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One man's treasure



Heads up: Spencer Bachleda, 1, and brother Daniel, 3, of Farmington Hills try on the different hats at the annual Community Garage Sale outside the Bailey Center in Westland. The Saturday event drew a number of buyers and browsers.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Goal: Buckle 'em up

■ Police will have a week-long crackdown starting Monday on motorists who don't restrain child passengers properly.

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Westland motorists who refuse to obey child-restraint laws will be targeted by local police during a weeklong crackdown that starts Monday.

See related editorial, A14.

Extra Westland police officers will be assigned to road patrols to stop vehicles carrying unbuckled children, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Local police will join thousands of law enforcement agencies across Michigan and the nation for the next wave of

Please see **SAFE**, A2

Students learn dangers of rape drugs

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A disheveled young woman came to the Westland police station for help after she was sexually assaulted by two men who gave her a date rape drug when she asked for Tylenol.

Police Officer Deanna Slezak was working when the 21-year-old victim came in to report how she lost consciousness and then awoke to find she was being raped.

Slezak, describing the incident to a group of John Glenn High School students on Monday afternoon, said the victim couldn't account for five hours of her

life.

"In her eyes I saw a lot of pain," Slezak said.

The woman was raped by two men who said they would give her a ride home from a bar, but they detoured to an apartment — supposedly for a beer.

Slezak told the victim's story as she joined a team of other police officers and city prosecutors for a John Glenn High program warning students about date rape drugs.

"It scared me," 17-year-old senior Kathy Brosnan said. "It made me think about drugs and what they really do to you."

Brosnan and some of her friends said most teenagers are becoming increasingly aware of date rape drugs, which can be slipped into beverages at

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parties or other gatherings.

"Nobody really leaves their drink just sitting around, anymore," Brosnan said.

But police Sgt. Michael Terry warned students that they could be targeted not only by strangers — but also by peers they trust.

Some people even choose to use the drugs to enhance sexual feelings, police said, but officers warned about symptoms such as loss of memory, confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, coma — even death.

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Local school evacuated following gas leak

A gas leak Tuesday morning at Adams Middle School ended without problems. Students and staff were evacuated to nearby Lincoln Elementary School until the trouble was resolved.

Construction crews were working outside the Adams building, said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration, Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "A gas line was broken south of Palmer Road. Consumers Energy had

failed to mark it," she said. "During construction, sometimes glitches happen."

No gas entered the school building, but a decision was made to evacuate students and staff to Lincoln, in part because it looked like rain. Lincoln is within walking distance of Adams.

The Westland Fire Department and Consumers Energy came out to check the building, with Consumers shutting off the gas. Tuesday was a half day, for

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City Hall plan probed

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An architect firm is expected in July to issue an opinion advising Westland city leaders whether to build a new City Hall or renovate the 1964 building on Ford Road.

TMP Architecture senior associate Jim Mumby said the final report will be "our perception" of which plan is best, although city leaders will ultimately decide the issue.

TMP representatives discussed their City Hall study with Westland City Council members and Mayor Robert Thomas during a one-hour

study session Monday.

The latest talks came as city leaders continue to squabble over whether to allow voters in November to decide City Hall and recreation center issues.

Thomas has said city leaders should have the courage to decide the issue without a voter referendum. He said new buildings won't require a tax increase.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas said Monday he expects soon to issue an opinion on whether city officials can legally place a non-tax, advisory question about city buildings on the

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MADD runners, walkers remember loved ones

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Christine Byndas of Milford came to Hines Park Saturday "to honor my sister." Her sister, Caryn Casaz, died Sept. 13, 1995, when struck by a drunken driver in the park while running.

The event was the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Run/Walk From the Heart, held in memory of Casaz at the Nankin Mills picnic area in Westland. Byndas and her husband ran with

their two daughters.

Parents Mary and Victor Casaz came from their Tinley Park, Ill., home, as they do every year. "Wouldn't miss it," she said of the 5K event. Mary Casaz has many things she wants people to remember about her daughter, who was a 24-year-old University of Illinois graduate and Ford Motor Co. engineer.

"Her spirit, her zest for life, her love of man, her smile, her sense of humor. Thank everybody for coming out and remembering Caryn and all the other victims of drunken drivers." The case is on appeal.

Darlene Hodges, MADD treasurer for Wayne County, was busy at the event. The Westland resident had an 18-year-old son die in 1989 at the hands of a drunken driver. Her son was a Livonia Franklin High School student. He had a football scholarship to Hillsdale College.

Jenny Lozano of Ypsilanti, MADD chapter administrator, also lost an 18-year-old son to a drunken driver in 1988. He was a Wayne Memorial High School graduate.

Poster boards at the picnic area Saturday told the story of a number of people who died as a result of drunken driving. Rhonda Rose of Belleville, sec-



Good job: Russ Keyes of Westland is the official timekeeper clocking runners as they go by the finish line.

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Family ties:

Christine Byndas (left), the sister and running partner of Caryn Casaz, takes a moment with her 1-year-old daughter, Gabrielle, and her mother, Mary Casaz, after the run/walk was completed.

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Council to interview hopefuls

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All 10 candidates competing to fill a Westland City Council vacancy will be interviewed, marking a departure from earlier plans to query finalists. Council President Sandra Cicirelli confirmed the latest plan on Monday and dismissed rumors that one candidate, David Cox, already has the appointment locked up.

"As far as I'm aware there's nothing to that," she said, when asked about the rumor prior to a council meeting.

Veteran Councilman Charles Pickering created a vacancy when he stepped down April 30, resigning eight months before his term expired to spend more time with family and pursue personal hobbies.

"I would like to have that seat filled by the end of June, hopefully," Cicirelli said Monday.

She indicated that Cox may have three council votes, at most, but he would need a fourth to win the appointment.

"I think it's more like 3-3 right now," Cicirelli said.

Six council members will try to fill a seventh-seat vacancy following interviews scheduled for Monday, June 14, and Wednesday, June 16, at

Westland City Hall, Cicirelli said.

The interviews will be open to the public and will start each night at 6:15 p.m., City Clerk Patricia Gibbons said.

Councilmen Glenn Anderson has said he hopes his colleagues will be fair with all candidates and "not be swayed by a political group or a political faction."

