8-10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Make friends with science. Explore the stars on "Air & Space Day"; journey to the jungle on "Rainforest Day"; meet radar the wallaby on "Australian Day"; discover how all animals are related on "Natural Science Day"; and visit the Pacific Ocean and touch a shark on "Marine Biology Day." July 10-14. Call (734) 207-8291 to register.

**Air and Space Camp** is a five day mission for your children as he/she explores the strange physical phenomena of flight and propulsion and seeks out and identifies constellations visible in the night sky. Inspired by nature — campers make their own airplanes, rockets and kites to learn about life, drag and other aerodynamic principles. Live exotic birds will demonstrate the mechanics of flight. A visit to our mobile planetarium

offers an exclusive daytime glimpse of the night sky. For ages 7-9 and 10-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center July 31-Aug. 4. Call (734) 207-8291 to register.

**Animal Planet Camp** takes children on a trip around the world to view our planet through the eyes of animals. Explore the continents and the diversity of life in various ecosystems. Visit the Savannah of Africa, the Amazon Rainforest, the Australian Outback and get a close up view of life in our own backyard. For ages 5-7 and 8-10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Aug. 14-18. Call (734) 207-8291.

**Zooper Day Camp** at the Plymouth Cultural Center Aug. 21-25. Call (734) 207-8291 for details.

**■ Ann Arbor**  
 The Matthaei Botanical Gardens of Ann Arbor will be the unique host site for three camps including Animal Planet, Rainforest and Biodiversity July 10-14; July 31-Aug. 4; and Aug. 21-25. For information call (734) 998-7061.

Staffed by science interpreters, Living Science Day Camps enable children to meet and interact with a new group of live animals, perform experiences and participate in diverse hands-on activities.

All camps run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enrollment is limited due to the popularity of the subject matter. Livonia and Plymouth residents will receive a 10 percent discount off the price of any camp by calling (734) 207-8291.

Living Science Foundation maintains a Web site at [www.livingscience.org](http://www.livingscience.org)

## Summer camp at Livonia Mall offered

Livonia Mall is giving kids of all ages a chance to attend summer camp without leaving town in a safe, air-conditioned and mosquito-free environment.

From June through August, kids can have the summer camp experience at the Mall with programs ranging from art to drama.

■ The "Silly Summer Family Series" is every Tuesday at 11 a.m. from June 20 to Aug. 8. This free family program focuses on positive self-esteem, social interaction and the celebration of diversity.

■ "Modeling" will teach kids the poise, manners, and teamwork needed to walk the runway. This program also includes "Shopping 101" to teach kids how to put together an outfit and figure out sales discounts.

Three sessions are scheduled: 1-3:30 p.m., July 17-21 for ages 13 and up with a show at 6:30 p.m. on July 28; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 24-28 for ages 7-12 with a show at 6:30 p.m. on July 28; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Aug. 7-11 for ages 7-14 with a show at 2 p.m. on Aug. 12. All sessions are Monday through Friday and cost \$80.

■ The "Mom and Tot Modeling" program gives kids ages 4-6 basic instructions on runway techniques and lets them participate in the Mall's Back-to-School fashion show at 2 p.m. on Aug. 12. The program is 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 5. Parents must attend with their child. The program costs \$25.

■ "Cultural Adventure Days" are one-day pro-

grams celebrating the music, art, costumes and folklore of a variety of world cultures and eras. Sign up for one day or an entire week. Sessions are July 31-Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 6-10 (cost is \$25 per day or \$100 for five days). Themes include Merry Ole England; Westward Ho!; Ole!; Africa Alive!; and Dinosaur Dabblers.

■ Kids can learn the techniques of Van Gogh and Picasso in the hands-on three-day "Art" workshop. Two sessions are scheduled at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 17, 19 and 21 for ages 7 and up and at 10 a.m. to noon on July 18, 20 and 22 for ages 4-6 with a parent. Each session is \$25 and includes all art supplies.

■ "ArtWild" is a hands-on crafts program with lots of age-appropriate projects. Three sessions are planned: Wednesday, July 5 for ages 6-8, Thursday, July 6 for ages 8-10, and Friday, July 7 for ages 11-14. The sessions are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and each costs \$25.

Registration for the programs can be done by mail or at the Mall office during office hours. All classes will be held in Livonia Mall's Community Room located in the "G" entrance corridor. All materials for the programs are included in the class fees. Please note, parents should use their own judgment as to the suitability of their child's participation in any program.

The Livonia Mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. For more information call (248) 476-1160.

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Join us for Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 28212 W. Six Mile Road in Redford (corner of Kinloch/Six Mile). Theme will be 2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-together. Program runs every Wednesday in July from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for all ages. Visit the Ark and explore what it means to be a part of God's family. Hear Bible stories, enjoy supper, crafts, recreation and worship. Register today by calling (313) 537-3778.

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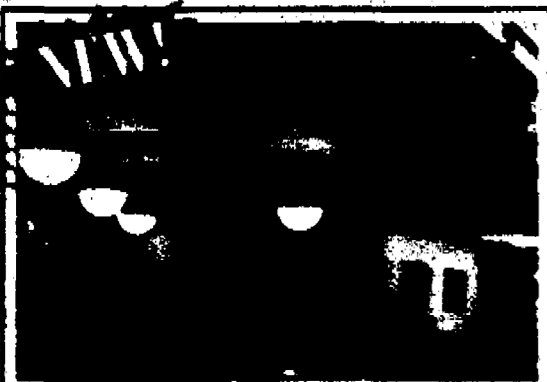
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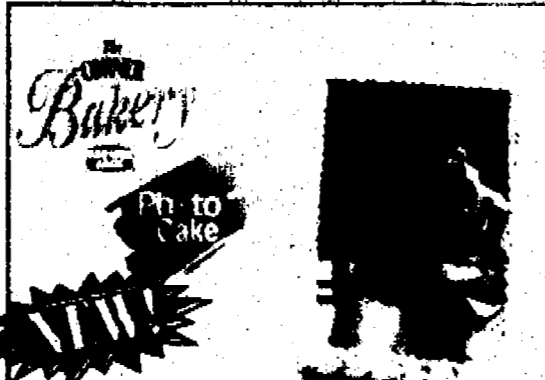


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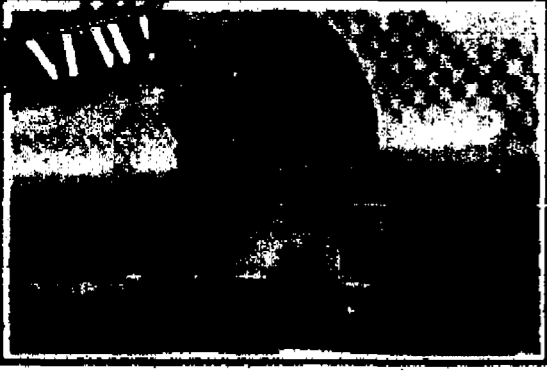
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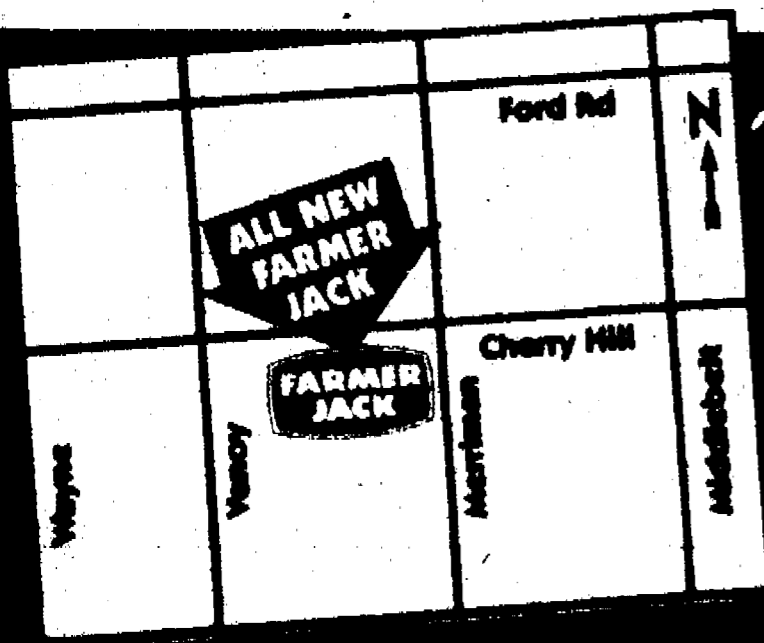
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## Landsberg wins O&E golf playoff

BY MONICA PUGNO  
SPORTS WRITER

Jim Landsberg of Farmington Hills beat Gary Kraus of Livonia in a one-hole playoff to win the Observer & Eccentric's Annual Golf Tournament last weekend at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

Landsberg shot a two-day total of 148 (73-75) to tie Kraus, who carded 74 both days.

"I parred the first hole (of the playoff) and Gary bogied," Landsberg said. "It felt great. It's been about eight years since I won a tournament. I'm a 46-year-old man playing against kids. So

it felt good."

Landsberg is a former club champion at both the Farmington Hills Country Club and the Walnut Country Club. He was captain of the golf team his senior year at North Farmington High School.

On Saturday, Landsberg finished second behind Alex McLuckie (Livonia), who shot a 70 to lead the championship flight. Kraus placed third.

Landsberg said he was not nervous about being in a playoff.

"It had been so long since I won a tournament, it felt great just to be in that position," he said.

For winning the championship flight, Landsberg received a \$170 gift certificate and a trophy. Kraus received a \$120 gift certificate for being runner-up.

McLuckie shot a 79 on Sunday to finish third with 149. For his efforts, McLuckie got a \$90 gift certificate.

Chris Kiehler (Livonia) carded a total 151 (80-71) to finish fourth and earned a \$70 gift certificate.

Craig Nehasil (Canton) took top honors of the first flight with a net score of 142. Nehasil won an \$85 gift certificate. James Newsom (Westland) placed second with 143.

In the net division of the championship flight, Doug Harmala (Walled Lake) shot 136 to win a \$100 gift cer-

tificate.

Karl Nagy (Plymouth) finished second with a net score of 141. Chaz Kornegay (Plymouth), Mark Harris (Livonia) and Rick Wheeler (Livonia) tied for third with 142 each.

Jim Weiss (Novi) shot a gross score of 162 to win the first flight by one stroke over Andy Kurnez (Livonia). Dale Cordes (Union Lake) finished third with 168.

Dave Mack (Livonia) won the second flight. He carded a 180 to beat Danny Windegarden (Livonia) by 11 strokes.

Tom Sokoloski (Garden City) led the second flight net division with a net score of 140.

