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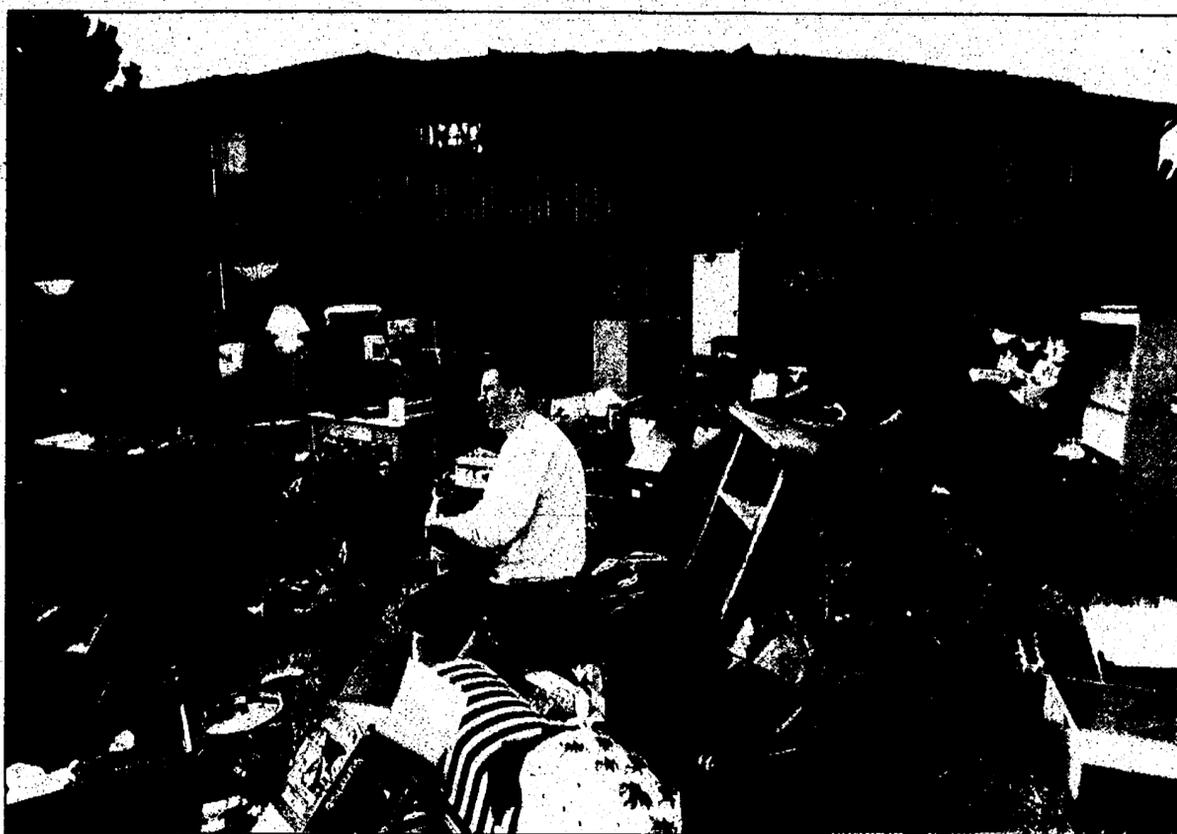
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Salvage work: Dave Beecher (left) brings salvageable items out of his River Bend Apartment Monday afternoon after a fire had swept through the apartment building that he and his fiancée Carolyn Doherty lived in early Monday morning. He had no renters insurance. Helping Beecher bring items out is his future brother-in-law Pat Doherty.

Trash fire ignites apartments

Westland and Garden City firefighters battled a blaze that erupted about 1:24 a.m. Monday at a River Bend Apartments building on Merriman, south of Warren, in Westland.

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Robert St. Onge thought about his sleeping neighbors when he realized that fire was racing through a two-story Westland apartment building.

St. Onge, 40, rushed to a hallway and banged on doors, kicking one in when no one answered.

"Bob was terrific," neighbor David Beecher said.

"I helped get people out," St. Onge said Monday afternoon. "They're still thanking me."

Westland and Garden City firefighters battled a blaze that erupted about 1:24 a.m. Monday at a River Bend Apartments building on Merriman, south of Warren. Residents stood outside and watched many of their possessions go up in flames.

Fire officials said they knew of no serious injuries among the estimated 20 people who fled the 10-unit building. One resident suffered minor injuries.

"It was a nightmare," second-story resident Lee Caudill said. He was rescued from his balcony by a fire truck ladder.

Patrick Harder, Westland assistant fire chief/fire marshal, said the fire started inside a plastic planter being used as a trash can on a second-floor balcony.

Residents had twice doused the fire

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Fire damage: Units of River Bend Apartments in Westland were damaged by fire early Monday morning. The fire marshal says the fire started on this balcony.

Residents sift through damaged belongings

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After fire ravaged their Westland apartment early Monday, David Beecher and fiancée Carolyn Doherty faced a weary task of sifting through belongings charred by flames, soaked by water and covered by soot.

"We had a lot of our wedding contracts in the apartment - contracts for the priest, the reception hall, our cake and the DJ," Beecher said.

"We're hoping that we still have them," he said. "All of our stuff is just wet and in bags and boxes."

Monday afternoon, Beecher and his brother-in-law to be, Pat Doherty, carried load after load of damaged belongings from a fire-gutted, second-story residence inside a River Bend Apartments building on Merriman south of Warren.

Beecher placed pictures alongside other possessions that littered a grassy courtyard bathed in sunlight.

"I pulled some pictures off of the refrigerator and put them out in the sun to dry," he said. "I'm still looking for my discharge papers from the Navy."

Beecher hoped to salvage a more than 100-year-old trunk that his fiancée's grandmother brought to America from Poland. He also carried out wooden tables and shelves that he made himself.

"They're soaking wet, they have soot on them and they're charred," he

said. "We had one coat closet and some camping gear that didn't seem to be touched, but everything else is pretty much damaged."

Beecher, 30, and Doherty, 29, had gone to bed when fire erupted inside an adjacent residence, eventually damaging all 10 apartments in the building. Patrick Harder, Westland assistant fire chief/fire marshal, said flames started on a balcony inside a plastic planter used as a trash can.

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City seeks state money for parks improvements

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Three Westland parks will receive major facelifts if city leaders can convince state officials to help pay for the projects.

City officials want to spruce up Merriman, Corrado and Central City parks with \$146,000 in improvements.

Officials are seeking state grants to cover the bulk of costs for basketball courts, picnic shelters, in-line hockey rinks, decorative landscaping and other projects.

State dollars would pay for 75 percent of costs, but Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski said the city may face a several-month wait for a decision on the grants.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed," he recently told Westland City Council members. "Hopefully the state will grant us a couple of these."

The proposals appear in a long-range plan for Westland parks, and officials such as Councilman Glenn Anderson have voiced strong support for boosting recreation services by focusing on neighborhood parks.

Merriman Park, a one-acre park at Merriman and Alcona in the city's Norwayne subdivision, would receive a full-size basketball court, a parking area and a picnic spot with a shelter, two grills and four tables.

Estimated cost: \$34,000.

"There's nothing out there right now except a backstop for baseball," Kosowski said.

Officials hope to draw more families to Merriman Park if they are able to make the improvements.

"The number of people served will dramatically increase with the proposed plan," according to a report from Kosowski.

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Pay raises to determine rainy day fund size

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After showcasing piece by piece the last few weeks all the new programs in its 1999-2000 budget, just one question remains for Livonia Public Schools.

But as questions go, it's a big one, because the answer determines how much money the district will have left over in its rainy day fund when the 2000 school year ends.

Still to be factored into the district's \$142 million budget, with its estimated \$24.4 million rainy day

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fund at the end of the school year in 2000, are the pay raises yet to be negotiated with all 2,100 employees of the district.

Six employee contracts expire June 30, 1999. The seventh, the 1,156-member teachers' union, the Livonia Education Association, expires Aug. 15, 1999.

So far, only one meeting with one union, the teachers' union, has taken place, said Edward Navoy, director of personnel.

All pay increases bargained with the seven unions are sure to eat away at the \$24.4 million the district projects it will have left in its bank account in June 2000.

Right now, times are financially good for Livonia schools, Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, told the Livonia Board of Education Monday as he unveiled the district's preliminary 1999-2000 budget.

For its new instrumental music and expanded physical education programs alone, the district next

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Area enforcement team helps in raids of drug network

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Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team officers recently participated in raids on eight Detroit homes — part of a suspected cocaine distribution network.

The search warrants executed on the homes were the culmination of a 10-month investigation by the narcotics unit, said Michigan State Police Lt. Edward Gerds, who heads the unit staffed by troopers and officers assigned by local departments, including Garden City.

Three of the homes — located on the same block on Detroit's west side — had to be raided simultaneously, he said. About 80 officers participated in the raids, including the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, the Detroit Police Department Special Response Team and the state police Special Response Team based in Livonia.

"We had intelligence and personal knowledge that these were large scale cocaine dealers," said Gerds. "They had guns on their persons and lookouts. The houses were all reinforced. They were very organized."

Detroit police officers had to enter one of the houses through the picture window, Gerds noted, since the door had been so heavily reinforced.

During the raid on the first three houses, Gerds said the Western Wayne Narcotics officers closed off the street.

"They shut down an entire city block to stop drive-by shootings," he said. "They also provided outside security for the houses. You run into retaliation shots being fired."

Five more houses were raided on the east side of Detroit with Western Wayne Narcotics officers entering and securing one home.

"The major players were taken down in the first round. We didn't expect the same level of threat in the second round," said Gerds. "All our information was that the first three houses contained the major players."

Four Detroit men have been

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bound over for trial on charges of conspiracy to deliver/manufacture cocaine in varying quantities. Depending on the amount, the defendants could face prison sentences of 10 years, 20 years or life.

Along with unspecified amounts of cocaine, officers confiscated about \$25,000 in cash and items valued at about \$60,000 that were believed to have been purchased with drug sale proceeds.

"We bought a lot of drugs from them (the suspects) but we didn't confiscate a lot on the search warrants," said Gerds. "We believe they were using the drug proceeds as their livelihood — for homes and vehicles."

Western Wayne Narcotics officers began the investigation locally, Gerds said, but the information gathered led to the suspects based in Detroit.

"When we have a supplier in Garden City or Westland, we backtrack and go after the their supplier," said Gerds. "It happens that most of the drugs come from major metropolitan areas. Drugs come to Detroit from the East Coast or the Southwest. At that level, we turn it over to the feds — like the Drug Enforcement Administration."

Normally the unit executes their own search warrants, Gerds said, but this could have been a particularly dangerous situation.

"Unless you have been involved in this kind of work, you can't appreciate the security these teams offer," he said. "It's a real sense of security to be able to call out the experts such as these special response teams."

Run by the Northville Township Police Department, the Western Wayne County Special Operation Team also has officers from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Van Buren Township and Wayne.

"The raids were executed without incident. All the bad guys went to jail and the good guys went home," Gerds said.

Foundation ball



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARRIGUE

Pipes and drums: The Celtic Pipes and Drums of Birmingham performed such classic songs as "Scotland the Brave" and "Amazing Grace" Friday evening at the Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball.



At the ball: From left, David James, Diane Mathews, Patty Shekell, Glenn Shaw Jr., Laura Kuhn and Dennis LeMaitre at the spring ball which helps raise money for the Westland Community Foundation's projects. The event was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland Friday evening.

Parks

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Officials say as many as 3,000 people within a one-mile radius of Merriman Park could be served if the improvements are made.

Plans for Corrado Park, a 10.5-acre park at Gladys and Flamingo, call for adding an in-line hockey rink and skating pathways, and modifying the ball diamond and soccer field. The price tag is \$49,000.

"The current trends indicate a strong rate of participation with in-line hockey," Kosowski said.

Some residents who live near Corrado Park complained to city officials last year that the park appeared to be ignored. Some also voiced concerns that trouble-makers seemed to be frequenting the area.

The city's plan calls for sprucing up the park and, simultaneously, making it a safer place for as many as 5,000 people who live within a one-mile radius.

"Corrado Park is highly utilized by the community," Kosowski said in his report. "The park has a wide variety of amenities such as a walking path, tennis courts, horseshoe area, pavilions and recently the addition of a new play structure."

Corrado Park also has strong community support.

Last year, when the city scheduled public hearings on parks improvements, Corrado residents outnumbered citizens who had concerns about the city's other 16 parks.

City officials also have placed Central City Park on their 1999 list of hoped-for improvements, including an added pavilion, an in-line hockey rink and a resurfaced tennis court.

"Our department is very excited about this proposal because it follows the family theme that we have set up in this area of the park," Kosowski said in his summary of improvements.

The Central City Park plan also calls for the addition of a gazebo and new landscaping. Total cost: \$63,000.

Central City Park — the city's largest and most-used park — serves an estimated 15,000 people within a one-mile radius. The park includes 100 acres and is on the west side of Carlson, south of Ford Road.

"The weekend usage of this park is phenomenal," Kosowski noted, "and by offering even more amenities, our growth will continue."

Still, it may be late summer before city officials learn whether state officials will loosen their park purse strings enough to help pay for improvements at Merriman, Corrado and Central City parks.

"We probably will not do them unless we get the grants," Kosowski said, although he didn't rule out all improvements.

City officials also will discuss possible parks projects during spring budget sessions.

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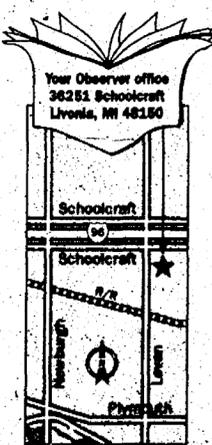
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Cooper students get science awareness on the brain

Students from Livonia's Cooper at Whittier Elementary School in Westland had science on the brain, literally, as they celebrated Brain Awareness Week - 1999.

Celebration of the week was begun four years ago to create and increase interest in brain and nervous system research. The Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and the Society for Neuroscience united to sponsor educational events and hands-on activities across the country. Cooper students participated in three, one-hour long programs conducted by Shayne-Emile Martinez Boucher, Ph.D. from the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

"The purpose of my visitation to Cooper Elementary School was to increase awareness about science in general among young children, with a particular emphasis on neuroscience," said Boucher. "By having children perform hands-on demonstrations of general scientific



The ears have it: Researcher Shayne Boucher, from Wayne State University, talks to the students about how hearing works.

concepts and encouraging them to be curious about the natural world, I can help promote increased learning and diminish any apprehension they may have about science."

One of the most impressive

aspects of the program, Boucher said, is his ability to show students a human brain and an animal brain. The specimen is viewed by students to show the organs' shape, texture, size and physical complexity.



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Brain power: Researcher Inderjeet Saluja, from Wayne State University, shows Cooper Elementary students a human brain.

District studies adding officer at high school

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A Livonia police officer will make his rounds daily at a Livonia high school if a pilot program gets approved in Livonia Public Schools' 1999-2000 school budget.

Through the popular DARE drug-awareness program, police officers are a familiar sight in the district's elementary and middle schools. Right now, eight officers teach classes and befriend students in these 26 schools.

The ninth officer would be stationed at either Churchill or Franklin high school and would cost the district about \$60,000 a year.

The extra officer is just one on a list of proposed program improvements contained in Livonia Public Schools' proposed 1999-2000 budget, which should be approved in June by the Livonia Board of Education.

In the district's 22 elementaries, proposed program improvements include:

- Launch an instrumental/expanded physical education program. Cost: \$468,000.

- Buy instruments for the instrumental music program. Cost: \$415,000.

- Hire an extra teacher, paraprofessionals and secretary-clerks for buildings with large enrollments or a large number of at-risk students. Cost: \$74,000.

- Buy playground equipment. Cost: \$190,000.

- Give Lowell School extra administrative help during the switch from Johnson to Lowell. Cost: \$12,500.

- Add an extra two weeks to the work year of school clerks. Cost: \$8,000.

In the district's four middle

schools, proposed program enhancements include:

- Phase in an eighth-grade team teaching program at Holmes, Riley and Frost. Emerson already has an eighth-grade teaching team. Cost: \$86,400.

- Add an extra two weeks to the work year of guidance secretaries. Cost: \$6,000.

In the district's three high schools, program improvements include:

- Add more staff in project START, MSC/CAPA, North Central Leadership and enrichment teaching posts. Cost: \$165,000.

- Hire a police officer to work at either Churchill or Franklin. Cost: \$60,000.

- Mail report cards to parents' home. Cost: \$9,000.

At the three high schools, the district also plans to combine \$2.1 million from the general operating budget with \$2 million from its building and site fund to build an outbuilding, or annex, near the athletic fields that would house public restrooms, showers and locker rooms.

Miscellaneous proposed program improvements include:

- Hire a language arts coordinator. Cost: \$75,000.

- Test new computer equipment to be sure it's Y2K compliant. Cost: \$150,000.

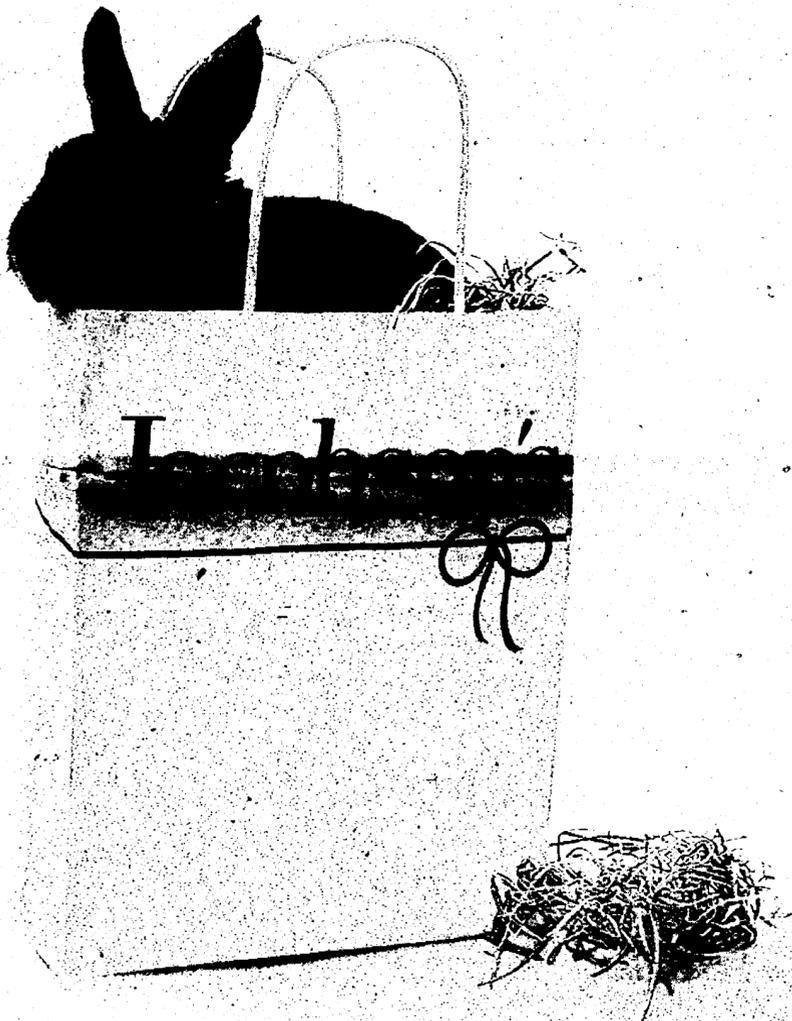
- Transfer the ALPHA program at Dickinson Center to Bentley Center and consolidate with the Alternative Education Program. Cost savings: \$50,000.

- Eliminate the security officer at Bentley. Cost savings: \$30,000.

- Hire a principal for Bentley Center. Cost: \$80,000.

- Add more secretarial help at Bentley. Cost: \$19,000.

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year plans to spend \$883,000 (see accompanying story above).

Despite the extra programs and extra staff members built into the new budget, income continues to exceed expenses, and the rainy day fund continues to build, from this year's estimated \$19.9 million to next year's \$24.4 million, Liepa said.

But one dark cloud is expected to appear soon on the horizon and - like the pay increases yet to be resolved - this, too, is a biggie.

Like all Michigan school districts, Livonia's income depends on the number of students the district enrolls.

Next year, Liepa said the district expects to enroll just 88 more students, substantially down from the 200-plus new students enrolled in recent years.

"We are seeing a leveling-off in enrollment, which will limit our revenues in future years," Liepa

said.

In 1999-2000, Livonia will get \$7,257 from the state for each student enrolled. That's a 2-percent increase from this year's per-student grant.

The hefty rainy day fund balance is starting to raise eyebrows on the school board, leading administrators to provide statistics to show the amount is not out of line with districts similar to Livonia. The rainy day fund is designed to get the district through rough financial times, especially if the state's per-pupil grant drops because of a bad economy, Liepa said.

"We're forced to oversave on money we should be spending on our kids," said trustee Ken Timmons.

He then offered the downside to saving: "The more districts 'bulk-up,' the less money Lansing thinks we need in our foundation grant."

Fire from page A1

— once with an extinguisher and once with water — but flames erupted a third time and spread before the Westland Fire Department was finally called, Harder said.

No one will face criminal charges, Harder said, but he said the incident should serve as a warning for residents to call for help when they first notice a fire.

St. Onge wasn't alone in alerting River Bend residents about the fire.

"A Wayne County sheriff deputy was driving by and saw it and started notifying the residents," Harder said.

One of those residents was Julie Cervantes, 32, who escaped with roommate Laura Bowser.

"I heard this banging on the door, and I didn't want to open it at first because I didn't know who it was," Cervantes said.

"When I heard the building was on fire I just grabbed a coat and my purse. I forgot my shoes," she said. "We just stood outside and watched it blaze. We watched it 'til 4 in the morning."

Cervantes and Bowser plan to stay with relatives until they find a new residence.

Fire Chief Mark Neal said fire spread rapidly through a wooden area of the roof as firefighters tried to douse it.

"They knocked a big part of the fire out within the first hour, but it took several hours after that to chase the hot spots," Neal said. "It looks like it started on a balcony and went up on the roof from there. Once it gets in that attic area, fires get real big real fast."

Three apartments were badly burned by the fire, which collapsed a roof, and the remaining seven units were damaged by smoke and water, Harder said.

"I think we're looking at upwards of \$500,000 in damages," he said.

Neal said none of the 10 apartments will be habitable, adding that "the building will have to be abandoned for now."

Residents talking among themselves learned that only one renter had fire insurance, but others vowed to learn from their mistakes.

River Bend office worker Jill Deverich said management tried to help tenants find other apart-

The American Red Cross was called in to help residents replace clothing, medication and eyeglasses.

ments — some in the same complex — and some residents said they would be staying with relatives for now.

Monday afternoon, residents' damaged belongings littered the grounds around the building. Couches, televisions, mattresses, vacuum cleaners, clothing, plants, baseball gloves and hundreds of other items could be seen as residents tried to make arrangements to have their possessions hauled away — to where, some didn't know.

The American Red Cross was called in to help residents replace clothing, medication and eyeglasses, Neal said.

Firefighters from all four Westland stations and from Garden City fought the blaze. Wayne firefighters temporarily answered other Westland emergency calls.

"Firefighters were there until daylight putting out little hot spots," Neal said.

Many residents seemed in low spirits Monday afternoon, although most said they pulled together as neighbors to help each other through a grueling experience. Most also said they felt lucky to be alive and uninjured.

St. Onge, meanwhile, stood inside his first-floor apartment as water dripped onto his already soaked carpet. Most of his belongings had been hauled out to a grassy courtyard, but he didn't have a long-term plan.

"Everything I did salvage is ruined by smoke and water damage," said St. Onge, a sheetmetal worker Local 292 member who is still reeling from a divorce.

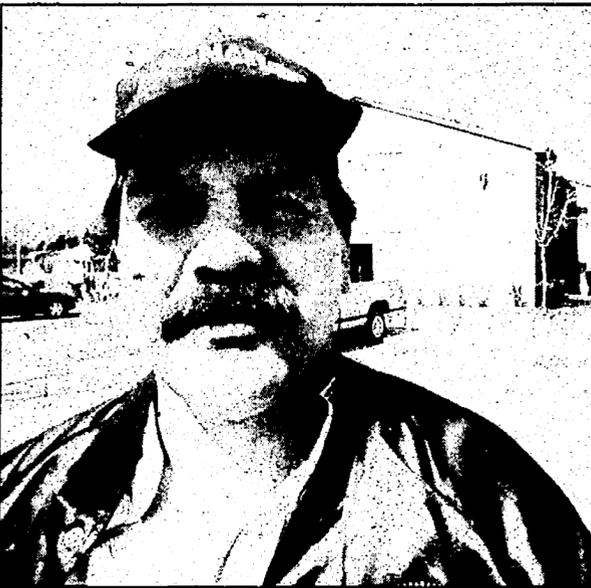
"I just moved in here in December," he said. "I have no family to go to, so I'm pretty much out on the street."

"I've got \$150 in my pocket and \$110 in vouchers from the Red Cross," St. Onge said. "I'm 40 years old, and now I've got to start all over again."



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Apartment damage: Almost all was lost for Lee Caudill at the River Bend Apartments in a fire this past Monday. He said he lost about half of his belongings. "It was a nightmare," he said. Caudill was rescued from his bedroom window by firefighters.



Fired up: Robert St. Onge was one of the residents living in the River Bend Apartments in Westland who was affected by the fire.

Residents from page A1

"I woke up about 1:11 and went to the bathroom. I laid down about 10 minutes later, and then I heard someone yelling and woke up," Beecher said. "My fiancée thought she smelled smoke. We had our window cracked about an inch."

Beecher looked outside and saw a River Bend maintenance man yelling about a fire.

"It started just a few feet from our bed," Beecher said. "We put on some clothes and got the cat (Bailey) and went outside."

"We didn't anticipate the fire being as horrible and as devastating as it was," he said. "It was the worst feeling. We just sat outside and watched it burn. It seemed like a week went by while we watched it go."

Westland and Garden City firefighters battled the blaze for hours, dousing the last "hot spots" as the sun came up, fire Chief Mark Neal said.

Like residents in nine out of 10

apartments, Beecher and Doherty learned the hard way that they should've bought fire insurance.

"That's one of the first things we'll do when we get moved," Beecher said.

The couple placed their damaged possessions in a U-haul on Monday and spent the night with Doherty's parents in Livonia. The pair hopes to move as early as this week to a Farmington Hills apartment complex which has the same owners as River Bend.

Eventually they want to buy their own house. Beecher is an Oakwood Healthcare System human resources employee, and Doherty is a Beaumont Hospital cytotechnologist who studies cells for possible cancer.

"We wanted to wait until after the wedding to think about getting a house," Beecher said. "Right now, we're just thankful for what we have."

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Senate Dems fall short in bid to add nursing home inspectors

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State Senate Democrats came up one vote short in an effort to add 23 nursing home inspectors to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

"Senior citizens should be paramount. They are the most vulnerable," said Sen. Joe Young Jr., D-Detroit, during the March 25 debate.

But Sen. Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, said a state panel to study nursing home conditions would convene soon and "be done by summer. We don't know how many inspectors and how we pay for long-term health care. Funding the exact number of inspectors now is premature."

Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, said, "We've closed two nursing homes in the metro Detroit area in the last six months. The state said you don't pay enough, and we don't have the inspectors. Some say, 'Just

let the state issue vouchers.' Hell, that doesn't get the job done," Hart shouted.

How they voted

The amendment went down 19-17, with 20 needed for passage. Voting yes were 14 Democrats joined by five Republicans. Art Miller, D-Warren, was absent and could have provided Democrats the 20th vote.

Here is how area senators voted:
YES - George Hart, D-Dearborn and Alma Smith, D-Salem.
NO - Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

The bill was passed 22-14 with all Republicans except the absent Johnson voting yes and all Democrats except the absent Miller voting no.

52,000 affected

The CIS total budget is \$76.5 million in state money and near-

ly \$420 million in federal.

Gov. John Engler's budget message didn't spell out how many nursing home inspectors he is recommending, but Democratic senators put it at 100 and asked for 23 more at a cost of \$1.7 million.

Some 52,000 persons are residents of 456 nursing homes.

"I understand these nursing homes are inspected only once a year," said Macomb County's Sen. David Jaye, a maverick Republican who departed from his usual budget-cutting position. "We have increases for corporate welfare. Where are your standards for decency?"

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said, "We are defending the abusers against the people who have worked their entire life in this state. Paid taxes to this state. Are finally in their twilight years of living in a nursing home situation - and we do not

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Commission to consider Metro parking contract

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Wayne County commissioners expect to act today on a parking contract at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

But on Tuesday, commissioners still had questions about the proposed three-year agreement with APCOA-Williford Parking of Cleveland.

Commissioners have studied the contract closely after Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy and his staff released an audit in December that disclosed that \$1.4 million in parking taxes were underreported and APCOA's lease agreements - for which Wayne County reimbursed APCOA - cost an average of \$28,000 per vehicle.

Dunleavy and his staff found the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about \$17,000 each and estimated the airport could be paying as much as \$400,000 too much to lease 37 vehicles.

Dunleavy reported his findings to the Wayne County prosecutor's office in accor-

dance with the county ethics ordinance.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor, is expected to complete a review by today's commission meeting of the lease agreements between APCOA and financing companies to see if Wayne County is entitled to reimbursements.

"We took the position that (contract approval) would not prejudice our claim to a refund," Ward said.

Treasury view

County officials also waited for an interpretation from the state Treasury Department for the \$1.4 million in underreported parking tax. Airport Director David Katz said in a recent interview the tax is now being reported on the full amount.

Katz recommended that APCOA-Williford Parking of Cleveland receive a three-year contract for the management of public parking facilities. Katz said eight companies responded and APCOA was the low bidder.

The contract calls for APCOA to operate and manage the public parking facility's 11,810 parking spaces at Metro. Wayne County would

pay to APCOA-Williford Parking an amount equal to 0.23297 percent of the total gross revenues. APCOA-Williford Parking is a joint venture between APCOA of Cleveland and Williford Enterprises of Detroit.