Cox, who is currently the Wayne-Westland school board president and Romulus deputy mayor, served two years on the council before voters ousted him in 1995.

Rounding out the field of appointee hopefuls are:

- James Chuck, Westland library board member.

- Georgia Conant, who is active in civic groups.

- Reasther Everett, longtime city voting precinct worker.

- Debra Fowlkes, former Wayne-Westland school board president.

- Diane Fritz, retired Westland city clerk.

- James Godbout, Millwood Village Condominium Association president.

- Michael Kehrer, former precinct delegate.

- Michael Rintz, Westland Zoning Board of Appeals chairman.

- Dorothy Smith, longtime council watcher and veteran council candidate.

Police seek gun

A suspect was in custody after a gun-point robbery early Wednesday at a Westland service station. Police are asking for help in finding the gun.

The suspect, a 36-year-old Inkster man, is believed to have discarded the gun following a 2:13 a.m. holdup at Dandy Oil/Marathon at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, police said.

A male clerk told police that he refused to answer demands to open a cash register until he was struck in the face with

the weapon, which discharged without wounding him.

The suspect fled but was soon captured at Merriman and Plymouth by Livonia police, who spotted him driving a 1992 Cadillac Seville. Police recovered money taken during the holdup.

Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said anyone finding the gun, described as possibly a snub-nose, nickel-plated, .38-caliber revolver, should call him at (734) 722-9600 or (734) 721-6311.

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and vice president for MADD, was among those grieving.

"My mother was killed by a drunken driver - my mother and my best friend." Her mother, 52, died almost five years ago.

Rose works as a scheduler for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Her employers were behind her all the way, she said. Her employer made T-shirts and allowed her to sell them and set up a display. "They're wonder-

ful."

Mother's Day is still tough for Rose. She has a message to share: "Be responsible; don't drink and drive."

Hodges and Lozano were pleased with Saturday's weather for the fund-raiser. A picnic followed the run/walk.

The women agreed attitudes toward drunken driving have changed in recent years. "We've come a long way, and people are

not as tolerant of it," Lozano said. She and others are pushing for a lower level of blood alcohol content to be considered legally drunk: 0.8 percent. The current level is 1.0 percent.

"We're working on it," Lozano said.

"There are more judges who are really aware of this problem," Lozano and others have advocated truth in sentencing. "When it says 10, they serve 10."

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teacher records, so students were sent home late morning as scheduled.

"The fire department said at no time was there gas in the building," Sherman said. The district has procedures for such

emergencies, which were initiated Tuesday at Adams by Mike Holuta, assistant principal. A team came to the site from the school district's central office, including Superintendent Greg Baracy, who spoke to students

and staff.

"The kids were outstanding," Sherman said. "Their behavior was exemplary. The staff was very helpful."

The incident, on school property, involved just under 800 students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. A note was sent to parents of Adams students.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Words to heed: Sgt. Michael Terry speaks to students. Others (from left) are city prosecutors Mark McConnell and Jim Plakas, and Police Chief Emery Price.

Drugs from page A1

Sgt. Timothy Abramski told students about date rape drugs that come in various forms - pills, powder, liquid. They cost as little as \$5 and as much as \$35 for one high.

He warned students about GHB, Ketamine, Rohypnol and MDMA - drugs that have street names like "liquid X," "special K," "roofies" and "ecstasy."

Abramski said many people don't realize what uses the drugs actually have. Ketamine, for one, is an animal tranquilizer used by veterinarians.

A new effort is in progress among state legislators to make Ketamine a controlled substance - a status already assigned to GHB, Rohypnol and MDMA.

Police and prosecutors also warned students that the use of date rape drugs carry criminal penalties ranging up to life in prison for someone who commits a sexual assault.

"And you could be charged with murder if the person dies," Mark McConnell, city prosecutor, told students.

Imprisonment aside, other life problems emerge for date rape drug criminals who remain free. Anyone convicted of a sex crime remains on a state offender's list for 25 years.

"You can make a mistake now that can affect you in the year 2023," Sgt. Terry told students.

Police Chief Emery Price said Westland hasn't had many

reports of crimes involving date rape drugs.

"We've only had a couple reported," he said, "but I'm sure there's more."

Glenn's program on Monday followed an earlier presentation made at Wayne Memorial High School.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said he believes the programs could help teenagers make better decisions so that they don't "act out of ignorance."

"I think it will have a positive effect on students," he said.

Student Nicole West, 16, put it this way: "I think this might knock a little sense into some heads."

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Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children.

"You can't get away from us even if you go to North Dakota," Brokas said.

National organizers say that six of every 10 children killed in car accidents are not properly buckled up.

Police can stop Michigan motorists even if their only offense is improper restraint of a child 16 years old or younger, Brokas said.

"We're trying to save those children who don't have a choice about buckling up when their parents put them in a car," he said. "You see children standing

in the back seat or the front seat not buckled in. I don't know where these people's minds are."

Brokas urged drivers to think of what happens when they brake suddenly and cause personal belongings such as briefcases to get tossed around.

"Everything gets scattered around," he said. "That child is like a briefcase."

In a formal announcement, Operation ABC organizers said national momentum is growing for zero tolerance of unbuckled children due to statistics showing that "traffic crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to America's children."

"We'll be putting out some extra officers and concentrating on afternoons and evenings," Brokas said.

Brokas warned that all motorists - not just those with children - should buckle up.

Drivers with no children also will be watched and ticketed for seat belt violations, although police will have to notice other traffic offenses for adults-only vehicles.

"Ordinary citizens usually commit about five traffic violations within a half hour," Brokas said. "If the officers really want to get you, they can."

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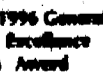
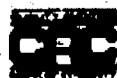
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Grad knows learning never stops

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Most of us remember high school graduation. Laura Rauls of Westland, who graduated in 1949, is no exception. She has, at age 67, more recent graduation memories, having earned her bachelor of science degree in hospice education from Madonna University this spring.

Rauls, a registered nurse, was working at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia part time, and quit due to hip surgery. She'd retired at 60 and worked part time after that.

"I want to do hospice work," she said.

She has an associate's degree in science from Wayne County Community College, earned in 1976. Her nursing credits wouldn't transfer into a bachelor of science in nursing program.