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Jim Landsberg (Farmington Hills), 73-75/148; 2. Gary Kraus (Livonia), 74-74/148; 3. Alex McLuckie (Livonia), 70-79/149; 4. Chris Kiehler (Livonia), 80-71/151; 5. (tie) Doug Harmala (Walled Lake), 74-78/152; 6. Chaz Kornegay (Plymouth), 74-78/152; 7. (tie) Karl Nagy (Plymouth), 79-74/153; 8. Roger Trevisan, 77-76/153; 9. (tie) Don Simmons, 80-74/154; 10. Chris Zbanek, 78-78/154; 11. Andrew Ponke, 78-77/155; 12. Brad Reils, 79-77/156; 13. Paul Rye, 78-79/157; 14. (tie) Jason Demory, 78-80/158; 15. Mark Harris, 80-78/158; 16. Rick Wheeler, 83-75/158; 17. Michael Caruso, 79-82/158; 18. Michael Obkzinski, 82-82/164; 19. Kevin Furlong, 83-82/165; 20. John Radziszewski, 83-83/166; 21. Steve Goendes, 75-92/167; 22. Mark Stefanick, 84-87/171; 23. Kevin Bradford, 88-85/173; 24. W. Paul Worley, 88-86/174; 25. Seven Sahiner, 81-withdraw.

Low net: 1. Doug Harmala (Walled Lake), 136; 2. Karl Nagy (Plymouth), 141; 3. Chaz Kornegay (Plymouth), 142; 4. (tie) Mark Harris (Livonia) and Rick Wheeler (Livonia), 142 each.

#### FIRST FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Jim Weiss (Novi), 82-79/162; 2. Andy Kurnez (Livonia), 80-83/163; 3. Dale Cordes (Union Lake), 87-81/168; 4. Craig Nehasil (Union Lake), 88-82/170; 5. (tie) Chris Hollman, 87-84/171; 6. James Newsom (Westland), 82-89/171; 7. Brad Falot, 87-85/172; 8. Bob Viviano, 89-84/173; 9. (tie) Reid Perry, 94-81/175; 10. Brian Rubel, 88-87/175; 11. Tom Hollman, 88-78/178; 12. Lonnie Shipley, 87-100/187; 13. Keith Krochmalny, 104-95/199.

Low net: 1. Craig Nehasil (Canton), 142; 2. James Newsom (Westland), 143.

#### SECOND FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Dave Mack (Livonia), 89-91/180; 2. Danny Winegarden (Livonia), 93-98/191; 3. Bill Campbell, 98-94/192; 4. Tom Sokoloski (Garden City), 101-93/194; 5. Jay DeOrdio, 105-98/203; 6. Charles Henry, 103/101/204; 7. James Pankas, 100-104/204; 8. Michael McCorm, 107-105/212; 9. Ron McCaffery (withdrew).

Low net: 1. Tom Sokoloski (Garden City), 140.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HIBBLE

O&E highlights: Former Livonia Churchill High golfer Gary Kraus (left photo) punches one out of the sand and later forced a playoff against eventual winner Ken Landsberg (top photo, right) of Farmington Hills, who receives the winner's plaque from Whispering Willows golf professional Paul Worley.

## Sorentino resignation leaves void at C'ville

### A.D. becomes Nouvel principal

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Chuck Sorentino will wear only one hat now. The athletic director and assistant principal the past two years at Livonia Clarenceville High School is heading north to become the principal at Nouvel Catholic Central in Saginaw Township.

Sorentino's resignation was accepted last week by the Clarenceville School Board. He'll start his new position this week.

Nouvel is similar in size to Clarenceville with an enrollment just over 500 students. "It's an excellent school, around 99 percent of the students there go on to some kind of college," Sorentino said. "The parents are heavily involved and the support there is outstanding. It's an outstanding school with a great reputation. It's been around only 16 years and hopefully I can bring in some ideas and continue to build on their tradition."

Clarenceville principal David Simowski said interviews for Sorentino's vacant position will begin during the third week of July. A candidate is expected to go before the board on Aug. 1.

"We're going to miss Chuck," Simowski said. "He did some great things here and moved our program along both athletically and academically. I have nothing but the highest praise for Chuck. He's a good man and I'm sure he'll do a great job at Nouvel."

In just two years, Sorentino was not only responsible for athletics, but also for attendance and disciplinary matters at Clarenceville.

"My whole goal was to become a principal," Sorentino said. "I just felt it was time to go."

Sorentino, a psychologist, moved to Clarenceville after spending nine years as an administrator and counselor at Dearborn Divine Child High School.

He began his dual position on Aug. 4, 1998 at Clarenceville and implemented several changes.

His most controversial move came following the 1998 football season when Sorentino fired football coach Chuck Donaldson in favor of Monroe assistant Greg Hudkins.

Donaldson, a left a paraplegic from a 1995 auto accident, had just guided the Trojans to their first-ever state playoff berth.

Hudkins, however, not only led the Trojans to the Metro Conference outright championship, but also their first unbeaten season ever (9-0) in 1999 before losing to Clinton in a first-round

playoff game.

Sorentino also sacked boys basketball coach Rick Larson in favor of Bill Dyer, who finished 22-22 in his two seasons, including a school-best 14-win campaign last year. Dyer recently left Clarenceville to take the vacant Livonia Stevenson job.

In another move this spring, Sorentino fired girls track coach Kelly Murphy, who works as a paraprofessional at the school, and replaced her with a pair of interim coaches, Hudkins and Clint Kraft, the latter whom is the school's wrestling coach.

Murphy later filed a grievance against the district which is still pending.

Unlike his predecessors, Sorentino worked strategically and quickly, trying to revamp the school's athletic image. He helped transform Clarenceville's rundown football field into a viable facility again.

He credits the Clarenceville Booster Club and school activities coordinator Jackie Gage for helping him carry out his agenda.

"I don't know where Clarenceville would be without their hard work," Sorentino said. "Those people are right up there."

"And I was fortunate to get people like Greg Hudkins and Clint Kraft. I was able to make some strong alliances. They were not only excellent coaches, but excellent teachers and excellent people."

"I hope they continue to make strong improvements they've made, and I wish them well."

Sorentino, however, said "things (at Clarenceville) weren't getting any better."

"To do both jobs — you have to practically be a magician," he said. "To make it a quality program you have to put in 60 to 70 hours per week, 11 months a year. There were a lot of concerns I had that were not addressed."

Simowski agrees that the athletic director/assistant principal's spot is difficult.

"It's a tremendously challenging position," Simowski said. "Chuck put a great deal of time and effort into it. He set a tough standard for the next person coming in."

Sorentino is a 1973 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School who did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan. He holds graduate degrees from Eastern Michigan and Madonna universities. He also taught at Redford CC and coached three years of baseball (1978-80) as an assistant (under Frank Core) where the Shamrocks won the state title in 1979.

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# Wolves go 6-0 in Flushing tournament

The 11-and-under Wayne-Ford WaCo Wolves breezed through the Flushing Invitational baseball tournament last weekend with a 6-0 record while outscoring their opponents 84-3.

The Wolves defeated the Lapeer Spirit, Flushing Raiders, Mt. Morris, Swartz Creek and the Hartland Eagles to run its record to 31-4 overall. They have won 24 of their last 25 and 10 straight for the week.

All-Tournament choices include Chris Holcomb, Jamell Terry, Anthony Savone, Alex Cowart and Win Lewis.

## SANDLOT BASEBALL

Pitching the Wolves to victory over the weekend were Holcomb, Terry, Savone, Toby Matchulat, J.J. Pierce, Cowart, Elliott Hall and Mike Broughton.

Defensive standouts include Bryon Glenn, Bill Hardin and Aaron Dolkowski.

Top hitters include Cowart, Brewer, Broughton, Glenn and Lewis.

The Wolves move on to the Ohio Super Series Tournament.

## Concealed wins tourney

A three-run, two-out homer by Adam Reilly gave Concealed Security of Farmington Hills a 7-4 win in the championship game over Chicago's Upper Deck to win the under-13 Concealed Security Summer Invitational this past weekend.

In the championship game, both Mark Pirronello (Livonia) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) went 2-for-3 with a run scored, while Shay had a double and an RBI.

Shay also had two doubles and scored two runs in the 4-3 semifinal win over the Ann Arbor Braves, while tourney co-MVP Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne) was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

## Livonia Bulldogs split

The Livonia Bulldogs split a pair of games last weekend in the Mantle Division (ages 15-16) of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation and now

stand 4-2 on the year.

On Sunday, pitchers Eddie Conz (Redford Catholic Central) and Jeff Niemiec (Redford CC) combined on a five-inning one-hitter as the Bulldogs trimmed the North Redford Yankees, 12-1, at Redford Union High School.

Offensively, Andy MacKellar (Birmingham Groves) went 3-for-3, including a pair of doubles and three RBI. Billy Marsack (Livonia Stevenson) had two hits and two RBI.

Marsack, Daniel Wilks (Redford CC) and Matt Humenay each contributed two hits. MacKellar scored three runs, while Marsack, Wilks and Gary Zielke (Stevenson) each scored twice.

Niemiec also knocked in two runs.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs were blanked by the 16-year-old Windsor (Ontario) Titans, 5-0, as Cuban National Team member Raleigh Garcia pitched a one-hitter.

Zielke broke up the no-hitter with a single.

Wilks was the losing pitcher.

## Indians reach series

The Michigan Indians 13-and-under baseball team from Plymouth has been chosen to compete in the USSSA AAA Division World Series, set for July 16 in Broken Arrow, Okla.

The Indians compete in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation.

The Indians consist of David Cardenas (Canton), Chad Casey (Livonia), Aaron Ciborowski (Canton), Vincent DeLuca (Westland), Dominique Fischer (Canton), Brad Gallison (Canton), Kevin Helton (Garden City), Bill Horgan (Canton), Mitchell Hosch (Plymouth), Kyle Price (Plymouth), Andrew Shumaker (Plymouth) and Matthew Stempin (Canton).

The team is coached by Bruce Price, Don Shumaker, John Horgan and Larry Casey.

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Chris Tompkins, who will be a sophomore this year at Eastern Michigan University, finished first out of a field of 125 in the National Golf Championships. The left-hander had two holes-in-one at the Legends at North Beach, S.C.

Over 40 states were represented in the four-day event.

Tompkins, a former All-Town selection from Westland John Glenn High School, had rounds of 73-76-80-71 for a 290 total.

Back Bowler of Orlando, Fla., won a playoff to take the title after a four-round total of 288.

## STEVENSON SWEEP WILDCATS

The Livonia Cyclones captured a pair of games in the Incredible Girls Fast-pitch Softball League on Tuesday, sweeping the host Walled Lake Wildcats at Western High School, 10-8 and 7-5.

Lindsay Hollandsworth and winning pitcher Amanda Jankowski each had two RBI in the opener. Lindsay Rayburn, Mary King and Amy Hollandsworth knocked in one run apiece.

Jankowski gave up just one hit in five innings. She struck out six and walked two.

Debbie Gaisfky had two hits, including a double and two RBI in the nightcap for the Cyclones (4-4). Rayburn contributed two hits and one RBI, while Lindsay Hol-

landsworth struck out six and allowed only one hit in the second game. Hollandsworth also had one RBI in the win.

After a temporary Class AAA assignment, Mark Rutherford, a Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan, product, is back pitching again for the Class AA Reading (Pa.) Phillies.