Commissioner Robert Blackwell, D-Detroit, told commissioners Tuesday that the prosecutor's office had "signed off" on it, and that the commission could act on the contract.

"We should not hold up approval," Blackwell said.

But commissioners had not received a letter yet from Ward, which concerned some of them.

"I have no problem with Commissioner Blackwell's word, but for a contract of this magnitude, we need it in writing from the prosecutor's office," said Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, wanted more time to review the contract after commissioners received a list of recommended contract amendments from Dunleavy. Dunleavy suggested that the operator maintain all "pertinent underlying supporting

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OBITUARIES

VIVIAN I. ANDREWS
Services for Vivian Andrews, 69, of Northville were March 29 in Casterline Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Ernest Porcari from Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Mrs. Andrews, who died March 24 at her home, was born Jan. 20, 1930, in Romeo. She moved to Northville from Canton in 1990. She enjoyed collecting dolls.

Surviving are her sons, William Greenshields Jr. of Westland, Robert Greenshields of Westland and Gary Greenshields of Sterling Heights; daughter, Laura Young of Lansing; brothers, Richard Searls of Westland and Robert Searls; sister, Bonnie Zischke of California; 19 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Andrews was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony, in 1993.

IDA E. KELLEY
Services for Ida Kelley, 72, of Westland were today, April 1, in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Pittman and the Rev. Chris Richards, both from Pine Hill Congregational Church.

Mrs. Kelley, who died March 29 in Farmington Hills, was born July 1, 1926, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughter, Vicky (Colin) Baron; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

RALPH J. BRISBIN
Services for Ralph Brisbin of Westland were today, April 1, in St. Theodore Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zaleski. Arrangements were from Ziomek Funeral Home.

Mr. Brisbin died March 28. He was a 40-year resident of Westland. He was a member of the American Legion; he had served in World War II with the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Thomas Church. Mr. Brisbin

was retired from General Motors Hydramatic in Ypsilanti. He was a member of Local 735 and member of Michigan Fly Fishing Club.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; son, Jack (Celia) Briabin; daughter, Yolanda (Dennis) Medwid; brother, Willard (Helen) Briabin; sisters, Alma (Harold) Pense and Ada Dell; and one grandchild, Kristin.

REJEANNE G. CHRISTIE
Services for Rejeanne Christie, 71, of Westland were March 30 in St. Richard's Catholic Church with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Christie, who died March 27 in Westland, was born June 22, 1927, in Joliet, Quebec, Canada. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Christie; sons, David (Pat) Christie, Michael (Cheryl) Christie and Joel; daughter, Marie (Edward) Sobolewski; sisters, Anita and Pierette; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ROBERT C. DOYLE
Services for Robert Doyle, 65, of Westland were March 25 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mr. Doyle, who died March 21 in Wayne, was born June 26, 1933, in Pennsylvania. He was a design architect.

Surviving are his sons, Robert and James; daughters, Michelle (Jeffery) Zandler and Melissa; sisters, Katherine Forster and Ellen; granddaughter, Mariah; and fiancée, Jacquelyn Parker.

WILLIAM M. MUSTONEN
A memorial service for William Mustonen, 71, of Westland was March 29 in Christ The King Lutheran Church. Officiating was the Rev. Richard Martzolf. Arrangements were from Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mr. Mustonen, who died March 26 in Westland, was born Sept. 25, 1927, in Hancock, Mich. He was a member of Christ The King Lutheran Church. He was a stock keeper for Ford Motor Co., retiring after 18 years. He worked 20 years at Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth. He served with the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Faye; daughters, Mary Mustonen of Westland and Patricia (Todd) Fleet of Howell; brothers, Robert (Delores) Mustonen of Dearborn and John (Nan) Mustonen of Canton; sisters, Carol (Joseph) Giecinto of Del Ray Beach, Fla., Joyce (Ronald) Best of Las Vegas, Nev., and Helen (John) Wood of Las Vegas, Nev.; and grandson, Zachary.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ The King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

GEORGE ALLEN
George Allen died March 18 in Westland. He was born Nov. 14, 1944.

Arrangements for Mr. Allen's burial were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Allen was disabled. Surviving Mr. Allen is his mother, Bernice Allen.

PATRICIA M. BALL
Services for Patricia Ball, 65, of Westland were March 29 in St. Michael Catholic Church with burial at New Oak Hill Cemetery in Indiana. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Miss Ball, who died at her home in Westland, was born Nov. 1, 1933, in Bucyrus, Ohio. She was a registered nurse.

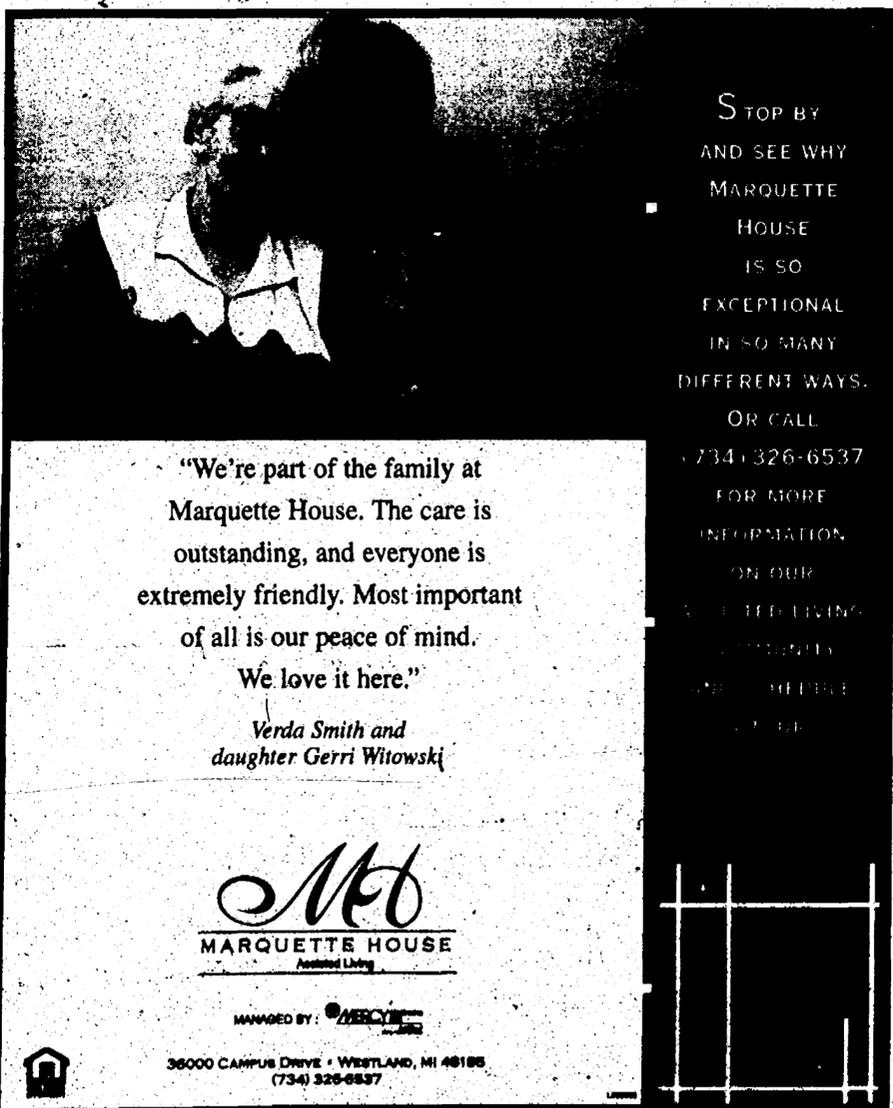
Surviving are her mother, Frelove Ball; uncle, George (Gloria) Ball; aunts, Mary, Winita, Lynette and Tags Ball; and numerous cousins.

RICHARD T. MARKEY
Services for Richard Markey, 52, of Wayne were March 4 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Markey, who died Feb. 28 in Wayne, was born Feb. 14, 1947, in Detroit. He was a sanitation worker in the plumbing industry.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene; sons, Richard, Christopher and Larry; daughters, Amy and Carrie; brothers, Christopher, Terry, Robert and Patrick, all of whom live in Westland and Livonia; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Markey was preceded in death by his brothers, John and James.



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SC asbestos removal won't hamper summer classes

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Ceiling and floor tiles containing asbestos will be removed from the Liberal Arts Building at Schoolcraft College this summer. The asbestos was discovered there and in the Applied Science Building earlier this year.

Once used for insulation because it is fireproof and does not conduct heat or electricity, asbestos is a cancer-causing agent when it becomes airborne and can be breathed by humans. The asbestos at Schoolcraft is not "friable" or does not crumble into the air, so in that condition, it is not a health concern or risk, college officials said.

"It can be easily and safely

removed," said Butch Raby, vice president for business services.

Between May and August contractors will remove asbestos from ceiling tiles and elbow joints of water pipes. Raby will present a contract for approval to the college's Board of Trustees at the next meeting on April 28.

Officials from the Air Quality Division of the state Department of Environmental Quality could not be reached for comment on this project.

School officials hired consultant Jeff Heydanek and environmental consultant J. Scott Environmental of Plymouth to survey all the college's buildings after administrators heard concerns from physical plant employees that asbestos may be present in the elbow joints.

The asbestos was found in the

tiles, but it was not airborne. This was confirmed by air quality tests completed by the consultants, Raby said.

If the building was to be renovated and asbestos disturbed, then the Environmental Protection Agency requires that it be removed. "As we do projects, we need to get it out of there," Raby said.

The board of trustees approved a contract March 24 for \$19,688 with the Wyandotte Electric Supply Co. for 355 light fixtures and 900 lamps for the Liberal Arts Building.

The entire building renovation, including the asbestos removal, new fixtures, ceiling tiles, painted walls and carpeting, will cost \$500,000, Raby said. The college's \$2 million

plant fund will finance the improvements.

Once the board approves the asbestos removal contract, contractors will begin sealing off one section at a time within the Liberal Arts Building. They expect to begin May 10 and be finished by Aug. 4.

"We're doing it when our census is as low as possible," Raby said. Schoolcraft houses 8,500 students during the regular school year. During the summer that figure falls to 3,500 students, Raby said.

Raby expects the building's other sections will remain open during the asbestos removal. Efforts will be made to house spring/summer classes in other buildings, but Raby expects some classes will remain in the Liberal Arts Building.

The building will be sealed off with a 4-millimeter-thick polyurethane sheathing, covering all doorways, windows and vents. The air will be monitored by the consultant during the asbestos removal.

Ceiling and floor tiles and elbows for hot water pipes will be removed. Self-containing "glove bags" will be used to remove the asbestos on the elbows on water pipes. Air pressure will be made lower within that sealed space to prevent untreated air from getting out of the building. Air from the inside will be filtered before it is blown outside.

Caution signs will be set up outside the enclosed area by work crews, warning people of the possible environmental hazards. The first segment will

require three days work for three classrooms and a hallway.

Once the tiles are removed, crews will install new ceiling tiles and lights, paint and add new carpet.

The administration was surprised by the presence of asbestos in ceiling tiles, Raby said. "We were concerned because the physical plant staff raised the issue. We really didn't think there was any, but rather than be unsure, we had it tested. The ceiling tiles were a surprise."

Other projects expected to be worked on this summer include rebuilding a parking lot west of the McDowell Center; the purchase of 400 computers, and air conditioning of a section of the Radcliff Center in Garden City.

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documents" for three years and that the commission consider specifically requiring that maintenance and repairs, including towing services, should be competitively bid.

"I am a slow learner and I can't digest this information in 10 minutes," Bankes said.

After Dunleavy told commissioners there were no changes from his earlier, original letter, Commissioner Bernard Parker, D-Detroit, told commissioners they had two weeks to review the contract.

But Beard responded that she was not ready to vote. "I want to be sure we do our due diligence on this contract," Beard said.

Bid questions

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, asked Commission Counsel Ben Washburn about the bid process. Washburn responded that the commission had received bid sheets. "It is a reasonable process with a well-founded recommendation," Washburn said.

What concerned some commissioners was that Dunleavy's recommendations were not incorporated into the APCOA contract. Dunleavy told commissioners he discussed his concerns earlier

with Katz, who told Dunleavy a letter of understanding would be sent to him. Dunleavy had not received that letter as of Tuesday.

That letter may not carry weight if the contract's language does not allow any such letters to carry contractual obligations, but Washburn said he would check into it.

Commissioners voted, 8-4, to send the contract out of the committee of the whole and send it to full commission today for a vote. Blackwell, Parker, Chairman Ricardo Solómon, D-Detroit, and Commissioners Ed Boike, D-Taylor, Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, John Sullivan, D-Wayne, and Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, supported the action, while opposing it were Bankes, Beard, Husk and Ilona Varga, D-Detroit.

"There are some very serious legal questions that have not been answered," Beard said.

Also, in a related matter, commissioners referred a proposed ordinance from Vice Chair Beard to the commission's Committee on Audit. Beard wants to provide a minimum of two auditors from Dunleavy's office to be permanently placed at the airport to conduct audits.

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Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

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Residents named to GOP committee

Residents from Canton and Livonia were elected to the Wayne County Republican Committee at its recent biannual election in Dearborn Heights.

Attorney Donald L. Knapp Jr. of Livonia was elected first vice chair and Herb Scott of Canton, vice president for managed care at Major Pharmaceutical, was elected treasurer.

Elected as chair was attorney Margaret V. Van Houten. She replaces state Sen. Thaddeus

McCotter of Livonia who decided not to seek another term. Van Houten, 33, is a councilwoman in Dearborn Heights and the youngest chair in the history of the Wayne County Republican Committee.

Van Houten praised McCotter for his leadership over the last few years as chair of the committee and as a county commissioner.

"Senator McCotter is to be commended for his leadership in

ensuring the election of Republican county commissioners and conservative judges to the Wayne County Circuit Court. He went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that taxpayers are protected from big government.

"As a result of his leadership, Wayne County is the only county in Michigan that requires a supermajority to raise taxes," said Van Houten.

Others elected include: Gloria

Rocha of Detroit, the former chair of the 15th Congressional District Republican Committee, second vice chair and Krista Haroutunian of Detroit, an attorney with Edward L. Haroutunian, P.C., secretary.

The committee's major goals include the re-election of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham as well as judges "dedicated to interpreting the law instead of creating it."

County parks host marshmallow drop at Nankin Mills

More than 25,000 marshmallows will be dropped April 3 from a balloon to the delight of hundreds of awaiting children, who will scramble to collect these goodies during the county's 14th Annual Great Marshmallow Drop, which also falls on Good Friday.

Children can turn in the marshmallows for prize-filled eggs at the drop at 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Children will collect the marshmallows in different age groups.

If the weather does not cooperate, the event will be rescheduled for Saturday, April 3.

"This is an exciting

event for children of all ages," said Wayne County Executive Edward McManis. "What a great way to start out the spring with a wonderful outdoor activity."

The Great Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by WNIC-FM and is the first of a record number of warm weather events planned by Wayne County Parks for 1999.

Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information on this or any other Wayne County parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

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want to protect them. That is absolute insanity.

"Another complaint included 28 separate allegations about care provided to 17 residents including allegations that the director of nurses physically abused a resident because she could not stand the sound of the resident gritting her teeth—115 days without doing anything about it.

"An employee was fired for refusing to falsify documents—136 days with nothing done about it.

"A resident signed himself out of a home and did not return for 251 days. Investigation? No.

Nothing done about it. "Another facility had 16 complaints that have not been investigated. The oldest uninvestigated complaint alleged that a resident's leg was amputated because the facility did not take proper precautions to prevent infection. That complaint has gone 320 days without being investigated."

Feds critical

Cherry, the Senate minority leader, said Young's amendment was prompted by two federal reports showing severe flaws

with Michigan's nursing home enforcement. The General Accounting Office, a congressional agency, criticized the state for minimizing the seriousness of complaints and failing to follow up.

Engler's budget message said, "The highlight of the FY 2000 recommendation is a new \$10 million Nursing Home Quality Incentive Grant program which CIS will administer with assistance from the Michigan Quality Council.

"The grant program will reward homes that consistently

maintain health and safety standards while going the extra mile to provide quality care."

The CIS budget covers all state inspections and regulations. It also provided \$20.8 million in arts grants, the same as last year.

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UM-D chief supports Engler's tier funding

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The chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn broke with the leadership from Ann Arbor and is supporting Gov. John Engler's "four-tier" formula for funding 15 state universities.

James C. Renick, who is leaving for North Carolina July 14 after six years, told a House budget panel that Engler's recommendation "establishes a plan for stable and predictable funding."

"While there are many questions about the rankings recommended in the executive budget," Renick said, "the idea of funding tiers recognizes that our colleges and universities have different missions and meet different needs, and hence require different levels of support from the state."

UM-Dearborn would be in tier 2, along with Oakland and Western Michigan universities, getting \$4,700 per student.

The plan was opposed a week later by Lee Bollinger, U-M president, who called the tier formula "unwise. It takes away the role of the Legislature to make annual complex judgments. Every single university is special. Abandon the idea of formula funding altogether."

Bollinger predicted Engler's formula, if enacted, would force up U-M tuition 4 to 5 percent.

Renick said UM-Dearborn, however, "will be able to stay within the governor's recommendation for minimal tuition increases."

Meanwhile, U-M announced March 22 that Renick is leaving to become chancellor of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. It's considered an "historically black college," said Molly Corbett Broad, president of the 16-campus University of North Carolina.

A native of Rockford, Ill., Renick attended colleges in Ohio, Kansas and Florida and

worked his way up the administrative ladder in Florida before joining UM-D in January of 1993.

Bollinger praised Renick for "working closely with faculty and business and community leaders."

While one board of regents governs U-M's Ann Arbor, Dearborn and Flint campuses, they are operated separately and have separate line items in the \$1.48 billion state higher education budget.

UM-D is proposed for \$25.7 million in Engler's FY 2000 budget.

The campuses have quite different missions.

While UM is considered a world-class research university, UM-Dearborn notes that it's part of "the intellectual capital of the auto industry," with two-thirds of students in some programs gaining work experience and salaries as interns in business.

Renick said he got a "valentine" message from a Compaq recruiter who said he's "happy if I get one candidate from each day's interviewing." At UM-D, the recruiter had five applicants and "I found four that I would have hired on the spot ... These are the best prepared and brightest students that I interviewed all week."

Now 40 years old, the UM-Dearborn campus has the highest percentage of engineering students (12 percent of credit hours) of any state university except Michigan Tech, Renick said.

"At UM-Dearborn," said Renick, "instructional and physical plant costs associated with teaching engineering, computer science and natural sciences are major factors in our cost structure."

During Renick's tenure, UM-D enrollment has risen to a record 8,300 and will continue to rise 2-3 percent a year, he said. Major building projects have been completed, and the campus raised \$25 million in capital.



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Easter blooms

Sign of spring The Easter season is a busy time at area floral shops and markets, including Westborn Market on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Earlier this week, Phyllis Johnson (above) of Chickamauga, Ga., in town visiting family, stopped by the Westborn Market to pick up some flowers before visiting her mother's gravesite in Livonia. Westborn will be open at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for flower shoppers. Westborn stocks more than 1,000 plants for the Easter holiday. While lilies are popular, customers also purchase azaleas, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths, according to floral manager Kate Butsky.



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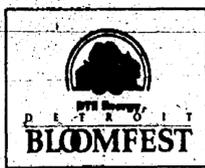
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A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
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Class of 1989
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Class of 1949
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Class of 1950
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Class of 1989
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Class of 1979
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Hotel in Novi.
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Class of 1979
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reunions@taylorpub.com.

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REDFORD THURSTON
Class of 1969
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Redford, with a pre-reunion get-
together on April 30 at Woolly
Bully's in Northville.
(734) 453-0157, (734) 261-4827
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Class of 1979
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in Novi.
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WAYNE
Class of 1950
Is looking for classmates for its
50th class reunion.
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WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
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City.
(248) 380-7004, press #1

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Class of 1969
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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999

Motive questioned

Comments more than updates?

A Wayne-Westland school board candidate has recently begun a practice that we think raises many questions, and we're not sure it should continue.

Skip Monit, the citizen leader of the Wayne-Westland school district's bond committee and a confirmed candidate for the school board, has begun addressing the board at each meeting during the citizens' comments portion of the meeting to give an update on the district's bond construction projects.

While we feel these updates may be needed in some forum, we think it more than just an odd coincidence that they began as Monit laid plans for a school board campaign.

We have little information yet on Monit's campaign or his ideas, so we're not questioning that. We question, however, whether his "updates" should continue at a forum that is televised to cable viewers in Wayne-Westland.

Are other candidates going to get the idea they should come before the board at each meeting to get in a television appearance? We realize the board is pretty much required to allow anyone who wishes to speak the opportunity to speak - and that includes candidates.

But we're concerned that Monit's talks have the appearance of a semi-official update in the guise of a campaign for school board. After all, he did help the district win a \$108 million

school bond vote.

Also, if every candidate is encouraged to come forward in the citizen question and comment portion of the meeting, it seems those meetings could become just a campaign advertisement.

We question whether some school board members would object if other potential candidates - perhaps those who aren't in the board's favor - started making regular statements at meetings, just to stump for votes and to get their name on the air.

Monit, however, seems to have the board's blessing.

That said, we'd like to reiterate that, of course, we encourage interested and active residents to get involved with committees and even run for school board. We're pleased to see strong and involved residents at work on school board issues.

In fact, any interested residents still have time to file petitions for a school board seat. Voters will fill two four-year seats in June.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. April 12, and packets can be picked up at the schools election offices, 3001 Fourth, behind Wayne Memorial High School.

Let's just take another look at how this board race is beginning. We think this type of campaigning raises questions and concerns. It just doesn't look right.

Struggle for freedom continues

When area Jewish families break the matzo, the traditional unleavened product intended to substitute for bread during the Passover holiday this week and next, it will be much more than just a meal-time custom.

Families and their guests at the traditional Passover dinner seders will be retelling the story of the Hebrews in Pharaoh's Egypt escaping slavery and looking toward a life of freedom.

That theme of freedom is more relevant in today's world.

There are many examples of large groups of people still living without freedom - freedom of religion, freedom of speech and personal

freedom to just live without fear.

The daily headlines and TV news report too many times the tragic slaughters in all parts of the world. Sadly, there are large and small tribal, ethnic and religious wars being waged.

Those victims certainly aren't free to enjoy their lives because they are living in fear.

Christians are reminded that Jesus' last supper with his disciples was a Passover seder.

The Passover holiday - rooted in history and the traditions of the Hebrew and Christian religions - should be remembered and continually observed by all faiths as mankind's continuing struggle for freedom.

Holiday symbolizes great values

"God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain."

- C. S. Lewis in "Letters of C. S. Lewis." This thoughtful quote of one of America's more favorite Christian writers expresses with much more depth the bumper-sticker proclamation "Christians are not perfect - They are Forgiven." The quote also is a reminder of why Easter is so important to Christians.

Remember that the prince of the church, St. Peter, experienced his share of tribulation. By cutting off the guard's ear in the garden, he earned Christ's disapproval. This man of strong faith denied Christ three times and went into hiding after Jesus was arrested.

Yes, it was Peter who was ordained to be the head of the first church. Christ proclaimed Peter was the rock upon which the Church would be built and explained that the allegorical "rock" was Peter's personal faith. Prior to Peter's tribulation, he was the only apostle to recognize who Jesus was when he emphatically announced "Thou Art the Christ!"

St. Peter, who struggled with great emotional pain, emerged without the stain of sin

as Christ would not have chosen a sinner to head His Church. And so, not surprisingly to those who read him, C. S. Lewis was right. Christians believe Jesus died, was resurrected and ascended to reunite with God so that Peter and the rest of us fragile humans can live without the stain of sin.

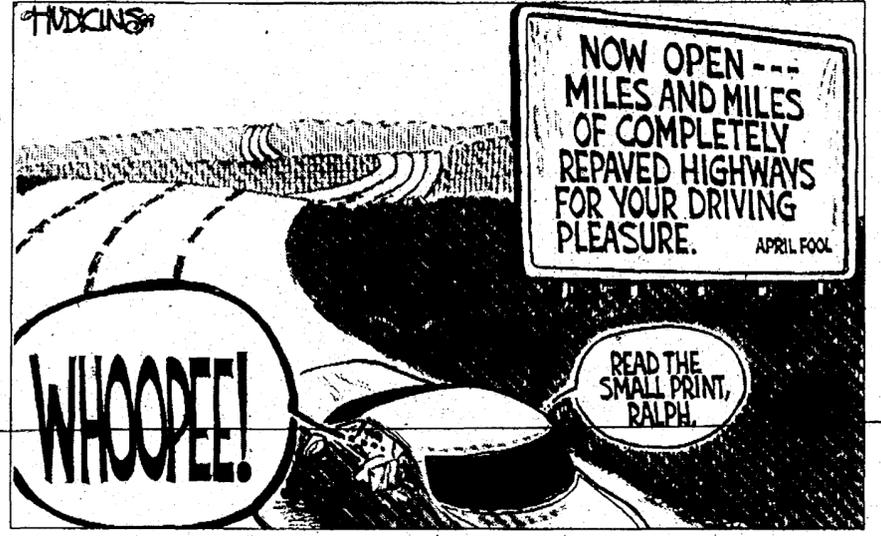
Easter embodies three great spiritual values: Hope, that we can surmount our failings and live a successful life; Grace, that God continually provides us with what we hardly deserve; and Love, the comfort that the Trinity cares for us personally. Hope, Grace, and Love (and Peter's own faith) is what propelled him after the ascension into becoming one of the greatest Christian leaders of our times.

Easter offers Hope, Grace and Love to each of us also. After all, Jesus did not die for Peter alone.

Easter provides power which allows us to have Hope in our future, take comfort in God's love for us, be amazed always by His Grace, and be optimistic that we have God's approval no matter what is our standing in life.

Easter means we may live with pain but without stain.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

View of Federalist Society

This is in response to Tim Richard's Feb. 11 column on the Federalist Society.

First, let me say the column was more benign than others on this subject. However, there are few principles which I believe would be helpful in understanding the view of the Federalist Society.

The Federalist Society does not categorically condemn judge-made law - it cannot and would not take such a position because much of what is known as common law is precisely that - judge-made law.

The significant point where the Federalist Society differs from the judicial philosophy known as "activism" is in the arena of "constitutionalizing" issues. Saying an issue is controlled by the U.S. Constitution when it is not, wrongfully takes the issue out of the arena for public debate and the decision away from the voters by this judicial sleight of hand.

Let me give you an example - abortion. The pertinent question is not are you for or against abortion, but who should make that decision. The Federalist Society contends, correctly in my view, that the abortion issue is not one which is either endorsed or prohibited, much less addressed by, the U.S. Constitution.

What it regards as improper is the "constitutionalizing" of this and other issues so that states, through its voters and representatives, no longer have a say on whether abortion, or other such key issues are legitimate nor not.

For example, you will recall that in the doctor-assisted suicide case, the Supreme Court said - something which the Federalist Society has been saying for years - that the question of doctor-assisted suicide is not controlled by or even addressed in the Constitution and therefore rests, as it should, in a democratic society, with the people to vote as we did in Michigan, and as voters did in Oregon.

I believe the central tenet of the Federalist Society is intellectual honesty. That is, if the legislature passes a law, it is irrelevant whether a judge likes or dislikes the legislation; judges simply should apply the law as written. To do otherwise, would be to take away power from the people as surely as the United State Supreme Court has improperly done in a number of cases.

No doubt there are areas, be it Miranda or Gideon - where reasonable minds may differ on whether or not the Constitution actually affords a right articulated by the United State Supreme Court. However, there are areas which are clearly in the arena of the democratic process wherein the people should vote and the courts should not decide an issue for hundreds of millions of judicially disenfranchised citizens. As you know, federal judges are not elected and therefore, not accountable to the people and, accordingly, if

we err at all, judges should err on the side of advancing democratic, not elitist principles.

Clearly, this is a very complicated subject and there are volumes written on this subject and the foregoing discussion is, by necessity, an oversimplification. However, I thought it might be helpful for you to hear at least one view from one judge who is a member of the Federalist Society.

Judge Henry W. Saad
Michigan Court of Appeals

Great loss

I sincerely regret that Chuck Pickering has chosen to step down from the city council. I'm not surprised, however, that he made the honorable choice to protect his clients. His loss will be great for the community which he has served in several capacities for more than two decades.

Often, he had the only reasonable and logical head on the council or in the mayor's office. And despite the engineered effort to relieve him of the mayor's position, the voters saw value in his decision-making skills and his refusals to pander to self-interest groups. Nor did he succumb to self-aggrandizement or the potential power of the offices he held. The voters were aware of his character traits - integrity, dedication, vision - and they elected him time and time again. His absence will be profound. I'm doubtful that this void will easily be filled.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

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QUESTION:

What's your favorite way to spend a nice, warm, spring day?

We asked this question on a nice, warm, spring Monday at the Westland Library.



"Just being outside."
Angie Comerio



"I played golf today."
Wallace Smith



"I like to walk in the park with somebody I care about."
Jarrod Johnson



"I like to walk."
Elizabeth Meade

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Realistic view of law prompts Kelly's label

My dander rose, as did yours perhaps, when Marilyn Kelly called an 1848 Michigan law against cohabitation by an unwed couple "antiquated and rarely enforced."

Kelly is the state Supreme Court justice who wrote the Dec. 22 majority opinion against Jackson landlords John and Terry Hoffius. They refused to rent apartments to two unwed couples, citing the 152-year-old statute that "Any man or woman, not being married to each other, who shall lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together ... shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffius declared that the state of sin in which the two couples were living offended their religion. They argued their freedom of religion should take precedence over the 1968 Civil Rights Act forbidding discrimination in real estate dealings "on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status ..."

Kelly and four other justices ruled for the renters: "The state's need to provide equal access to such a funda-

mental need as housing outweighs defendants' religious beliefs that they should not rent to an unmarried couple."