Rauls cared for hospice patients at St. Mary. "I wanted to be able to manage pain for dying patients. I'm really interested in giving good end of life care."

Families are essential in hospice care, Rauls added, and she will help families through the dying process.

As a student, Rauls had visited the first Michigan hospice, in Southfield. Her interest in hospice helped her as a Madonna student. "Actually, I did better in school as an adult than I did as a teen." At Madonna, she had a 3.68 grade point average and graduated with honors.

Rauls' husband had died and she needed to work to support herself. She has a son, 46, with two daughters, and a daughter, 40, with one son.

"I started college when my son started college." She's graduating in the same year his younger daughter is finishing high school.

Family support was a big help in reaching her goal, Rauls said. She found her life experience a big help in her courses. "In my history, I was able to tell them how it really was." She was able to



Achievement: Laura Rauls earned her bachelor of science degree in hospice education at Madonna.

a shot." She was inspired by Sarah Laughner, another St. Mary nurse who is older.

Rauls' friend, Donald Ellison of Westland, is pleased with her accomplishments. "I'm so proud of her," the retiree said. "She's finally getting her bachelor's degree 50 years later" after high school.

"I give her lots of moral support," he said.

describe advances in medicine.

She has succinct advice for other older adults mulling a return to school. "Go. It's not as hard as you think it is. Just get out and try it."

She learned to use the computer and other things such as library systems. "Seniors need to get out and learn that, too." The university in Livonia has a discount on tuition for seniors, she said.

Rauls hopes to work part time in a hospice program. She recommends Madonna's program in that field, and is considering going on for a master's degree.

"I'm going to give it



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Books galore: Aaron Charles, 6, of Westland was the winner of a set of encyclopedias from the library and Friends of the Library. Representing the Friends is Dorothy Smiley.

Student wins a set of encyclopedias

A local student, Aaron Charles, has won a 1999 World Book encyclopedia set, "a pretty exciting prize," said Jolee Kempf, head of children's services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The set has an \$850 value. A drawing was held at the library for the prize, in conjunction with National Library Week.

"It was donated by the Friends of the Library," Kempf said of the encyclopedia set. This is the second year such a drawing has been held.

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The event is held "to commemorate National Library Week, an exciting time for the library," she said. The prize is educational, Kempf added.

Aaron, 6, a homeschooled, is the son of Tim and Tammie Charles.

ballot.

If so, Westland City Council members Glenn Anderson, Richard LeBlanc and Sandra Cicirelli already have indicated interest in a ballot question, although they would need more council support for a majority decision.

During a council meeting Monday, Anderson questioned why city leaders wouldn't want to give voters a choice.

"It makes me wonder if they forgot whom they're serving," he said.

TMP representatives will issue an opinion on whether it would be more feasible to build a new City Hall or renovate the two-story building that has stood along Ford Road for 35 years.

A separate recreation study conducted by another firm already indicated that — land costs aside — a new recreation complex would cost little more than renovating the city's 20-

year-old Bailey Center.

Mumby said the City Hall study will include a report on electrical and mechanical systems, accessibility for disabled citizens, and possible needs for additional work space, among other issues.

All mayoral-appointed department heads will be included in a survey. Council members on Monday also offered a partial City Hall wish list, and tours of facilities in other communities are planned.

"The touring we think is an absolutely excellent idea," Mumby said.

Council members and Mayor Thomas appear to agree that something needs to be done to improve City Hall and recreation services.

But differences of opinion center on what should be done.

One of the key differences of opinion is whether the city should use special Tax

Increment Finance Authority revenues to construct new buildings.

Using those dollars would require the city to place new buildings in the special TIFA district north of Ford Road.

Thomas has touted that plan all along, saying it won't cost taxpayers any extra money because the financing program is already in place.

But Anderson and LeBlanc are among those who suggest that new city buildings — if built at all — should be south of Ford Road to maintain the current municipal hub.

They have suggested abolishing the TIFA district and returning tax dollars to the city at large, although some money also would go to the county and to schools.

Mumby told the Observer that TMP's report, in part, will include an opinion on "the best way to spend dollars."

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These are high school honor roll students from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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Health exploration station is ready to blast off in fall

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

While the girls waited patiently in line to check out their blood pressure, the boys huddled in front of the body noises exhibit, repeatedly punching the burp button.

These were the only gender preferences displayed during the East Middle School seventh-graders' pilot tour of the Interactive Health Education Center at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building.

The center, officially named the "Health Exploration Station," will open this fall. One of the few in the country, the center is a giant walk-through of the human body with several interactive displays measuring heart-beat, muscle strength and flexibility.

Pilot groups like the East Mid-

dle School students will help administrators fine-tune classroom presentations and tour programs. The students and teachers filled out evaluation forms after the tour.

"The high school students tend to stop and read and ask questions. The younger ones just want to play," said Sally Bailey, site administrator.

Adventure

The seventh-graders' adventure began when they were handed "voting buttons" as they filed into one of the center's two classrooms for a one-hour class on making wise health choices.

(The buttons would be used later in the class to display in graph form on a video monitor results of the students' answers to a series of questions of drug and alcohol use.)

Cheryl McInerney, the center's health education coordinator, told the class of approximately

60 students that they would be playing "Drug and Alcohol Jeopardy."

"Drugs and alcohol use is not a funny subject, but we will do it in game form to make learning more fun," she said.

The students were divided into two teams, red and green, with representatives of each team poised to ring their buzzer first. The red team soon pulled ahead, but the green team won with a go-for-broke bet on the final question.

McInerney next put on a pair of rubber gloves and pulled a real pig's lung out of a drawer. She attached the lung to a bellows and asked a volunteer to inflate the lung. The class watched silently as the lung inflated and deflated.

McInerney followed with a lung infused with tar and nicotine. "Ugh," groaned the class as

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

A big sneeze: East Middle School students check out the giant replica of a nose at the Interactive Health Education Center in Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building. The East class is one of several pilot groups helping center administrators fine-tune programs for fall.

Residents can seek relief for defective tube in water heater

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Residents who have clogged water pipes due to a defective part inside water heaters should get reimbursement for plumbing repairs if that defect causes water supply problems with dishwashers, washing machines or faucets.

That's what Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Observer & Eccentric columnist and "Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon believe.