Rutherford has two saves in his return for Reading, including a no-hit outing over the final three innings in one of those appearances.

In his last outing, Rutherford record his fifth victory by going six innings in a 3-2 triumph.

During his AAA stint in Scranton (Pa.), Rutherford went 1-1 with a five strike-outs and one walk and a 3.60 earned run average.

## SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Red Rockers, an under-9 girls team, beat all challenges including the Western Suburban Soccer League champions, to win the Spring Cup.

Members of the Rockers include: Andrea Lopez, Lindsey Marlow, Devin Parsons, Nicola Polinski, Madison King, Talem Mergian, Amanda Hay, Megan Barill, Jeanene Kieber, Lyndsay Brandon, Samantha Kliman, Kaitlan Cooper, Elizabeth Marin and Isabella Jukupi.

The coaching staff for the Rockers includes Steve King, Mike Kliman and Ara Mergian.

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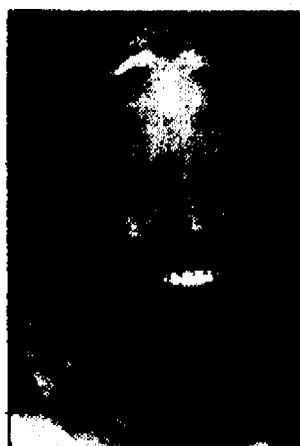
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# Brubaker's team responded

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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If you know Dave Brubaker, you immediately associate his name with the game of softball. The two are synonymous.

"That's an understatement," said Brubaker, who it seems is either coaching, playing or tutoring someone in the sport year round.

One of the many hats he wears is that of North Farmington girls softball coach, a job he has had since 1988.

His teams have averaged almost 14 wins per season and have achieved double-digit victory totals every year but the first.

The 2000 campaign was North's most successful during Brubaker's tenure. The Raiders posted a 24-12 record and won their first Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

As a result, Brubaker has been chosen Observerland Coach of the Year.

"I'm extremely proud of the girls," said Brubaker, who has a 178-153 career record in 13 seasons at North. "I thought we had a good team going into the season, and they proved that."

"It took a while to figure out what the lineup should be. It doesn't take much coaching when you have players like

that." "They just go out there and do it."

"We have some girls who can play the game fairly well. No doubt that makes me look a little better."

Brubaker, 46, also taught his daughter, Jessica, how to pitch from a young age. She has led Waterford Kettering to one state title and a runner-up finish this year.

He has been a coach throughout the summer months for 10 years with the Compuware travel program, and he's an assistant coach for the Madonna University women's team, too.

In addition to all that, Brubaker still finds time to play in the local men's modified fastpitch leagues.

He's been doing that twice a week for 27 years — as a catcher no less — since graduating in 1973 from Livonia Churchill High School for which he played football and baseball.

North is represented on the All-Observer team by the aforementioned trio of players. McComb is a repeat selection, as are Farmington Hills Mercy seniors Dana Falvo and Erin Carson.

The Marlins had their most successful season under coach Jack Falvo, finishing second in the Catholic League, winning a Division I regional and reaching



Dawn Allen  
Plymouth Salem



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the state semifinals for the first time.

Mercy, which had a 33-11 record, also was accorded three first-team berths, pitcher Megan Fedluk being the third player.

King, Plymouth Canton's Paula McKernan and Redford Thurston's Julie Stoll were sec-

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Lindsey Emmett, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison

**Catchers**  
Erin Carson, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy  
Sheila Gillies, So., Livonia Churchill  
Jasmine King, Jr., North Farmington  
Samantha McComb, Jr., N. Farmington  
Dawn Allen, Sr., Plymouth Salem  
Paula McKernan, Sr., Plymouth Canton  
Julie Stoll, senior, Redford Thurston

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## ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

**Leana Stewart, Sr. P, Ply. Canton:** Stewart posted a 15-6 record to lead the Chiefs to the Division I regional championship game against Farmington Hills Mercy. Canton lost 4-0 despite a terrific performance by Stewart, in which she struck out 10 batters.

During the regular season, Stewart struck out 308 batters in 189 innings pitched.

Stewart was the Chiefs' clean-up hitter and had a .329 batting average. She received all-conference and all-district honors.

"As a pitcher, she was one of our most valuable players on the team," Canton coach Jim Arnold said. "Without her we're not as good."

"Her strikeout total is unbelievable. Defensively, she improved a lot this year. She was our No. 4 hitter and she was an outstanding batter."

Stewart is attending Western Michigan University next fall and plans to be a walk-on on the Broncos' softball team.

**Meghan Misiak, So. P, Liv. Churchill:** The second-year varsity hurler helped Churchill to a 20-9 overall record and a Division I district championship.

Misiak pitched in 26 games, sporting an 18-8 record with a 1.12 ERA. In 188 innings, Misiak struck out 243, walked just 45 and allowed 101 hits. She pitched nine shutouts

and had a pair of no-hitters. Misiak was named All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and team MVP.

"Like most good pitchers, Meghan worked hard in off-season," Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said. "She had an outstanding year on the mound and was a stabilizing force because she always maintained her poise and concentration."

Meghan pitched in many one-run and extra inning games. She also improved her defense. She was second on our team in assists with 43.

**Beth Danielewicz, Fr. P, N. Farmington:** Danielewicz had an immediate impact and played a huge role in the Raiders winning 24 games and the WLAA championship.

She had a 22-9 pitching record with 191 strikeouts and 28 walks in 206 1/3 innings. Her earned run average was 0.91. She faced 852 batters, allowing 144 hits and 52 runs (27 of which were earned).

"She reminds me a little bit of my daughter," Brubaker said. "She comes in as a freshman, grabs the bull by the horn and says 'Let's go play.'"

"Nothing intimidates her; she didn't fear anybody. She's a very composed and determined young lady out there."

"To do what she did as a freshman was amazing. Plus, she hit and drove in some runs and hit the ball with authority."

Danielewicz also hit for a .286 average

(35-for-122) with six doubles and 18 RBI.

**Megan Fedak, So. P, Farm. Hills Mercy:** Fedak emerged as Mercy's ace in the second half of the season and led the Marlins to the semifinals of the state tournament.

She posted a 16-5 record with 126 strikeouts and a 2.07 ERA in 145 innings. But the most outstanding aspect of her pitching was her control. She walked just seven batters all season.

"That's why we gave her the ball through the whole tournament," coach Jack Falvo said. "As a sophomore, we came to depend upon her, and she came up big in pressure games."

"Her greatest attribute is her ability to focus while on the mound. Her location has been excellent, and her mental focus has been very very good. We'll rebuild the defense behind her and hope she continues to develop."

**Lindsey Emmett, Sr. P, Farm. Hills Harrison:** Emmett helped the Hawks win 17 games and had them in contention for the WLAA Western Division title until the very end with her pitching and hitting.

Her record was 13-8; however, Harrison lost five of those games by a run and two by two runs. She had 111 strikeouts and 84 walks in 139 1/3 innings with a 1.55 ERA.

At the plate, Emmett, who played first base when not pitching, had a .301 average, six doubles, one triple, one homer and 21 RBI. She also had three career no-hitters and a school-record 19 career doubles.

"What I remember most about her is her toughness," coach Mike Teachman said, recalling a game she pitched against Northville as a sophomore. "A line shot hit her; she scrambled for the ball, threw the girl out at first and came over and showed us she had broken her wrist."

"One week later, we were down a run against Canton with a runner on second. I asked her if she could pinch hit. With her arm in a cast, she hit a one-hopper to the shortstop, and I knew right then she was

tough." Erin Carson, Sr. C, Farm. Hills Mercy: Carson has been the starting catcher for 3 1/2 seasons and leaves a huge void behind the plate and in the batting order.

She hit for a .479 average with 68 hits, including seven doubles and one home run. She had 20 RBI and scored 36 runs.

Defensively, Carson, who plans to play at Alma College, picked 17 runners off base and had a .996 fielding percentage.

"Erin is one of the best catchers Mercy has ever had," Falvo said. "I'll miss her not only as a player but as a captain, too. For four years, I never had to worry about the catcher position, because it was in great hands."

"She handles pitchers extremely well, and the pitchers have a great deal of confidence in Erin to call a game and receive their pitches."

**Sheila Gillies, So. C, Liv. Churchill:** The first-year varsity catcher put up some big offensive numbers for the Chargers, batting .432 (41 for 95) with four homers, three triples and seven doubles.

Gillies, Churchill's cleanup hitter, led the team with 37 RBI and struck out just six times en route to All-District honors.

"Last summer Sheila worked extremely hard to learn the catcher's position," Hardwidge said. "She put in as many hours as any player that I have ever worked with."

"Sheila was strong, quick and aggressive. She had a lot of big hits for us."

**Jasmine King, Jr. C, N. Farmington:** King has been North's regular backstop for three years, earning second-team, all-area honors last year.

She batted .392 (44-for-112) with five doubles and two triples and 21 RBI. She also had 11 walks, was hit-by-pitch six times, stole 16 bases and scored 24 runs.

King had a .919 fielding percentage with 25 putouts, 32 assists and just five errors at a difficult position.