An old law, surely, but "antiquated"? The Magna Carta, which limits the power of a sovereign, is 784 years old; the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, more than 200. Law, one would think, is either just or unjust, not "antiquated."

Justice Patricia Boyle dissented sharply. "The Legislature has not repealed the prohibition against cohabitation," she said, adding, "the fact that a criminal statute has not been successfully prosecuted does not somehow render the prohibited conduct legal or the criminal statute void."

Freshman state Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, has proposed House Bill 4258 that would allow landlords to deny dealing with unwed couples.

And this generated a missive from the American Association for Single People, with a Bloomfield Hills telephone number, yet. AASP says:

■ Michigan has 300,000 unrelated



TIM RICHARD

■ The Bible says God decreed the death penalty for adultery, incest, homosexual contact, marrying a mother and daughter, and carnal relations with an animal (Leviticus 20: 10-16). But God eased up on premarital intercourse (Exodus 22: 15-16), letting the man off with barely a slap on the wrist and a woman with no sanctions at all.

adults who live together.

■ Some 16,000 seniors and many disabled cohabit because "they would be penalized by pension plans and government benefits programs if they were to legally marry."

■ "More than 66 percent of unmarried couples are persons of the opposite-sex. Nearly 40 percent of these male-female unmarried couples are raising children."

■ "More than half of the people who have married in recent years cohabited together beforehand," according to the University of Wisconsin Center for Demography and Ecology, which concluded that "cohabitation is now an integral part of the marital decision-making process for most people."

The last paragraph is stunning to those of us who grew up before the 1960s. We all knew many couples "jump the gun" before the wedding. But the Wisconsin research says they're actually living together.

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20: 10-16). But God eased up on premarital intercourse (Exodus 22: 15-16), letting the man off with barely a slap on the wrist and a woman with no sanctions at all.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., who spent more than 30 years on the U.S. Supreme Court and penned "The Common Law," would have sided with Kelly, I think. He saw the law as dynamic, not static. In his opening paragraph, he wrote:

"The life of the law ... has been experience. The felt necessities of the time, the prevalent moral and political theories ... The substance of the law at any given time ... corresponds ... with what is then understood to be convenient."

Later: "In the course of centuries the custom, belief, or necessity disappears, but the rule remains."

Whether you approve of current morals or not, Kelly had the most realistic view of the law.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

LETTERS

Sinking economy

Is a return of stagflation inevitable? I saw yes. Here's why: Contrary to popular opinion, our economy has been experiencing a violent run-away inflation. The problem is that it has been confined almost entirely to the stock market. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve has been furiously printing huge amounts of money to keep this financial market inflation going.

But, as the financial economy has soared like a rocket, the real economy, best exemplified by commodity prices, has sunk like a stone.

So, here's the problem. At some point, the corporate economy is going to reach a saturation point of too

much capacity and too little pricing power, resulting in declining profits.

Then, the flow of money out of ridiculously overpriced defensive, "nifty-fifty" stocks and into ridiculously under-priced commodities will begin. (Be warned, this process may have already begun.)

Amazingly, the public will perceive this shift as a rise in prices in the real economy at the very moment when business activity seems to be slowing down, in other words, stagflation.

Then, the bond market vigilantes will punish this rise in real economy prices by raising interest rates making the stock market's decline even worse.

This explains why, for example, the

stock market mania in the 1960s gave way to the stagflation decade of the 1970s. Commodities, like oil, effectively soak up the money that was originally printed to support the stock mania.

In effect, stagflation is how we "do" depressions in the post-gold standard world of paper money economies.

Walter Warren Westland

Offended by ad

I was amazed to find the ad for Herald Wholesale in the Home Spotlight magazine insert in your paper. I am offended by it, I have an 8-year-old

son who regularly looks through the Observer and the inserts. I'm curious to know why it is necessary to put a naked woman in a magazine to advertise hardware and plumbing. I understand business and the right to free speech, etc., and this certainly caught my eye, but in a hometown paper? Why? Couldn't we leave the naked bodies in adult magazines? It's bad enough the things your kids are exposed to everyday, silly me to think a home magazine insert for the Observer is acceptable reading for an 8-year-old! I hope in the future you will look a little closer at the advertisers and their ads.

Maggie Balint Livonia

Creative effort

Jay Leno's sponsor had an ad on TV that struck me very funny yesterday.

The passengers on an airplane were frantically searching for a pilot! I figured it was a Northwest flight and that the pilot went on strike mid-flight and had bailed out (leaving the plane in automatic drive)! It turned out that the airbound passengers were just looking for a Pilot ball-point pen! A very creative ad!

Leon I. Schoichit

Abraham-Stabenow race is on

So it's going to be Debbie Stabenow vs. Spencer Abraham for the U.S. Senate in November 2000.

That's fine. If the public purpose of an election contest is to pit the two best possible candidates against each other, a Stabenow-Abraham race fits the bill perfectly.

Some early polls have shown Stabenow with a slight (45-39 percent) lead over Abraham. They won't mean much once the campaigning gets serious. But they do give substance to the widely held theory that Stabenow has a real chance and that Abraham is unusually vulnerable for an incumbent senator.

Don't be fooled. Abraham has lots going for him. As an incumbent with statewide reach, he'll work the Washington sound-bite culture to get on the 11 p.m. news. And he's hard at work on Republican fund-raising circuit, with a stated \$9 million goal.

Most of all, Abraham has in his corner the Republican machine built and fine-tuned by Gov. John Engler. Just how solidly in his corner is another question, given Abraham's decision to endorse his old boss, former Vice President Dan Quayle, for president rather than Engler's choice, Texas Gov. George W. Bush. GOP insiders are cluck-clucking over this slip in Abraham's usually cautious political maneuvering.

And Abraham has hardly set the Senate on fire. Other than an easy-to-attack vote for impeachment and a sensible but easy-to-forget bill easing immigration restrictions, Abraham hasn't constructed much of a legislative record. And a lot of people who have repeatedly tried and failed to get schedule commitments through Abraham's office are very critical of his staff performance and Abraham's evident preference for appearing at very controlled and scripted events.

As for Stabenow, the only question was whether she'd run for Senate next year or governor in three years. Michigan likely will lose a congressional seat after the 2000 census results are in. Stabenow's district, uneasily poised between liberal and urban Lansing and conservative and exurban Livingston County, is ripe for elimination when the redistricting deals are finally cut.

So for Stabenow, necessity — in this case, running for the Senate — is the mother of invention. With former Gov. Jim Blanchard out of the race, Stabenow is about the only Democratic leader left with an established political track record and relatively high name ID statewide.

Stabenow served in the state Senate, where she precipitated events that wound up with Proposal A to reform school finance. That cost her organized labor's endorsement when she ran for



PHILIP POWER

■ In fact, Stabenow has a somewhat unusual reputation for being both a good campaigner and a good legislator.

governor in 1994 and lost in the Democratic primary. She went to Congress in 1996 after a bitter race against incumbent Dick Chrysler. Last year, she strolled to easy victory in the face of a Republican landslide.

Forget what the Abraham spin doctors are saying that Stabenow is only a second stringer, now that Bianchard is out of the race. I've watched her on the campaign trail, and I can confirm that she's one terrific campaigner.

A longtime Livingston County political observer calls her "one of the most formidable campaigners I've ever seen. When she works a room, it's a work of art."

Politically, she's a moderate who has won a reputation in Congress for solid reasonableness and good staff work. In fact, Stabenow has a somewhat unusual reputation for being both a good campaigner and a good legislator.

Who knows whether Stabenow will be able to knock off an incumbent Republican U.S. senator, especially in a state where the institutional Democratic Party has essentially vanished. I'd guess the issue will turn on whether Stabenow can stay close to Abraham in the money-raising contest and whether organized labor still bears a grudge for Proposal A.

And there's always wild-card Geoffrey Fieger, who has threatened to run as an Independent if he loses a Democratic primary and could well siphon votes away from Stabenow.

However it turns out, it should be a first-class race. Stay tuned.

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New laws

Most bills passed by the Michigan Legislature take effect 90 days after lawmakers adjourn at the end of December in even-numbered years. Here are some 1998 laws hitting the books this week:

No cloning - Human cloning becomes illegal, and violators can face 10 years in prison, loss of professional licenses for five years and fines of \$30 million. Sponsor was Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. Cloning is the creation of a duplicate human being by genetic manipulation.

Fewer billboards - Scenic roadways will have fewer billboards under PA 553, which hikes fees for erecting and maintaining billboards and spaces them 500 feet apart. The act also bans stacking billboards and establishes a felony penalty for destroying trees within a road right of way.

Jet Skis - The Personal Watercraft Safety Act require anyone renting Jet Skis or similar products to complete a boater safety course or obtain training in safety prior to rental. Violators can get 90 days in jail and fines up to \$500.

Hazardous wastes - Polluters must pay the costs of dumping hazardous wastes under new amendments to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. Payment would be in addition to court fines, said the sponsor, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. His

amendment covers persons involved in transporting, treating, storing, disposing of, or generating hazardous wastes.

New bridges

Some 71 local bridges will get a 50 percent funding boost for repairs and replacement, the state Department of Transportation announced. MDOT improved funding from \$19 million last year to \$29 million this year.

On the list, with estimated costs:
Wayne County - Haggerty Road bridge over Middle Rouge River, \$1.75 million.

New bills

Nursing homes - Sen. George Hart, D-Dearborn, has introduced SB 426-requiring the Department of Consumer and Industry Services to create a consumer rating index for nursing homes. Ratings would be based on the number and types of accidents, care, nutritional value of meals and staffing levels. Ratings would be published through Internet, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Office of Services to the Aging.

Loan interest - Bennett has introduced a bill that would allow students to deduct interest payments on their student loans from state taxes. SB 483 was sent to the Senate Finance Committee.

Compiled from news releases by Tim Richard, staff writer.

SC offers classes, special events

Schoolcraft College offers a series of classes and seminars through its Continuing Education Services department. The upcoming schedule includes:

■ **Internet for Seniors** - Learn how easy it is to send your grandchildren e-mail, check your investments and make travel arrangements on the Web. You can even locate people you lost touch with years ago. The one-day class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, for a \$67 fee.

■ **Attracting Songbirds and Butterflies to Your Garden** - Learn what to plant in your garden to attract and feed butterflies, songbirds and hummingbirds. Choose from trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials to qualify your yard for registration with the National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat Program. This one-day class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, for a \$51 fee.

■ **Dinner for Four or More** - This one-day class will focus on spring and summer meals, with demonstrations, tastings and recipes. Topics include barbecue tips, light marinades, salads and appetizers presented by Chef Kelli Lewton. The class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, for a \$70 fee.

■ **It Makes Scents: An Introduction to Aromatherapy** - Identify the 10 most effective essential oils, which oils to avoid and techniques for blending and application. Create your own aromatherapy preparation and learn to treat basic needs. The one-day class is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3. The fee is \$44.

■ **Geothermal Seminars** - Learn to save up to 60 percent on your energy bills with information on environmentally friendly geothermal systems, which use the earth's natural resources to heat and cool homes. The one-day class is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. for free.

■ **How To Start a Bed and Breakfast Inn** - Get realistic information on how to become a successful innkeeper, including locating an inn, financing, zoning, marketing, insurance and the basics of innkeeping. The four-week class begins Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. for a \$61 fee.

■ **On-Line Computer Courses** - A series of on-line, interactive computer courses begins Wednesday, April 14. They include: Creating Web Pages; Advanced Web Pages; Microsoft FrontPage 98; CGI Programming for the Web; Introduction to PC Trou-

bleshooting; Introduction to Quickbooks; and Windows File and Disk Management. All class fees are \$59.

■ **Experienced Rider Course** - This one-day class is for the licensed cyclist and specifically designed for large touring motorcycles and sport bikes, with emphasis on advanced riding skills. The class is at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 18. Fee is \$25 fee.

For information on these or other CES classes, call 734-462-4448.

Other events include Kids on Campus Showcase - kids have been busy on campus all semester and are ready to display what they have learned. You can read their books and see their projects 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, in the physical educational building.

■ **Music Club Recital Series** - A free noon concert features Elizabeth Parcels, coloratura soprano from Detroit, with songs and arias by Mozart, Donizetti and Bellini. The Wednesday, April 14 concert is in the Forum Recital Hall. A reception will follow the concert.

■ **International Dinner** - Enjoy a five-course meal of food from the Mediterranean prepared by second-year culinary

students. Serving begins at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the American Harvest Restaurant. The cost is \$25.95 per person. Call (734) 462-4488 for reservations.

■ **Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series** - Greg Kramer, doctor of chiropractic, presents "All Stressed Out and Nowhere to Go" in Waterman Center at noon Friday, April 16. The event is free, but bring a brown bag lunch.

■ **Collage Concert** - The annual collage concert features all the College's performing groups: the Community Choir, jazz choirs, the Wind Ensemble, the MIDI Ensemble and other chamber groups and soloists. The music begins at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 in the Radcliff Community Room at Radcliff Center in Garden City. The concert is free, but donations are welcome at the door.

■ **Beekeepers School** - Beekeepers will gather at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 17 to learn the latest on bees; with workshops for beginners and pros. Non-members must pay a \$5 fee at the door, and everyone is asked to bring a passing dish.

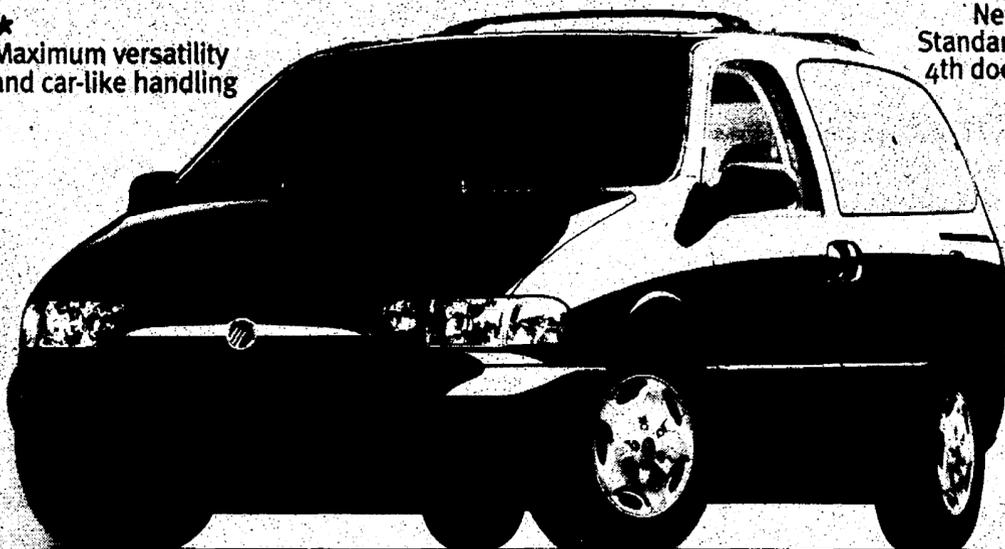
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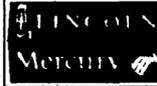
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VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Fashion trends can prove to be bit unhealthy

Any woman whose feet ever hurt wearing shoes with spike heels and pointed toes knows that current fashions are not always in her best interest. Looking back on fashions, it's clear that some trends have been downright unhealthy.

Take the 19th century, for example. In the 1830s, fashions were designed for the well-to-do.

Dropped shoulders - with seams placed part way down the upper arm - on stylish dresses prevented women from raising their arms. Dressed this way, a woman could do little work around the house.

Naturally, a woman who could afford to wear such a dress needed servants for household chores. But the expectation was also in place that she would be graciously sedentary, which did her cardiovascular system no good.

The average women could not afford the luxury of such a style. Nor could she wear the hobbled skirt that restricted walking, which was produced later in the century. In some ways, those of lesser means were better off.

Ideals of physical beauty were also detrimental. A fair complexion was so valued, along with a fragile nature, that the porcelain pallor of a consumptive (tubercular) victim was admired. Some praised the "half-closed eye" - an unfortunate euphemism for the heavy lidded look of illness - as "beauty soft-reclining." Women whitened their faces with rice powder to imitate this delicate appearance, which they equated with femininity.

Dreaded corsets

And what of corsets? This unfortunate contraption impeded the simple ability to breathe normally as I saw demonstrated at a contra (Virginia Reel style) dance a few years ago. "When a woman in Civil War costume was winded, I asked if she found the spirited dance too taxing.

"No," she said. "My corset won't let me get enough air!"

No wonder Victorian women were prone to fainting.

Social activists, including doctors, condemned corsets for causing other serious - and sometimes fatal - problems. Tight lacing constricted the waist so much that organs were pushed out of place. Lower ribs, also crushed into unnatural positions, sometimes poked into lungs.

Various social reform campaigns encouraged looser fitting clothes, including pants and divided skirts. The most famous, of course, was designed by Amelia Bloomer, whose name is forever linked with "bloomers." When she introduced the Turkish-style trousers in 1849, ladies weren't too fond of the style, nor were most men, so it didn't catch on.

Not every woman dismissed the need for pants, however. In 1865, Dr. Mary Walker was photographed in a knee-length, flared jacket over straight-legged pants. Braided trim gave the outfit a military flair. Even her wavy hair, which fell loose to her waist, disregarded convention. She blazed a lot of trails, though, starting with the fact that Walker was an assistant surgeon in the Civil War, when women doctors were few and far between.

One group that agitated for improvements was the Rational Dress Society, which Viscountess Harberton formed in 1880. It promoted styles "based upon considerations of health, comfort and beauty."

One of its recommendations dealt with heavy layers of fabric in dresses and undergarments that encumbered women. The society recommended that underclothing - it noted that this should exclude shoes - should not weigh more than 7 pounds.

The society also proposed a divided skirt - or knickerbockers - with a loose-fitting tunic. Playwright Oscar Wilde was one of the famous reform

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Layer by layer: Dana Pososki of Livonia (photo above) works on designing her egg, placing wax in the areas she would like to keep red before putting on the last color, black.

It's become a tradition at Livonia's Sandburg Public Library - Sandy Ewasek of Livonia teaching the art of Ukrainian Easter egg decorating to an eager group of students.

Thirty people, ages 12 and up, spent four hours Saturday learning how to create the eggs, called pysanky. While Ewasek has been teaching the class at the library for four years, the peasants of the Ukraine and other Eastern European regions have been decorating egg shells with melted beeswax and dye for thousands of years.

"I try to help them get the technique down, so they'll be able to do more complicated designs on their own," said Ewasek. "I teach them how to measure the egg. One side should be the same as the other. Some of the designs they do better with, if the egg is measured properly."

Traditionally, pysanky are made during the last week of Lent, Holy Week in the Catholic and Orthodox calendars. They are then taken to the church on Easter Sunday to be blessed, after which they are given to family members and respected outsiders.

Pysanky are whole, raw eggs which have been decorated with a complicated wax-resist method. As the egg goes through a series of dyebaths, from light to dark colors, designs are drawn - (or "write,"



All done: Stonee Moran of Livonia holds up her finished Ukrainian-decorated Easter egg.

as Ukrainians would say) on the shell with hot wax after each dyeing.

A small, hollow funnel attached to a stick, called a kistka, is often used to heat the wax and write with. The egg is dipped in a light colored dye - yellow, for instance - and those designs that are intended to be yellow are written.

Another, darker dye bath is followed by more



Finishing touches: Fellow students watch as Cheryl Gamble of Livonia holds her completed egg near a candle to remove the layers of wax.

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writing, and so on until the entire design in its several colors is on the egg. Then the egg is heated, often in the flame of a candle, and the melted wax is wiped off it. The finished egg is then coated with varnish to protect it.

In earlier times, decorated eggs were buried in the newly planted wheat fields and hung from fruit trees to assure bountiful crops. People believed the eggs had special powers to help them in daily life. Of the designs, animals represent prosperity and wealth; birds, the warding off of evil; the 8-pointed star, success; and wheat, the life's work of the peasant.

Each of the designs and colors on the pysanky is likely to have a deep, symbolic meaning. Traditionally, pysanky designs are chosen to match the character of the person to whom the pysanky is to be given.

Ewasek learned to make pysanky about eight years ago. Her husband, who is half Ukrainian, always wanted his children to make the eggs, but they were too busy. So Ewasek, who isn't Ukrainian, learned how.

"I adore my father-in-law and have interest in art, so I decided to do the eggs," said Ewasek, who confirmed that she will be teaching the class at the library next year.

Believers look to icon for help

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
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It was a somber scene at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia last Friday. Families rolled relatives in wheelchairs up to the church. Others walked slowly with canes or with a limp.

Almost all of the 600 people who attended services that night came to pray in front of an icon streaming rose-scented oil that the Very Rev. Michael Matsko of Holy Transfiguration said is myrrh.

They were seeking miracles. "I'm hoping that possibly it can do some good. I have a friend who has been diagnosed with lung cancer," said Sue Williams of Livonia. "We're trying different things."

Williams added that it was worth a try because Holy Transfiguration is so close to her home.

"It's not something I'd make a pilgrimage to; it's in my neighborhood," she said. "It's something I can actually get involved with without too much expense or trouble."

She came with Dorothy Williams, also of Livonia. She is hoping that a sample of the oil coming from the icon will cure her mother.

"I used to go to the healing Mass over at St. Genevieve; this is an extension to that," Dorothy said. "Also because my mother has eye problems and I thought maybe I could get some of the oil."

A line of people stretched from the chapel, down the hallway and outside of Holy Transfiguration. At 6:45 p.m.,

15 minutes before the service started, the seats of the small, muggy chapel were filled. Some stood inside while others waited outside or in the hallway.

As each person came to the end of the aisle separating two sections of folding chairs, he or she stopped in front of the icon and prayed. The icon sat at an angle so a clear glass could catch the dripping oil. After the service, patrons were anointed with the oil and received a swab of it to take home.

Visitation is decided on a monthly basis, Matsko explained. The icon, which is called the "Myrrh Streaming Icon of the Mother of God," will be displayed 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays in April at the church, 36075 W. Seven

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Myrrh Streaming icon of the Mother of God

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ers who waded in on this issue. He approved of the style, but felt that a divided skirt must not mimic a dress, if it is to "go far toward solving a real difficulty."

Wholesome image

Change did not come quickly, but, fortunately, reformers didn't give up. The wholesome, turn-of-the-century, Gibson Girl image took hold. Its time had come because it went hand-in-hand with efforts to promote exercise for women.

Tennis, golf, bicycling, mountain climbing and ice hockey - to name but a few sports - began drawing Victorian women participants. Fashions began to accommodate these activities, and society's attitudes began changing,

too.

So, have history's lessons taught us to dress more sensibly?

Well, scanty beachwear overexposes us to radiation, increasing chances of skin cancer.

Then there are platform shoes, which tried to make a comeback. They're not easy to walk in. In the 1970s, I knew a young woman who loved platforms; she sprained her ankle falling off her shoes!

It seems fashion will always find some way to defy common sense.

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.

Goods needed for YW sale

Community help is needed to fill the racks and shelves for the YWCA of Western Wayne County rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

Individuals with household items to donate can bring them to the YWCA at 26269 Michigan Ave., Inkster, between 9 a.m.

and 5 p.m. weekdays.

The semiannual rummage sale is a fund-raising event for the YWCA and proceeds will be used to promote programs for women and children in the community.

For more information, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

We're No. 1: Flanked by fellow Catholic Central seniors, Dave Varlesi (left) and Dave Lusky hold the sign acknowledging the senior homeroom class's efforts to raise almost \$800 in the Community Hospice and Home Care Services' annual "Shamrocks for Hospice" sale.

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD MARCH 1, 1999

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of March 1, 1999; the full text of the minutes is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, James Watters. Absent: Kenneth Timmons.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee Watters presented the Golden Apple Award to Denise Johnson, special education paraprofessional at Western Wayne Skill Center.

Reading Month Recognized: Representative Laura Toy presented to the Board a resolution from the House of Representatives recognizing March as Reading Month in Michigan. Karen Zyczynski, LEA president, informed the Board of the many classroom activities being planned during Read Across America Month.

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Watters and Morgan approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: I.V.A. Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 1999. I.V.B. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 22, 1999. V.I.A. Move that general fund check nos. 311750 through 312717 in the amount of \$2,097,876.90 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,634,885.54 be approved. V.I.B. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize McKenna Heating & Cooling to install boilers at Cass, Ford, Lowell, and the Livonia Career/Technical Center and also, install a pool heater at Stevenson High School for the low bid amount of \$539,300. V.I.C. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District approve a contract between the Livonia Public Schools and Midwest Illumination for \$168,838.48 to install lighting at Dickinson Center. V.I.D. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of a paper cutter from Graphic Arts and Services Supply Inc. for \$20,712. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation: Marshall School Improvement Plan: Ron Van Horn, principal at Marshall Elementary School, introduced their School Improvement Plan. The presentation centered on the reading strategies from kindergarten through sixth grade and was demonstrated by the students. Accompanying the students was a vocal music program conducted by Sydnie Benson. It was like watching Sound of Music!

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Purchase of Bus Washer: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District approve the purchase of a replacement bus washer from Niagara National Corporation for \$76,896. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

Sale of Home Construction House: Motion by Kokenakes and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the Director of Operations to enter into the sale of the home built by Livonia Career/Technical Center located at 9967 Stark and pursuant thereto to execute any and all necessary documents. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

Resolution to Call Annual School Election 6/14/99: Motion by Lessard and Nalley that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt the legal resolution to establish key dates for the annual school election to be held on Monday, June 14, 1999. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

Teacher for Approval: Motion by Morgan and Nalley that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to Bernadette McAllister. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Zerod in which they thanked the bus driver, George Burmeister, and parapro, Margo Fyfe, for the compassion they showed for their son, Andy, during a seizure he had while on the bus; recognized Michelle Guerrero, Coolidge PE teacher, who wrote an article for the Michigan Association for Health, PE, Recreation, and Dance in which she described the Family Fitness Night she implemented this past fall; recognized Janet Haas, principal of Livonia Career/Technical Center, for her article in the Journal of the MASSP, Secondary Education Today, in which she described the center and its achievements; congratulated Keith Kuzam, Roosevelt student, for her positive social action in writing to the MDE regarding changes she would like to see in the MEAP social studies test - she received a quick response; was saddened to announce the death of Murray Lyke, counselor at Stevenson, who passed away February 26; promoted the March Mathness evening sessions in elementary math for parents which will include whole numbers, geometry, probability and statistics, and fractions and decimals (call 734-523-9277 for dates and times); received two awards from the MSPRA-Commendable Award for our Information Packet and the Distinguished Award for the video Technology: A Tool for Learning; and introduced the video which highlighted the mascot unit at the Jackson Early Childhood Center last week and Webster school for their Chinese New Year celebration.

Meeting from Board Members: The Board discussed the Golden Apple Award recipient; the PTA Council Founders Day celebration; Marshall Elementary School's School Improvement Plan presentation; Music Man presentation by Stevenson students; Ham and Jam at Franklin; HOBT program at Cooper; and thanked Bob Laura Toy for her reading resolution.

Closed Session: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District recess the regular meeting to closed session for the purpose of discussing Property Issues. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay recessed the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the regular meeting of March 1, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

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Piece of success

Top-selling CC seniors savor pizza party

The apples weren't a big hit, but 15 pizzas, a selection of brownies and cookies and pop disappeared quickly as members of adviser Gene Grewe's senior homeroom class at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford enjoyed the "spoils" of victory at a party last week.

The winning class, led by senior captains Keith Rowe, Dave Lusky and Kyle Entsminger, raised close to \$800 of \$1,300 collected by the school in Community Hospice and Home Care Services' annual "Shamrocks for Hospice" fundraiser.

CC students have been involved in the campaign for several years, with a competition developing between the classes for a pizza party offered to the winning classroom.

The class captains, including juniors Rod Hunt and Jeremiah Hicks, sophomores Jim Spiewak and Dave Groth and freshmen Anthony Guerres, Rick Thompson and Ryan Wroblecki, gave up their lunch hour for three days to visit each room and solicit "Shamrock" money for the Hospice Home Project.

At Livonia Franklin High School, students in the student leadership class used "Shamrocks for Hospice" as an opportunity to set up and coordinate four days of fund-raising in the cafeteria.

Seniors Dawn Vorhes and Abby Wojtowicz recruited 12 students to go to all of the classrooms to educate students on hospice care and the plan for a Hospice Home. They passed out pamphlets, answered questions

and convinced local business to donate prizes for the "Shamrock" raffle.

"We were surprised at the number of students who came up to us to tell us of their families' personal experiences with hospice," said Abby.

"We already have ideas for next year which we have passed on to the director of student activities," added Dawn.

The students not only raised valuable dollars, but also awareness of the hospice philosophy, according to Maureen Butrico, CHCS executive director.

"We are so pleased with the education and community involvement we have seen at both Catholic Central and Franklin High schools," Butrico said.

"Shamrocks for Hospice" is

part of the agency largest yearly fund-raiser, the St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance and Auction. The money raised by the two schools, as well as the many local businesses who participated in this year's campaign, is designated for the CHCS Hospice Home Project, a 10-12-bed facility that will provide a place for incurably ill patients who don't have a home of their own or someone to care for them during their final days.

CHCS is a fully licensed and accredited not-for-profit agency serving the needs of patients and their families in western Wayne, southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties since 1981.

For more information, call CHCS at (734) 522-4244.

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Mile, Livonia. For more information, call Holy Transfiguration at (248) 476-3432 or visit www.oca.org/OCA/pim/oca-mw-livhxc.html

Showing the icon has been difficult for the church. Matsko said when streaming icons are discovered, "the church is obligated ... to make the icon available to people."

"That becomes a very difficult task because thousands and thousands of people come," he said. "Thousands of people have come here in the last year - from

Ireland, South America, France, England. People have come from all over to make a visit, so you have to have the resources of people to deal with that also."

The icon belongs to a family, whom Matsko declined to identify. He did say that the family, who moved to the west side a year ago from Troy, attends Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church.