Granholm wants manufacturers to stop the sale of water heaters containing a defective dip tube and develop a plan for repaying the consumers the cost of necessary repairs. Attorneys from Granholm's office continue to talk with representatives of four water heater manufacturers and a manufacturer of a "dip tube" in water heaters, where "progress is being made," according to a spokesman from Granholm's office.

"No agreement has been reached as of yet," said Chris DeWitt, director of communications for the attorney general's office.

The dip tube supplies cold water to the bottom of a hot water tank. The dip tube in question were manufactured between 1993 and 1996 and lack a specific chemical compound to stabilize the plastic. The defect causes the tube to deteriorate. Pieces of that plastic can clog faucet aerators, showerheads and pipes supplying water to

dishwashers and washing machines.

Homeowners who have this problem may notice a slow water flow out of faucets or discover plastic pieces floating in their water supply. The plastic is not toxic and does not pose a health threat.

In April, Granholm issued a notice of intended action and opportunity to cease and desist to the five manufacturers. The notice alleges the companies violated the Michigan Consumer Protection Act for failing to inform consumers of a potential defect in dip tubes in water heaters. It also alleged that the manufacturers have not fully disclosed the nature and extent of the problems to consumers, despite having knowledge of the deterioration and resulting complications.

At least three or four states have filed lawsuits seeking reimbursements for consumers.

Officials at Perfection Corp. of Madison, Ohio, the manufacturer of the dip tube, could not be reached for comment Monday.

Gagnon found when he used his bathroom sink that water was flowing with little force. He removed the aerator and found it was filled with white chips.

He cleaned it out, but soon discovered it was filled again with white chips, as was a shower head. Gagnon took apart his water heater and discovered the dip tube had deteriorated.

Gagnon informed the public about his problem and has since

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19 students reach first benchmark in innovative college online program

Chris Sprague of Canton is among a handful of graduates from Michigan colleges and universities this month who could be considered pioneers.

Sprague earned an associate of arts degree in the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program, the first academic offering of its kind in Michigan.

The technology-driven degree program, initiated by Schoolcraft College and Madonna University in September 1997, allows students to earn an associate's, bachelor's and master's degree in business in just four years.

While many of this year's college graduates attended classes on campus, OMNIBUS students also had their courses delivered through a variety of distance-learning technologies, such as e-mail, Internet, video-based instruction and audiotapes. They completed course assignments from home or work.

"The program allows me to learn at the pace I want to learn. It is different from the regular classroom structure where I would have to go to class and possibly interfere with my job a great deal," said Sprague.

Having earned their associ-

ate's degree from Schoolcraft College, these students will continue their course work at Madonna University. They will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration in December 2000, followed by a master of science in business administration in July 2001.

Graduating from OMNIBUS with Sprague are: Canton residents Barbara Buchanan, Susan Hager, and Theresa Sedlar; Garden City residents Dawn Rodgers and Andrew Savage; Livonia residents Oliver Bosnjakovski, William Lehman and Renee Schultz; Plymouth residents Yurko Michael Briscoe of Westland; and Kathleen Gonçalves of Farmington Hills.

"We are very proud of our OMNIBUS students for having achieved this first milestone. They took the initiative and are now on their way to earning the credentials that are desired by the business community," said Jeanne Bonner, associate dean of liberal arts at Schoolcraft College.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Ryan McNellis, 13, of Westland is the Westland Observer Carrier of the Month for May.

He is a seventh-grade student at Marshall Middle School, where he maintains a C average. He delivers the Observer in Cherry Hill Gardens and has been a carrier since August 1997.

McNellis is the son of Jack and Donna and has two brothers, Justin, 9, and Alex, 7. His favorite subjects in school are science and gym and he enjoys collecting cards, playing basketball and playing video games.

He would like to become a computer programmer.



Ryan McNellis

School bus in crash Monday

A Taylor school bus and a 1996 Mercury collided at the Warren-Merriman intersection in Westland early Monday, causing minor injuries.

The driver of the Mercury was

ticketed for running a red light, police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Two special education students, being bused to an area school program, were on the bus. Neither suffered injuries. The two drivers had minor injuries.

The Mercury was going east on Warren when the driver passed through a red traffic light into the path of the bus, Brokas said.

The crash occurred about 8 a.m. Monday.

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It Was One of the Worst
• <http://www.nasa.gov>
This is the Web site for the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA). It contains information such as launch dates, views of the earth, updates on current space programs and a special area for the kids. A good one to explore.

• <http://www.foodtv.com>
The Food Network Web site contains biographies on your favorite television cooking personalities from Ebert to the Two Fat Ladies. Updated daily with recipes, the site also provides weekly menus and regular features on cooking, baking and ingredients. There is also the chance for you to get tips from the cyberchef.

Book Discussion Group
7 p.m. Tuesday at Westland Community Meeting Room 8 "Name of the Rose" by Umberto Eco, Tuesday, June 22 "Great Train Robbery" by Michael Crichton, Tuesday, July 26 Join the Adult Book Discussion Group as they compare, contrast, critique, pen and praise a variety of books. Participate in the survey this week to determine the next book to be discussed. Please send the book prior to the discussion. Don't miss out, reserve your copy today. No registration required.

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Programs for Children
• No storytimes are held in May.

Westland Democratic Club will discuss charter schools

The Westland Democratic Club's next meeting begins 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. Charter schools will be the topic. Mattie McGwire, a member of the state Board of Education, will be the featured speaker. The club meets at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland. For more information, call (734) 422-5863.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, May 25, 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:

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83	TOYOTA	2DR CELICA	RED	1T2RA65C8D4000703

The second auction will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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the lung unevenly expanded. To demonstrate the effects of alcohol, McInerney had volunteers wear "fatal vision" glasses while attempting to land a ball through a basketball hoop and walk a straight line.

"It's like weird. The hoop seemed to be at the ceiling," said student Jimmie Walker. Did he learn something? "Never to get drunk."

Action

"That's my heartbeat? Are you sure?" asked student Steve McGuigan, as he grasped the handles of the heart display, which loudly thumped his heartbeat throughout the center.

"I'm stronger than I thought," said Christine Denstedt, as she tested her arm and shoulder power at one of the muscle strength displays. The machine registered a 160 for her left arm.

Brandon Myers registered a 250 at the same machine, and Bobby Siddique hit a 240. "I do push ups and chin-up," he said.