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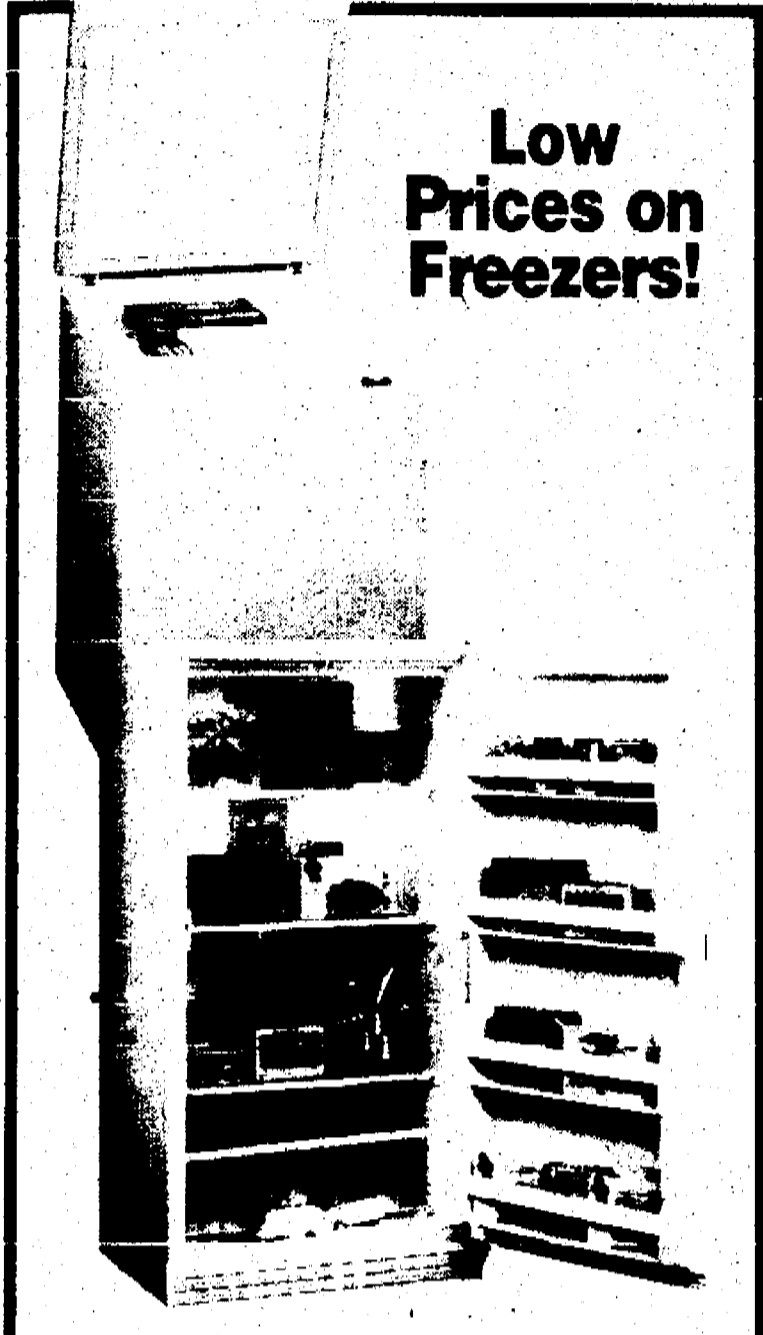
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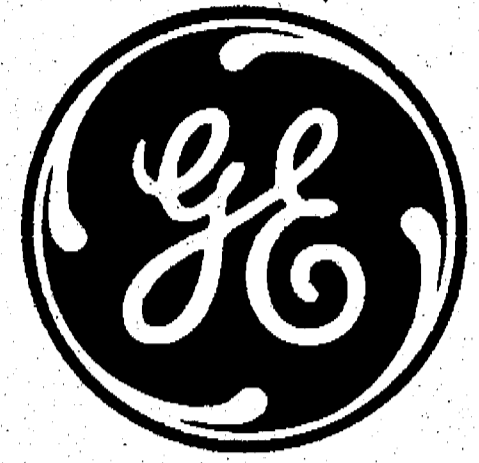
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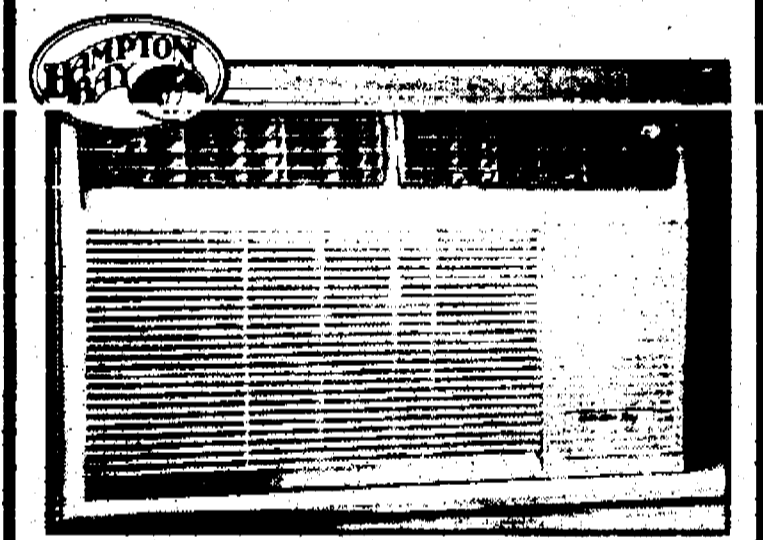
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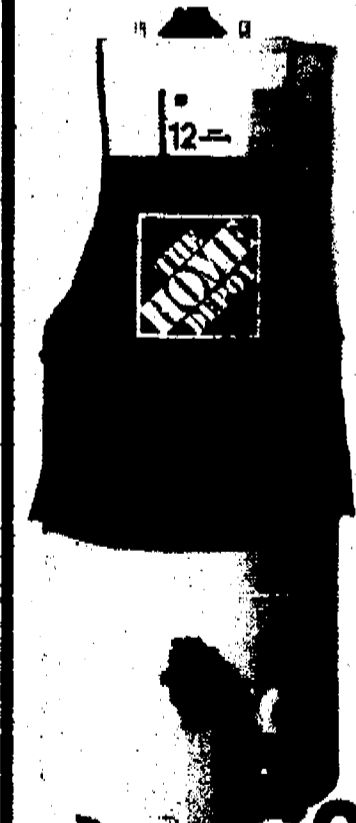
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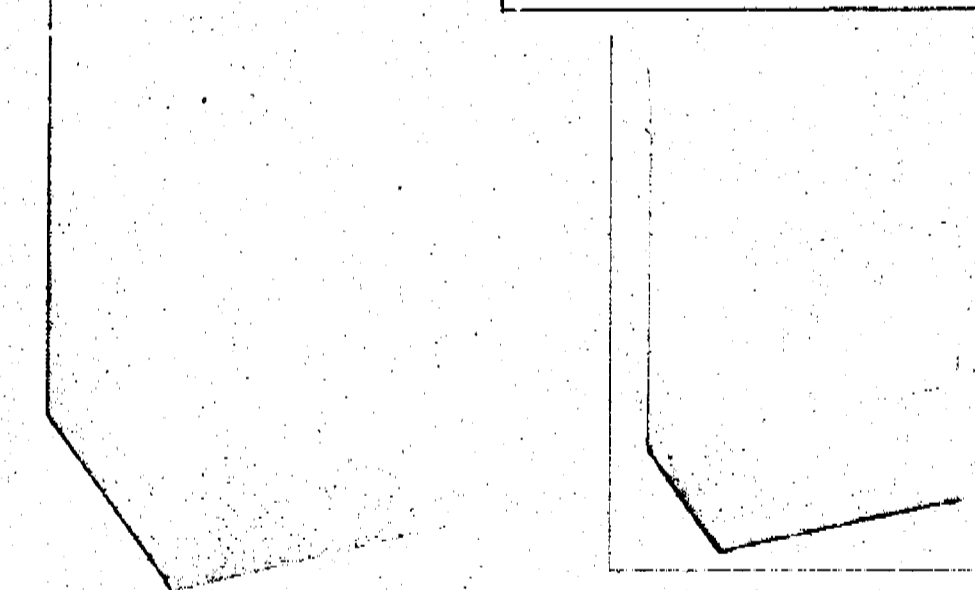
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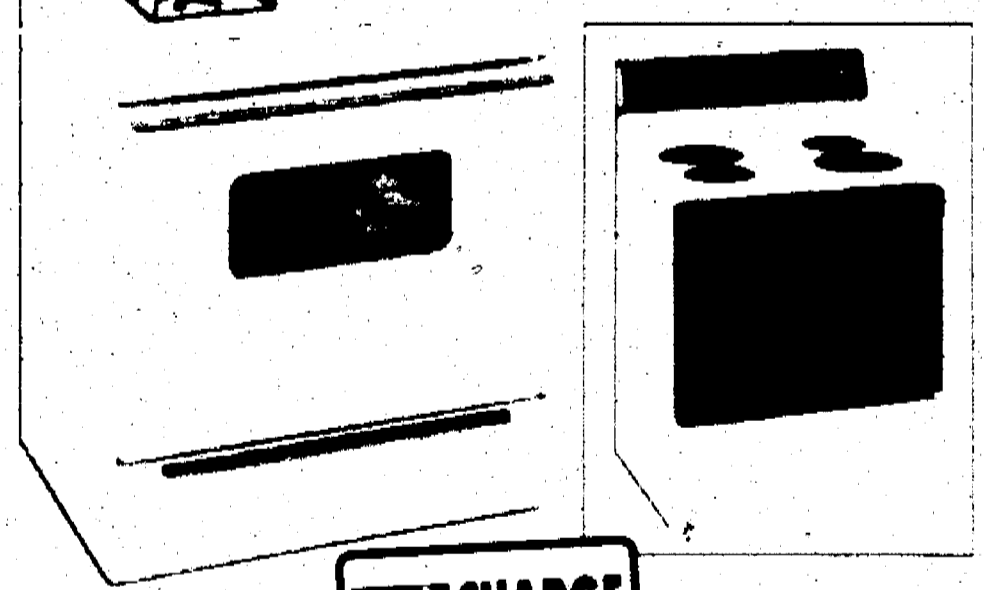
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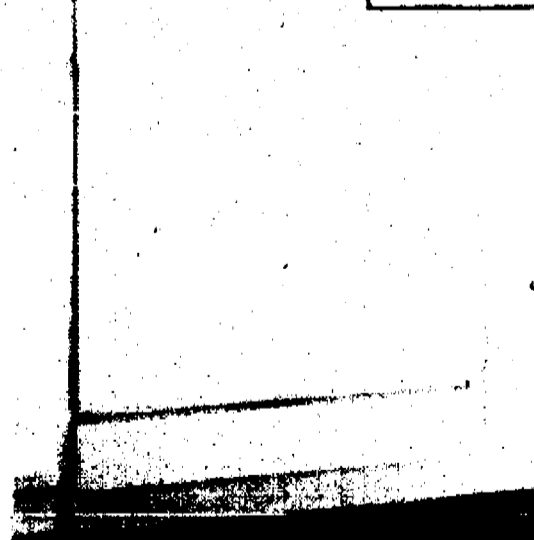
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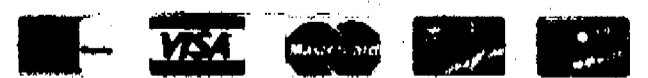
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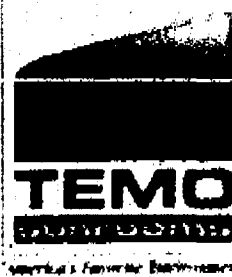