"It started to give the oil on Nov. 21, 1997, which was the feast day of the entrance of Mary into the temple," Matsko

explained. "On Oct. 16, 1998, three other icons that were surrounding this icon began to give the oil also."

Icons like this are not unusual, he added.

"Within the history of the church, going back a couple thousand years, there have always been icons that have given oil or myrrh," he said. "The church of Russia has 300 of them. Within the life of the church, there has, at times, been myrrh that has come from the tombs of a saint and from icons. Within the life of the church, it's something that's normal. From outside the church, it looks kind of abnormal at times."

"I've been asked why, why, why, why, why; all those why questions. The only thing we can

say absolutely is that God continues to manifest himself to us, and the myrrh is always for spiritual healing."

That was Phil Attee's hope. He and his wife, Lorraine, of Taylor, were seeking help with her rheumatoid arthritis.

"You never know, things might happen. The disease that I have gets chronically worse over the years. I was looking for a help or a cure or whatever," Lorraine said.

A Livonia woman, who wished to be identified only as Lena, doesn't think that the oil will cure her arthritis. But seeing the icon gives her hope.

"I've got arthritis, nothing will ever get rid of that. I could pray and say not to make it worse," Lena said with a laugh.

WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the business Office of the Administration Building located at 36745 Marquette, Westland until 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 6, 1999 for management of the Food Service Program. Bids must be in accordance with specifications now on file. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at 1:00 in the Business Office of the Administration Building. Bids must be filed in a sealed envelope marked "Food Service Management bid". A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the amount of 5% of the bid must accompany each bid. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

GARY MARTIN,
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

1999

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, April 6, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
88	FORD	2DR ESCORT	WHITE	1FAPP23J0T1147306
89	FORD	4DR TEMPO	WHITE	2FAPP36XKB207891

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

88	DODGE	DYNASTY 4D	MAROON	1B3BU5630J122280
85 <td>FORD <td>BRONCO <td>BLUE <td>1FMCU14T0GUB6921</td> </td></td></td>	FORD <td>BRONCO <td>BLUE <td>1FMCU14T0GUB6921</td> </td></td>	BRONCO <td>BLUE <td>1FMCU14T0GUB6921</td> </td>	BLUE <td>1FMCU14T0GUB6921</td>	1FMCU14T0GUB6921
80 <td>TOYOTA <td>PICKUP <td>BEIGE <td>RN4974488</td> </td></td></td>	TOYOTA <td>PICKUP <td>BEIGE <td>RN4974488</td> </td></td>	PICKUP <td>BEIGE <td>RN4974488</td> </td>	BEIGE <td>RN4974488</td>	RN4974488
92 <td>FORD <td>TAURUS 2 DR <td>RED <td>1FACP924XNG108758</td> </td></td></td>	FORD <td>TAURUS 2 DR <td>RED <td>1FACP924XNG108758</td> </td></td>	TAURUS 2 DR <td>RED <td>1FACP924XNG108758</td> </td>	RED <td>1FACP924XNG108758</td>	1FACP924XNG108758
88 <td>MERC <td>COUGAR <td>SILVER <td>1MEBP32W4G1H63053</td> </td></td></td>	MERC <td>COUGAR <td>SILVER <td>1MEBP32W4G1H63053</td> </td></td>	COUGAR <td>SILVER <td>1MEBP32W4G1H63053</td> </td>	SILVER <td>1MEBP32W4G1H63053</td>	1MEBP32W4G1H63053
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88 <td>PLYM <td>VOYAGER ST WAG <td>BROWN <td>2P4FH413LJ7B16534</td> </td></td></td>	PLYM <td>VOYAGER ST WAG <td>BROWN <td>2P4FH413LJ7B16534</td> </td></td>	VOYAGER ST WAG <td>BROWN <td>2P4FH413LJ7B16534</td> </td>	BROWN <td>2P4FH413LJ7B16534</td>	2P4FH413LJ7B16534

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 vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 1, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

87	HYUNDAI	4DR	GRAY	KMHLF21J1HU206474
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
RENEWAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL SOLICITORS, VENDORS, AND TAXICABS OPERATING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF GARDEN CITY, ALSO ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT THAT UTILIZES VENDING OR AMUSEMENT MACHINES:

THE LICENSES ABOVE EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1999. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 6000 MIDDLEBELT, GARDEN CITY, MI 48135. PLEASE CONTACT 734-525-8808 IF YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT ANY BUSINESS IN GARDEN CITY WITHOUT HAVING THE PROPER LICENSING.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk

1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before April 15, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

CONCESSION STAND IN GARDEN CITY PARK
OFFICE CHAIRS
RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION CASE 9806

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk Treasurer

1999

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Sine-Fsadni

Antoinette L. Sine of St. Clair Shores announces the engagement of her daughter, Suzanne, to Patrick Fsadni, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fsadni of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lake Shore High School. She is employed as a medical assistant by Merrillwood Pediatrics P.C.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in engineering. He is attending Lawrence Technological University where he will graduate in June 2000 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He's employed at the CMI Tech Center in Ferndale.



An October wedding is planned at the Shrine of the Little Flower.

Dacre-Welch

Olivia Jean Welch and Brent Andrew Dacre were married at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth by Dr. Dean Klump and Sara Beaver.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Sally Welch of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Bruce and Sandy Dacre of St. Joseph.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as the office manager of the Dayton Skin Surgery Center.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School, a 1994 graduate of Hope College and a 1997 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is employed by Tobias Funeral Home of Dayton, Ohio.

The bride asked Katherine Kruse and Heather Moore to serve as her honor attendants with Jessica Luecht, Rebecca Pratt and Megan Thompson as bridesmaids, Kathryn Welch and Lindsay Dacre as junior bridesmaids and Melanie Bosquet as flower girl.

The groom asked Lance Dacre



to serve as his best man with Leif Rothoff, Jeff Naumanx, Colin Cronin and Rob Welch Jr. as groomsmen, Mackenzie Dacre as junior groomsman and Noah Welch as ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ann Arbor before leaving on a honeymoon trip to the Poconos and Philadelphia, Pa.

They are making their home in Centerville.

Downer-Fockens

Jeff and Kay Downer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Meredith Leigh, to Randall Thomas Fockens, the son of Pieter and Nina Fockens of Glenview, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hope College with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is pursuing a master's degree in counseling at National-Louis University in Chicago.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Indiana University and Washington University School of Law. He is employed as a computer programmer at Chubb Computer Services in St. Louis, Mo.



A May wedding is planned at Glenview Community Church in Glenview.

Hebert-Limke

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hebert of Somerset, Mich., formerly of Garden City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cristy Lynn, to Jason Denis Limke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Limke of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a contract administrator by Olaten Staffing.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of the University of North Dakota. He is employed as an engineer by Dynamics Research Corporation.

A June wedding in Warren is being planned.



Simmons-Turnquist

R. Neil and Sharlene Simmons of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nikki Lee, to Mark Anthony Turnquist, the son of Gary and Kathy Turnquist, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a student of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Summit on the Park and Plymouth Canton Montessori School.

Her fiancé is a student at Eastern Michigan University. He is also employed by Summit on the Park.



A May wedding is planned at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Paszek-Stickney

Stephen and Lorri Paszek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jo, to Joshua Woodrow Stickney, the son of Bill and Andrea Stickney of Stockbridge and Peggy and Ray Schneider of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed as high school special education teacher in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology at Grand Valley State. He plans to be a high school science teacher following graduation.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.



Livonia.

Alexander-Blanchard

Evelyn Barnes of Weidman announces the engagement of her daughter, Tammy Sue Alexander, to John Warren Blanchard, the son of Jim and Elaine Blanchard of Canton.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Edward Alexander, is a graduate of Temple Christian School. She is employed as a new car biller for Bill Brown Ford.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed as a used car manager at Pat Milliken Ford.

A May wedding is planned in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.



Krider-Doyle

Robin Krider Kelly of Roseville announces the engagement of her daughter, Denyel Marie, to Larry Timothy Doyle, the son of Joyce Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Center Line High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed by J.L. Hudson's.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the State of Michigan as a civil engineer.

A September wedding is planned at the Michigan State University Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.



University Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

NEW VOICES

Gary and Barbara Overstreet of Westland announce the birth of Gary Michael Nov. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Utonia, 7, and Wendi, 4. Grandparents are Jim and Utonia Cooper of Sebring, Fla., Gary and Tammy Overstreet of Dearborn Heights, and Eddie and Alice Shafer of Westland.

Robert and Patricia Kruszynski of Westland announce the birth of Ashley Nicole Dec. 15 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Theodore and Madeline Gebauer of Garden City and Eugene and Carol Kruszynski of Glennie.

Frank James Beneteau and Maria E. Perez of Canton announce the birth of Nathan Anthony Beneteau Nov. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Payton Michael, 1 1/2. Grandparents are Mary Lee, Manuel Perez and Stan and Carol Beneteau, all of Westland.

Paul and Gina Paigneau of Canton announce the birth of Madisyn Rae Dec. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two siblings, Jordynn, 7, and Tyler, 5.

Paul and Renee Hult of Plymouth announce the birth of

Erin Kristina Jan. 10 at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two siblings, Amanda and Tyler. Grandparents are Mary Hult of Sterling Heights and Richard and Judy Grodek of Livonia.

Lawrence and Christina Scheffer of Westland announce the birth of Austin Mikhail Nov. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Nathan, 3. Grandparents are Larry Scheffer of Romulus, Susan Scheffer of New Boston and Gary and Beverly Percy of Canton. Great-grandparents are James and Maury Stapleton of Wayne, Gay Percy of Canton and Esther Nieman of New Boston. Amber Rose Carranza of Westland announce the birth of Cheyenne Jade Dec. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Urbano and Terry Carranza of Westland.

Kevin and Shanon Manor of Canton announce the birth of Lauren Nicole Sept. 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bill and Stashia Nicol of Howell and Tom and Diane Manor of Northville. Great-grandparents are Stanley Syroka of Romulus and the late Muriel Syroka and Charles Davies of Vassar and

the late Emma.

Patrick and Brenda Duczynski of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of Kristen Taylor Dec. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Denise Duczynski and Marilyn McGinnis, all of Dearborn Heights.

Matthew and Jennifer Morton of Westland announce the birth of Alivia Noelle* Nov. 5 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Dan and Madeline Wyrsta of Plymouth and Harrison and Diane Morton of Brighton.

Kenneth and Tammy White of Garden City announce the birth of Kendra Nicole Dec. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Erica Laurette, 9. Grandparents are Diane Platek of Westland, and Ken and Cindy White of Gregory. Great-grandmother is Elsie White of Allen Park.

Mark and Nancy Gregor of Plymouth announce the birth of Scott Thomas Dec. 18 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins a brother, Andrew Lee. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Jo Workman of Plymouth and Norm and Marilyn Gregor of Howell. Great-grandmother is Elizabeth Mercure of Rockwood.

Jim and Sue Roberts of Garden City announce the birth of Gaige M. Roberts Dec. 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Gaige joins a brother, Code, 7.

James Baltes and Angela Almos of Westland announce the birth of Kaylee Marie Baltes-Almos Dec. 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, James Lee, 16 months.

Doug and Kim Trudeau of Lake Orion announce the birth of Katherine Marie Nov. 22 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She has a sister, Margaret. Grandparents are Al and Arlene Trudeau of Livonia and Henry and Rita Ebel of Canton.

John and Karen Bradford of Livonia announce the birth of Natalie Claire Feb. 24 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She joins brothers Justin and Nolan. Grandparents are Claude and Anna Bradford of Livonia and John and Jarte Handloser of Grosse Ile.

Carol Chrzanowski of Westland announce the birth of Madison Michelle Dec. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Norm and Tina Dugener, Pat and Edith Ingram and Frank Chrzanowski, all of Westland.

YW membership drive aims at teens, adults

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is springing into action to sign up new members.

The women's organization is looking for more teens and adult women as part of the membership drive, which runs through June 30.

Basic membership is \$10, supporting membership is \$25, a patron contribution is \$50 and a membership donation of \$100 or more qualifies for the Century Club. The annual cost of membership for those 17 years and younger is \$5.

The membership drive is being coordinated by 19th District Court Judge Virginia Sobotka who is second vice-president of the YWCA Board of Directors.

Money from membership contributions will be used to support the YWCA's programs for women and their families to enable them to realize their full potential and improve the quality of their lives.

Registration can be completed at the YWCA, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster, or by calling the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

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800-210-9900

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAKE SALE

The Garden City Hospital Guild will host a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 2, in the hospital main lobby. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of surgical X-ray equipment. An Easter basket raffle will also be held.

TOWN HALL

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, who represents Westland, will be holding a town hall meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Bailey Community Center, at 36651 Ford Road, Westland. The meeting will be an open forum to discuss a range of subjects. For information, call Deborah Johnson at (734) 485-3741.

FUND-RAISER

The League of Women Voters serving Westland is planning a used book sale in April and used books are needed. To donate books, call Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or Marge Gade at (734) 261-3191.

KINDERGARTEN TALK

Representatives from each elementary school in the Wayne-Westland school district will be available to talk to parents of children about to enter kindergarten 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Stottemyer Early Childhood Center, 34801 Marquette, between Wayne and Wildwood in Westland. Ice cream sundaes and face painting will be available for children.

CARD PARTY

Garden City Hospital Guild is planning a card party and luncheon from 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 16, in the lower level classrooms of Garden City Hospital. Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased in the Garden Cafe or the gift shop of the hospital. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of surgical X-ray equipment.

RECOGNITION BANQUET

VFW Post 3323 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual policeman and firefighter recognition banquet and dance Saturday, April 17, at the post home, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are \$12.50. Public is welcome. Call (734) 728-7405.

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club is planning a country western jamboree with entertainment by Sherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and C.J. performing Neil Diamond for Saturday, April 17, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple, \$15 a retiree or senior citizen. For tickets, call (734) 729-8681.

AT THE LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
To help celebrate National Library Week, 3M is sponsoring Check-it-out Yourself at the Library. And with your help, the library could win up to \$2,500 for the book fund. All you have to do is come into the library anytime the library is open on Monday, April 12, and check out some books on the 3M SelfCheck System. If at least 100 people use the patron check-out, the Westland Library will qualify for a chance to win one of two \$2,500 or 15, \$1,000 prizes. That's money the library could use to buy more books and

other library materials.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS MEET

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

AT THE CHAMBER

JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR

The third annual jobs and careers fair is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center. An advance sign-up list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 266-7222.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being taken for the chamber's spring awards - the Athena Award and the Business Person of the Year Award. The Athena Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies excellence in a business or profession, serves the community in a meaningful way and assists women in developing their leadership potential. The Business Person of the Year recognizes a Westland business person or manager who works to improve the business climate and overcome adversity in some way. The awards will be presented at a murder mystery dinner, "Pasta, Passion and Pistols," beginning 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are \$30 a person. For nomination forms, contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

GOLF CLASSIC

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-8:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING
Marquette House assisted living facility, 86000 Campus Drive, 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.

SCHOOLS

Westland teen Eagle Scout

It's not surprising Aaron R. Kierpaul of Westland was recently awarded Eagle Scout status for Boy Scout Troop 775.

The John Glenn High School freshman has achieved countless activity and merit badges in both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts including scholar, sportsman, naturalist and craftsman as well as earning superior honors in the areas of communication, computers, lifesaving and photography.

As a Cub Scout in Pack 765, Kierpaul started as a tiger cub and worked his way up to an Arrow of Light holder. After reaching Arrow of Light, he joined Troop 775 and held several positions in the troop including assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, librarian and scribe. He currently holds the position of assistant senior patrol leader.

The 15-year-old's Eagle Project, initiated in October 1998, was the beautification of Kirk of Our Savior Memorial Garden in Westland.

"The majority of the time was spent laying a cement foundation to support a granite memorial bench. The project also involved removing weeds, poison ivy and debris from the garden," said Kierpaul. "We also placed new mulch and planted new plants."

In his spare time, Kierpaul enjoys computers, role playing games, playing both the cello and percussion instruments and is an active baseball, basketball and soccer enthusiast. He currently maintains a 3.87 grade point average at John Glenn and is a member of the "Rocket" Marching Band.

"The band went to the state finals in November and took eighth place out of 10 at the Pontiac Silverdome. I am now a member of the G-Force in the winter drumline," said Kierpaul.

The Westland student's future plans include being a part of the National Honor Society, attending the University of Michigan to study mathematics and computers and performing as a



Honored: Aaron R. Kierpaul of Westland recently achieved Eagle Scout status for Boy Scout Troop 775. A freshman at John Glenn High School, he oversaw the cleanup and beautification of Kirk of Our Savior Memorial Garden in Westland.

member of the University of Michigan Band and Orchestra.

"When I graduate, I would like to work in the field of computers and engineering. As an adult, I would like to continue with scouting as I feel that I can help others and be a part of the Order of the Arrow. I would also enjoy earning Eagle Palms," said Kierpaul.

Kierpaul's Eagle Scout award ceremony took place March 15 at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland. His parents, Chester and Karen Kierpaul, and his sister, Cassandra, attended the program.

RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Resource Center is offering parenting classes. "Dealing with Your Spirited Child" will be 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, April 13, 20 and 27, at Hamilton Elementary School, 1031 Schuman in Westland. Cost is \$5 a person. To register, call (734) 595-2279.

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is planning a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the preschool, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter. Call (734) 729-7222.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start,

Kids/Plus Preschool, a primary impaired program and Sparky Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the 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 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 4 years. 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, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western

Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 6-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (613) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school 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 now enrolling for the fall 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 accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. 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:

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and 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 in 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, 4:50-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 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.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to 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. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORY

GENEALOGISTS

The Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Library have scheduled a session on learning about family history 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Westland Library conference Room B. Information will include how to get started, forms and how to fill them out. If there is enough interest, a series of classes will be set up. Call Steve Keller at (734) 722-6305 or e-mail: stgakeller@aol.com

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays 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

HEARING CHECKS

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

LAS VEGAS TRIP

The Westland Senior Resources Department is sponsoring a Las Vegas trip Monday through Friday, May 3-7. Trip includes four nights and five days at the Stardust Towers, roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, airport transfers, federal excise tax, passenger facility tax and baggage handling. Cost is \$460 a person. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Senior Resource Department of Westland (Friendship Center) is sponsoring a seminar, in cooperation with Michael Chappell, manager of the

Dearborn Social Security Office, on the future of Social Security. The seminar is open to the public beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, May 14. Sign up at the desk or by calling (734) 722-7632. Refreshments will be served.

TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering three trips to Tiger games this year: Tigers vs. St. Louis Friday, June 4; Tigers vs. Yankees, Thursday, July 8; Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$25 a person a game. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. Return to the center between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. First 23 seniors to register.

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started. The choir 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 new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult. 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 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinocle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 60 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities weekdays. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

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

Event:

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Church services prepare for resurrection of Christ

In observance of the death and resurrection of Christ, area churches have scheduled a number of services and activities.

At Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, the service of the cross will be 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, with special music. The 7:30 p.m. candlelight Tenebrae service, "Christ Forsaken," will unfold the story of Christ's crucifixion and death.

Easter Sunday, April 4, will be celebrated with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise devotion and festival Communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-10 years of age, and children 3 and under are admitted free.

At Christ Our Savior's Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a 9:30 a.m. festival Communion service. Easter brunch will be served after the service.

At Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, the Chancel Choir will perform at the worship service 12:15 p.m. Good Friday. Child care will be provided.

On Easter Sunday, the sunrise worship service will be at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh Road, south of Eight Mile. A sunrise breakfast, sponsored by the United Methodist Men, will be served 7:30-10 a.m. in Gutherie Hall. There also will be worship services at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

A balloon launch will be a part of the praise and worship 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at the Calvary Baptist Church Activity Center, 43065 Joy, Canton. The service will be followed by breakfast at 8 a.m. Tickets cost \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children ages 3-10 and children under age 3 free. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-0022. There also will be a worship service at 9:30 a.m., featur-

ing music, drama and a children's program.

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will have a sunrise service 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday and worship services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. at the church, 6443 Merriman. There also will be an Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m.

In preparation for Resurrection, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have an Easter vigil at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 26121 W. Six Mile, Redford. Easter Sunday, breakfast will be served 8-10 a.m., followed by festival worship at 10:30 a.m.

Timothy Lutheran Church will have an Easter breakfast 8:30-9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A free will offering will be accepted. The festival Easter service will be 10 a.m., with a fellowship time following the service.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have celebration

worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, with an Easter breakfast at 9:45 a.m. at the church, 37775 Palmer, Westland.

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will have a Sunrise service with Communion at 8 a.m. and worship service 10 a.m. Easter Sunday at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Breakfast also will be prepared and served by the Hands High Ministry between services.

Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a breakfast between the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Easter Sunday at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

The Good Friday service will be 7 p.m. at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. A short video, "The Bridge," will be shown, and the Lord's Supper will be served.

The high school youth group will lead the sunrise service at 8:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunday in the auditorium. A continental breakfast will be served in the main foyer afterward. There also will be services at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Mt. Hope Congregational Church will have a Good Friday Tenebrae service 7 p.m. at the church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The Easter Sunday service will be 10:30 a.m.

At St. John's Lutheran Church, the Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday will feature the dance-drama, "Meditation on the Cross." The service, at the church, 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road, Redford, will include ritual foot washing, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

The Paschal candle will be lit to illuminate the darkness and ancient biblical stories will be retold as part of the Easter vigil 8:30 p.m. Saturday. On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be at 9 a.m., followed by the worship service with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

A Tenebrae service with readings and music at 7 p.m. Good Friday will begin in light and it will gradually darken, ending in a time of silent reflection at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton.

The Easter Sunday, April 4, sunrise service at 7 a.m. will

include a dramatic reading of "The Ragman." Traditional Easter services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. and will feature a cantata, "The Way of the Cross," by the Adult Choir.

New Life Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will have a Communion service at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday. New Life worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Chapel, 16115 Beck, north of Five Mile Road, Northville Township.

There also will be a free Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (reservations appreciated) and an 11 a.m. Easter egg hunt for children ages 2-12. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181 or (734) 207-5223.

Faith Lutheran will have services at noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday at the church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. An Easter vigil will start 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with a dessert reception in the library following the service. Easter Sunday services will be at 8 and 11 a.m. with breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

NEW BEGINNING
New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have its regular meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

TAIZE SERVICE
Trinity Church in Livonia will offer a full worship experiences in the tradition of Taize 7 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the church, 14800 Middlebelt, south of Five Mile. The distinctive form of prayer known as Taize is named for an abandoned village in the eastern part of France. Founded in 1940 by minister Roger Schutz, it is actually done in a form of simple song and chant. For more information about the services, call Van Horn at (734) 425-2800.

LIVING STATIONS
St. John Bosco Catholic Church will have the Living Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the church 12170 Beech Daly Road, Redford.

At 11 a.m. Holy Saturday, April 3, the church will hold a

blessing of the food that will be consumed on Easter. The blessing of the food is in celebration of the ending of the 40 days of fasting for Lent and the re-stocking of larders.

For more information, call the church at (313) 255-9408.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Eight churches will participate in an ecumenical service at noon Good Friday at Nativity United Church of Christ, 9534 Henry Ruff, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participating in the service, sponsored by the Livonia Ministers Support Group, will be Church of the Savior, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Nativity United Church of Christ, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, St. Edith Catholic Church, St. Matthew United Methodist Church and St. Timothy Presbyterian Church.

The combined church choirs will participate in the service, and there will be special seating, with closed circuit TV, in the lounge. The sermon, "A Question for All of Us," will be delivered by the Rev. Don Lintelman.

A community worship service will take place at noon Good Friday, April 2, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt.

JEWS FOR JESUS
What do the Jewish Passover and the Christian Last Supper have in common? Jews for Jesus will answer that question in "Christ in the Passover" 1 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, at the Tri-City Christian Center, Michigan Avenue east of I-275, Canton. Using a visual display of traditional Passover accouterments,

the presentation will enhance the Christian understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of Christian communion. The presentation is free of charge, however, donations will be accepted.

FISH FRY
St. Edith Parish will have a Lenten fish fry 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogie, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

GLORY OF EASTER
Temple Baptist Church's annual "The Glory of Easter" performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, and 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. This year's play is "A Soldier's Choice." Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-7777.

THE CHOICE
Calvary Baptist Church will present a dramatic musical, "The Choice," 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. "The Choice" is an intriguing love story at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

EASTER CONCERT
Plymouth Baptist Church will present the dramatic Easter concert, "He's Alive!," 7 p.m. Friday, April 2, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

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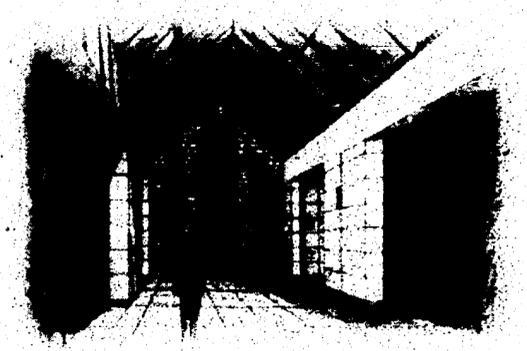
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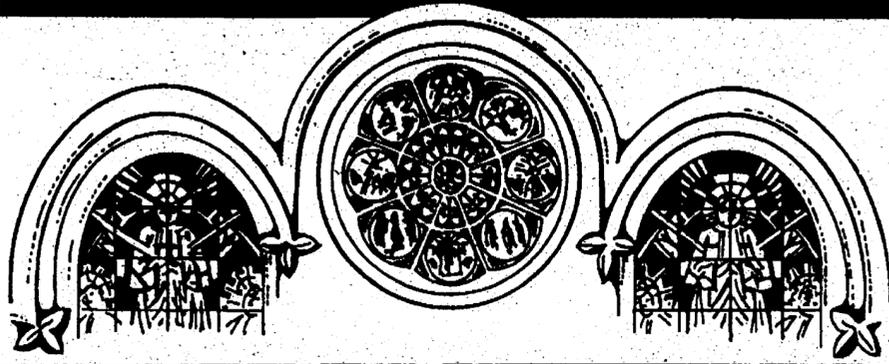
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EASTER EGG HUNTS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have an Easter egg hunt for children infants to age 12 at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 26212 W. Six Mile at Kinloch, Redford. There will be face painting, blue grass band, clowns, pictures with the Easter bunny, an egg hunt on the lawn of the church and drawing for prizes. There also will be a Bunny Breakfast at the Elks Club, sponsored by the church and the Six Mile Neighborhood Association. Cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children for all you can eat. For more information, call the church at (313) 537-3778.

Timothy Lutheran will have an Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. There also will be crafts, games and the Rev. Carla Thompson telling the true story of Easter. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. For more information, call Val at (734) 729-1974.

'COME UNTO ME'

The Rev. Doug Webber will portray Jesus Christ in "Come Unto Me" at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at The Gathering at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. A missionary, Webber ministers at the Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels, Belgium. For more information, call Sonja at (248) 474-3444.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Edith's Prayer group will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in the church meeting room, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The evening of praise, Scripture and singing will feature the Rev. Denis Theroux, associate pastor at St. Edith's. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or Paul at (734) 462-9648.

RUMMAGE SALES

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have a rummage and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt, at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Saturday will feature a bag sale.

St. Raphael Catholic Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 8-9, in the Activities Building, Merriman Road north of Ford Road, Garden City. Clothing, toys, small appliances, books and other household items will be sold.

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the church, 9600 Levee, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. The bag sale will be 1-2 p.m., and a snack bar will be available.

FRIEND DAY

Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have Friend day Sunday, April 11, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. Marvin Jones will be the special musical guest at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.

At 6 p.m. that day, the church will hold Y2K Night and have an expert speak about the problem. Ice cream and snacks will be served. For more information, call the church at (734) 458-7301.

CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Members of the Aid Association of Lutherans Branch 3233 at Timothy Lutheran Church will sponsor "Taking Care: Easing the Role of the Family Caregiver," a program for those who provide care and who will be involved in helping aged parents or relatives who have become impaired or ill, 11:45 a.m. Sunday, April 11, in the Christian Education Room of the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. For more information about the program, call James Willey at (734) 484-0451.

'HOMECOMING' SERVICE

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church will conduct a "Homecoming" Service Sunday, April 11, at the church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. and morning worship service at 11 a.m., followed by dinner in the church gymnasium and fellowship and singing in the church sanctuary. For more information, call the church at (734) 781-9040.

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The registration fee, including a vegetarian lunch, is \$30 in advance, \$35 after April 9. Child

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For more information, call Pax Christi Michigan at (517) 482-2556. A conference brochure is available by writing to Pax Christi Michigan, 815 Sparrow Ave., Lansing 48910.