The entire center is in interactive, visual, audible learning experience, with a giant rib-cage tunnel and a network of blinking red and blue lights emanating across the ceiling from the giant heart. The lights represent the heart's circulatory system.

Students crawl through the small intestine and exit as "energy" or continue through the large intestine and exit, not literally, into a (non-working) toilet.

They learn about the sphincter of oddi, which regulates the flow of digestive juices, and press a number of body noise buttons, from burps and stomach grumbles to intestinal gurgles and - of course - passing gas.

"What a fun way to learn about health prevention and nutrition," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who has visited the center a few times. "You can see how you can spend two or three hours there."

Yack said he tried out several of the displays, including the vertical jump. "I did real well. I got up near the top. Just to get this body off the ground..."

Unique concept

Bailey said there are just less than 30 health education centers in the country, with very few attached to health-care systems.

The idea for the Health Exploration Station began four years ago when St. Joseph Mercy Health System and community leaders formed some focus groups on community health prevention, said Bailey.

"We got a kid asking why does milk come out my nose when I drink. That one child's comment was an impetus for ear display."

The climb-through ear display is in the lobby of the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building.

The center was designed by John Kennedy Associates in Boston, and the fabrication was done by David Michaud of Mystic Scenic Studios in Boston.

With the exception of the smoker's head, most props are completed.

Classroom presentations, geared to specific age groups, continue to be enhanced with pilot tour groups' input. Bailey said the game show motif

designed by McInerney - based on Jeopardy, Family Feud, and Wheel of Fortune - appears to be a winner.

"This is really a dream come true. It's what those of us in health-care work for every day," she said.



How high? Matt Deane, 13, of Canton Township, checks the height of his vertical leap on the giant ruler.

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Lawmakers OK tougher seat belt enforcement

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

You'll have to buckle up when you drive. Legislation to make enforcement of Michigan's mandatory seatbelt law subject to "primary enforcement" by police was approved last week by the state House of Representatives.

Since seatbelt use was first mandated in the 1980s, violations have been considered a "secondary offense," meaning police could not stop drivers for

that reason. Tickets could only be written if police pulled a driver over for another reason.

Passage of Senate Bill 335, sponsored by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, means officers will be able to pull drivers over if they see the shoulder harness hanging unused inside the car.

The bill was approved Tuesday by the House in a 68-42 vote. The Senate concurred later in the week to amendments added on the House floor. The bill is now headed to the governor for signature.

One amendment tacked on to the bill called for passing the cost savings, realized by insurance companies as a result of the legislation, on to the policy holders. According to the estimates offered by Bullard, primary enforcement of the seatbelt law will save a total of \$170 million statewide annually, much of it as a result of lowered payouts from insurance companies to injured drivers and passengers.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, wanted the savings given back to policy holders. His amendment

was approved by a 100-8 vote.

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, offered an amendment which would have altered the bill significantly, applying primary enforcement only if minors are unbuckled. Unbuckled adults would not have been subject to the primary enforcement. She explained that for adults, she believed seatbelt use should be a matter of personal choice. Nonetheless, the House rejected her proposal.

According to Bullard, manda-

tory seatbelt use is the only traffic law considered to be subject to "secondary enforcement." For all other violations, police already use primary enforcement, he said, pulling vehicles over when the violation is spotted.

Bullard estimates the change will save 100 lives per year and eliminate 3,000 injuries received in traffic accidents.

Bullard said he expects the change will raise compliance with Michigan's mandatory seat-

belt law by 10 to 15 percent. At present, about 71 percent of Michigan actually wear their belts.

Here's how area representatives voted:

Voting yes were Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmingdale Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Ameritech helps parents 'get a grip' on new technology

Ameritech, in partnership with the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL), is offering a technology information kit designed to help families and educators understand how technology makes a difference in young people's lives.

The information kit - ParentTech - was developed with a \$2.2 million grant awarded by Ameritech to the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL).

ParentTech is designed to help parents of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders "get a grip" on the rapidly changing technologies that affect the ways we learn, work and live.

The free kit includes three 16-page parent guides, an interactive CD-ROM and a Web site, available at www.parenttech.org. In addition, parents should look for a fun page of technology facts and activities to arrive in their mailboxes in May, June and July.

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley lent his support to ParentTech and the benefits it offers.

"It is critical that we work together to provide adults information about effective uses of technology in a timely and understandable way," said Riley. "This project is one effort to help give parents the tools they need to responsibly guide their children's use of technology and the Internet."

Richard C. Notebaert, Ameritech chairman and chief executive officer, described ParentTech's value. "Parents who have difficulty setting the blocks on their VCRs, while their children talk nonstop about surfing the Net, will love this kit. It takes the mystery out of technology and gives parents the information they need to learn with their kids."

ParentTech kits are available, free of charge, to families in Michigan via a telephone (1-877-298-7273 or 1-877-298-ParentTech), mail (ParentTech, P.O. Box 263, Franklin Park, IL 60131) fax, (847) 678-7054 or Internet order

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(parentec@ncrel.org).

ParentTech resources will also be in middle schools and public libraries in Michigan beginning in summer/fall 1999.

Ameritech Michigan President Bob Cooper hosted the Michigan portion of the videoconference from the Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency. Those in attendance received the free ParentTech kit.

This fall, schools with sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the ParentTech region will receive one of the kits with additional resources including teacher guides, a principal's tip sheet and a colorful poster.

In conjunction with the ParentTech project, Ameritech awarded the American Library Association a \$200,000 grant to create ParentTech learning stations in public libraries across a five-state region. ParentTech also will connect with communities through a "mini-exhibit" this summer and fall.

"What does it mean to parent in a technology-driven world?" said Jeri Nowakowski, NCREL executive director. "NCREL has answered this question by pulling together research-based information and creating common sense guidelines that are incredibly accessible, readable and useful."

ParentTech gives families easy access to an organized set of resources that focus on the impact that technology has on education, careers and society. NCREL is one of 10 research and development laboratories supported in part by the U.S. Department of Education. Its mission is to strengthen and support schools and communities so that all students achieve.

Senate package seeks to strengthen penalties for Internet crimes

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

Criminals who use the Internet — to solicit a minor, build a bomb or perpetrate other crimes — will be subject to increased penalties under a package of bills finalized by the state Senate last week.