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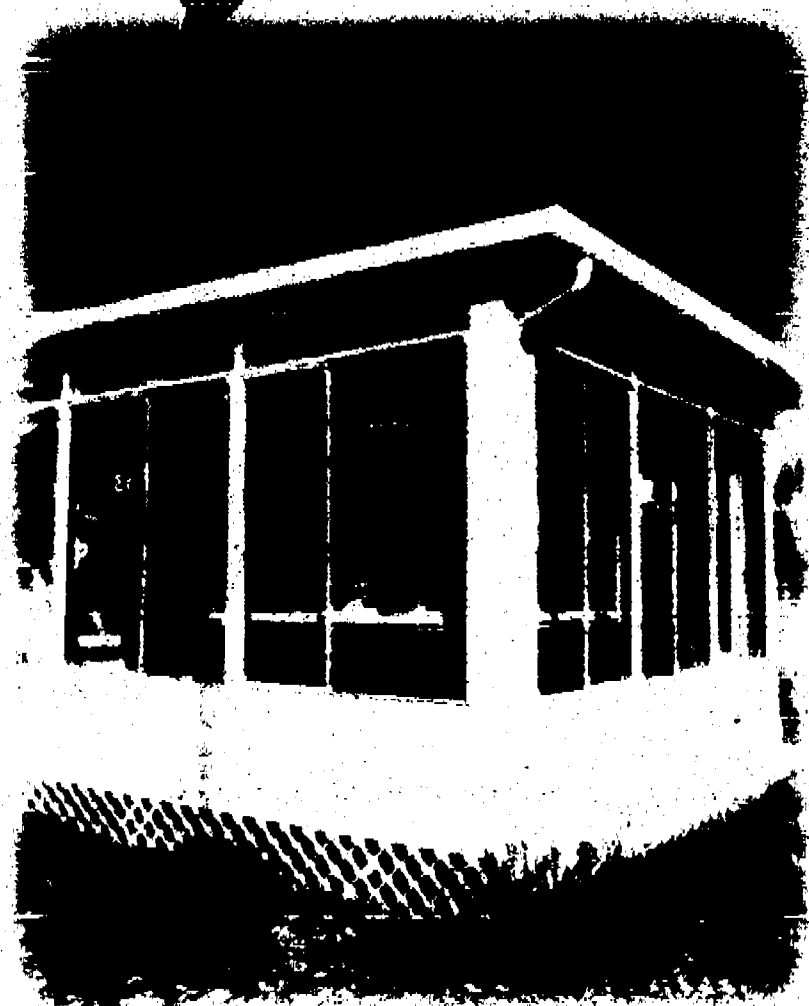
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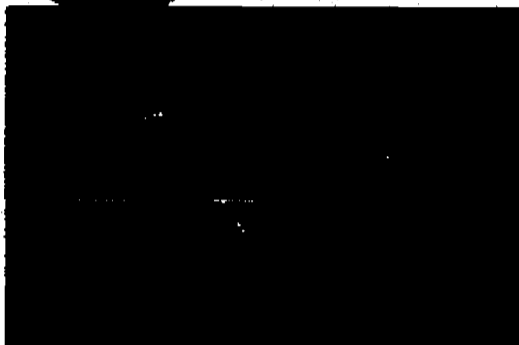
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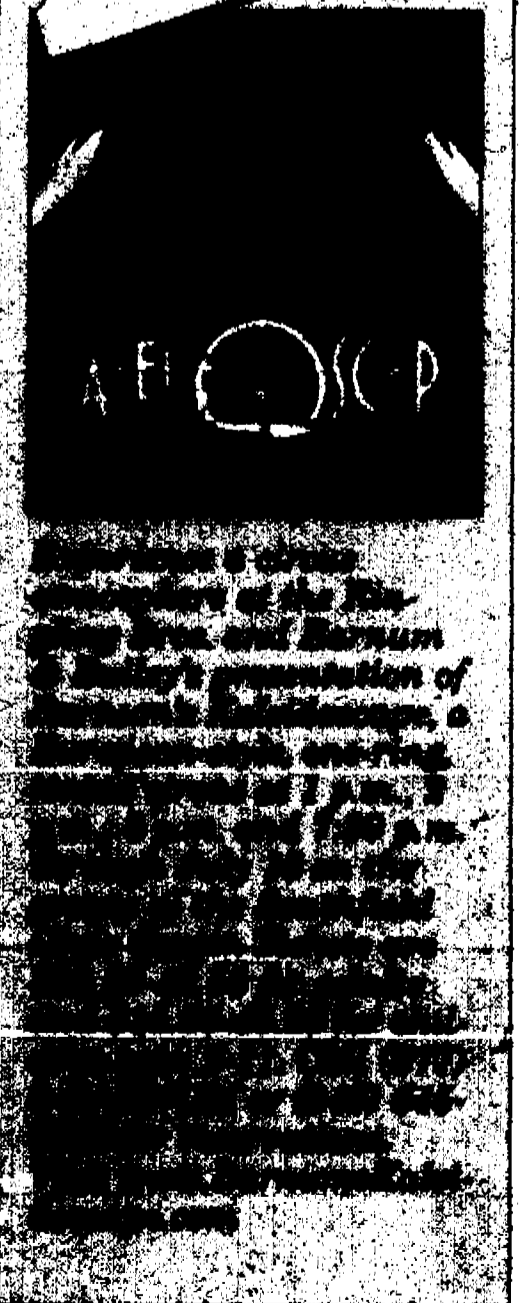
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# Salute to America

## The DSO celebrates at Greenfield Village

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**Salute to America**

**What:** Concerts with fireworks featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

**When:** Gates open 7 p.m., prelude concert 7:30-8 p.m., DSO begins playing 8:30 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4.

**Tickets:** \$19 adults, \$10 children ages 5-12, no charge for children age 4 and younger in advance. Tickets purchased on the day of the concert are \$21 adults, \$12 children. Available at Ticketmaster outlets, (248) 645-6666, Orchestra Hall box office, (313) 576-5111, or Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, (313) 982-6180. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

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## Don't miss good times and tunes at TasteFest

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
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As much a part of summer in metro area as the grand fireworks display, the 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest is heading our way faster than you can say five days of fine food and free entertainment.

Despite its name, the festival is about much more than treating the taste buds. Beginning June 30 in Detroit's New Center Area, this year's TasteFest is expected to draw more than 250,000 people, according to Patty LaNoue Stearns, spokeswoman for the event.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for our city," she added. "It draws from the suburbs, from the city. This year we'll have just a ton of new events."

**What's new at TasteFest**

The Second Avenue Street Market adds a touch of trepid charm with Detroit-focused collectibles, art work,



Isaac Hayes

fashion and furniture. "A great collection of avant-garde stores will come together," said Stearns.

Visitors can enjoy a beverage at The Town Pump Tavern tent and then stroll on over to check out Detroit-centric clothing and accessories provided by such stores as Pure Detroit and Dragonfly Boutique of Ferndale.

Hand-made goods will be for sale at Baglady Beads and Tulani Rose. For a more personal memento, internationally trained tattoo artist Sandhya will create temporary tattoos with henna dyes, and the Boston Tea Room will offer psychic readings, tarot and astral orb.

What market would be complete without unusual artwork? Look for the ceramics and jewelry at The Biddle Gallery or souvenirs of the city's musical past at the Motown Museum store. For a more in-depth look at emerging artists, don't miss Snug Gallery's Gorge, in the West Exhibit Room of the State of Michigan Building, where 15

metro area artists will show their work. Call the gallery for details (313) 274-7091.

Calling all literary buffs, Pure Detroit presents authors Lois Johnson and Margaret Thomas 3 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, July 2-3 to sign copies of their local interest shopping and cooking guide *Detroit's Eastern Market*. Novelist Michael Zadoorian will sign copies of *Second Hand* 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 4.

**A family affair**

For the kids, Kidcorner will be chock full of story tellers, a petting farm, crafts, face-painting, cookie decorating and other activities geared toward the younger visitors.

Walk over to the Fisher Building parking lot to the State Farm Insurance Kulstage where performers like Harpbeat and magicians like Gordon Russ entertain and engage children of all ages.

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## Salute from page E1

Celebrating its eighth year, the patriotic concerts feature the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band, Ford Chorus and 1st Michigan Fife and Drum Corps. Each concert concludes with the 1812 Overture and a fantastic display of fireworks.

"It's always had a patriotic American theme," said Fischer of the program. "This year we bumped it up a bit. Almost everything on the program was written by an American composer."

As the symphony plays under a star-lit night, you can say *God Bless America*, ponder *America the Beautiful* and salute *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Also on the program is an *Overture to Annie Get Your Gun*, "Mambo," from *West Side Story*, a Motown medley, an armed forces salute and *Shenandoah*.

Emil de Cou, music director of the San Francisco Ballet, will lead the DSO. He's also led a number of family and pops concerts with the Indianapolis, Minnesota, Kennedy, and other orchestras.

"It's his second visit to Detroit. I'm looking forward to it," said Fischer. De Cou led the DSO in performances of *The Nutcracker* ballet at the Detroit Opera House in 1999.

Even if you've attended "Salute to America" concerts before, Fischer encourages you to put the date on your calendar.

"In previous years the U.S. Army Field Band has performed. This year the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band are playing," said Fischer. "It's a different kind of music. It's a reason to come back."

The band, a select group of musicians who use their talents to bring the army to the American public, plays a mix of music ranging from the 1930s' swing sound to the popular tunes of today.

The 19-piece ensemble carries the sound of pop, patriotic music, big band tunes, modern jazz and original compositions to every part of the world. Band alumni have gone on to play with some of the best big bands in America including Buddy Rich, Stan Ken-



**Holiday tradition: Families gather on the Village Green to "Salute America" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.**

ton, Doc Severinson and Woody Herman.

Some of the people listening to the DSO during "Salute to America" will be hearing the orchestra for the first time.

"It's a wonderful way for people to hear us," said Fischer. "Maybe the next time they have the opportunity they'll come hear us play at Orchestra Hall."

### Organizing the event

Jacqui Rohde started working at Greenfield Village 20 years ago scooping ice cream and flipping hamburgers. Now she's catering and sales manager - and project manager for the *Salute to America* concerts.

"We're very proud of this event," she said. "It takes a lot of coordination."

Rohde and her staff spend many long hours making sure everything goes smoothly, and that the village's daily program is not interrupted.

"You have to have reminders everywhere," she said. "When

you purchase your tickets we give you an information sheet."

As you enter Greenfield Village, you'll hear the 1st Michigan Fife & Drum Corps playing. They'll parade to the village green before the concert.

Plan to arrive early to get a good spot on the village green. Gates open at 6 p.m. for the physically handicapped and 7 p.m. for everyone else. Dress comfortably and wear your walking shoes. It's a quarter mile walk from the gate to the green.

The Ford Chorus will present a program of patriotic favorites and tunes from the 1970s and 1980s from 6-7:15 p.m. The Jazz Ambassadors play from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by the symphony at 8:30 p.m.

Costumed presenters will mingle with the audience including the "mayor" of Greenfield Village and Lah-De-Dah Baseball Team players.

### Food

Refreshments, beer, wine and

other beverages, picnic fare and snacks, and specialty cheese, fruit and wine baskets will be offered for sale.

On concert days, Taste of History, a restaurant inside the village near the green, will be open 6-10:15 p.m. The Michigan Cafe, a restaurant inside Henry Ford Museum, will be open 5-7 p.m.

"It's such a family atmosphere," said Rohde. "You can see the excitement in people's faces. When the orchestra plays *1812 Overture*, you can hear a pin drop. It's one of the best crowds we entertain."

Salute to America concerts typically sell-out and draw 7,600-7,800 people per night, so if you're planning to go, get your tickets soon.

Concerts are held rain or shine. This year WJBK Fox 2 will televise the concert on Tuesday, July 4.

You can get a sneak preview by visiting Greenfield Village 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 1. That's when the DSO will be practicing.

## TasteFest from page E1

Barnes & Noble will host a readings and visits from such characters as the Berenstain Bears 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4. For those who can't sit still, Eugene Clark will teach the basics of puppeteering at the Glove Puppet Workshop 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 4. For a complete list of children's activities check out [www.tastefest.org](http://www.tastefest.org).