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Gramick and Nugent have co-authored "Homosexuality: Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Issues" in "Homosexuality and Religion" (Hayworth Press, 1990) and "Building Bridges: Gay/Lesbian Reality and the

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BEST FRIEND AND MORE College-educated, financially secure SWF, 32, 5'4", 115lbs, N/S, never married, no kids seeks sincere, marriage-minded, intelligent, college-educated, financially/emotionally secure gentleman for serious LTR. N/S, no kids preferred. #2452

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC Financially secure, sexy, classy, romantic DWP, 44, blonde/blue, musician. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SW/M, 35-50, with passion for life, for a possible LTR. #1860

CLASSY COOKIE Youthful, sexy, serious, creative, communicative, caring, charming, cocky, Christian SF, 47, auburn/blue, perky professional, modest musician, with peachy priorities. No calls from crumbs, please. #3154

SWING DANCE PARTNER WANTED This classy romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 50, 5'2", seeks honest, sensitive, fit SWM, N/S, to share my heart and passion for life. #3192

A TOUCH OF CLASS Sensuous, attractive DWF, black hair, sexy eyes, enjoys any activity with the right man. He is tall, sincere, 45+ and looking for a LTR. Serious replies only. #3187

BEAUTIFUL... degreed, thin, spunky, unique, loving SJF, 44, 5'7", steel blue, long naturally curly hair, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking soul connection SWM, N/S. #2723

BLOOMFIELD HILLS... professional woman, 50, 5'7", blonde/blue, N/S, shapely size 14, seeks gentleman with leadership, achievement and goal-oriented qualities. #2779

TEDDY BEAR WANTED SWF, blonde/green, 5'8", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills, who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. #2821

FIRE, RADIANCE, LIFE Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, slim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 5'7", educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm. 40-60. #2089

SEEKING TALL MAN SWF, 5'6", 126lbs, blonde/blue, nice figure, seeks funny, down-to-earth man, 36-42, strong physique, who can handle life's little ups and downs. #2500

I HATE PICKLES! SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. #2890

LET'S START WITH COFFEE Widowed SWF, 50, blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 50+, who is a gentleman of humor, to share the golden years with. #2500

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY Attractive, easygoing, honest, romantic, slender DWF, 42, mom of two toddlers, seeks Seeking humorous, financially/emotionally secure, warm-hearted, sincere SWM, 38-45, N/S, for fun/relationship. Near Oakland County area. #2819

LOVELY BLOND SWF Tall, slender, blonde DWF, N/S, seeks sexy, honest, romantic, outgoing gentleman, 55+, for friendship first. #3152

FIRST TIME AD Sweet, petite, classy, nice-looking, blonde/blue, professional, a tad underweight, honest, intelligent, fun-loving, N/S, mid-40s to mid-50s, under 5'10", N/S, M.D. seeks PROFESSIONAL SWM, N/S, who is looking for the same. 35, 5'9", 120lbs, blonde/green, SM, 50-65, must be in good shape and love life. #2903

NORTH OAKLAND AREA Caring, personable, widowed SWF, 55, 5'8", blonde/blue, sense of humor, nice smile, seeks SM. As for looks, trust your instincts. Call me. First time ad. #2595

2ND TIME AROUND Spunky, attractive widowed SWF, 53, 125lbs, seeks SWM, 60+ N/D, who likes women, wears a suit, brings a car, and has a good sense of humor. Seeking a 2nd chance for possible relationship. #2964

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SOMETHING'S MISSING It's you! Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded SWM, 45-60. #2444

STARTING OVER Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/D/ugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/D/ugs, for relationship leading to marriage. South Lyon area. #2182

UNCHAINED MELODY Slim, attractive DWP, 51, N/S, with an active life style, seeks professional SW/M, 50-60, 5'10"-6'0" for C&M dancing, rollerblading, hanging out. Livonia area. #2534

CUTE, CUBBY, AFFECTIONATE... WF, 46, looking for cute, chubby (or not), affectionate, intelligent WM, 40-50, with great sense of humor, who smells good, and likes pizza without anchovies. #3060

URBAN COWGIRL SEEKS... urban cowgirl DWF, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/brown, N/S, enjoys horseback riding, skiing, volleyball, traveling, dancing, plays, concerts, romantic dinners. Seeking degreed, physically fit PM, 35-45, 6' N/S, with similar interests. #3152

LADY IN WAITING Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, artistic, outgoing, intelligent, seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. #2820

OUTGOING DYNAMIC Very attractive DWF, 42, brown/brown, enjoys exercise, dining out, travel, and boating. Seeking tall, handsome, professional gentleman, 45-50, for friendship/possible relationship. #2819

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WAITING FOR LIGHTNING... to strike! An appealing DWF, 50ish, seeks a gentleman, 50-61, to enjoy dancing, dining out, casinos, and a good friendship leading to possible relationship. #2445

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blue, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity, interests, sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. #2446

DELIGHTFUL AND DOWN-TO-EARTH SWCF, 38, 5'7", brown/brown, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking tall, handsome, professional gentleman, 45-50, with a love for family lifestyle and partnership. All calls answered. #2448

HELLO, FRIEND! I'm pretty, sophisticated, intelligent, sporty, tall, articulate, sexy, confident, sexy, fun, 32-35, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, dining out, travel, and boating. Seeking tall, handsome, professional gentleman, 45-50, for friendship/possible relationship. #2819

I GET ALL THE ATTENTION! Tall, blonde, SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to go to parties, and share life with. My friends have had to part with me because I get all the attention. #2818

ITALIAN PRINCESS Fun-loving SWF, 32, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys movies, dining out, travel, and boating. Seeking tall, handsome, professional gentleman, 45-50, for friendship/possible relationship. #2451

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NICE GUY SEEKS GIRL-NEXT-DOOR Handsome, blue-eyed, blond SWM, 30, 5'9", 190lbs, N/S, no children, never married. Seeking SWCF, 26-34, for LTR. Northern Wayne suburbs. #3244

FIRST TIME AD Handsome, open-minded, caring, well-educated SW/M, 38, 5'8", N/S, in shape, into personal growth, yoga, travel, cooking. Seeking very attractive SF, under 42, for possible relationship. #3244

LIFE IS BEST WHEN SHARED Start my days, fill my nights SWM, father of one, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Nov area. #2904

SINGLE DAD seeks mom DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart to share music, travel, dining, and romantic quiet time. Nov area. #1665

RUSSIAN LADY Good-looking SWF, 40, 5'7", 100lbs, enjoys movies, theater, symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art, romance, travel. Seeking tall, handsome, professional gentleman, 45-50, for friendship/possible relationship. #2451

PILOT SEEKS DREAMY Well-lookin', high-chick, hair, handsome, family-oriented, professional, romantic SWM, 35, brown/blue, N/S, second outdoors. Seeking attractive, intelligent, sports lover. #2827

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FOR EIGHT EYES Very caring, sensitive, outgoing, young SWM, 26, with a variety of interests, loves to be outdoors, enjoys hiking, fishing, and playing SWF for friendship. #3363

JACK DAWSON SEEKS HIS ROSE Good-looking, fit, honest WM, 33, blonde/blue, N/S, with good morals, enjoys dining out, movies, walks. Seeks attractive, fit, honest WF, 24-37. N/S. #3058

SOFT CHOCOLATE Handsome SWM, 33, enjoys suspenseful movies, sports, classic cars. Seeking long-haired, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. #2967

SINGLE IN DETROIT Honest, down-to-earth SWM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SWF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. #1286

ATTRACTIVE AND TALL Attractive and humorous SWM, 37, 4'4", who enjoys movies, comedies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. #2906

HANDSOME & BALD Hard-working SWM, 38, 5'8", 160lbs, enjoys outdoors, SF/DWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. Kids ok. All calls returned. #2871

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SINCERE ONLY Dignified, cultured, articulate SWM, 48, 5'8", 148lbs, seeks sincere, affectionate, very feminine SWF, or bisexual female, 35-45, slim to medium build, for LTR. #3185

SLIGHTLY HANDSOME Friendly, humorous, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SW/M, dark blue, large gorgeous blue. N/S seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. Talk to you soon. #2626

TREASURE UNCLAIMED Sensitive, fun-loving, unique, friendly, tall, handsome SW/M, 40ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. #9554

PLAIN JANE WANTED Sincere, thoughtful, understanding, spirited, adventuresome, articulate, athletic SW/M, 40, 6'1", 180lbs, seeks special, slim, trim DWF to develop quality romantic, sincere LTR. No games, please. #3149

BALANCED, UNIQUE... good-looking, sincere, active, romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous, professional SWM, 51, 5'9", homeowner, young body, mind and soul, enjoys bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, tender soulmate. #2311

A REAL GENTLEMAN Kind-hearted, easygoing, African-American, 44, 5'7", 170lbs, medium build, who knows how to treat a woman with respect/dignity. Seeking SW/DWF, 30-50, for friendship and fun. #3241

OLD-FASHIONED ROMANCE... nineties-man, Candlelight, flowers, cuddling in front of the fire, sound good? Secure DWM, 41, 6', 190lbs, brown/hazel, seeks slim SW/DWF, 35-41, who enjoys being pampered. #3184

ELMER FUDD EYES Humkaulous 34 year-old, 6'2", eyes-long blond, loves dance music, cosmopolitans, pool. Awesome in jeans! and down-to-earth. Seeks amazing, selective, stylish, blonde, babe who's 32-35. #3188

ROMANTIC GENTLEMAN Romantic, creative, resourceful, fun-loving, caring, professional SWM, 40, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys movies, theater, symphony, dining out, long walks, concerts, opera, art, romance, travel. Seeking tall, handsome, professional gentleman, 45-50, for friendship/possible relationship. #2451

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate notes

Two former Observerland standouts came home with titles March 25 from the University of Florida men's track relays.

Sophomore Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin) captured the decathlon with 7,156 points, just 50 points shy of the school record he set last season. Meanwhile, junior teammate Joe Leo (Redford Catholic Central) captured the 5,000-meter run in 14:48.25, his first collegiate outdoor victory.

University of Michigan senior center Bobby Hayes (Westland John Glenn), who helped the Wolverines to three straight Frozen Four berths and two NCAA championships, scored his team's lone goal in a 2-1 regional final overtime loss Saturday to the University of New Hampshire in a game played at Worcester, Mass.

Hayes, an assistant captain and four-year performer, finished his career with 42 goals and 61 assists. This season he had seven goals and 14 assists.

Michigan senior first baseman Bryan Besco (Westland John Glenn) clubbed a pair of 2-run homers Saturday as the Wolverines posted a 9-1 victory and earned split in the night-cap of a double-header with host University of Iowa.

Michigan entered Tuesday's non-league home opener with Central Michigan at 11-11 overall and 3-1 in the Big Ten.

Sharks capture tourney

The Livonia Pee Wee Sharks, coached by John Restum, captured the St. Patrick's Day Tournament by defeating the Brighton Blues, 5-1, in the finals Sunday at Lansing's Summit Arena.

John Clarey led all scorers with five goals and three assists. Sam Hoyt added two goals and seven assists, while Drew White had two goals and four assists.

The Sharks also took the Livonia Hockey Association's Hockey Championship (March 13) with a 6-4 overtime win as Matt Kahkonen tallied the game-winning goal and goaltender Ryan Dennett stopped three of four shoot-out attempts.

The Sharks also finished 11-0 en route to the first-half league title and qualified for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV tourney. Their overall LHA record and Hockey Day record was 21-2-1.

Rounding out the Sharks squad: Matt Steintrager, David Bartkowiak, Matt Hartzel, Daniel Restum, Kyle Lis, Garrett Swezene, Ryan Burke, Nick Dirasian, Seth Diegel, Tom Korch and Alex White.

Assistant coaches include Jim Dennett, Dave Bartkowiak and Dan Lis. The team manager is Laura Burke, while Terry Hoyt serves as equipment manager.

Kings perfect 10-0

The Kings, a boys junior varsity division basketball team in the Oriole Unit of the Livonia Junior Athletic League, recently finished undefeated with a 10-0 record.

Members of the Kings include: Timmy Brachulis, Ali Jaafar, Khalil Jaafar, Daniel Mendoza, Michael Hissong, Steven Pepple, Patrick McCall, Jason Gillow, Kenny Morgan, Shawn Bush, Matt Robinson, Anthony Toma, Joseph Horka and Eric Felner.

The coaching staff includes Mike Hissong, Bob McCall, Garry Gillow and Gary Felner.

Spring cycling tour

The 16th annual Metro Grand Spring Tour, sponsored by the Downriver Cycling Club, will start and finish Sunday, May 2, at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Preregistration (by April 20) is \$13 per person or \$25 per family. Date of event registration is \$18 per person and \$35 per family. Applications are available at area bike shops.

The tour is limited to 1,500 riders and will take place rain or shine.

Routes are 25, 45 and 62 miles in length and take riders along the Huron River and around the scenic country roads of south Wayne and North Monroe counties.

Long-sleeve warm-up shirts are available for \$14, along with a \$3 pancake breakfast.

For more information, call Sharon or Mike Moreno at (313) 383-0286.

Athens ends Spartan streak at 43

The state's longest win streak in girls soccer came to an abrupt halt Tuesday when host Troy Athens upended two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson, 2-0.

Stevenson, 41-0-2 overall during the past two years, lost its first game since the 1996 regional semifinal when Brighton handed the Spartans a 3-0 defeat.

Athens, which opened its season Saturday with a 5-2 victory over defending Division III state champion Madison Heights Bishop Foley, scored a pair of second-half goals to end Stevenson's 43-game unbeaten streak.

Tiffany Laskowski scored five minutes into the second half, while Kristen Weidle added an insurance goal five minutes later to spoil the Spartans' season opener.

"Troy played extremely physical and they beat on us pretty good," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, who lost six starters from a year ago. "They're a good high school team. They'll win a lot of games."

Kimble was forced to juggle his lineup, moving returnee Brianna Roy from midfield to sweeper. She was one of three new defenders in the lineup.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Spartans' were also missing All-State defender Andrea Seid, who has been touring with the U.S. Junior National Team in Europe since last Thursday.

Returning midfielder Cheryl Fox sat out the match with a hyperextended knee and Stevenson played most of the second half without All-State forward Lindsay Gusick, who went down with a leg fracture.

"It's difficult being that it's the first game," Kimble said. "It's a new group and it will take time to sort things out, but overall I was happy with the effort."

"This is a game that tests you. And they don't like it at all that they lost. We'll find out how it affects us."

During the first half, Stevenson tried to protect goalkeeper Lesley Hooker with a defensive approach.

Kimble then went with a 3-4 attack in the second

half to create a few more scoring opportunities.

"We got a couple of chances, but in a game like this we obviously didn't get enough chances to win," Kimble said.

Stevenson doesn't return to action again until after spring break.

On Monday, April 12, the Spartans host Walled Lake Western and then travel Wednesday, April 14 to face Plymouth Canton in a key Western Lakes Activities Association matchup.

"They realize they're still the state champions until somebody knocks them off, Kimble said. "And we have at least until May to find that out."

"I think something good will come out of this."

LADYWOOD 2, SHRINE 1: Melissa Harkas scored the game-winning goal from off a cross from Stefanie Stachurs in the second half Monday to give the host Livonia Ladywood (2-0 overall) the victory over Royal Oak Shrine.

Shrine scored first in the opening half, but Ladywood tied it on Katie Rozum's goal from Harkas.

Ladywood first-year coach Jill Logsdon also praised the play of midfielders Lauren Arnold and Andrea Schimmel. Liz Obrecht was in goal for Ladywood.

'Mac Attack' thrives in wheelchair hoops

1st-year cager on junior champion

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When it comes to basketball, Nicole McDonald is hell on wheels.

The seventh-grader from Frost Middle School in Livonia doesn't let Perthes Disease, a degenerative hip disorder, stop her from succeeding on the court or in the swimming pool.

McDonald, diagnosed with Perthes at age 10, helped her team win the fifth annual Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tourney in Addison, Ill.

A member of the Sterling Heights Challengers, McDonald and her teammates captured six straight games, including an 18-16 victory in the championship game over the Rollin' Rebels of Indiana (Feb. 21).

Her two tournament trophies are prominently displayed in Frost's main office.

"Nicole is just a neat kid who shows a lot of courage," said Frost Middle School assistant principal Mike Saltz.

And whether it's Duke versus Connecticut or the Challengers against the Rebels, basketball is basketball. Coaches force the players to use their left hand and they do "killer drills" when things don't hustle in practice.

"I really like playing basketball," the 13-year-old Nicole said. "We have set plays and watch the other teams. We see what kind of plays they run and discuss it. We have 50 minute games and usually I play all 50 minutes. Six games in one weekend gets a little tiring."

The Challengers, coached by Diane Winterstein, reached the nationals by capturing the Mid-South Regional, Jan. 19-21, in Hot Springs, Ark.

Nicole, just in her rookie season, notched double figures in two different games playing on the 8 foot, 6 inch rims. She not only sets picks, but has become one of the team's main shooters.

"She's very good, being it's her first year playing," Winterstein said. "And she's just a real good kid — that's number one."

"She's very competitive, tries very hard and is not one to give up. She works well with the team. She's a scorer. She's tall and is our center. She's all over the boards. She's learning a lot. And she's got a soft touch as far as get-

ting it up there."

Many of her teammates have spinal injuries or some suffer from cerebral palsy, but Nicole's hip disorder is rare among girls.

Active as a child, Nicole played basketball and soccer and danced two to three times per week.

But what started out as heel injury became something much more serious when Nicole began limping severely.

She had surgery in early 1996 and had her femur reattached to her hip in March of 1997.

"She had padding in between, but now the hip is entirely disintegrated and the shelf is no longer there," said Nicole's mother Debra. "By the time it was diagnosed her hip was 75 percent gone. It's an English disease. From what I know it could be hereditary or it could be caused by trauma at birth. Girls get it worse and she has a severe case of it."

During a stay at the Shriner's Hospital, Nicole and her mother noticed an organizational board and a flyer about Challengers, which is part of the Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation program.

"This is a developmental league, but Nicole also plays at the 10 foot level against older and more experienced players," Winterstein said. "This program builds teamwork and friendships. What you'd expect to see in an able-bodied team can be developed the same way here."

"They train like anybody else. They travel in airports and pick up their own bags. We don't want anyone feeling sorry for them. We just want people to treat them just like anyone else."

Despite long treks to the east side for weekly basketball or swim practices, Nicole looks forward to her sports. The family moved from their ranch in Howell to Livonia in order to be closer to her activities and programs.

"You can't believe what a difference it's made in the kid's life," Debra said. "She throws a fit if she's not there on Monday."

"I just wish there were more programs like this. The kids have bonded and feel so accepted among themselves."

Nicole has also set national age-group records in swimming.

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Sharp shooter: Frost Middle School seventh-grader Nicole McDonald plays for the National Junior Wheelchair champion Sterling Heights Challengers.

125-member Stevenson team strong again



LeToya Chandler
Glenn standout

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Paul Holmberg has a problem all girls track coaches would like to have — not enough uniforms.

"We had 141 out the first day and we've got around 125 girls right now," said Holmberg, who enters his 21st season as the Spartans' varsity coach. "And because of our size we'll be respectable, a decent dual meet team and I'd guess one of the better teams in our league."

Last year Stevenson garnered its second regional title in five years. They also finished one point behind Plymouth Salem in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Holmberg must make up for the loss of several

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standouts, including two All-Observer picks — 800-meter runner Kelly McNeilance (2:20.8) and 1,600-meter runner Kelly Travis (5:21.1). Also lost to graduation was third-team All-Area pole vaulter Nicole Dettloff and high jumper Jordyn Godfroid.

"We lost 11 girls who were out for track all four years, including our top four scorers," Holmberg said. "We lost our biggest and best group of kids we've ever had. Losing Travis and (Kelly) McNeilance was like getting your heart cut out."

"We have some rebuilding to do, but we should be able to fill the holes."

Ironically, Stevenson could be even stronger this year if things fall into place.

Senior hurdler Katie Sherron was the area's best at 300 meters (47.5). She finished third in the regional

and was a WLAA champion.

Another senior, Katie Mitchell was a first-team All-Area selection in the pole vault after clearing 8 feet, 6 inches en route to regional and Western Lakes titles.

Other top returnees include senior Emily Yam-basky in the shot put, 33-5', and discus, 109-11; sophomore high jumper Andrea Polasky, 5-0; junior 400 runner Jennifer Hardacre, 1:01.2; junior 800 runner Andrea Parker, 2:23.7; and senior 3,200 runner Kim McNeilance, 11:59.4.

Parker was second at the regional in the 800. She also clocked a 5:27.2 in the 1,600 and was third at the regional in the 3,200 (11:54.6).

Other returnees include Christie Tzilos, a senior who went 16.4 in the 100 hurdles, and junior Cassie Ehlendt, also a hurdler. Both were hampered by injuries a year ago.

The will be joined by two juniors, discus thrower

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Angie Sillmon
Plymouth Salem



Jenny Young
Livonia Ladywood



Stephanie Dulz
Livonia Stevenson



Tera Morrill
Livonia Franklin



Amanda Suder
Plymouth Salem



Lyndsay Sopko
Livonia Franklin



Lauren Ruprecht
Livonia Churchill



Laine Sterling
Plymouth Salem



Holly Crouse
Redford Thurston

3 spikers repeat on All-Area

Mary Helen Diegel is no stranger to success. The first-year Livonia Franklin girls volleyball coach was a standout volleyball and basketball player at Birmingham Marian and played on one of the NCAA's top Division III teams at Kalamazoo College.



Mary Diegel
Coach of Year

Diegel, who replaced Ann Hutchins during the off-season, inherited a young, but talented Franklin team which had captured two straight Western Division titles in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

In her first season with the varsity, Diegel led the Patriots to a 39-16-1 overall record and a third straight Western Division crown.

But under her guidance, Franklin captured its first-ever Class A district title beating a competitive field, which included host eight-time defending Catholic League champion Livonia Ladywood, along with Livonia Stevenson and Redford Union.

The Patriots went on to reach the Class A regional final at Ann Arbor Huron before losing to WLAA runner-up Plymouth Salem.

For her efforts, Diegel was named Observerland Coach of the Year.

Three Patriots, all whom are juniors, were named to the first-team All-Observer squad.

Salem, 48-11-1 overall and a state Class A quarterfinalist, also placed three on the squad led by 6-foot-10 power hitter Angie Sillmon.

Among the other first-team repeat selections were Ladywood's Jenny Young and Stevenson's Stephanie Dulz.

Introducing the 1999 All-Observer Girls Volleyball Team:
Angie Sillmon, 5-10 Sr., Ply. Salem: The 5-foot-10 middle hitter was power personified for the Rocks, who reached the Class A state quarterfinals for the first time and posted a 48-11-1 record. Sillmon led Salem in kills with 351, an average of 3.77 per game, with a kill percentage of .300. She also had 50 service aces (third in the team), 218 digs (third), and a team-best 32 solo blocks and 37 block assists as she developed as an all-around player.

An all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection, Sillmon verbally committed to attend and play volleyball at Western Michigan University prior to the season.

"She's just a phenomenal athlete," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "Her potential has not even been realized yet. It'll be scary if she gets close to her potential."

Sillmon shared team MVP honors with Amanda Suder.

Jenny Young, 6-1 Sr., Liv. Lady-

wood: The 6-foot-1 outside hitter, bound for Central Michigan, capped an outstanding career by leading the Blazers with a total of 424 kills in 94 games.

She hit at an impressive .389 clip. Young also had 124 aces, 141 digs and 94 solo blocks en route to second-team All-State honors.

"Jenny was outstanding all year," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "She was by far our biggest impact player and one of the best in the state."

"Offensively she's always been good, but this year defensively she stepped it up and played well this year."

The team captain and MVP is a three-year starter and four-year varsity player. She was also voted All-Catholic and All-Region.

Young's brother Chris is a member of the University of Michigan basketball team.

Stephanie Dulz, 5-10 Sr., Liv. Stevenson: Headed for Hillsdale College, Dulz broke a school record this season with a total of 467 kills. She also broke the single-game kill mark with 14.

The tri-captain was named team MVP, best offensive player, All-Western Lakes, All-Metro (Detroit News) and All-Tournament at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament.

Dulz also had 74 solo blocks, 62 aces and was 168 for 193 on serve reception.

"Stephanie is probably the best athlete that I have never coached at the varsity level," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She has extreme abilities to do a lot of stuff with the ball when she hits."

"She knows the game very well, which helps her place the ball, change position and put the ball with with a kill or side-out. She has tremendous jumping skills which aides in her attack. She was a lot of fun to watch and will be truly missed."

Dulz also made Academic All-State with a 3.92 grade-point average.

Tera Morrill, 5-11 Jr., Liv. Franklin: The left-handed outside hitter was named All-Western Lakes, All-Region, co-team MVP and best offensive player for the district champion Patriots.

Morrill had a total of 345 kills and hit at an impressive .426 clip. She also had 76 aces, 63 block-assists, 340 digs (92.1 percent) and only 82 errors in 521 service receptions.

"Tera is extremely athletic and a formidable force," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said of the honor roll student. "She can hit, set, dig and serve with tenacity."

"She's a playmaker and a ball magnet."

"Morrill had a match-high 15 kills against Stevenson."

Amanda Suder, 5-6 Jr., Ply. Salem: A 5-foot-6 outside hitter, Suder was the kind of player a coach can build a team around.

She could do a bit of everything, and do it well.

"She was very consistent through most of the year," said Teeters. "That was her strength, her consistency and her focus. I thought she got the most out of her athletic ability."

Suder was second on the Rocks in



Carrie Brankiewicz
Farm. Hills Mercy



Danielle Sledz
Livonia Clarenceville



Andrea Kmet
Livonia Franklin

total kills (300), an average of 3.19 per game; her kill percentage was .225. She also led Salem in service aces with 91, utilizing a jump-serve that often befuddled opponents, and her 328 digs was more than 100 more than the next-best player in that defensive category on the Rocks.

Suder was an all-WLAA Lakes Division selection.

Lyndsay Sopko, 5-9 Jr., Liv. Franklin: The setter made All-Western Lakes, All-Region and was voted co-team MVP.

She racked up 842 assist-to-kills in 2,012 attempts (41.8 percent) with 38 aces, 59 block-assists and 34 digs.

Sopko had a season-high 37 assists in a regular season victory over state-ranked Salem.

"Lyndsay is a student of the game," Diegel said. "She sees the court well and has beautiful hands. She's a playmaker and its relentless on the court."

Sopko is also an honor roll student.

Lauren Ruprecht, 6-0 Sr., Liv. Churchill: The middle blocker made All-Western Lakes this season.

She paced the Chargers in serve reception (91.9 percent), blocks (181) and was the leading hitter with a kill percentage of .278.

Ruprecht was also second on the team in defensive digs (82 percent at 2.5 per game) and sported a serving percentage of 83 percent.

"Lauren had the uncanny ability to hit the slide down the line for points when the Chargers needed them," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "She was one of the players who practiced with a great deal of intensity every day."

"As a senior, Lauren stepped up and provided considerable leadership during a very successful season. She will be difficult to replace."

Ruprecht, who has also participated in basketball and track, will play volleyball this fall at Schoolcraft College.

Laine Sterling, 5-3 Sr., Ply. Salem: Sterling, a 5-foot-3 setter, emerged as one of the best at her position in Observerland.

Her 857 assists to kills accounted for nearly 90 percent of the assists registered by the Rocks over the course of the season. Sterling averaged 9.3 assists per game, and she was second on the team in both service aces with 55 and digs with 235.

"She gets more out of her height, or lack of it, than anyone," said Teeters. "And she's a good defensive player. She's a hard worker — she enjoys

working hard. She was the hardest worker on the team."

Sterling was an all-WLAA Lakes Division selection and the recipient of the team's Coach's Award, based on her work ethic.

Holly Crouse, 5-7 Sr., Red. Thurston: Listed as a setter on the Thurston roster, Crouse was just as comfortable hitting, serving and receiving.

A three-year varsity member and all-around player extraordinaire, Crouse had a 92 percent kill rate while averaging one block per game. She averaged four assists and one ace per game and served at a 92 percent clip. She finished the year with 39 aces and was 75 percent on serve receive.

"Holly's the best all-around player we've seen (at Thurston) in a long time," Thurston coach Laura Gruenwald said. "She can play defense, hit set. She was one of my better defensive players in the back row and one of my top servers."

"She's a smart setter, always knew where to put the ball on the other side, if she needed to tip it, or if she needed to set it to someone. She knew how to hit a quick attack very well."

Carrie Brankiewicz, 5-8 Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy: An outside hitter, Brankiewicz plays much bigger than her 5-foot-7 height, leading the Marlins in every major category in terms of percentage.

Her kill percentage was .272, serving percentage .941 and serve-receive percentage .909. She had 302 kills, only 17 errors in 289 serves, 39 aces, 261 digs and 310 good passes from a total of 341 serve receptions.

Brankiewicz is a three-sport athlete who also plays basketball and softball and is a straight-A student.

"Carrie is a terrific floor leader; the kids would all say that," Mercy coach Ed Moeller said. "She's very positive but at the same time very intense."

"She has a great will to win and is always looking to improve herself. She also makes suggestions to improve the team and also takes some kids off to the side voluntarily to work with them on their skills."

"Whatever college gets her will absolutely love her attitude. She works on her vertical every summer; she has a great vertical."

"She told me she'll increase it by another four inches this summer, and I don't doubt her. She just works until she does it; that's who she is."

"She's the kind of kid every coach wants on his or her team because of her will to win and her positive attitude."

Danielle Sledz, 5-6 Sr., Liv. Clarenceville: The All-Metro Conference selection played in a total of 58 games with 183 kills in 321 attempts (3.15 per game) with a hitting percentage of .507.

She also had 50 aces.

"Danielle collected outstanding statistics for the season, but even so, it does not measure up to the all-around performance she displayed," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "My only regret is that I will not be able to coach her for another three years."

"Wherever she goes she will definitely make an impact."

Andrea Kmet, 5-10 Jr., Liv. Franklin: The middle hitter, who made All-Western Division in the WLAA, racked up 287 kills for the year (.397 percent) with 32 solo blocks, 85 assist-blocks and 229 digs (89.1 percent).

"Andrea is a dynamic player," Diegel said. "She's tough all-around and plays big in the middle with her attack and block. She's working on a jump serve."

"She's just a tenacious player." Kmet, also an honor roll student, had 13 kills in three different matches this season.

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Julie Yambasky and high jumper Angela Alfonsi (4-11). Among the promising newcomers are freshmen Colleen Bosman (hurdles/long jump), Heather Vandette (distance), Mariasa Montgomery (distance) and Angela Mikkelsen (sprints). "This is the best group of freshmen I've had in quite some time," Holmberg said. "Sprints is our biggest need. We graduated our top four girls." "Mikkelsen was one of the fastest middle schoolers in the city in the 100 and 200. Hopefully that group can fill up some holes on the varsity."

Westland John Glenn
Coach John Kitchen has a roster of 45 and two outstanding returnees, junior LaToya Chandler and senior Nicolette Jarrett.