The five bills received strong support from senators last week and are on their way to the governor for a final signature. Among them were:

Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, which makes it a felony to use the Internet to solicit, abduct or assault a minor child. A first offense would get a criminal an additional two years in jail. Later offenses would bring an additional five years.

Senate Bill 562, also by Rogers, adds a two-year penalty for a person who uses the Internet to build a bomb.

Senate Bill 117, by Sen. Bev Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, prohibits the distribution of pornography to minors over the Internet.

House Bill 4197, by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, allows libraries to offer restricted access Internet services to minors. Adults would still be given unrestricted access.

House Bill 4345, by Rep. Jim Howell, R-St. Charles, sets sentencing guidelines for crimes over the Internet involving minors.

Rogers explained that use of the Internet is being targeted because of the access it provides to criminals who want to target children.

"The Internet gives them access to our living rooms. We invite them into our homes. Many are using the Internet to increase their access to kids," he said.

The main bill in the package, Senate Bill 7, was approved in a 32-0 vote Wednesday, May 12.

Here's how area representatives voted:

Voting yes were: Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, was absent.

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Lawmakers ready to tackle road funding formulas

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In 1951, "I Love Lucy" premiered on television, "On Top of Old Smokey" topped the music charts and interstate highways had not been built yet in Michigan.

That's the year Public Act 51, Michigan's Transportation Fund, was enacted to distribute 39 percent to the Michigan Department of Transportation for state highways, and 61 percent to counties, cities and villages for local roads.

That year 2.7 million vehicles were registered in the state. Today that number is about 8.3 million.

Funding formulas in Act 51 will expire on Sept. 30, 2000, so Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers are preparing to discuss the law.

Engler has created and appointed members to the Transportation Funding Study committee which will recommend updated funding distribu-

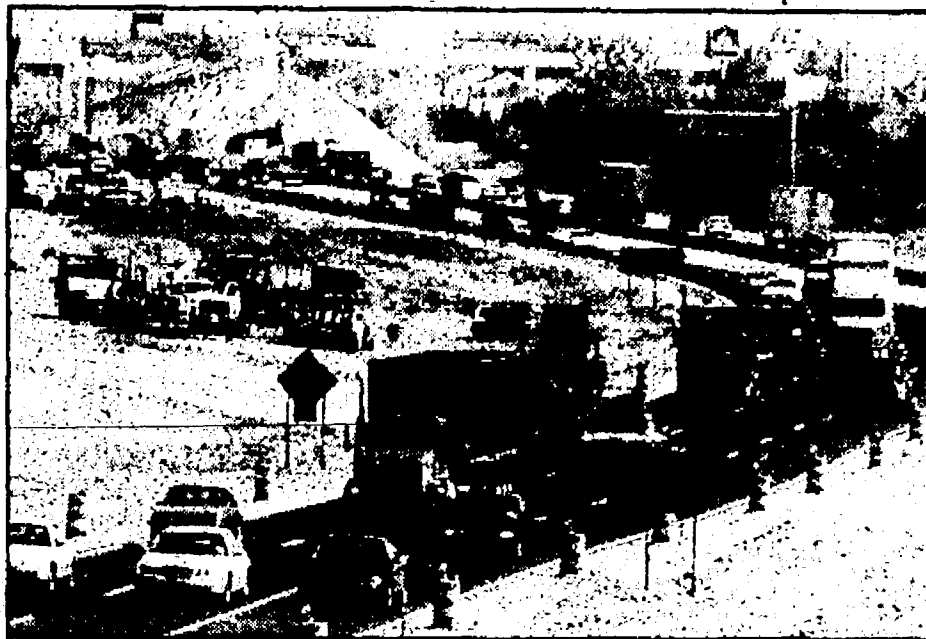
tion formulas for both state and local road agencies in Michigan.

The committee is expected to revise the transportation formula to reflect the state's current transportation network. It includes four representatives from the Legislature, including State Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, who represents the House Democratic Caucus, along with representatives from agriculture, commerce, labor, manufacturing and tourism. The labor representative is Sam Hart, business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324 in Livonia.

The committee will examine the role of local government, including counties, cities, villages and townships. It also will examine simplifying road jurisdiction, funding sources and competitive bidding and distribution formula.

The committee met for the first time in April. A report is expected this fall.

In a related matter, western Wayne County communities



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have requested in a resolution that County Executive Edward McNamara and county commissioners budget funds from the county's general fund to supplement Act 51 funds.

"Act 51, the Michigan Transportation Fund, created a formula to distribute transportation funds for road creation, repair and improvements among those with jurisdictions over roads,"

the resolution states.

"Townships do not have jurisdictions over roads, they receive no direct funding from Act 51. Cities spend millions from general and special funds, and special assessments, road millages and bond issues to assist in road construction, repair and maintenance."

The Conference of Western Wayne passed the resolution May 7 calling on county officials to supplement transportation money. The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Copies of the resolution were sent to state representatives and senators representing CWW communities.

'Home rule' challenged?

State Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, has introduced legislation, Senate Bill 235, that prohibits government imposition of a substantial burden on the

exercise of religion.

The CWW passed a resolution opposing the bill.

"This could result in religious buildings being exempt from local planning and zoning regulations," said Marsha Bianconi, CWW executive director.

Bianconi also raised issues in health and safety for residents, where religious buildings are being used for child care, schools and other activities that are regulated differently. It would also increase legal costs as government units have to justify their regulations and "home rule" jurisdiction, Bianconi said.

"Passage of SB 235 as written could undermine local government jurisdiction over religious buildings, unless the municipality is able to demonstrate a compelling government interest in imposing that burden." The vagueness of the legislation makes it open to litigation by religious groups claiming that they are being substantially burdened by local regulations, so local governments will have to be able to justify their decisions in court.

The bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

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Goal: Buckle 'em up

Police will have a week-long crackdown starting Monday on motorists who don't restrain child passengers properly.

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Westland motorists who refuse to follow child-restraint laws will be targeted by local police during a weeklong crackdown that starts Monday.