### Listen for local music

For many heading down to TasteFest, the main attraction is the music. Along with high-powered headliners like Isaac Hayes, Sloan, Roomful of Blues and 38 Special, the event boasts a total of 75 acts gracing four stages. TasteFest offers the perfect opportunity to check out some of the best local bands around.

Fans of the local rock outfit, Face, won't want to miss sultry vocalist Courtney and her psychedelic-inspired rock crew 3 p.m. Monday, July 3. With the band's solid, self-titled debut in stores now and talk of their energetic live performances spreading throughout metro Detroit, Face is sure to take TasteFest by storm. For bassist Mike B, a Troy native and Royal Oak resident, this year's TasteFest will be a first. "I'm glad I get to play," he said. "It should be a lot of fun. It's just another step toward our ultimate goal, which is world domination."

It's easy to tell Mike B and Face know how to entertain. The 3-year-old band - which also consists of guitarist and Redford resident Mike Smith, and drummer and Livonia resident Steve Firreno - will showcase new songs from their recently released self-titled debut on Gabriel Records. "It's definitely a progression," said Mike B of the new material.

The self-confessed veteran of the Detroit music scene promised "We're gonna do our best to entertain the crowd."

What would a five-day bash be without a little Gangster Fun? Those six ska-bandits from metro Detroit are at it again, celebrating 14 years of band-hood with a performance 8 p.m. Friday, June 30. Drummer Brian Bowie said the band will be promoting its brand-new album *Graphospasm*, released last

■ **'It is the holiday. Our music is so American.'**

**Chris Casello**  
*Starlight Drifters*

month. The Pontiac resident considers the festival a "great opportunity to play for a bunch of people." "We always try to put on a grand show," said Bowie. "It's always fun to play outside on a big stage in front of a lot of people."

Listen for new tunes like *Till the Weekend Comes* and *Half Wit*, a couple of Bowie's favorites to perform live. "We're a high-energy ska-reggae band. That's something they haven't had at the festival. We're representing the ska edge of the spectrum."

As for the Starlight Drifters, performing noon on Monday, July 3, this year marks a return to TasteFest. Guitarist Chris Casello of Ann Arbor said the band is the perfect addition to a festival held just before Independence Day.

"It is the holiday," he said. "Our music is so American." He's right. It doesn't get much more American than the melding of country, swing, rockabilly and straight-up rock 'n' roll. As for TasteFest, Casello said, "It's just a really relaxed, great time."

He and bandmates Billy Mac, Dave Roof and Bill Alton - a Livonia resident - are set to kick off a Northwest U.S. tour and will be recording a follow-up to the band's 1999 effort *Every Note A Pearl* in Las Vegas.

Comerica Michigan TasteFest will offer something for everyone. It is sponsored by New Center Council Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing the northern district of downtown Detroit. Proceeds benefit the New Center Council Inc. in maintaining the area and are also donated to Fairbanks Elementary School offering programs for impoverished youth.

For more on the event, directions or schedules, check out [www.tastefest.org](http://www.tastefest.org) or call the hotline at (313) 927-1000.

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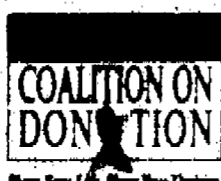
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# Acting out

## Stratford Festival stretches actors' skills

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When an actor performs in repertory, he or she has to be prepared to move smoothly from one role to another even if those roles call for completely different thespian skills.

One of the joys of attending the Stratford Festival in Canada is to see actors stretch in many different directions. This year, Graham Abbey makes a strong impression as he moves from the tragedy of *Hamlet*, as the aggrieved Laertes, to the light, quick wit of Oscar Wilde to the dashing swordplay of Alexander Dumas all with equal aplomb.

### 'The Importance of Being Earnest'

Oscar Wilde subtitles his famous play, "A serious comedy for trivial people." The master of the *bon mot* was considered shocking in his day, but his skewering of the upper classes now seems to have gained a moral superiority all its own.

*Earnest* is first and foremost a funny farce that hasn't lost its ability to set an audience laughing at its absurdly smug society twits. This production uses Wilde's rarely performed original four-act version. The play's first producer pared the play to its usual three-act, and the extra exposition doesn't add appreciably.

Still, Stratford artistic director Richard Monette directs with the appropriately light touch and quick pace that Wilde deserves. The sets also suggest an airy, Art Nouveau style.

Two dandies, John (Jack) Worthing and Algernon Montford, each practice what Algernon calls "bunburying," pretending to be someone else or visiting someone else when they want to avoid responsibility at home. This sets up the comic situation when Algernon decides to play some mischief in pursuit of Jack's attractive ward, Cecily. Meanwhile, Jack pursues Algernon's cousin Gwendolen. This is all played out in a London townhouse and a country manor.

Graham Abbey is quick tongued, bright eyed and ingratiating and irritating all in one as

### Stratford Theatre

#### At the Festival

Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, through Nov. 5

Raby's *The Three Musketeers*, through Nov. 4

Stein, Bock and Harnick's *Fiddler on the Roof*, through Nov. 4

Moliere's *Tartuffe*, Aug. 1 to Nov. 3

#### At the Avon

Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, through Nov. 4

Goodrich and Hackett's *The Diary of Anne Frank*, through Nov. 5

Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, through Nov. 4

Gilbert and Sullivan's *Patience*, July 11 to Oct. 13

#### At the Tom Patterson

Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*, through Sept. 30

Euripides' *Medea*, through Oct. 1

Findley and Thompson's *Elizabeth Rex*, through Sept. 30

Margulies' *Collected Stories*, July 21 to Sept. 2

Mazumder's *Oscar Remembered*, Sept. 8-29

To get to Stratford, take the bridge to Windsor, follow Highway 401 east to Exit 222 (the next exit after Ingersoll), then follow County Road 6 north to Stratford.

For ticket information, call 1-(800)567-1600, or check their Web site at [www.stratford-festival.ca](http://www.stratford-festival.ca).



CYLLA VON TIEDEMANN

Upper crust: The cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest" (left to right) Claire Jullien, Patricia Collins, Graham Abbey, Domini Blythe, Donald Carrier, Bernard Hopkins and Michelle Giroux.

the innocent Cecily.

All's well that ends well, of course, when everyone learns the importance of being earnest.

### 'The Three Musketeers'

Not all theater is about words. Some theater is about sword fights, derring-do, bravado and romance.

All of these burst through in Peter Raby's stage adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' *The Three Musketeers*. As the opening prologue suggests, this is a perfect introduction to theater for young people, especially boys. A young boy in his pajamas comes on stage with a giant storybook which suddenly comes to life with musketeers, swords aloft pledging, "All for one and one for all."

There are some suggestive scenes and a prologue to an execution but these move quickly.

Raby has pared Dumas' sprawling novel down to focus on young D'Artagnon's quest to become a musketeer against the wicked intrigues of Cardinal Richelieu and Milady de Winter. But the novelistic sweep, multiple characters and plot complications are retained.

Director Richard Monette moves his cast through 41 scenes across northern France and southern England. This sort of cinematic speed is punctuated with stirring fencing scenes.

Graham Abbey leaves the effete Algernon behind in his rousing, comic-heroic portrayal as the headstrong, and easily seduced, D'Artagnon, the youth from Gascony who longs to be a musketeer.

The three musketeers of the title, Porthos, Athos and Aramis, are the King's loyal guards who spend most of their time fighting the rival guards of the Cardinal. Benedict Campbell is the most dashing and the most heavy hearted as Aramis. Andy Velasquez is the poetic Aramis and Thom Mariott is the romantic Porthos.

In key roles are Stephen Russell as the politically astute and treacherous Richelieu, Kaie Trotter as the sexually provocative spy Lady DeWinter, Claire Jullien as Constance, and Robert King as the grumbling grocer.

This is theater with joie de vivre to spare!

(Sunday, a look at Niagara-on-the-Lake's Shaw Festival.)

### FESTIVAL

## Westland gets in gear for summer fun

Family fun, that's what the Westland Summer Festival, Thursday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 4, is all about.

The festival will take place at Central City Park and environs, by City Hall, Ford Road and Central City Parkway. Daily features include carnival rides, Vegas and bingo games and music, everything from country and classic rock to polka and top 40. Here's the schedule of events:

#### Thursday, June 29

Rich Eddy's Band (1950s/1960s rock) 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.

#### Friday, June 30

Golf Chipping Contest 3-4 p.m., Tot Town.  
Horseshoe Pitching 3 p.m.  
Carnival rides 3-11 p.m.  
Jacob Ramig's Polka Band 5-7 p.m., Main Stage.  
R.P.M. Band (top 40) 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.

#### Saturday, July 1

Parade 10 a.m. to noon.  
Car Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by the lake.  
Carnival rides noon to 11 p.m.  
Horseshoe Pitching 1 p.m.  
Parade awards 1 p.m., Main Stage.  
Family Day noon to 7 p.m.  
Children's Picnic 12:30-2 p.m., Tot Town.  
A la Mode Barber-shop Quartet 1-3 p.m.  
Ice Cream Eating Contest 1:30 p.m., Main Stage.  
Josh Graen (country) 2-4 p.m., in the park.  
Golf Chipping Contest 3-4 p.m., Tot Town.  
Pie Eating Contest 4 p.m., Main Stage.  
Opie's Dream (classic rock) 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.

#### Sunday, July 2

Free continental breakfast 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
Carnival rides noon to 11 p.m.  
Game Show Party noon, 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Horseshoe Pitching Finals 1 p.m.  
Benny and the Jets (oldies and classic rock) 1-5 p.m., Main Stage.

#### Golf Chipping Contest Finals

3-4 p.m., Tot Town.  
Lonestar Dancers 5-8 p.m., Main Stage.  
Young Country Band 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.

#### Monday, July 3

Game Show Party noon, 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Siren's Web (modern rock) 7-11 p.m.

#### Tuesday, July 4

Baby and Toddler Contest Finals 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
Carnival rides noon to 11 p.m.  
Eclipse (various music) 1-5 p.m.  
Tom's Karaoke 5-9 p.m., Gazebo by the lake.  
Bobby Lewis & Cracker Jack Band (various music) 7-11 p.m.  
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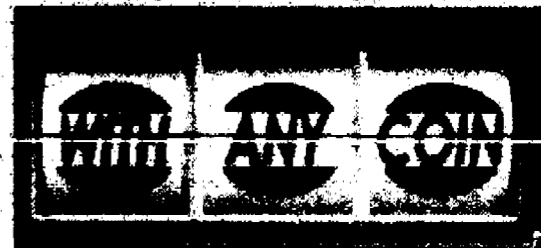
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## COMMUNITY THEATER

**STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE:** "Forever Plaid," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1, and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. \$9. (248) 541-6430

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**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** 8 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Kensington MetroPark, Milford, free but vehicle entry permit required. (800) 47-PARKS

**DETROIT ZOO:** The Brothers Funk, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at the zoo, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission (248) 541-5835

**GAZEBO CONCERTS:** Schunk/Starr/Dryden, an evening of classic American music featuring composers ranging from Cole Porter to George Gershwin, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Burgh Historical Park, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

**IN THE PARK:** Steward Francke and Birmingham Songwriter Showcase, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in Shain Park, Birmingham.