The most notable loss to graduation was Nicole Herring, who was a first-team All-Observer choice in the 100 hurdles (15.2), as well as a member of the first-team All-Area 400 and 800 relay squads.

Other notable losses include Kania Adams, Deanna McCargo and Kristen Stone. Chandler set a Glenn school record in the high jump by clearing 5 feet, 9 inches. She finished second in Class A at 5-7 after winning regional and WLAA titles.

At Saturday's Huron Relays held at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse, Chandler won the high jump, 5-5, and took fourth in the long jump, 16-2. She will also run in the sprint relays.

Jarrett, meanwhile, scored 175 points as a junior with a personal best and school record time of 24.8 in the 200. She was second in the regional, eighth in Class A and a WLAA champion.

Kitchen indicated Jarrett could also be a factor in the individual 400. "That's where the college coaches like her the most," he said.

Glenn has several other returnees including sophomore Sharron Ryan (distance), sophomore LaTasha Chandler (sprints/hurdles), sophomore Felicia Barnett (27.0 in the 200), sophomore Kirsten Fischer (400), sophomore Nicole Bland (distance), senior Carolyn Turner (shot put/discus), sophomore Lakeisha Locust (distance), sophomore Kiran Dashaurya (distance) and sophomore Dawn Dishong (distance).

Freshman Angie Adams should also help in the sprints and hurdles. "We have a good nucleus in Chandler and Jarrett," Kitchen said. "Our young kids are going to have to step

up. We're going to do the best we can."

Livonia Churchill
Charger coach Kelly Graham employs a 65-member roster with depth in the distance events and pole vault.

Churchill lost Shauna Jones (shot put), Kristin Hetra (2:27.3 in the 800) and Jenny Duncan (15-6 in the long jump) to graduation, along with junior Renee Kashawic (2:31.0 in the 800) to the soccer team.

Senior captain Ashley Fillion, who last season ran 5:23.0 in the 1,600 and 12:12.7 in the 3,200, leads the distance group along with sister Allison (12:08.8 in the 3,200).

Other distance returnees include junior Stephanie Skwiers, junior Christy Smith, sophomore Katie Paulson and junior Ailese Scott.

They will be joined by newcomers senior Jenny Ogg, along with freshmen Lindsay Cecil, Susan Duncan and Darcy Kavanaugh.

Last year three Chargers ranked among the top 10 in Observerland in the pole vault and all three return including sophomore Kari Cezat (8-1), junior Jane Peterman (7-8) and senior captain Liliana Cipollone (7-0).

"Our distance will carry us like last year and I think we'll stay competitive in the pole vault, shot put and discus," Graham said. "And we'll also be improved in the long jump and high jump."

Juniors Jennifer Hefner and Kristen Rader return in the throwing events. Other returnees include senior captain Gwen Ostrosky (hurdles/sprints), junior Beth Kwapis (sprints), sophomore Mandy Hein (hurdles), junior Kristy Blazo (jumps/sprints), junior Audrey Walker (sprints), senior Jessica Cichon (long jump/sprints) and senior Kristi Hanis (sprints).

Newcomers include junior sprinter Becky Rodriguez, a transfer from Adrian; freshman Stephanie Dean (sprints), freshman Victoria Johnson (hurdles) and freshman Melissa Lokken (sprints).

"We had time trials the other day and it looks promising," Graham said. "I think we're faster than what we've had in the relays and sprints. We'll be more competitive than last year."

Livonia Franklin
The Patriots lost one of the area's top athletes in Danielle Wensing, who ranked in the top ten last year in the shot put, 37-3; 100 dash (12.9), 200 (26.6) and 400 (59.4).

The first-team All-Observer pick in the shot put, now playing volleyball at Schoolcraft College, accounted for a big chunk of the team's points. "It's a big loss, but I think our team is deeper top-to-bottom and we can



Nicolette Jarrett Westland Glenn



Katie Sherron Livonia Stevenson



Katie Mitchell Livonia Stevenson

make up for the loss in other areas with depth," Franklin second-year coach Rich Lamb said. "We don't have a standout like Danielle, but we have a couple who may step up."

"I see a lot of potential and it's a matter of getting them some experience."

Senior pole vaulter Shiloh Wint cleared 8-1 a year ago and finished fourth in the WLAA. She has already gone 8 feet indoors this year. Wint will also compete in the long jump and in relays.

Junior Denise Walsh (7-6 in the pole vault) will also compete in the long jump.

Other key returnees include senior throwers Dawn Balko and Terri Cobb; sophomore sprinter Tabitha Curb; senior sprinter Heather Frank; sophomore sprinter/high jumper Rita Malec, sophomore hurdler Annette Schneider; junior high jumper/middle distance runner Lyndsay Sopko; junior sprinter/long jumper Lisa Widrosky; senior distance runners Jenny Furlong and Sarah Platz; junior distance runners Diana Potter and Jill Webber.

Among the promising newcomers who are sophomores for the Patriots: Cassie Bentley, high jump/sprints; Amanda Warren, sprints; Lisa Balko, sprints/shot put; Amy Smith, long jump/discus.

Three freshmen should also help: Jamey Hofman, hurdles/jumps; Andrea McMillan, high jump/pole vault; and Gabrielle Nixon, middle distance.

"We have only 12 upperclassmen," said Lamb, who has a 60-member roster. "We have a lot of freshmen."

Livonia Ladywood
The Blazers, who return 13 letterwinners, finished five points behind Catholic League champion Farmington Hills Mercy a year ago.

Third-year coach Rod Sorenson calls 1999 a "rebuilding year." "Half of the team is first-year runners," Sorenson said. "We're going to

work real hard in order to fill the big holes left by the girls who graduated."

Sorenson lost 800 runner Ann Figurski (2:30.0), but has a formidable returning nucleus led by senior long jumper Erin Hayden (15-7), senior 300 hurdler Suzanne Peplinski (46.7) and junior sprinter Brianna Watson (12.2 in the 100 and 27.2 in the 200).

Hayden also cleared 4-11 in the high jump, while Peplinski plans on competing as a 400 runner and in the 1,600 relay.

Senior Katie McGraw will join Watson in the 400 relay (50.8).

Senior Page Ahrens returns in the 200 and 400, while junior Kelly Carey, who scored in seven different events last year, also gives the Blazers depth.

Both Ahrens, who runs anything from the 800 and below, and Carey will compete on a 1,600 relay (4:16.5).

Other returnees include junior Laura Yales (100-200) and sophomore Jen Koterba (800).

Promising newcomers include freshmen Alexis Noel (jumping events) and Stacey Schroeder (distance).

Wayne Memorial
The Zebras opened their season Tuesday in Ann Arbor at the Wolverine Indoor Invitational with a 13-member squad.

Coach Bob Lynn, whose team will compete in the Mega Conference's Blue Division, is concerned about a lack of numbers.

"We didn't get a significant turnout even though we have a brand new track," Lynn said. "Right now we don't have enough to fill all the events. The problem is some have jobs and other commitments."

Two dependable distance runners are senior Dawn Daniels and sophomore Kristi Wheble, both whom competed in the state cross country meet last November.

"They don't miss any days and have

real good attitudes," Lynn said.

Freshman Jessica Boarders ran cross country and should add depth in the distance events.

Junior Rachel Patillo, a sprinter, moved back from Galveston, Tex., where she lettered. She ran for Wayne as a freshman.

Other sprinters include junior Keisha Collins and sophomore Andrea Scales.

"With the middle school program back-it should take about two years to get things back up," Lynn said. "Hopefully we can get it going and get more kids interested."

Wayne competed Tuesday indoors at the Wolverine Invitational.

Lutheran Westland
The defending Metro Conference champions, coached by Dave Brown, are gunning for their seventh consecutive title.

Senior Bekah Hoffmeier, who cleared 5 feet in the high jump and ran in the 3,200 relay at the state Class C meet, leads a talented cast. She will also compete in the hurdles and pole vault.

Junior Anna Rolf qualified for the state meet in the long jump and ran 49.6 in the 300 hurdles.

Senior Hana Hughes, who missed last season to participate in a student exchange program in Australia, finished fifth in Class C as a sophomore in the 300 hurdles and was a member of the 1996 state champion 800 relay team along with Hoffmeier.

Freshman Tess Kuehne, a first-team All-Observer pick in cross country, will add speed in the 800 and 1,600 events and make up for the loss of the graduated Cheryl Polkinghorne.

Kuehne is joined by another state qualifying hurdler, junior Jessica Montgomery.

Mary Ebendick, a sophomore who did track and soccer last year along with Rolf, returns in the middle distance events.

Providing depth is sophomore distance runner Holly Foreman.

In the sprints, junior Chelsea Romero excels in the 200 and 400. She was also a member of the Lady Warriors' state qualifying 800 relay team. Sophomore Krissy Rose adds depth in the 200 and 400, along with the sprint relays.

Junior Amanda Sales, third in the long jump last year at the regional, will help support Hoffmeier in the high jump.

Junior discus thrower Jennifer Dash is another state qualifier returning.

Senior Anna Schewecke is the top returning shot put thrower after taking third at the regional. She is joined by junior Carly Higgins.

"I think we'll be pretty good," said Brown, who boasts a squad of 35.

"And we have two or three freshmen who look good and will help."

Livonia Clarenceville
The Trojans are lacking in horses as rookie coach Kelly Murphy, hired just three weeks ago, has a combined girls and boys team of 12.

Murphy, an 1989 Clarenceville grad, is a former state qualifier who competed in track at Central Michigan University before injuring her knee.

She takes over for Josh Green. "We're working hard on getting more people out," said Murphy, who works at Clarenceville as a para-professional. "Right now we have six girls and six boys."

"Eventually I like to have 25 combined on the team. But I don't know if it will happen right now or not."

Junior Leah Shapardanis, who runs middle distance, returns from an injury which kept her down last season.

Other returnees include juniors Gabbie Bennett (sprints), Sarah Babcock (distance) and Erica Yim (relays).

Promising newcomers include freshman Mary Small (field events) and junior Miranda Meabrod (sprints).

On the boys side, sophomore sprinters Brent Carigan, Ron Kingsbury and Eric Huntoon return.

Huntoon will also compete in the field events along with newcomer Josh Lang.

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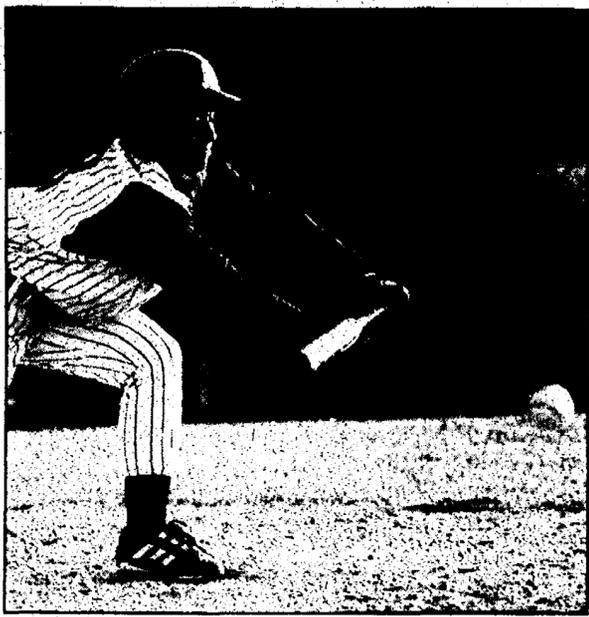
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Lady Crusaders sweep Siena Heights



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Laying one down: Madonna University's Courtney Senger attempts a bunt during Tuesday's double-header sweep of Siena Heights.

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball season couldn't have opened better for Madonna University.

The Lady Crusaders swept a pair of games from Siena Heights, 7-3 and 5-2, to improve to 10-7 overall. The Saints are 6-5 overall.

In the opener, freshman Misay Bako (from Garden City) earned her first-ever collegiate victory, allowing two earned runs on nine hits and four walks, with three strikeouts in seven innings. Bako is 1-2 overall.

The Crusaders got 11 hits off Siena Heights' starter Kristin Heinze, including two doubles, and stole four bases. Jamie Cook (Westland John Glenn) had two hits and drove in two runs to top the offensive effort; Vicki Malkowski, Courtney Senger and Jen Walker each added two hits, with Malkowski scoring twice. Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton) had a hit, an RBI and two runs scored.

Julie Giovannucci led Siena Heights with a double and a triple and an RBI. In the second game, Madonna used a pair of two-run innings — in the second and third — to top the Saints. Janell Leschinger (Plymouth) improved to 5-3 with a complete-game victory, allowing eight hits and five walks while striking out six in seven innings.

Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) had a triple and a single, driving in one run, to lead the Crusaders' offense. Walker again had two hits, including a triple, and Cook had a triple and an RBI.

Julie Diegel suffered the loss for Siena Heights, her first of the season. Hether Robinson had two hits and an RBI for the Saints; Jen Roberts also had two hits, and Giovannucci had a double and an RBI.

***SAGINAW VALLEY 6-4, MADONNA 4-2:** Going against one of the better NCAA Division II teams proved to be a learning, and a losing, experience for Madonna University's softball team.

The Lady Crusaders lost twice Sunday to Saginaw Valley State at Madonna. The wins boosted the Cardinals' record to 19-4.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL



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Crusader ace: Madonna's Janell Leschinger won the second game to improve to 5-3 on the season.

In the opener, Madonna collected 10 hits off SVSU starter Katie Clements and had leads of 2-0 after two and 4-3 through five innings, but couldn't hold on. Jamie Cook had two hits, including a double, and two runs batted in to pace the Crusader offense; Jenny Krusel also had a two-run double, while Melissa Bako (from Garden City) and Jen Walker each chipped in two hits.

Janell Leschinger went the distance and took the loss, falling to 4-3; she gave up six runs (five earned) on 11 hits and five walks, with seven strikeouts. Kelly Prill relieved Clements and worked the final 3 1/3 innings without surrendering a run to get the win for SVSU.

In the second game, Courtney Senger got two of the five Madonna hits and knocked in both runs in the fourth inning, but it wasn't enough to offset a 4-0 Cardinal lead. Janelle Schmidt started and took the loss for the Crusaders to fall to 2-1; she allowed four earned runs on seven hits and four walks, with one strikeout, in four innings. Bako gave up a hit and a walk, with one strikeout, in three scoreless innings of relief.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CRUSADERS PLAYERS MAILED

Madonna University's baseball team swept the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference weekly awards, thanks to the performances of Daryl Rocho and Bob Mason.

Rocho, a senior infielder/pitcher, went 7-for-18 at the plate (a .447 average) with seven runs batted in and seven runs scored. He also made two appearances as a relief pitcher, earning one save.

For the season, Rocho is hitting .358 with seven doubles, three home runs and 17 RBI in 16 games. He has pitched 4 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, allowing one hit and four walks with seven strikeouts, and he has three saves.

Mason, a senior righthander, tossed a five-hit shutout in the Crusaders' 6-0 win over Tiffin University last Thursday. He was 1-2 for the season through Sunday, with a 4.91 earned run average; he has 13 strikeouts in 18 1/3 innings.

Madonna was 8-7-1 going into Tuesday's double-header with Northwood.

OLLINGER 2ND AT HURON

Lutheran High Westland's Ryan Ollinger took a pair of second-place finishes Saturday at the Huron Boys Track Relays held at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Fieldhouse.

Ollinger went 20 feet, 4 1/2 inches in the long jump and 7.93 seconds in the high hurdles.

The shuttle hurdle relay quartet of Ollinger, Derek Bias, Ryan Noel and Jason Davis finished sixth in 33.4.

DRYS CARDS AN ACE

Wayne Memorial High School freshman Jeff Drys, using a sand wedge, scored an ace on the 97-yard, No. 5 hole March 26 at Fellows Creek (south course).

Drys, 14, shot 36 for nine holes.

AMBASSADORS IN PLAYOFFS

The Compuware Ambassadors, regular-season champions in the North American Hockey League with a 39-11-6 record, will play the fourth-

seeded Cleveland Barons (21-31-4) in their opening round of the Series A Robertson Cup Playoffs. The first game in the best-of-three-games match-up is 2 p.m. Friday at Compuware. The second is 2 p.m. Saturday at Cleveland's Baron Arena, with a third (if necessary) at 5 p.m. Sunday at Compuware.

The Ambassadors finished their regular season on a high note, collecting their seventh-straight win with a 4-3 victory Saturday over the BearCats in Grand Rapids. Luke Wright scored two of the Compuware goals, with Josh Bowers and Jack Redwood netting the other two.

MERCY POM COACH WANTED

Farmington Hills Mercy High School has an immediate opening for a varsity pom coach. The team is ranked fourth in the state.

For more information, call athletic director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

YOUTH BASEBALL SIGNUP

Registration for a boys baseball league (ages 7-9) on a first-come, first-serve basis will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3 at Newburgh Baptist Church, located on Joy Road east of Newburgh.

The \$25 registration fee includes hat, shirt, picnic, trophy or medallion. There will also be a clinic featuring former Baltimore Oriole Mark Brown.

For more information, call (734) 425-0466.

ADULT HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Registrations are now being taken for men's recreational adult hockey leagues. Play will be at the Plymouth Cultural Center and the STC Arena in Farmington.

The Plymouth Masters (over 40) will play 12 games, from April 7-May 19. The Rockets (over 21) and the Golden Eagles (over 45) leagues will play a game a week from May 26-July 29.

To register, call or FAX name and address to John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, or E-mail information to rspi@provide.net.

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received a proposed remedial action plan for the Nankin Township Landfill site, located approximately 1,200 feet northeast of the intersection of Newburgh Road and Warren Road, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan. This site is the location of environmental contamination which is the result of landfilling activities conducted from approximately the mid 1950's to the 1960's.

This notice is provided according to the requirements of Part 201 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.20101 et seq, or the Part 201 Rules, 1990 AACRS 299.5101 et seq, to notify interested persons that the MDEQ has received the proposed remedial action plan. This notice is provided to allow for public comment prior to final action on the proposed plan.

This notice is to provide a brief summary of the proposed remedial action, offer an opportunity for public review and comment and provide for a public meeting near the facility if requested.

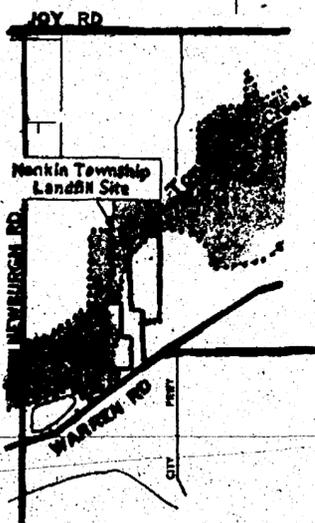
The MDEQ will conduct a public meeting at 7:00 PM on April 15, 1999, in meeting room #1 of the Bailey Center located at 36651 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185. The Bailey Center is located on the south side of Ford Road between Wayne Road and Newburgh Roads. Interested persons may provide comments on the proposed remedial action plan at the meeting.

Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM, May 3, 1999. The MDEQ will carefully consider the address significant public comments before a final decision is made regarding the proposed plan.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Steve Hain, S. E. Michigan District Office, Environmental Response Division at (734) 432-1296 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Fill material, composed primarily of municipal rubbish with a limited volume of industrial material, was placed at the Nankin Township Landfill Site from approximately the mid 1950's to the 1960's. The industrial fill materials were removed. The remaining fill material contains certain hazardous substances in excess of residential direct contact standards promulgated under Section 20a(1)(a) of the Part 201 Rules. This RAP outlines the risk evaluation and strategy to remediate the Site by removing the potential for direct exposure to the fill using a combination of engineered exposure barriers placed over the Site and may impose deed restrictions on future uses of the Site. Wayne County, 3M and Crestwood Development, propose to remedy any potential direct contact hazards by capping the fill area (See figure 2) with a geosynthetic fabric covered by a one foot thick layer of clean soil and 3 inches of topsoil. The creek bank erosion barrier will require grubbing and the installation of erosion controls along the creek bank, which will be completed by reshaping the creek bank. Fill material removed from the creek bank will be moved back into the fill area and placed under the exposure barrier, as necessary. A geosynthetic fabric will be placed on the graded slope covering the fill, and covered using a material designed to prevent direct contact and erosion of the creek bank. An inspection and maintenance plan is included in the remedial action plan to assure the integrity of the cover is maintained.

Figure 1



A copy of the complete remedial action proposal, is available for review at the William P. Falet Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, City of Westland and the City Clerks office, City Hall Building, 36601 Ford Road, City of Westland during normal business hours. This review period will not be less than 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

Comments should be addressed to:

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McDonald

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Recently at the Windsor, Ontario Classic Indoor Games, a cross-disability meet, McDonald swam and won a number of events including the 25, 50, 100 and 200 freestyles.

"Nicole is just a natural athlete," said Winterstein, who serves as Special Recreation Coordinator for Sterling Heights.

"She's somebody who could possibly make the U.S. Paralympic Team in 2004."

Nicole will also compete June 11-12 in the Michigan Wheelchair Games at Utica Ford High School.

She also looks forward to playing in a series of games at local schools against able-bodied play-

ers.

"That gives kids her own age a better understanding of what it takes to play in a wheelchair," Winterstein said. "And for being the new kid on the block, she takes an interest in the younger kids. She's a true leader and in the years to come I expect her to become even more of a leader."

"For a first-year player she's excellent and she has lots more

good years ahead of her."

Nicole plans on changing to a more customized chair to enhance her basketball skills.

"It has to be connected with no handle bars and I'm in the process of getting a new one," she said.

And for Nicole McDonald, the learning curve has become accelerated. Make that the girl who is heaven on wheels.

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BOYS TRACK Thursday, April 1 U-M Indoor Invitational, TBA. Saturday, April 3 Spartan Invitational at MSU, TBA.	WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers) Thursday, April 1 Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m. Friday, April 2 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 3 p.m. Saturday, April 3 Madonna vs. St. Francis (Ind.) at Livonia Ladywood H.S., 1 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK Saturday, April 3 Spartan Invitational at MSU, TBA.	MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers) Friday, April 2 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.

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Wings' Chris, Whalers' Nik reunited by family

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One cousin just breezed through his professional hockey league's opening round of playoffs. The other cousin is hoping to sometime next month.

Both are highly touted defenseman who are expected to make a big impact for their respective teams on the ice this year come crunch time.

Nik Tselios, cousin of newly acquired Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios, scored his fourth goal of the playoffs for the Plymouth Whalers Friday night to help his team sweep the Windsor Spitfires in an opening-round Ontario Hockey League playoff series.

With Chelios' trade from the Chicago Blackhawks early last week, the two are residents of the same metropolis for the first time in several years, a fact that Tselios is obviously happy about.

"We're both originally from Chicago and it's great," he said. "Now I can go see him play instead of just seeing him on TV. I love to watch him play and pick up little tricks here and there. He's a great competitor and it's great watching him."

Since both have the occupation of hockey player in common, as well as both being defensemen, Tselios said that the two naturally share a common bond.

"We're actually pretty close," he said. "He (Chris) is pretty busy all season but in the sum-

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mer I help him out with his hockey camps and things like that."

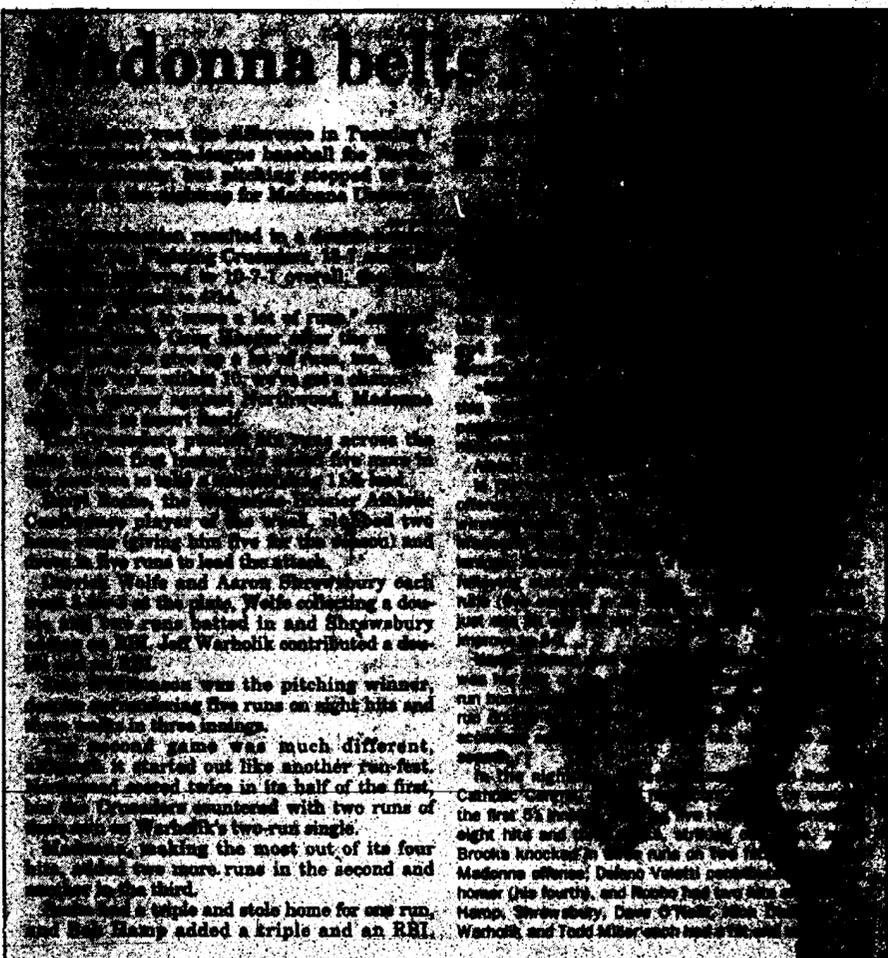
Moving from one city to another is usually pretty time consuming, let alone making a move between states on a moment's notice.

Yet, even with all that has happened for Chelios in the past week, he was able to find time to see his cousin on Thursday or, at least see him play hockey.

"He came to the game last night in Windsor but a lot of the fans were bothering him for autographs so he decided to skip out early," said Tselios. "I didn't get a chance to talk to him but he left me a note telling me to get a hold of him soon."

So the big question remains: With Tselios having made the trip to metro Detroit to play for the Whalers, and his older cousin making the switch within the past week, are these two now true, blue Detroit Red Wings fans?

"Yeah," said Tselios, a draftee of the Carolina Hurricanes organization, but he quickly switched to the politically correct answer. "Well, part of me is and part of me isn't. I'm a Carolina fan right now."



From the difference in Tuesday's game, the baseball game was a pitching struggle. The game was a pitching struggle. The game was a pitching struggle.

ALL-AREA SWIMMER



2nd-teamer: Redford Catholic Central senior Josh Markou was inadvertently omitted from the All-Observer boys swimming team which appeared in recent editions. Markou's time of 1 minute, 03.59 seconds in the 100-meter breast-stroke at the Class A state was second best among Observerland swimmers and 33rd overall in the preliminaries. He qualified for the state meet by recording a personal best time of 1:03.08 at a last-chance meet.

RUNNING

Olympic speakers headline Domino's race expo

Olympic gold medalists Sheila Taormina (from Livonia Stevenson) and Peter Snell, and former world record-holder Herb Lindsay, will be part of a weekend of run and walk races as part of a health expo April 10-11 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

Taormina, a gold medalist in swimming; Snell, a three-time gold medalist in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs; and Lindsay, a former world record-holder in the 10-mile and 20-kilometer road runs, will be joined by 11 other nationally-known speakers.

Also, 47 exhibitors will address such issues as nutrition, sports medicine, acupuncture, massage and homeopathy. Admission to these discourses is free.

Race events are scheduled for April 11 and will include the Domino's Distance Classic 20K run at 9 a.m.; the U-M Heart Care Program Healthy 5K run, and walk at 9:05 a.m.; and the U-M Heart Care Mitral Mile run, walk and race-walk at 8:30 a.m. All will be at Domino's Farms.

The races will benefit the Easter Seals Society and the clinical care, research and educational activities of the U-M Mitral Valve Clinic.

Taormina, who won her gold at the Atlanta Olympics, is a professional motivational speaker and a triathlete.

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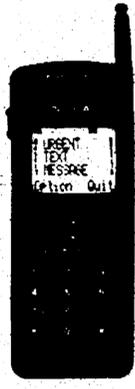
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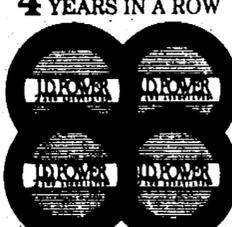


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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FUND-RAISERS

WHITETAILS UNLIMITED

The Clarkston Chapter of Whittails Unlimited will hold a fund-raising banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, at the Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston. The event will feature a buffet dinner, an auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, Whittails Unlimited collectibles and much more. Proceeds from the event will be used for conservation and youth related projects. Tickets are \$55 each, \$95 for couples and \$35 for juniors 15 and under. To order tickets or for more information, call Tom Bushong at (616) 781-8430.

TURKEY HUNTER'S WORKSHOP

The Traverse Bay Chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will hold its annual spring workshop on Saturday, April 10, at the Northland Sportsman's Club in Gaylord. The workshop will feature presentations by the DNR's new upland gamebird specialist, Al Stewart, local wildlife biologists and veteran turkey hunters. There will also be door prizes, raffles, a kids calling contest and more. Proceeds from the event will be used exclusively for MWTHA's winter feeding program. For tickets and more information, call Rick Riley at (616) 549-2179.

CLASSES

INTRO TO CYCLING

Adult beginners will learn the basics of the sport of cycling during this class, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

BIKE MAINTENANCE 101

Get your bike ready for spring during this instructional clinic, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

STEELHEAD FISHING

Metro-West Steelheaders will present a free seminar on steelhead fishing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at Garden City High School. The seminar will include discussion on river and lake fishing, trolling, drift boats, planer boards and other offshore tactics. The seminar is held as part of the regular monthly meeting of the Metro-West Steelheaders fishing club and the public is welcome to attend. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING

River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for April 25, May 8 and 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

YOUTH FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will host its annual Youth Fly Fishing School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$25 per person and class size is limited. To register and for more information call Dale Ross at (734) 420-2233.