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Westland police officers will be joined by road patrols to stop violating unbuckled children, Sgt. Brokas said. Local police will join thousands of enforcement agencies across Michigan and the nation for the next wave of

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herings. leaves their drink just sitting Broksan said. Michael Terry warned students that they're not only by strangers - but rust. When choose to use the drugs to get high, police said, but officers warn of problems such as loss of memory, confusion, dizziness, nausea, coma - even

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MADD runners, walkers remember loved ones

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Jenny Lozano of Ypsilanti, MADD chapter administrator, also lost an 18-year-old son to a drunken driver in 1988. He was a Wayne Memorial High School graduate.

Poster boards at the picnic area Saturday told the story of a number of people who died as a result of drunken driving. Rhonda Rose of Belleville, sec-



Good job: Russ Keyes of Westland is the official timekeeper clocking runners as they go by the finish line.

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Family ties: Christine Byndas (left), the sister and running partner of Caryn Casaz, takes a moment with her 1-year-old daughter, Gabrielle, and her mother, Mary Casaz, after the run/walk was completed.

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Heads up: Spencer Bachleda, 1, and brother Daniel, 3, of Farmington Hills try on the different hats at the annual Community Garage Sale outside the Bailey Center in Westland. The Saturday event drew a number of buyers and browsers.

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A disheveled young woman came to the Westland police station for help after she was sexually assaulted by two men who gave her a date rape drug when she asked for Tylenol.

Police Officer Deanna Slezak was working when the 21-year-old victim came in to report how she lost consciousness and then awoke to find she was being raped.

Slezak, describing the incident to a group of John Glenn High School students on Monday afternoon, said the victim couldn't account for five hours of her

life.

"In her eyes I saw a lot of pain," Slezak said.

The woman was raped by two men who said they would give her a ride home from a bar, but they detoured to an apartment - supposedly for a beer.

Slezak told the victim's story as she joined a team of other police officers and city prosecutors for a John Glenn High program warning students about date rape drugs.

"It scared me," 17-year-old senior Kathy Brosnan said. "It made me think about drugs and what they really do to you."

Brosnan and some of her friends said most teenagers are becoming increasingly aware of date rape drugs, which can be slipped into beverages at

Local school evacuated following gas leak

A gas leak Tuesday morning at Adams Middle School ended without problems. Students and staff were evacuated to nearby Lincoln Elementary School until the trouble was resolved.

Construction crews were working outside the Adams building, said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration, Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

"A gas line was broken south of Palmer Road. Consumers Energy had

failed to mark it," she said. "During construction, sometimes glitches happen."

No gas entered the school building, but a decision was made to evacuate students and staff to Lincoln, in part because it looked like rain. Lincoln is within walking distance of Adams.

The Westland Fire Department and Consumers Energy came out to check the building, with Consumers shutting off the gas. Tuesday was a half day, for

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City Hall plan probed

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An architect firm is expected in July to issue an opinion advising Westland city leaders whether to build a new City Hall or renovate the 1964 building on Ford Road.

TMP Architecture senior associate Jim Mumby said the final report will be "our perception" of which plan is best, although city leaders will ultimately decide the issue.

TMP representatives discussed their City Hall study with Westland City Council members and Mayor Robert Thomas during a one-hour

study session Monday.

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"Her spirit, her zest for life, her love of man, her smile, her sense of humor. Thank everybody for coming out and remembering Caryn and all the other victims of drunken drivers." The case is on appeal.

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Jenny Lozano of Ypsilanti, MADD chapter administrator, also lost an 18-year-old son to a drunken driver in 1988. He was a Wayne Memorial High School graduate.

Poster boards at the picnic area Saturday told the story of a number of people who died as a result of drunken driving. Rhonda Rose of Belleville, sec-

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Good job: Russ Keyes of Westland is the official timekeeper clocking runners as they go by the finish line.



Family ties: Christine Byndas (left), the sister and running partner of Caryn Casaz, takes a moment with her 1-year-old daughter, Gabrielle, and her mother, Mary Casaz, after the run/walk was completed.

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Goal: Buckle 'em up

■ Police will have a week-long crackdown starting Monday on motorists who don't restrain child passengers properly.

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Westland motorists who refuse to obey child-restraint laws will be targeted by local police during a weeklong crackdown that starts Monday.

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Extra Westland police officers will be assigned to road patrols to stop vehicles carrying unbuckled children, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Local police will join thousands of law enforcement agencies across Michigan and the nation for the next wave of

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Council to interview hopefuls

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All 10 candidates competing to fill a Westland City Council vacancy will be interviewed, marking a departure from earlier plans to query finalists.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli confirmed the latest plan on Monday and dismissed rumors that one candidate, David Cox, already has the appointment locked up.

"As far as I'm aware there's nothing to that," she said, when asked about the rumor prior to a council meeting.

Veteran Councilman Charles Pickering created a vacancy when he stepped down April 30, resigning eight months before his term expired to spend more time with family and pursue personal hobbies.

"I would like to have that seat filled by the end of June, hopefully," Cicirelli said Monday.

She indicated that Cox may have three council votes, at most, but he would need a fourth to win the appointment.

"I think it's more like 3-3 right now," Cicirelli said.

Six council members will try to fill a seventh-seat vacancy following interviews scheduled for Monday, June 14, and Wednesday, June 16, at

Westland City Hall, Cicirelli said.

The interviews will be open to the public and will start each night at 6:15 p.m., City Clerk Patricia Gibbons said.

Councilmen Glenn Anderson has said he hopes his colleagues will be fair with all candidates and "not be swayed by a political group or a political faction."

Cox, who is currently the Wayne-Westland school board president and Romulus deputy mayor, served two years on the council before voters ousted him in 1995.

Rounding out the field of appointee hopefuls are:

■ James Chuck, Westland library board member.

■ Georgia Conant, who is active in civic groups.

■ Reather Everett, longtime city voting precinct worker.

■ Debra Fowlkes, former Wayne-Westland school board president.

■ Diane Fritz, retired Westland city clerk.

■ James Godbout, Millwood Village Condominium Association president.

■ Michael Kehr, former precinct delegate.

■ Michael Rintz, Westland Zoning Board of Appeals chairman.

■ Dorothy Smith, longtime council watcher and veteran council candidate.

Police seek gun

A suspect was in custody after a gun-point robbery early Wednesday at a Westland service station. Police are asking for help in finding the gun.

The suspect, a 36-year-old Inkster man, is believed to have discarded the gun following a 2:13 a.m. holdup at Dandy Oil/Marathon at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, police said.