**MUSIC IN THE AIR:** One Flight Up (folk), 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, in Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Liberty Brass Quintet (members of the Plymouth Symphony), noon Wednesday, July 5, in Kellogg Park, Plymouth. (734) 418-4278

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**BRUNCH WITH BACH:** The Dearing Concert Duo performs music by John Dowland, Nicolo Paganini and James Lentini, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 9, seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$22, \$11 children under age 12, includes brunch, \$5 for stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Outdoor overtures with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, July 7, Beethoven's Pastoral, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, with guest artists the Fifth Dimension 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester. (313) 576-5111/(248) 645-6666

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**EDDY MARIEN:** 7 p.m. Monday, July 3, at the University of Michigan's Lurie Tower, North Campus, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-4726

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**ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM:** "Tally My Ace! Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

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**CHRISTINA AGUILERA:** With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$38.50-\$25. (248) 645-6666.

**ALLMAN BROTHERS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

**LORI AMEY:** Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

**JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS:** 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

**THE BEACH BOYS:** With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

**PAT BENATAR:** With Vudu Hippies, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$22.50. (248) 645-6666.

**TONY BENNETT:** With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

**CLINT BLACK:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

**BLOWTOP:** With The Muggs, 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Lili's re, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555; 10 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Cadioux Cafe, Detroit. Free. (313) 882-8560; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. Free. (248) 650-5080.

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**THE BROTHERS GROOVE:** Mondays, The Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 10 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Bo's Brewery, Pontiac. (248) 338-6200.

**IAN BROWN:** Of the Stone Roses, June 22, St. Andrews Hall show cancelled.

**RICHARD BUCKNER:** With Lori Amey, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-1818.

**CATHERINE WHEEL:** With Tracy Bonham, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

**CHICAGO:** With Little River Band, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20.25-\$30.25. (248) 645-6666.

**TERRI CLARK:** 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15-\$30. (248) 645-6666.

**JOE COCKER:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666

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**D'ANGELO:** With Ami Larrieux and Slum Villages, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Chene Park, Detroit. \$39-73. (248) 645-6666.

**DEF LEPPARD:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$28.50-\$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

**DIXIE CHICKS:** 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$32.50-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100







# Surviving the 'Storm'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

In the autumn of 1991, an enormous hurricane named Grace, a cold front from Canada, and a low-pressure system originating off the New England coast slammed into each other in the North Atlantic. Their three-way meteorological dance spawned the fiercest storm in recorded history.

It also spawned a mega-selling book by Sebastian Junger titled *The Perfect Storm*, and, from that, this movie scripted by Bill Wittliff (*Legends of the Fall*).

At the center of the drama is the crew of the Andrea Gail, a swordboat out of Gloucester, Mass. Captain Billy Tyne (George Clooney) hasn't been bringing in the catches lately. The mercenary owner of the Andrea Gail is grumbling big-time, Tyne and his crew desperately need more money than they're making, and (maybe worst of all) his chief competitor, Linda Greenlaw (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio), is landing the swords right and left.

What's a fellow to do? This fellow decides to move out beyond ordinary fishing territory and head for a spot called the Flemish Cap. Here, fish abound, but it's a risky venture for several reasons, not the least of which is the monster storm bearing down on the little group.

For those of you who have never experienced stormy seas in a fishing boat, this picture most probably will not encourage you to do so. Surely, this is one of the noisiest, wettest films ever made. You may feel as if you

should have brought earplugs and towels along. There is so much special effect lightning that people with photosensitive epilepsy might be well advised to avoid the production, and so much pitching and yawing that folks who tend toward mal de mer maybe should stay away, too.

Clooney seems slightly miscast as the salty captain. It's interesting to see that he's most effective when he's soppy, sloppy wet all over, a condition which appears to afford him the chance to shed his self-conscious, Dr.-Ross-goes-to-sea pose.

Mastrantonio has some of the same problems, coming across most of the time like a pretty performer merely pretending to be a sea captain. Mark Wahlberg as Clooney's feisty second-in-command fares somewhat better.

Still, *The Perfect Storm* is a spectacular story and, though a bit overlong, a compelling film. Director Wolfgang Petersen (*Das Boot*) and cinematographer John Seale (*The English Patient*) bring us aboard and compel us to stay there, mesmerized by the lashing, thrashing, swirling, twirling sheer magnitude of what came to be known as the "Halloween Storm."

Together with production designer William Sandell (*Air Force One*) and the folks at Industrial Light & Magic, they bring us a cinematic experience that is truly remarkable (even though it is not always literally enjoyable).

We also find the story compelling because of the strength of its supporting cast. John C. Reil-

ly plays a flinty-edged crewman with a soft heart. John Hawkes is irresistible as the plucky sailor who finally gets the girl. William Fichtner may set your teeth on edge as an explosive loner with the temperament of an errant blowtorch.

Diane Lane, Cherry Jones, and Rusty Swenson are standouts as the women in Gloucester who serve as a loving, but sometimes resentful, support crew.

While most of this drama focuses on the Gloucester fishing boat and the men aboard, we're also shown rescue attempts involving a storm-tossed sailboat somewhere out there in the middle of the mess.

But we know little of the people aboard or of those involved directly in the rescue. At times, we can barely even see them or understand what they say amid all the Sturm und Drang. Confusion reigns and we feel lost at sea in more ways than one regarding this segment. Actually, the segment could possibly make a compelling movie in itself. Here, though, it feels something like a bit of ragged detritus sucked into the dark maelstrom.

The movie opens with a shot of Gloucester harbor, its salty charm enhanced smartly by James Horner's (*Titanic*) score. Later, however, the music lapses into a peculiar kind of overkill. The images in this film are of such power that the swelling score often threatens to take away from, rather than complement, what we are witnessing on the screen.

Drama: George Clooney hangs on in "The Perfect Storm."

CLAUDETTE BARILUS

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Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre. Set against the backdrop of

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Boris and Natasha return in this live-action/animated comedy where only Rocky and Bullwinkle stand in the way of their diabolical plot to take over the

world.

Scheduled to open Friday, July 7

**SCARY MOVIE**  
New comedy guaranteed to shock from the folks who brought you "In Living Color," and "Don't Be a Menace to Society While Drinking Your Juice in the Hood." Stars Carmen Electra, Shannon Elizabeth, Marlori Wayans and Shawn Wayans. Directed by Keenen Ivory Wayans.

## MUSIC

### Brian Setzer ready to play Pine Knob

By STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER  
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One week before he packs up his big band and heads out on the road, Brian Setzer is taking care of few last-minute details - like packing, getting his clothes dry-cleaned, oh yes, and shooting a video for the Brian Setzer Orchestra's latest single *Gettin' In The Mood*. The song - inspired by Glenn Miller's classic *In The Mood* - is featured on the band's fourth album *Vacuum*, due in stores Aug. 1. "It's a classic," said Setzer, calling from his Malibu home June 22. "When you say swing, everybody knows it. It's a great song."

It's just what you might expect from the man who did what no one thought possible: revived rock 'n' roll, jump blues, swing and rockabilly by fronting a 16-piece big band with his electric guitar. Eight years and four full length albums later, he'll complete the video for *Gettin' In The Mood*, which showcases the band in all its glory along with Setzer's other passion, 1930s hot rods. He'll have to leave his beloved Fords behind when he heads Midwest for the start of the tour - which rolls into Pine Knob Music Theatre Saturday, June 1. Local boys, The Twistin' Tarantulas, will open the show, which is titled *Here I Go Again Draggin' 16 Guys (And A couple Chicks) Around The World Tour*.

With a new album and tour, Setzer promised the band's ready to "bump it up" a notch this time around. By adding background singers on this album and tossing in some "trash talking" hip hop beats and tape loops, *Vacuum* takes another leap to bring the sounds of 1940s swing well into the year 2000.

The challenge, this time was not recording a continuation of the band's 1998 double-platinum, Grammy-winning third



Brian Setzer

guys together' and in the beginning they were working for free." A major challenge in the beginning was just completing the music charts for the songs. It isn't quite the same as writing a rock tune like *Stray Cats Strut*. "It's like making a puzzle. The sax has to fit in with the trumpets. It's a big job."

Audiences will see it all at Pine Knob - and even be treated to a solo performance by Setzer. "We'll basically be breaking the set down for a couple of songs," he said. He'll do a little rock "Stray Cats-style," he said, as well as a more intimate song with only his guitar to accompany him. Die-hard fans will even be treated to an older Setzer tune *I Won't Stand In Your Way*.

Speaking of changes, the rockabilly and swing-centric music Setzer's known for has come in and out of general popularity. He's seen it through the highs and lows. "You can never predict when things come and go," said Setzer. "I just do what I want and every five years I get lucky. When I started the big band, everyone thought it would flop."

With hits like *Jump, Jive An' Walk*, he proved them wrong. This time around, he's got live gems like a rendition of Duke Ellington's *Caravan* and an original called *The Footloose Doll*. He can't wait to try them out on metro area audiences. "I'm lucky. I've always got an audience," he said. "Especially in Detroit, there's a core audience. I can always play."

"The only problem I have with Pine Knob is I started watching the audience (on the lawn) playing Frisbee. I lost my place." Leave the Frisbees at home and see *The Brian Setzer Orchestra with Detroit's own Twistin' Tarantulas*, 7:30 pm, Saturday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets \$15-\$27.50; call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

STREET SCENES

# Sloan kicks off the 12th annual TasteFest in Detroit



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If Sloan's Jay Ferguson were locked in a room and forced to choose between the shuddering sounds of Limp Bizkit or the squeals of Britney Spears, he'd go for the teen-queen, no question about it.

"I'd take Britney over Limp Bizkit any day," he admits candidly, calling from his Toronto home.

Lucky for us Sloan falls somewhere far from the mass-produced sugar-pop hysteria and it's flipside - rage-infested rap-rock. Yes folks, there still exists a land where an indie break-out band from Halifax, Nova Scotia, can rock out in peace.

That place can't be detected on today's radio airwaves, but that doesn't really bother Ferguson much. He isn't about to chase a music trend he says is bound to fade away. "If you just stick to your own way, you're gonna be safe," he said. "We have to stick with what we do best."

With five albums under their hefty rock and roll belts Sloan is

set to perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30 as the first headlining act for the 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest. Fresh from a European tour, the band seems hardly able to take a breath. In a short 18 months, Sloan released three full-length albums.

Rather than rushing out yet another, Ferguson and his cohorts, Chris Murphy, Patrick Pentland and Andrew Scott are taking time and making every song count. They don't expect to release new material until May 2001. But there's plenty out there to tide hungry fans over.

Songs off of Sloan's most recent effort, the alternately rock and dreamy-pop *Between the Bridges*, will be a highlight of the TasteFest performance. Ferguson said the band is always happy to return to the Detroit area. "We play Detroit and Pontiac all the time," he said. "We're always happy to play Michigan. The crowds are quite big in Detroit because it's so close to the Canadian border. It always feels just like playing a Canadian show."