ACTIVITIES

CASS BENTON HIKE

Take a 5-mile hike with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call John Kalem at (248) 681-9160 for more information.

PROUD LAKE HIKE

Take a 5-mile hike over varied terrain with members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to meet behind the Marathon Station at 12 Mile Road and Telegraph. Call Bev or Marshall Fogelson at (313) 581-7579 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

FISHING LICENSES

Anglers must possess a 1999 Michigan Fishing license beginning April 1.

COYOTE

Coyote season runs through April 15 statewide.

FREE FISHING

Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 24 on designated streams, rivers and lakes.

WALLEYE

Walleye season opens April 24 on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

SAUGER

Sauger season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKY

Musky season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower peninsula.

PIKE

Northern pike season opens Saturday, April 24, on inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING

The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Jim Graham from "Friends of the Rouge" will be the quest speaker at the April 7th meeting. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej (734) 591-0843 for more information. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8, at the Four Points Sheraton, 4960 Towne Center Road, Saginaw. The commission will be taking public comment on baiting and other 1999 deer season regulations. Persons who wish to address the

commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7766; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

APRIL FOOLS WALK

A naturalist-led hike under the light of the "Blue Moon" begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Stony Creek.

SLOPPIN' THE HOGS

Children age 5 and older can help feed the farm animals during this program, which begins

at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Kensington.

NATURE PROGRAMS

The nature center at Stony Creek will offer the following programs beginning at 11 a.m. each day during spring break: Funny Frog Faces, Monday, April 5; Hot dogs and Stories, Tuesday, April 6; Pickin' Pellets, Wednesday, April 7; Turtles and Tortoises, Thursday, April 8; Bluebirds for You, Friday, April 9.

SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup days are scheduled at several Metroparks in the upcoming weeks. Most programs last one-half day and lunch is provided for all volunteers who register in advance. Cleanup days will be held Saturday, April 3, at Walcott Mills, (800) 477-3175; Saturday, April 17, at Stony Creek, (800) 781-4242, and Metro Beach (800) 477-3172; and Saturday, April 24, at Lake Erie, (800) 477-3189, and Kensington, (800) 477-3178.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SPRING EGGCITEMENT

Learn how nature decorates eggs and enjoy some egg games and crafts during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Independence Oaks.

AMPHIBIAN AMBLE

Meet live frogs and take a walk to listen for amphibian antics during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury, call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain, call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland, call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake, call (810) 229-7067.

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FRIDAY



West End Productions presents "Saucy, Bossy and Burlesque," a comedy that captures the spirit and jokes of a vanished era, 9 p.m. at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., (1 block south of 11 Mile Road), downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$12, call (248) 541-1763.

SATURDAY



Visit the Japanese Snow Monkeys at the Detroit Zoo, and follow the bunny trail that winds through the length of the park. Several treat stations offer candy, food, books, and toys for children (while supplies last), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Guests who bring in a non-perishable food item from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. admitted free; food goes to Mother Waddles Perpetual Mission. Zoo admission is \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. \$3 parking. (800) 732-3477 or (248) 398-0903

SUNDAY



Henry (Steve Martin) and Nancy (Goldie Hawn) star in the comedy "The Out-Of-Towners," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.



A BEGINNING TO AN END



Off to see the wizard: Casey Colgan as the Scarecrow, and Jessica Grove (Dorothy) in a scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

There's no place like the road for Dorothy

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Remember the scene in "The Wizard of Oz" where Dorothy repeats "there's no place like home," clicks her heels and off she goes, back to Kansas.

Born at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Grove lived in Birmingham as a child, and later moved to Ohio where she is an honor student at Hilliard Davidson High School. Home is Hilliard, Ohio near Columbus, where she lives with her parents, Willie and Katie, and her brother, Thomas.

"I still like going home, but also, there's no place like the road. It's like a second home," said Jessica Grove who plays Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," now playing at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Grove has been touring with the show since 1997. She was 15 years old then, and celebrated her 17th birthday in February.

She's followed the Yellow Brick Road all across the country, but her journey is coming to an end.

The search is on for a new Dorothy to replace her. "My last show will be late this year," she said. "I've decided to finish my senior year in my own backyard."

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Jessica Grove

in between shows. This tour of "The Wizard of Oz" began Dec. 28, and Grove's been on the road ever since.

"It hasn't always been fun or easy. Honestly, during the first tour I started doubting myself," she said in a telephone interview from Chicago, where the show is now playing. "I was missing home, my friends, my cat."

But now, she feels differently about things. "It's definitely opened a lot of doors. I got to go to the Grammy's this year. It was like one big huge concert."

Grove also liked seeing all the different stars, "and what they were wearing."

Traveling has allowed her the opportunity to check out some colleges. She's leaning toward Boston Conservatory because they're supportive of actresses like her, and allow time off to be in shows.

But Grove's not star struck, and recognizes that being Dorothy is an opportunity to

make children smile. "I visit hospitals and take the kids Beanie Babies. It's really rewarding," she said.

Grove loves what she does, and wants to pursue a career in film and TV and do more musicals too.

She has some advice for the girls who will be auditioning to be the new Dorothy in this production, or for other shows.

"Just have a good time," she said. "It's not just about your stuff. It's good experience to audition whether you get to finals or not. You win some, you lose some. You don't get everything you try out for. You have to fit the role, and you don't always. They won't cast you to play the mean girl if you look too sweet. I've been at auditions where people said I was too nice."

Working with Mickey Rooney who plays the Wizard has been fun. "He's a character," said Grove laughing. "But he takes good care of me, and makes sure I eat my dinner."

Being on the road is also a challenge academically. Grove still has to do her school work, often while other cast members are out for a leisurely dinner, or working out at the gym.

"We do 10-12 shows a week," she said. "It's a pretty tough schedule. Sometimes I feel left out, but it's one of the sacrifices I have to make."

This production of "The Wizard of Oz," has changed a little from the one presented last year. "They improved it a bit," said Grove. "It's pretty much the same, except for the scenery improvements, and choreography."

"Her favorite moment of the show is when she gets to sing 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow.' "The stage is mine," she said.

Please see DOROTHY, E2



Jeffrey Jacob Tauber Hyke

Young actor says good-bye to cast, hello to school

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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After 13 months on the road together, Jeffrey Jacob Tauber Hyke of Rochester Hills felt like part of the "Les Miserables" family.

"The hardest part of leaving the tour was saying good-bye," said Hyke, 12, who played the part of Gavroche, a street urchin. "It was like saying good-bye to family. I like chocked for five minutes."

On Monday, Feb. 15, Hyke and his mother, Susan Tauber, a staff reporter for the Clarkston edition of the Eccentric Newspapers, came home.

"It was great," said Hyke. "But I've been there long enough," he said about the tour.

Happy to be home, Hyke had to quickly learn a new part - middle school student.

"It's good, I'm getting used to it, except for getting up at 6 a.m.," said Hyke about starting at West Middle School in the middle of his sixth grade year. On the road, bedtime was 1 a.m. with a 10 a.m. wake-up from mom.

Acting since second grade when he appeared in a Channel 62 TV commercial, Hyke has already had a pretty impressive career.

He's played Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre for the past three years and appeared in shows at Paper Bag Productions in Detroit and Avon Theatre in Rochester Hills. He played the demon child in "Nerd," a role his father Stuart teases "he was born to play," and is rehearsing for the Avon Players' upcoming production of "Children of Eden," in which he plays young Abel.

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POPULAR MUSIC

StunGun defies threats, releases EP

WHO: StunGun and special guest Queen Bee

WHAT: Celebrate the release of StunGun's self-titled EP with a party and performance

WHEN: Thursday, April 1, doors open at 10 p.m.

WHERE: Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, In Hamtramck.

HOW: There is a cover charge for the 18 and older show. For more information, call the club at (313) 369-0090. StunGun can be reached via its Web site, <http://www.golddollar.com/stungun> or stungun@hotmail.com

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Hanging out with members of the all-female pop quintet StunGun is kind of like joining a girls club. They laugh and giggle, whisper across the table about guys in the coffee shop and talk about nail polish.

Laughing and giggling isn't something that StunGun could do the latter part of 1998 thanks to a female stalker that was harassing the band. With that almost behind it, the band members are concentrating on their new EP "StunGun" and partying with their friends.

"StunGun" contains five songs with "some really cool remixes" on there,

according to platinum-blond guitarist Joell of Redford.

"I kind of wanted more on the CD, but we really didn't have enough time and money," she said.

"StunGun" was recorded with Warren Defever, a Livonia resident and multi-instrumentalist best known for his band His Name is Alive. When the women were introduced to him, they were unaware of his international reputation as a top-notch musician. All they knew was that he was a great guy.

"He's a very good guy to work with. The atmosphere is very comfortable. He works with you, he doesn't try to change you. That's what we want," Joell

Please see STUNGUN, E2



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Celebrating release: StunGun - guitarist Joell of Redford, keyboardist Justine of Redford, singer Danielle of Plymouth, bassist Tania of Auburn Hills, and drummer Kelly of Garden City.

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"I've always had it, on my mind," said Hyke about acting. "My dad worked at Oakland University, and I started going to concerts and seeing different shows when I was six weeks old. My brother and sister were in shows and I always got dragged along to watch. Then one day I said, 'why can't I do that?'"

"Asked where his acting talent comes from, Hyke answers honestly, "I don't know. It just comes natural to me. I can memorize things pretty fast."

For the past 13 months, acting has been his full-time job. He worked six days a week, did four shows a week, and was in the theater four times a week in the dressing room as the understudy. Hyke and the other boy who played Gavroche alternated. He also went to school, too. A tutor traveled with the show and Hyke and the other young cast members attended class together.

His family was supportive, which helped a lot. Birthdays and holidays weren't always celebrated together because Hyke was on the road, mostly with his

mother, but sometimes with his father, while brother Fred, 18, and sister Rebecca, 16, stayed home.

Of the 23 cities he visited, Toronto and Chicago were his favorites. For six months Toronto was home while the show played at the Princess of Wales Theatre. His sister Rebecca moved to Toronto, and attended school there for one term.

"It was like I got to sit down for half a year," he said. "I didn't have to move every week. I got to make friends and take a rock climbing class."

Hyke liked the museums in Chicago, especially the aquarium.

His favorite parts of the show were the scene when he dies, "because I'm on stage all alone," and when he sings the verse, "That Inspector," part of the "Look Down" song.

Learning how to play dead wasn't hard. "I loved just fooling around," he said. "I play dead with my dog Peaches. When I do it, she eats my hair."

Now that he's getting back into

the groove of being home, Hyke says he thinks he'll take a year off before auditioning for any major shows.

When he grows up, Hyke says he wants to be a famous movie star, and if that doesn't work out, he'll be an elementary school teacher or an electrician. "I might become a Broadway star," he adds. "People have told me I could be."

He's got some advice for kids who might be thinking about auditioning for one of the Munchkin roles, or to play Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," which opened Wednesday at the Fox Theatre.

"Really try to be natural, don't over do it," he said. "Here's a tip I know that works, never sing a song from the show you're auditioning for. They're sick of hearing it, and if you sing something different, they'll notice you. You'll have to sing a song from the show for callbacks though."

When he auditioned for Gavroche in November 1997, Hyke sang simply, "Doe, a Deer, a Female Deer..."

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explained. "He helped us out with a few ideas."

"Instrumentally, he brought in a piano. He brought in strings for this one song 'Hollywood' that's melancholy. It's slow and it all fit. He'd ask you what you think and then he'd suggest something."

Keyboardist Justine added that Defever made the recording process "easy."

"He wasn't crabby ever or anything. Dealing with five girls, you can see some crabiness," explained Justine, a Redford resident who is pursuing an associate's degree in science from Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Space-age and 1960s-era pop play a big role in Stungun. Keyboards similar to the B-52's "Rock Lobster" line one song, while other songs are simple and sweet.

"We just go in any direction that we want to, which we can do because I think we're very diverse. I think we're starting off very basic right now, but we're like growing. Right now we have so many songs in the works and they're so different. It's so frightening," Joell explained.

The topics of Stungun's songs are basic girl-meets-boy, girl-loses-boy love tunes. Joell is the main songwriter, basing her songs on "every day experiences."

"I'm a chick, so I write about stuff that has to do with relationships. Some of it's fictitious, like 'Killer.' I don't kill people or anything."

She keeps the specifics of the relationships out of the songs and has a stock answer when paramours ask about them.

"It's not about you," Joell said in a high-pitched voice. "I would never admit it. They're very personal thoughts. I take a feeling and exaggerate it times 10. And then I would prefer that they didn't realize it. Certain ones, there's one in particular, I

think is more (obvious)."

That song, "Rock Star Thing," was written about one of Joell's ex-boyfriends. The second half of the song contains the lyrics "You're losing all your charm/You never really were a star/So take your sorrows and go."

Stungun will celebrate the CD's release with a party and performance Thursday, April 1, at the Motor Lounge in Hamtramck. The show is the only one scheduled so far for the band, which will embark on a west coast tour in June booked by Ann Arbor-based Prism Productions.

"We're just really trying to scale down playing so much," Joell explained.

Longtime friends

Joell and Justine, 1993 graduates of Redford Union High School, have known each other since kindergarten. Both of them got early starts on their careers.

"I started writing songs very young, when I was 9 I wrote a Christmas song. I didn't have any music but I remember I wrote it and showed it to my sister. I'd write poetry throughout the years and stuff. I really started writing music when I started playing guitar, which was about three years ago," Joell said.

Justine has been playing piano for 10 years, but is also handy on the recorder and the acoustic guitar.

Local promoter Rich Rice introduced the two women to drummer Kelly, of Garden City, who then recommended singer Danielle, a Plymouth resident. Bassist Tania, who lives in Auburn Hills, joined Stungun after answering an ad in a local monthly magazine.

These days Stungun is using only first names to dodge potential stalkers. Last year, the harassment began with an e-mail that threatened rape and murder.

"I was the first one to read it. When I clicked on there and I started reading it, my heart was getting this sinking feeling. It was a really scary feeling," Justine explained.

They were so scared that Joell fell ill whenever she thought about leaving her house. Still, the quintet took a proactive approach by generating publicity about the threats.

"If we didn't go on the news, she'd still be doing it - guaranteed," Justine explained about the Fox 2 piece.

"When somebody is sending those messages you don't want to sit there and go, 'God we should have done something about it' (after) one of your band members got shot," Joell said.

"We know who it is. We're not going to say who it is. We're talking to our lawyer right now. It's still going through legal things. This person is going to get in trouble and they're going to have to pay the repercussions," she added.

But with the bad, comes the good. The publicity upped the band's visibility. Stungun's members are Detroit's-media darlings.

Wearing sunglasses and a patent leather black jacket inside a Royal Oak coffeehouse, Joell admitted she now enjoys the publicity.

"Well, it's great. We think it's fabulous. There's good stuff and bad stuff that comes along with that," Joell explained. "I don't think everybody knows who we are."

"I'm to the point where I don't really read anything on us in case there's anything bad. We know people write about us. We know people are aware of us. We know we're on TV. We just keep doing our music (and) making more. I want to be ignorant. It's bliss."

Dorothy from page E1

"With the exception of the dog. It's my moment to shine and sing my heart out."

"The role of Dorothy is every young actress' dream come true," said Grove. "I am so thankful to have portrayed her in a national tour. I am looking forward to finishing up my senior year at home and helping with the search for a new Dorothy."

The national search for a new Dorothy began March 4 in Washington, D.C. Auditions will be held Tuesday, April 6 at The Second City Building, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Potential Dorothy's should be between the ages of 12-18 and be able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."

This is an open call (all equity and non-equity actors are welcome). In each city a minimum of one candidate will be chosen. Each candidate will be flown to New York for finals in mid-June.

Pictures and resumes are welcome. Call (313) 596-3288 or (888) 7-4-DOROTHY for more information, or visit "The Wizard of Oz's" Web site at www.ozontour.com

On March 22, more than 350 local munchkin wannabes audi-

tioned for walk-on roles in "The Wizard of Oz." After three hours of auditions in which munchkin hopefuls danced and sang the chorus to "Ding, Dong! The Witch is Dead," the panel of judges chose six individuals including, Brittany Turner of Bloomfield Hills and Sam Rabenburg of Rochester Hills.

Winners of the munchkin auditions will appear in one of two designated performances Friday, April 2 or Wednesday, April 7. All participants received certificates entitling them to one free ticket to the show.

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Second-City Detroit steps up to serious satire challenge

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It's a man's world, so they say, except at The Second City-Detroit where, for the first time, women outnumber men on the Mainstage cast.

Music director Marc Evan Jackson also plays a big role in the revue, tickling the audience almost as much as he tickles the ivories.

"It's very cool, you get to play a broader range of characters," said Mary Jane Pories, one of seven cast members. "We're not just a rarity. Instead of just playing the mother, wife and whore, we play doctor, lawyer, co-worker — regular people. We're only separated by our ability to play the characters."

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, The Second City-Detroit opened its 15th revue, "Impeachment and Cream," on March 17.

"Do the right thing," is a theme that weaves in and out of the show. "Are we on our own, or are there angels, forces that have an impact on what we do? Our job is to raise the question," said Margaret Exner.

Ignore the title, it's a joke that hardly ever has anything to do with the show. There are a few clever Clintonesque quips, but that's it.

In one scene, Keegan-Michael Key, promises to have "affairs, lots of affairs. I love America, I love Americans, I will try to love each and every American to the best of my ability."

Directed by Michael Gellman, who also directed the hilarious "Down Riverdance," this show is satirical in a serious way. Gone is the lewd shallowness that marked the last revue. In its place is insightful, cleverly written material. The show is tightly written, and the intergenerational humor is something everyone can relate to.

Nyima Anise Woods said that often it's a question of looking at an issue being posed, and putting the characters in that



Chance meeting: Marc Warzecha (left), Mary Vinette and Marc Evan Jackson in a scene from The Second City-Detroit's new revue, "Impeachment & Cream."

position such as abuse of power or status. If you're working as a temporary employee, you'll love the scene about the "Temp God" who tells the temp to "steal pens and Sweet & Low and make long distance phone calls to college friends."

Current events, relationships, Motown humor, this show covers all the bases with lots of surprises thrown in.

"We've got a lot of nice musical variances in this show," said Woods. "It's all Detroit sounding — Motown, Soul and R&B."

Antoine McKay plays the father whose son (Key) doesn't know "anything about history or work." As they're sitting in a

boat fishing, McKay sings "I heard it through the grape vine." Key answers "I love those California raisins," showing his ignorance. As the skit progresses, Key explains that his father's work ethics are obsolete. "You like what you do," his father says after hearing Key talk about work. "I do," Key answers. "I wish I could say the same thing," says the father who worked at Ford Motor Co. all his life. "I know you want to leave me," the father sings. "Temptations," says his son, giving the correct answer.

Mary Vinette, who is also new to the cast, said the new show is a lot more theatrical. "It's more

story driven than being joke to joke," added Exner. "The scenes take longer," said Pories.

That's true. In a downtown Detroit vintage clothing shop scene, Vinette plays store owner Marcy. Danielle (Pories) lives in Section 8 housing and comes to the store every day. Danielle has an angel hat, one for every day. She even makes a sale while Marcy's in the back room. Clearly disabled, Danielle is optimistic offsetting Marcy's pessimism. Marcy's friend Dee (Exner) dismisses Danielle. "There's something wrong with everyone," says Pories. "It's just shows more on me."

If you were to make a play

about the whole City of Detroit, it might sound a lot like Second City-Detroit.

"You get to know these people," said Pories about the current show. "You know where you've been."

It's no easy feat, especially when you're wearing a lot of different hats. It's high pressure you have to develop the material and then rehearse it.

Working at Second City-Detroit is challenging, but also fun.

"You have the opportunity to do anything you want within reason," said Exner. "It prepares you to step out of here and be more employable as an actor," said Vinette.

With a hip audience, represented by a wide range of ages and cultures, Second City-Detroit is, agree the women, "theater for the common man."

"It was the first place to be integrated," said Exner. "We need an area to represent all cultures in town."

"What we do on stage reflects life," adds Woods.

One of the keys to their success is the women say they write about what they know and their own foibles. The scenes are about stuff they've experienced, they're not there to preach.

The three new cast members — Antoine McKay, Mary Vinette, and Marc Warzecha — add freshness and new ideas.

Look around at all the develop-

"Impeachment and Cream"
The Second City-Detroit's 15th revue.
Where: The Second City-Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit
When: Performances 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The cast also performs a free improvisation at set, free of charge, after the 10:30 p.m. show on Fridays and Saturdays.
Tickets: \$10 Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday; \$17.50 Friday; \$19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-2222 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Order tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com

ment as you walk around the corner from the parking structure to Second City-Detroit. Ever wonder how the people who live there feel?

"There was a time when Detroit sat empty and quiet, what has happened to our ghetto home?" the cast sings. "What they saw as a wasteland was our wasteland. There ain't no place to squat no more."

For Vinette it's like jumping out of an airplane. "Improv is my form of jumping out of an airplane, she said. "Jumping out of airplanes is something I would never do, but it's the same rush."

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"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling opens 8 p.m. Friday, April 9 and continues 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 10, April 26-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18 at Hamilton Elementary School, 5825 Northland Parkway, Troy. \$10. (248) 578-1228

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Saucy Biddy and Burlesque," a hysterical



Baseball: "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues in Baseball," a new exhibit opening Saturday at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, brings to life the significance of the Negro Leagues in sports and American history. Comprised of 90 black-and-white photos, 10 oversized prints, and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game day posters, the exhibit depicts the teams and players of the Negro Leagues. The exhibit continues through Sunday, May 16, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (17 and under), call (313) 494-5800 for information.

cal comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through April 3, at the Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABRACCI ITALIAN CPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$7. (248) 349-8110

MASONIC TEMPLE

Scholastic's Magic School Bus Live, "A Bright Idea," an all new original musical production based on the award-winning Fox-TV series and the best-selling book, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the theater, Detroit. \$21.50, \$17.50, \$13.50, benefits Crohn's and Colitis research. (248) 645-6666/(313) 871-1132 group sales

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

YOUTH THEATRE

"The Secret Garden" New York's Theatreworks/USA turns the classic into a warm, compassionate play, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11 and 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10, at Music Hall Center, Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANN ARBOR SPRING GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW

Friday-Sunday, April 2-4, Gela Benefit. Preview Thursday, April 1 for Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, exit 175. (734) 434-8004

ANTIQUES SHOW

Featuring American, European and Oriental antiques, collectibles, and vintage decorative accessories, furniture, estate jewelry, fine art, art pottery, glass, dolls, toys and silver, 9-9 p.m. Friday, April 9, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Novi Expo

Center, I-96 and Novi Road, Novi. \$6. Free for children ages 16 and younger. (616) 629-3133/(248) 348-5600

BENEFITS

"AROUND THE WORLD"

Madonna University's silent and live auctions and dinner to benefit the school's scholarship fund and other projects, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$75. (734) 432-5421

"COLLISION OF COOL"

A celebration of the next century of cutting-edge artists with food, music and art, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April 17, at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. To benefit the graduate art programs. (248) 845-3333

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

QUILT FLEA MARKET 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 10-11, all proceeds to benefit Detroit Historical Museums, at Historic Fort Wayne. Free, \$1 for parking. (313) 821-7795

PLANT GOLF MASTERS SHOOTOUT

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at Bogey's Bar and Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake Drive. Proceeds of golf ball purchases benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (248) 669-1441

FAMILY EVENTS

MAGIC'S ROUND BALL CLASSIC

1 p.m. Saturday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$9 and \$5 reserved and \$5 general admission. Courtside seating available. Groups of 15 or more, seniors 62 and older, and children ages 12 and younger receive 42.50 off on 99 and 95 seats. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission. Discounts: \$4 opening night; \$5 Friday matinee, groups of 15 or more receive \$2 off, parking is free; children 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$4 off \$12 and \$8 ticket except the performance on April 9; and Scout groups of 15 or more receive \$12 tickets for the 10:30 a.m. performance on April 10 for \$5. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

TINY TOTS CONCERT

By the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with soprano Emily Benner and mezzo-soprano Barbara White, and story-telling mime Nina Kircher, 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 10, ages 3-6, at Mercy High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. \$10. (313) 578-5111

EASTER

BURNINGVILLE USA

The Detroit Zoo's bunny trail winds through the length of the park with several trail stations offering candy, food, books, and toys for children (while sup-

plies last). 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Guests who bring in a non-perishable food item from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. are free; food goes to Mother Waddles Perpetual Mission. Zoo admission is \$7.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. \$3 parking. (800) 732-3477/(248) 398-0903 or www.detroitzoo.org

"THE CHOICE"

The dramatic musical is an intriguing love story set at the time of Christ's years of ministry and final week, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Free. (734) 455-0022

EASTER EGG HUNT

11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Domino's Farms Petting and Events Center, Earhart Road, Ann Arbor. \$3, proceeds benefit the Easter Seals. (734) 930-5032

CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET

A recital with guest artist Kristy Meretta in Mozart's "Quartet for Oboe and Strings," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Pease Auditorium, College Place and W. Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University's campus, Ypsilanti. free. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/music/musicevents.htm

ATLANTIS TRIO

Jaap Schroeder, violin; Penelope Crawford, harpsichord/fortepiano, and Enid Sutherland, cello/viola da gamba, 8 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

VLADIMIR BABIN/VLADISLAV KOVALSKY

The Russian-trained cellist and pianist perform Schubert, Beethoven, Schumann, and Brahms, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Join the orchestra and pops conductor Charles Greenwell for a special concert of "Cowboy" music, and guest violinist Adrienne Jacobs, the BBSO's Young Artist Competition winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$15 students. (248) 645-2276

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

Presents its scholarship winners, 1 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. \$2. (248) 475-5978

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Good Friday concert features soprano Lynda Weston, baritone Lance Ashmore, pianist Anna Sorokhtel, and the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, at St. Genevieve Church, on Jamison Street, south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children ages 12 and under. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

ITZHAK PERLMAN

7 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twp.

\$62, \$55, \$48 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

ORGAN

MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with "Easter Parade" starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire, 8 p.m. Friday, April 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist all performances Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

POPS/SWING

BOOTS RANDOLPH

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Hall (M-59) and Garfield roads, Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

VICTOR BERGE

With the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$13-\$45. (313) 576-5111

CAPITOL THEATRE

"Lost in the Stars," a revue of some of Broadway's classical musicals and contemporary shows, featuring Tracey Atin and Joe Cardinal, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10 (\$15 adults), and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$13 seniors and students), Daniel Patrick Kelly Theatre in the theater, 121 University Ave., Windsor. Prices Canadian. (519) 253-7729

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (swing)

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE

Presents a new music-theater piece "Relive the Magic: An Evening with Tony Amore," a musical for jazz orchestra inspired by the life, singing and mythology of Frank Sinatra, composer Andy Kirshner plays the aging, Sinatra-like crooner Tony Amore, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at the Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$15, \$10 students. (734) 763-8587

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing)

IL-VI ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

AUDITIONS

BW PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for performers, dancers and singers ages 8 and up (males and females) for the semi-musical/comedy gospel drama theatrical stage play "When God Comes Down from Heaven," experience necessary. (313) 865-2375

"EXTREME GONG"

The Game Show Network show auditions for acts, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Variety acts must be three minutes or less and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Accompaniment for any musical act must be acoustic, on cassette tape or compact disc. One act from each city will be flown to Los Angeles to appear live on "Extreme Gong" and get a chance to win a \$10,000 prize package. (312) 214-4520, ext. 26

RADIO CITY ENTERTAINMENT

The organization auditions girls between the ages of 12-18 for the role of Dorothy of "The Wizard of Oz," 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Second City, Detroit, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Girls must be able to sing 16 bars of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." (313) 596-3288/(888) 7-4-DOROTHY or http://www.ozontour.com

SECOND CITY

The Second City is looking for new, talented actors by hosting limited auditions by appointment only, Monday-Wednesday, April 5-7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call backs April 9. Candidates (non-equity and equity) must have stage and performance experience, strong writing skills and be able to sing. Walk-ins will not be accepted. To register, (313) 964-5821 by April 1.