For TasteFest, Sloan will likely gather "bits and pieces" from their past recordings as well as a healthy dose of newer tunes from *Between the Bridges*, an album Ferguson refers to as the band's

most "democratic" so far. Each band member contributed three songs. Since everyone writes the material, Sloan's methods have been criticized as creating a sort of compilation effect. But Ferguson considers it to have a variety of styles. Who doesn't like to mix it up every now and then?

With a concept-like feel that traces a band from its humble beginning through the phases of relationships and life on the road, the album's gems include *The Marquee and The Moon* and *Friendship*.

Already working on new material with longtime engineer and affectionately-dubbed unofficial fifth member, Brendan McGuire, Sloan is working to make a more cohesive effort next time around. And they've got a few tricks up their sleeves.

"We tried to link songs musically," said Ferguson. "The last chord of one song will be the first chord of the next song." The band also experiments with using a melody in one song and mimicking it instrumentally on another track. There's no telling what's to come.

Sloan fans gets your tastebuds ready, it's about time for another heaping helping of Sloan. And



PHOTO BY BRIAN

**Just like home:** Sloan says Detroit audiences are just as welcoming as the band's Canadian fans. Come prove them right as Halifax's pride rocks opening night of TasteFest in Detroit's New Center Area. Sloan (left to right) is Andrew Scott, Chris Murphy, Patrick Pentland and Jay Ferguson.

just think, it's the appetizer to kick off five full days of free music in the motor city.

Don't miss Sloan, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Music Stage,

which will be situated north of West Grand Boulevard and east of Third Street in Detroit's New Center area. For more information, call (248) 373-9522 or check the Web at [www.tastefest.org](http://www.tastefest.org).

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## THE SOUNDS OF TASTE FEST

Follow your ears to the beats of rock, jazz, blues and funk at this year's Comerica Michigan TasteFest. For star quality seek out the Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage located in the Fisher Building parking lot, just north of West Grand Boulevard. For the best in smoking local jazz turn down Cass Avenue and West Grand Boulevard for the Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase. To check out the best local bands offering everything from ska to mod and electronic music, hit the Prince Pasta Stage at New Center Park, across from the Fisher Building.

**Friday, June 30**  
Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage  
7:30 p.m. Sloan

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase  
4:30 p.m. Marvin Jones Trio  
7 and 8:30 p.m. Johnny Rodriguez and the Fiery Latin Jazz

Prince Pasta Stage  
5:30 p.m. Funktelligence  
8 p.m. Gangster Fun



**Face:**  
Courtney, Mike Smith, Steve Firreno and Mike B. play local rock Monday at the 12th annual TasteFest.

**Saturday, July 1**  
Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage  
3 p.m. Sonia Dada  
7 p.m. 38 Special

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase  
Noon Sisters in Jazz  
2 p.m. Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson  
4:30 p.m. Dave McMurray  
7 and 8:30 p.m. David Myles and Milestones

Prince Pasta Stage  
3 p.m. Immunity

5:30 p.m. The Numbers  
8 p.m. DJ Shortround

**Sunday, July 2**  
Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage  
3 p.m. Roomful of Blues  
7 p.m. Norman Brown

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase  
Noon Vincent York's Jr. New York Force  
2 p.m. Ange Smith with The Charles Boles Quartet  
4:30 p.m. Paul Ahler  
7 and 8:30 p.m. Modern Tribe

Prince Pasta Stage  
Noon Stunning Amazon  
3 p.m. The Brothers Groove  
5:30 p.m. The Volcanos

**Monday, July 3**  
Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage  
3 p.m. Boozoo Chavis and the Magic Sounds  
7 p.m. Isaac Hayes

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase  
Noon Loba  
2 p.m. Schunk - Star-Dryden  
4:30 p.m. Robert Lowe  
7 and 8:30 p.m. Kimmie Horn Show

Prince Pasta Stage  
Noon Starlight Drifters  
3 p.m. Face  
5:30 p.m. Civilians  
8 p.m. DJ Cisco

**Tuesday, July 4**  
Malibu Rum Loud and Clear Stage  
2 p.m. Polyester  
5 p.m. Taj Mahal and the Phantom Blues Band

Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase  
1 p.m. Rich K. and Brazil

3:30 p.m. Straight Ahead  
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# How to get the most out of food fests

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Whether partaking in a taste-fest satisfies your philanthropic urges or your taste buds, most of us want to enjoy these food melanges to their fullest.

That's a tall order at venues like the Comerica Michigan TasteFest, an annual food tasting and entertainment event June 30-July 4 in downtown Detroit's New Center area.

If you're like most patrons, you'll walk away feeling you could have eaten less, or more, or differently.

Is the tummy ever satisfied? Cut yourself some slack, and loosen your belt.

Even those who taste food for a living find having a plan is key to enjoying taste festivals.

"What I try to do is walk around once and see what they've got, then I start testing the food. I don't make a meal out of every place that I go," said Gary Hungerford, CEO of Royal Oak's Silver Spoon Creative Catering, which is serving up Marinated Baby Lamb Chops, BBQ Chicken Calzones, Grand Marnier Chantilly over Fresh Fruit and Tarte Tatin (an upside-down, French caramel apple tart) at the upcoming taste-fest.

In its 12th year, the five-day event, which benefits New Center development, boasts participation by more than 30 metropolitan Detroit restaurants.

Each will serve up culinary specialties — Chicken Picatta from Marios in Detroit, BBQ Pork Ribs from Beale Street Blues in Pontiac and Chocolate Fudge Cake Sundaes from Twingo's Cafe in Detroit, just to name a few.

The restaurants will set up shop in booths along West Grand Boulevard, serving taste portions of appetizers, entrees, desserts and side dishes in exchange for TasteFest tickets.

Sounds heavenly, right? Just keep in mind your experience at Comerica TasteFest and similar events will probably be all the more divine, if you have a plan.

## Tactical strategy

Know the lay of the land, said Bill Roberts, president of the Michigan Restaurant Association and owner of 220, Streetside Seafood and the Beverly Hills

## Banquet on the Boulevard — Tastefest

**What:** More than 150 delectable dishes from more than 30 metropolitan Detroit restaurants. A variety of beverages including British ales and margaritas will also be available for purchase.

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Monday, June 30-July 3; 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 4

**Where:** West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway, adjacent to Fisher Building.

**Information:** Call (313) 927-1000 or visit [www.tastefest.com](http://www.tastefest.com)

**Cost:** \$5 for nine "taste" tickets (cash only) at ticket booths located throughout the festival. Tickets are not refundable, but any unused tickets benefit New Center Council, Inc. programs. "Taste-sized portions" are priced up to two tickets. Other menu items are priced to eight tickets.

## Participating restaurants

- Silver Spoon Creative Catering, Royal Oak
- Olympia Cafe, Allen Park
- Murdick's Mackinac Island Fudge
- Parker's Rib Haus & Soul Food, Romulus
- Aw Shucks, Elk Rapids
- Ja-da, a barbeque grille, Detroit
- Dave & Busters, Utica
- Ginopolis Restaurant, West Bloomfield
- Hunter House Hamburgers, Detroit
- Sweet Potato Sensations, Detroit
- 736 Java — Coffehouse, Detroit
- The Coney Man/American Coney Classics
- The Sheik, Orchard Lake
- Iridescence, Motor City Casino, Detroit
- Classic Buffet, Motor City Casino, Detroit
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- Kola's Kitchen, Riverview
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- Traffic Jam, Detroit
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- Good Food Co., Troy
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## Grill.

"I'm a person who doesn't like to stand in line," said Roberts. "If you're in a huge crowd and you know where you're going, it sometimes helps. ... The other thing is, if there's a layout ahead of time, you might want to plot your course."

When mapping out your route, decide which restaurants and which dishes interest you, advised Roberts, adding he typically heads for establishments with which he's totally unfamiliar, as well as a handful of old favorites.

Consider making your first stop somewhere in the middle of the venue and working your way out, too, as most patrons start sampling at the entrance, he said.

Likewise, moving left, rather

than right, through the event often reduces exposure to crowds, he said. "We tend to flow right because most of us are right-handed, so go left."

## 31 flavors

Sample a few items, then take a break, advised Pascal Paviani, chef and co-owner at Silver Spoon Creative Catering. Don't make the mistake of rushing, he said. "I know that in France it takes three hours to eat a seven-course meal. Time allows you to

digest the food in between each course with a beverage or sorbet.

"Really, to get the most out of the experience, I would just take my time," said Paviani.

Furthermore, consuming sorbet between tastings, especially items with strong flavors, such as lamb, fish, BBQ, Thai food and other spicy cuisine, will enable you to fully experience the offerings, Paviani said.

And, thanks to Waterford's Savino Sorbet, sorbet will be readily available.

"I do love to eat, and especially at those events. You get to try lots of different cuisine," said Savino Sorbet owner Lou DeCillis, who is also a chef trained at the Culinary Institute of America. "But after you taste four or five different items, well, the sorbet really does break up that monotony, and the whole fun of these events is tasting the food."

DeCillis hopes TasteFest patrons will visit his booth not only to cleanse their palettes but also to sample some of his new, innovative sorbet flavors. Tropical rainbow, for instance, is a swirl of raspberry, mango and pina colada.

Sampling and experimenting are all essential to the experience, said DeCillis. And, if you're not willing to physically share your food with others — DeCillis is apt to offer strangers a taste from his own plate, if they're interested — at least share your opinions and feelings about the food.

Tasting food is an age-old social event, he said. "If you think about it, when we were all cave dwellers, the whole experience of eating — it was really a social kind of thing. People really got together around food, so when I go to a taste-fest, it's a big party."

## Maximum intake

Nonetheless, food festivals are also an opportunity — not to mention, excuse — to shamelessly fill up. And, there are several tactics for turning an ordinary taste-fest into a pig-out session, said DeCillis.



Good eats: A variety of culinary favorites await visitors to the Comerica TasteFest, held June 30-July 4.

First up, be honest with yourself. If you love food, if you love to eat, don't try telling yourself otherwise. Just go for the gusto.

Better than just doing it, better than merely granting yourself permission to break the rules, plan on pigging out.

Hey, don't eat breakfast.

"I swear, I'm not kidding — I would not eat breakfast," said DeCillis. "I'm not embarrassed to tell you when I go to these events, I think, hey, here's my chance to go to lots of different restaurants in one trip, and I figure I'm going to pig out."

Of course the stomach isn't a bottomless pit, either. So, as Paviani suggested, take your time. And, while you're at it, enjoy the total sensory experience, said DeCillis. Take in the sights and smells. Listen to that steak sizzle over the open flames.

"You gotta smell the aroma and look at the plate," said DeCillis. "That's part of the experience. And that way, by the time I'm stuffed I feel I've had the total experience — the unique, the sublime."

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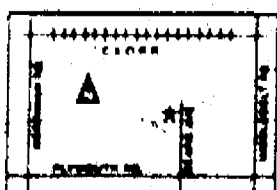
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