CHORAL

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE

Under director David Wagner performs Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," Franz Biebl's "Ave Marie," and the music of Maurice Durufle and Maurice Green, also featured are organist Joanne Vollenдорff-Rickards and trumpeter William Beger playing the music of Alan Hovhaness 4 p.m. Sunday, April 11, at Historic Christ Church, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit. \$8, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 432-5708

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR Performs a selection of choral works by Bach, Benjamin Britten, Mendelssohn, and others, the highlight of the evening is John Rutter's "Requiem" with instrumental accompaniment, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt roads, Livonia. Donations will be

accepted at the door. (248) 349-8175 / (734) 462-4435

THE SECOND CITY

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JAZZ

JUDI COCHILL

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 9, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 646-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

EMU JAZZ ENSEMBLE/THE COURIERS

8 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Pease Auditorium, College Place at W. Cross, on the Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students; to raise funds for the university's jazz program. (734) 487-2255 or www.emich.edu/publi/music/musiccevents.html

FUNKTELLIGENCE

With Ground.EFX, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No. VI Chophouse & Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

BILL HEID TRIO

9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

DAVE HOLLAND QUINTET

7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or http://www.99music.com

SHEILA LANDIS

9 p.m. Friday, April 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With saxophonist Larry Nozoro, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, with saxophonist George Benson and trumpeter Louis Smith Thursday, April 8, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

MARK MOULTROP

8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Edison's 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (MAS)

8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

LARRY NOZORO

With pianist Cliff Monear, 7

8 days a week

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Centre, 121 University Ave., W.
Windsor. \$12, \$10 seniors and students
(Canadian prices) (519) 253-7729

WORLD MUSIC

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO
With Mem Shannon, 6:30 p.m. and
10:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Blind Pig,
206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in
advance, \$17 at the door. 19 and older.
(734) 996-8555 or
<http://www.99music.com> (Zydeco)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CEIL RAIN
8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge.
All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>

CATHY FINK AND MARCY MARXER
8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, The Ark, 316
S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge.
All ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass/folk)

JAN KRIST
6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3, Van Gogh's
Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard
Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. 21
and older. (248) 324-0400

LAURA LOVE
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, The Ark, 316 S.
Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All
ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>

PAPERBOYS
8 p.m. Friday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S.
Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All
ages. (734) 761-1451 or
<http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

KEVIN BYLSMA AND FRIENDS
"Sweet Lovers Love the Spring: Songs
and Poems," celebrates the season of
love with songs and readings from a
variety of composers and poets, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7, at Kerrytown
Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue,
Ann Arbor. \$7, \$5 students. (734) 769-
2999 or kch@ic.net

MARION DE LAAT
Mixes music, video and poetry, with
dance with "Heart and Hand" with
music by Warren Defever, and "Broken
Tango," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, YMCA
Arts Center, 51 W. Hancock, Detroit.
\$10. All ages. (248) 548-9888

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Featuring nationally-known New
Jersey poets Elizabeth Anne
Soclow and Penelope Scambly
Schott, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 11,
at YMCA Arts and Humanities
Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of
Woodward on Wayne State
University's campus, Detroit. Free.
(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

RIVER NORTH DANCE COMPANY
The Chicago-based troupe performs a
program of jazz dance, 8 p.m. Friday,
April 9, at the Macomb Center for the
Performing Arts, at the Macomb Center
and Garfield roads, Clinton Twp. \$24,
\$22 students/seniors. (810) 286-
2222/(800) 585-3737

SPRING DANCE CONCERT
"Tracking Dreams & Tracing Visions,"
featuring two guest repertory works by
Alan Danielson and Erica Wilson-
Perkins, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March
26-27, at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424
Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. \$8.
Special preview concert 9:30 a.m.
Friday for middle and high school
groups. (313) 577-4273

TANGO CLASSES
8 p.m. Fridays (beginning), at the Troy
Dance Studio, 4963 Rochester Road, at
Long Lake Road (\$5-\$10), (248) 689-
3393; 8 p.m. Saturdays at Dance
Avenue, 1860 N. Telegraph, southeast
of Ford Road, Dearborn (\$5-\$7), (313)
565-3329; also advanced Tango
Sundays in Troy.

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR
DANCERS**
7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, April
10, at the Italian American Cultural
Center, 12 Mile east of Hoover, Warren.
\$7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Keith Ruff, Preacher Moss and Sheila
Lovely, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1 (\$5),
Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$12); Chris
Zito, Ken Dumm and Jim Hamm, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 8 (\$5), and 8 p.m. and
10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-10
(\$12), at the club above Kicker's All
American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road,
Livonia. Third Level Improv and new tal-
ent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734)
261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT
PANSANO'S**
Alturo Shelton, 8:30 p.m. Thursday,
April 1 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$10, \$22.95
dinner show package Friday, and \$12
and \$24.95 dinner show package
Saturday); John Di Crosta, 8:15 p.m.
and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 9-
10 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package),
and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11 (\$10,
\$22.95 dinner show package) at the
club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn.
(313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-
9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Mark Bitten, Thursday-Sunday, March
31-April 4, at the club, 269 E. Fourth
St., Royal Oak, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays
(\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays
(\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-
Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m.
Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to
change. (248) 542-9900 or
<http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Impeachment and Cream," through
May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave.,
Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays,
and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-
Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays,
and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-
2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and
Science," featuring four artists' pro-
jects representing an ongoing explora-
tion of a specific area of science, some
incorporate specimens from
Cranbrook Institute of Science, an
Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcast-
ing prototypes, and a chicken coop,
through April 3, at the museum, 1221
N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum
hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-
Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3
students/children/seniors. (248) 645-
3323 or
<http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum>

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at
Work 1701-1901," formerly known as
"Furs to Factories," with a new Land
Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land
acquisition interactive, three new video
screen interactives, a documentary
video, a new Heavy Industry section
and a display explaining Detroit's move
from "Stove Capital of the World" to
the Motor City, automobile capital of
the world; "Remembering Downtown
Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum,
5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby),
Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5
p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday. Free admission
Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50
seniors and children aged 12-18, free
for children ages 11 and younger
Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or
<http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
First Friday series features drop-in work-
shop, drawing in the galleries, brush
painting demo, gospel music by
Grammy-nominated choir The Whitfield
Company, and lecture by graphic arts
curator Ellen Sharp on the exhibition
"Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage
from the Library of the Jewish
Theological Seminary," 6-9 p.m. Friday,
April 2, at 5200 Woodward, Detroit.
Suggested admission \$4, \$1 children.
Founders Society members free. (313)
833-4249/(313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Breaking Through: The Creative
Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativi-
ty in engineering everything from roller-
coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake
Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the
Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include
"Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m.
Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings
of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The
Science of Fun" seven days a week at
the center (extended hours April 2-10),
5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit.
Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for
adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and
adults ages 60 and older, free for chil-
dren ages 2 and younger. IMAX films
are additional \$4. (313) 577-3400

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE
Visit the estate of the automotive pion-
eer including the restored riverside
powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal
garage and cars, see giant generators
placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that
still generate electricity today, travel
the underground tunnel to the 56-room
mansions with elaborate carved wood-
work and personal artifacts, hours are
1:40-3 p.m. Sundays, 1:30 p.m. week-
day tours through April, at 4901
Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-
5590

**HENRY FORD
MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**
Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair
is back on view after a week of conser-
vation efforts, also a life mask made 60
days before his assassination, at the
museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd.,
Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50
kids 5-12, members and children under
5 free. (313) 271-1620

**CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**
Artist/weaver Abdoulaye Kasse in an
exhibit "Senegalese Threads of Beauty:
The Free Tapestry of Abdoulaye Kasse,"
which features 11 of the artist's origi-
nal works (on display to April 11);
"Discover Greatness: An Illustrated
History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a
touring Negro League exhibit comprised
of 90 black and white photos, 10 over-
sized prints, and memorabilia such as
pennants, uniforms, and game-day
posters. April 3-June 13, at the muse-
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8 p.m. Sunday, April 4, St. Andrew's
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SUN MESSENGERS
9:30 p.m. Thursday

'EDtv' takes a funny look at the price of celebrity

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"EDtv" is the latest in a group of movies that explore the impact of the media on our lives. Ron Howard's film follows "The Truman Show" and "Pleasantville" in this media navel-gazing genre and, despite Howard's special insight, it is amusing but the weakest of the three.

Howard grew up before our eyes as a child of television, first as Opie Taylor and then as the quintessential teenager Richie Cunningham. He has continued to be a very visible celebrity as a successful director of well-crafted though sometimes thin movies. He more than anyone should be

able to give us a special look at what being a celebrity all the time does to a person.

But "EDtv" makes its obvious point early on and then offers little to think about except for some enjoyable performances and over-the-top jokes. It is neither as insightful or poignant as "The Truman Show" or as magical as "Pleasantville."

A San Francisco cable channel producer played by Ellen DeGeneres gets the idea of following "a regular guy" around for 24 hours a day, every day of the week. To select the subject for this show, the cable channel scouts out the places where common folks supposedly hang out, like bars. That's where they find

Ed Pekurny (Matthew McConaughey) and his brother Ray (Woody Harrelson), redneck refugees from Texas.

Ray is an obnoxious loud mouth (Harrelson) at his most aggressively lowbrow who tries to get himself selected. But it is disheveled but handsome, quiet and sweetly goofy Ed who catches the eye of DeGeneres (who sort of shares the Ed Harris role in "The Truman Show" with Rob Reiner, who plays the overbearing station owner). Ed works as a clerk at a video store and apparently lacks any ambition to do anything else (he's no Quentin Tarrantino). He even lacks enough ambition to shave. But he is obviously in love with his

brother's new girl friend Shari, played by Jenna Elfman, and she's obviously in love with him.

Of course, as soon as television cameras begin following Ed and his family, they are no longer "common folks," they're celebrities. The camera changes them. Unlike Truman, who doesn't know he's a TV show, Ed does, and even when the camera begins to intrude on deeply personal matters, he resists calling it quits.

Howard should be able to tell us more about being in the public fishbowl, about the sometimes thin line between reality and television, about what we give up in the name of celebrity, about the stupidity of celebrity itself. He's been there, done that

and triumphed over it. But his film rarely gets beyond the obvious and often, especially toward the end, degenerates into boorish jokes and a plot twist that's extremely stupid.

This is a weakness that has afflicted many of Howard's films and the scripts of his regular collaborators Babaloo Mandel and Lowell Ganz. Maybe they spend too much time in Hollywood and not enough time in the real world. They write some funny stuff but it is often a joke for the joke's sake only. And the scenes of people watching Ed on TV are too close to similar scenes in "The Truman Show."

The portrayal of working class people here is just one tiresome bowling shirt cliché after another.

"EDtv" is slickly made, well-crafted and well-acted, which is to be expected in Howard's films.

Jenna Elfman, of TV's "Dharma and Greg," is especially winning as the girl of Ed's affections. She is less manic here than in her television show, sweeter, more down to earth. Yet she still uses her expressive face and her gangly body to wonderful effect.

McConaughey has been on the verge of the big breakthrough for a while now, but this isn't it. He has obvious charm, but Ed is too much a cliché.

In smaller parts, Martin Landau as Ed's stepfather and Dennis Hopper as his real father give solid performances.

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Candid '20 Dates' will find its way to your heart

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

A couple of years ago, while in his early 30s, Myles Berkowitz found himself newly-divorced and clearly out of his depth when it came to dating. An aspiring filmmaker in Los Angeles, he also found himself with no movie to his credit, and not a hint of any movie deal on the horizon. Then, one day, he got an idea. Why not combine his knowledge of filmmaking with his ignorance of the singles scene? Soon, he had scraped together a bit of money (about \$70,000), and hired buddy/cameraman Adam Biggs to shoot the action as he crashed and burned with girl after girl. The result is "20 Dates," an odd and imperfect piece of camera verité that will probably never find its way on to any 20 Greatest Films lists, but may find its way into your heart, nevertheless.

Much of its appeal lies with Myles himself who runs the gamut from charming to obnoxious, but never comes across as dull or boring or mean-spirited. Another huge plus: Though "20 Dates" was shot unscripted, its overall "plot" and surprise ending is not just clever, it's delightful. More about that later.

Many of the movie problems are indicated early on in a question asked by Myles' first date. Seated in a restaurant one night and totally exasperated, she queries huffily, "Are you going to find love with a camera two feet in front of my face?" And, though she may seem a little prissy, we have to admit she has a point. Throughout "20 Dates," the camera (there's only one remains bothersome. It not only gets between Myles and his dates, it persists in getting between us and them, holding us at a distance and giving this movie that purportedly about romance a curious lack of intimacy.

In the meantime, though, we're chattily entertained by Myles and his motley crew of dates. There's the dark-haired beauty who gets plenty ticked off when she learns that Myles is trying to record their date with a



Insightful look at love: Myles Berkowitz and Elisabeth Wagner in "20 Dates."

hidden camera. There's the intense "feminist ballerina." There's the young woman who, after dinner, tells Myles she's going to the ladies' room, then slips out of his life forever. There's the date who ends the evening with a handshake in lieu of a goodnight kiss. There's the too-expensive date whose cravings must have eaten up a good part of the movie's budget. There's the outdoorsy type who forces Myles into his first (and last?) bungee-jumping adventure. There's the date who wants to visit Marilyn Monroe's tomb, the date he picks up at the supermarket, the model, the Playboy Playmate, Tia Carrere ...

We also get to meet Myles' agent, Richard Arlook; screenwriter, technician, University of Michigan and Meadow Brook Theatre alum, Robert McKee and (via audio only) his producer, Elie Samaha who definitely wants Myles to make a sexier movie.

And then, there's Elisabeth. Elisabeth is a designer who looks like the California girl next door, and Myles meets her at the design shop where she works in Brentwood. Attracted to her from

the start, he finds out she's "involved" with someone else, however, and so it's on to his next cinematic date.

But when he returns sometime later, he discovers she's dissolved her former relationship and is ready to look at Myles in a new light. Faster than you can say head-over-heels, Myles has, in the course of making his movie, fallen in love. The feeling is soon mutual on Elisabeth's part.

End of story? Hardly. Myles, his producer keeps reminding him, has signed on for 20 dates. And, though he filmmaker may feel that he's already met the love of his life in Elisabeth, he's got to keep dating other women until he's reached that magic number. "20 Dates" means 20 dates or no movie deal. It may seem silly. It may seem ridiculous, but the producer is the man with the money. How will Myles avoid compromising his real life and his real life? Or will he?

"Real love is like a great movie..." Catch it before it disappears. This is not a great movie, but catch it before it disappears anyway.

Entertaining 'True Crime' is an edge-of-your-seat thriller

BY ANNIE LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

It's a race against the clock in "True Crime," a thriller featuring Clint Eastwood as Steve Everett an investigative reporter who, after a co-worker is killed in a car crash, is asked to cover her beat.

His assignment is to write a "human interest sidebar" on the final hours of death row inmate Frank Beachum (Isaiah Washington). The problem is that Everett is not a "human interest" kind of guy. Working on a hunch that the Beachum story has not been told in its entirety, Everett starts nosing around.

When Everett interviews Beachum the Bible-reading family man, he believes his story of having been wrongly convicted of killing a pregnant store clerk. Everyone including Everett's boss, however, views the upcom-

ing execution as a done deal and wants the reporter to back off.

But bad boy Everett, a recovering alcoholic who doesn't think twice about sleeping with his boss' wife, is unrelenting in his quest for justice. It's down to the wire with Eastwood laying everything on the line to prove the man's innocence.

Eastwood directed, produced as well as co-wrote the movie's jazzy score and "True Crime" bears his signature interest in misunderstood good and bad guys.

The plot is somewhat uneven and the film, running over two hours, is much longer than it needs to be. But Eastwood has not lost his touch as the unpredictable fringe character. Everett is the guy who thinks nothing of the pain he causes his family with his chronic mesmerizing yet is unable to pass a home-

less man without taking out his wallet to offer some cash.

A variety of characters add color to the dark, moody script including the conflicted prison warden, the easy-to-hate self-promoting minister and, most notably, Lisa Gay Hamilton who plays Beachum's anguished wife masterfully.

James Wood is electric as Everett's sugar-crazed big boss. The film is also something of a family affair featuring cameos by Eastwood's wife Dina Eastwood as Wilma Fisher; his daughter Francesca Francis-Eastwood as Everett's daughter; and the child's mother Frances Fisher as the Cecilia Nussbaum, district attorney.

If you like Eastwood films, "True Crime" is one that will keep you interested, entertained and watching at the edge of your seat.

Collective Soul plays the Peach Pit and lives to tell



CHRISTINA FUOCO

At first, Collective Soul drummer Shane Evans admitted, he was a little skeptical about the non-traditional venue in which it was booked. But since the Bare-naked Ladies, Duncan Sheik and the Flaming Lips did it, why not Collective Soul?

"I'll admit, it was funny playing the Peach Pit," Evans said about the nightclub on the television show "Beverly Hills 90210."

"I didn't know if it was such a good thing to do. (But now) I don't think there's anything wrong with it. It gives the people who watch the show to become familiar with the band and let them decide if they like Collective Soul or not. Hopefully they like us."

The band performed "Run," from the Varsity Blues soundtrack, and its record-breaking single "Heavy," on the show which airs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19. The song has the new record for the number of times a single was played on radio in one

week. The band's eighth No. 1 rock radio hit was played 6,057 times the week of March 21 beating out the record of 6,027 set by Metallica earlier this year.

The two bands are the only two to ever cross the 6,000 mark. Both of the songs appear on Collective Soul's latest album "Dosage" (Atlantic Records). "Dosage" is a beautiful pop album. In "No More, No Less," the next single, singer Ed Roland sings "So, let's shake it like this" leading the band into a staccato guitar and piano break. Strings soften the ballad "Needs," while lead guitarist Ross Childress takes on vocal duties during his Brit poppy offering, "Dandy Life."

"We really wanted to try to stretch things a bit as far as the soundscape and different instrumentation and people playing different instruments and stuff like that," Evans explained.

During the recording process, there were no limitations.

"I never really thought something wouldn't work. Personally, I'm a very open-minded musical person. I like a lot of different things. As long as it wasn't like some avant garde jazz or something, I was pretty down with it."

"Dosage" was recorded at Criteria Studios in Miami, Fla., which Evans called the perfect

backdrop for the process.

"We had a house in Miami that we had rented that made things a little bit better. You would wake up and there you are in Miami on the bay looking out on the ocean. Dolphins would be playing out on the water. It was nice," Evans explained.

"It's the most accommodating record we've ever done as far as everybody's mental condition and overall good vibe about everything."

Criteria Studios was also where Collective Soul recorded its second album, "Collective Soul." The third album, the appropriately titled "Disciplined Breakdown," was a labor of love that put a financial and emotional strain on the band.

"The third record we did in a cabin, which wasn't the greatest experience because we really didn't have any kind of financial support we were going through a lawsuit," Evans said about Collective Soul's lawsuit against its former manager.

"All the money was frozen. It was just tough. You're trying to scrape together equipment to do it, somehow we did it. I still don't know how to this day we actually did this record."

"Dosage" is heavy on the spiritual side with words like "mes-

senger," "savior," and phrases such as "Now that I've learned to believe/ Who's gonna be the answer/ To all my questioning" (in "Crown") peppering the album. Roland and his brother, rhythm guitarist Dean Roland, are the sons of a preacherman.

"I don't think it's purposely written to portray any religion, any certain religion. It's mostly written with a universal sort of appeal. Most religions believe in a heaven and a hell, you know," Evans said.

"It's mostly just spiritual, realizing that there's a higher power. I think that's the best way to go that way more people can get more out of it. Me, personally I am a Christian. We try not to really let that get tied up in the music."

Evans added it's "a good thing for people to realize there's a higher power, something else beyond the life we have on earth. It helps you understand there's a bigger picture. A lot of things are more important than rock 'n' roll music."

Collective Soul with The Marvelous Three perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, at State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$21 for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-5451 for more information. The

band will also perform "Heavy" on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" on Friday, April 2.

Misc.

Kirk Franklin and The Nu Nation, along with Detroiters Cece Winans, Trin-I-Tee 5:7 and Crystal Lewis, are the first gospel acts to host a pay-per-view concert. It will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 4, on BET Action Pay Per View, home satellite through U.S. Satellite Broadcasting, and The Dish Network. The cost is \$9.95. ... Returning to the secular front, The Smashing Pumpkins are returning to their club roots by playing St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Saturday, April 10, with special guests Queens of the Stone Age. Tickets are \$25 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at all Ticketmaster outlets. There is a two-ticket per-person limit. Doors for the all-ages show open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT, (248) 645-6666 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

The Shania Twain concert Saturday, May 22, at The Palace of Auburn Hills sold out in less than 30 minutes last Friday. Twain joins a select handful of artists who have sold out The Palace's full arena in less than

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Joe Henry hits the stage uneasy

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Playing live is the next logical step after recording an album. Singer/songwriter Joe Henry is looking forward to hitting the stage again. But there's a certain uneasiness about this tour which included a Saturday, March 13, stop at 7th House in Pontiac. It's the first time he's left his wife home alone with two children.

"I like to play but playing is a small fragment of what you actually do on the road. I really like to play and I have such a great band at the moment but I don't relish being away from home. My son is 7. My daughter was born 17 months ago. I have not left my wife with two children home alone. It's a new thing for us," Henry, a 1978 graduate from Rochester Adams High School, said.

The making of Henry's latest album "Fuse" (Mammoth Records) is a lesson in time management. He wrote two songs before the birth of his daughter to see what direction "Fuse" was going in. After the joyous event, he worked on the album during the baby's naps.

"It kind of dictated that I worked alone for a long time. But I didn't have to explain myself to anybody. I didn't realize how liberating that would be

in itself."

The result is a low-fi pop effort, a departure from his highly acclaimed roots rock/country-inspired previous works. Funk, hip-hop-inspired drum beats, and hints of jazz electrify "Fuse."

"I certainly set out to make a different record. I was really conscious of that with the last record ("Trampoline"). I had to find a new way to work. I felt really kind of trapped by the way that I knew how to physically make records. It was always kind of live in the studio. That's what I knew, not because I was a purist."

Born Dec. 2, 1960, in Charlotte, N.C., Henry and his family moved to Rochester in the summer of 1975. He met his wife, Melanie Ciccone, Madonna's sister, at Rochester Adams High. Henry attended Oakland University for two years before moving to Ann Arbor to study English.

"I took English only because I didn't have to take any math," he said with a laugh.

His formative years in Rochester inspired part of the album "Fuse." The common thread of the songs on "Fuse" is spoken word vignettes from George Seedorf.

"He's an old friend of my brother's from college. One night there was an open mic poetry reading at Oakland (University) and George got up to read. I

think I was still in high school when it happened. My brother wonderfully enough recorded the whole thing on an old reel-to-reel tape. It was an amazing bit of performance art, the whole persona he embodied."

The tapes sat in his parents' attic until Henry purchased a reel-to-reel tape recorded at a flea market in Pasadena, Calif., last year.

The first single, "Skin and Teeth," features Jakob Dylan on background vocals.

The two met while the Wallflowers were recording "Bringing Down the Horse."

"Jakob had heard my records and he was interested in meeting me. We just really hit it off instantly, mostly because we were both dads on the road. His son is slightly a bit younger than my son, that was kind of the beginning of our relationship."

Talking about his March 13 performance at 7th House, Henry said, "it's so weird because it's so close to where I spent a lot of years, really formative years. It's always kind of a strange but a thrilling sensation to come home."

Something old, something new...

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Something old, something new, something... wait a minute. I know we're heading into the spring wedding season, but for the sake of this column, I'd like to borrow the ceremonial formula and apply it the local arts and music scene.

One of the freshest things to come out of Nashville in recent years is BR5-49, a ground-breaking country band which got its name from Junior Samples' used-car salesman character on "Hee Haw," and has received endorsements from the Grand Ole Opry's legendary Grandpa Jones. So what is the band doing on the same bill as alternative rock acts like Smashing Pumpkins and Beck, not to mention artists like Bob Dylan and the Black Crowes?

While a number of classic country and western artists have been very vocal about their resentment over having new material overlooked in favor of

modern country artists who dominate radio play lists, BR5-49 has been respectful of the genre's heritage. The Grammy-nominated album, "Big Backyard Beat Show," mixes covers of country classics with rockabilly sounds and originals which not only rock but swing. The band is very much at home in a contemporary music venue like last month's booking at 7th House in Pontiac. I guess it is possible to "please 'em all" when you offer something old with something new. Next up for the band is an appearance on Detroit Public Television's "Backstage Pass" program.

Traditional songs of Latin America will also be treated with reverence and freshness at St. Anne Church, near the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit on April 18. The event, Mosaico Latino-Americano, features Ariel Ramirez's "Miss Criolla" with the Rackham Symphony Choir and The Sainte Anne Choir. The celebration of Hispanic culture includes folk dancing and a showcase of the works of Latino artists.

Just as a wedding unites generations of family and friends, established and emerging artists

are discovering a common bond through the efforts of Detroit Contemporary, a Woodbridge neighborhood gallery owned by Aaron Timlin. Still in his twenties, Timlin's adulthood is turning out to be as non-conventional as his childhood, in which his artist parents created an open environment for creative development. What the rural home lacked in formal education, plumbing and electricity, it flourished with music, art and the wonders of nature. It remains a family immersed in art. Detroit Contemporary's current exhibit, Naked, convenes some of the area's most recognized artists with talented newcomers in the mediums of photo, painting, sculpture, installations, and live performances. The building is old, neighboring lots are barren, but the energy inside Detroit Contemporary has the promise of new life in the area.

"Backstage Pass" presents a look at Timlin's unique gallery, along with the music of SR5-49 and Mosaico Latino-Americano, Sunday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. on Detroit Public TV.

There's plenty going on this spring that we'll be telling you about. Catch the bouquet.

Just because something is old doesn't mean it isn't valuable.



I can relate to that, maybe that's why I'm never in a rush with these guys. Sanding out a dent here and there, restoring the gears... soon I'll have all the time in the world for them, just like they have for me. That's the beauty of retirement. And now that it's almost here, I'm grateful that I started planning early — with U.S. Savings Bonds. I started buying Savings Bonds when I got my first real job, through a Payroll Savings plan. I put aside something every payday. And little by little, it really added up. Bonds are guaranteed safe, too, and earn interest up to 30 years.

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Catch the freshest seafood at Charley's Crab

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Some U.S. cities tout their oldest restaurants as institutions. Troy has one — Charley's Crab. And it has become not only the pride of its owners, the Chuck Muer Restaurant Corp., but of Oakland County.

Pleasing diners since 1976 in Troy, Charley's remodeled in late 1998, has a new general manager, Mark Hinds, and an executive chef, Gary Tottis, who for nearly five years has demonstrated that he knows what to do with the rarest catches from the sea.

While Charley's Crab is about the freshest seafood, it's also about ambiance, with a spectacular dining room. Guests, as they always have, dine in a replica of the famous Macauley mansion. But it, too, became part of a \$500,000 Ron Rea design team facelift of the entire restaurant. A stunning wall hanging represents the waters of the world with the Queen Mary majestically in voyage. Models of her red stacks are the bar lighting near an updated cigar-martini lounge with over-sized plush leather chairs.

Clear exterior windows have been replaced by Caribbean/blue, offering a sense of being under water. Highlighted with a pin spotlight, new aquamarine glass settings and large cobalt blue bowls of lemons, serve as centerpieces. Large, blown-glass jellyfish chandeliers appear to be swimming above tables. Five-foot-tall white trees made from ocean shells, coral and sea urchins are "planted" in large urns throughout the room. Escargot lamps "climbing" the walls complete the modernized lighting. A state-of-the-art sound system softly plays only Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

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Charley's Crab or haven't been there since the remodeling, take a moment to relax and admire your surroundings before jumping into the creative menu orchestrated by West Bloomfield Township resident Executive Chef Gary Tottis and his kitchen team.

Tottis is an early 1980s graduate of Schoolcraft College, who got his start working in New Orleans restaurants for 10 years. In 1983, he was hired by well-known TV Food Network's Master Chef Emeril Lagasse, who then was executive chef at Commander's Palace before launching out on his own with Emeril's and NOLA and now others in New Orleans and elsewhere.

Tottis came to Charley's Crab in 1994, and his food focus is both fresh and seasonal catches. It's a safe bet to say that there are probably only five restaurants in the whole U.S. serving rare, farm-raised California Pink Abalone. At nearly \$40 on the menu, it's a special treat.

General Manager Mark Hinds came on board last December. He moved from Charley's Crab in Jupiter, Florida, and now makes Troy his home.

"Honestly," he said, "since I've been here, I've met the nicest people I've met in my whole life. I consider it a privilege to work in a restaurant that's been around for 25 years and is still

receiving accolades."

Hinds has learned our Midwest preferences. At lunch, he says the most popular items are Cedar Point Oysters, Flash-fried Calamari and Escargot with Warm Goat Cheese. Charley's Chowder (Mediterranean-style) is in a dead heat with Boston Clam Chowder (New England style). From the sea, most popular are Chargrilled Pacific Swordfish Oscar, Maryland Crabcakes, Cedar Planked Atlantic Salmon, Seafood Jambalaya and Shrimp Fettuccine Verde.

Oysters from the raw bar again top the dinner appetizers, but also very popular is the Raw Bar Sampler, which includes oysters, clams and shrimp. Seattle's Mediterranean Mussels, Yellowfin Tuna Sashimi, Crispy Spicy Sushi Tuna Roll lead in the "beginnings" category followed by sea specialties including Grilled Yellowfin Tuna Aqua, the Abalone, Pacific Swordfish Oscar, Live Maine Lobsters (a two-pounder market price is about \$40 currently) and Cioppino, a San Francisco-style shellfish stew.

Charley's is not only about fish. Most popular from the land is Colorado's Finest Rack of Lamb with sundried cherry demi-glace, pesto risotto, green beans and baby carrots or an aged 16-ounce New York Strip



Pleasing diners: Executive Chef Gary Tottis (left) and new General Manager Mark Hinds in the dining room at Charley's Crab. Recently remodeled, Charley's Crab has been pleasing diners at its Troy location since 1976.

Steak with wild mushroom pinot noir sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and Swiss chard.

The best-kept secret at Charley's, however, is the Sunset Menu served with reservations until 5:45 p.m. each evening. There's a daily special each day ranging \$14-25; 11 featured entrees range \$11-18. Depending on what you choose, "sunset" prices are 26-42 percent less than the same items on the regular dinner menu.

Upcoming at Charley's: Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. regu-

lar menu with Easter specials. In May, Florida Mahi Mahi will make its seasonal appearance along with a special promotion of Alaskan Copper River Salmon around the 15th. Soft Shell Crabs will be featured in May and June. "Lobster Mainia" will occur in June and July.

Because there are eight Chuck Muer restaurants plus three affiliates in Michigan, along with 11 more scattered in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, joining the Friends of Chuck Muer's Dining Club is a viable option. It works like a frequent flyer club

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EASTER BRUNCH

Reservations are strongly advised at the following area restaurants for brunch and/or dinner on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Ernesto's — 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734)453-2002. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. followed by dinner until 6 p.m. Adult brunch \$18.95, children ages 6-10 \$8.95, under age 5 free. Adult dinner \$20.95.

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No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar — 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Barquette), Novi (248)305-5210. Brunch 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adults \$24.95; children under 12 \$9.95, under 3 free. Dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$20-

30 average.

Duet — 3663 Woodward Avenue (at Mack), Detroit (313)831-DUET. Dinner noon-8 p.m. from regular menu with Easter specials \$16-34.

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ular menu with specials. Adult average price \$18; children \$5.

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