A male clerk told police that he refused to answer demands to open a cash register until he was struck in the face with

the weapon, which discharged without wounding him.

The suspect fled but was soon captured at Merriman and Plymouth by Livonia police, who spotted him driving a 1992 Cadillac Seville. Police recovered money taken during the holdup.

Westland police Lt. Mart Stobbe said anyone finding the gun, described as possibly a snub-nose, nickel-plated, .38-caliber revolver, should call him at (734) 722-9600 or (734) 721-6311.

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and vice president for MADD, was among those grieving.

"My mother was killed by a drunken driver - my mother and my best friend." Her mother, 52, died almost five years ago.

Rose works as a scheduler for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. Her employers were behind her all the way, she said. Her employer made T-shirts and allowed her to sell them and set up a display. "They're wonder-

ful."

Mother's Day is still tough for Rose. She has a message to share: "Be responsible; don't drink and drive."

Hodges and Lozano were pleased with Saturday's weather for the fund-raiser. A picnic followed the run/walk.

The women agreed attitudes toward drunken driving have changed in recent years. "We've come a long way, and people are

not as tolerant of it," Lozano said. She and others are pushing for a lower level of blood alcohol content to be considered legally drunk: 0.8 percent. The current level is 1.0 percent.

"We're working on it," Lozano said.

"There are more judges who are really aware of this problem," Lozano and others have advocated truth in sentencing. "When it says 10, they serve 10."

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teacher records, so students were sent home late morning as scheduled.

"The fire department said at no time was there gas in the building," Sherman said. The district has procedures for such

emergencies, which were initiated Tuesday at Adams by Mike Holuta, assistant principal. A team came to the site from the school district's central office, including Superintendent Greg Baracy, who spoke to students

and staff.

"The kids were outstanding," Sherman said. "Their behavior was exemplary. The staff was very helpful."

The incident, on school property, involved just under 800 students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. A note was sent to parents of Adams students.



Words to heed: Sgt. Michael Terry speaks to students. Others (from left) are city prosecutors Mark McConnell and Jim Plakas, and Police Chief Emery Price.

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Sgt. Timothy Abramski told students about date rape drugs that come in various forms - pills, powder, liquid. They cost as little as \$5 and as much as \$35 for one high.

He warned students about GHB, Ketamine, Rohypnol and MDMA - drugs that have street names like "liquid X," "special K," "roofies" and "ecstasy."

Abramski said many people don't realize what uses the drugs actually have. Ketamine, for one, is an animal tranquilizer used by veterinarians.

A new effort is in progress among state legislators to make Ketamine a controlled substance - a status already assigned to GHB, Rohypnol and MDMA.

Police and prosecutors also warned students that the use of date rape drugs carry criminal penalties ranging up to life in prison for someone who commits a sexual assault.

"And you could be charged with murder if the person dies," Mark McConnell, city prosecutor, told students.

Imprisonment aside, other life problems emerge for date rape drug criminals who remain free. Anyone convicted of a sex crime remains on a state offender's list for 25 years.

"You can make a mistake now that can affect you in the year 2023," Sgt. Terry told students.

Police Chief Emery Price said Westland hasn't had many

reports of crimes involving date rape drugs.

"We've only had a couple reported," he said, "but I'm sure there's more."

Glenn's program on Monday followed an earlier presentation made at Wayne Memorial High School.

Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said he believes the programs could help teenagers make better decisions so that they don't "act out of ignorance."

"I think it will have a positive effect on students," he said.

Student Nicole West, 16, put it this way: "I think this might knock a little sense into some heads."

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Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children.

"You can't get away from us even if you go to North Dakota," Brokas said.

National organizers say that six of every 10 children killed in car accidents are not properly buckled up.

Police can stop Michigan motorists even if their only offense is improper restraint of a child 16 years old or younger, Brokas said.

"We're trying to save those children who don't have a choice about buckling up when their parents put them in a car," he said. "You see children standing

in the back seat or the front seat not buckled in. I don't know where these people's minds are."

Brokas urged drivers to think of what happens when they brake suddenly and cause personal belongings such as briefcases to get tossed around.

"Everything gets scattered around," he said. "That child is like a briefcase."

In a formal announcement, Operation ABC organizers said national momentum is growing for zero tolerance of unbuckled children due to statistics showing that "traffic crashes are the leading cause of death and injury to America's children."

"We'll be putting out some extra officers and concentrating on afternoons and evenings," Brokas said.

Brokas warned that all motorists - not just those with children - should buckle up.

Drivers with no children also will be watched and ticketed for seat belt violations, although police will have to notice other traffic offenses for adults-only vehicles.

"Ordinary citizens usually commit about five traffic violations within a half hour," Brokas said. "If the officers really want to get you, they can."

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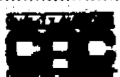
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Grad knows learning never stops

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Most of us remember high school graduation. Laura Rauls of Westland, who graduated in 1949, is no exception. She has, at age 67, more recent graduation memories, having earned her bachelor of science degree in hospice education from Madonna University this spring.

Rauls, a registered nurse, was working at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia part time, and quit due to hip surgery. She'd retired at 60 and worked part time after that.

"I want to do hospice work," she said.

She has an associate's degree in science from Wayne County Community College, earned in 1976. Her nursing credits wouldn't transfer into a bachelor of science in nursing program.

Rauls cared for hospice patients at St. Mary. "I wanted to be able to manage pain for dying patients. I'm really interested in giving good end of life care."

Families are essential in hospice care, Rauls added, and she will help families through the dying process.

As a student, Rauls had visited the first Michigan hospice, in Southfield. Her interest in hospice helped her as a Madonna student. "Actually, I did better in school as an adult than I did as a teen." At Madonna, she had a 3.68 grade point average and graduated with honors.

Rauls' husband had died and she needed to work to support herself. She has a son, 46, with two daughters, and a daughter, 40, with one son.

"I started college when my son started college." She's graduating in the same year his younger daughter is finishing high school.

Family support was a big help in reaching her goal, Rauls said. She found her life experience a big help in her courses. "In my history, I was able to tell them how it really was." She was able to



Achievement: Laura Rauls earned her bachelor of science degree in hospice education at Madonna.

a shot." She was inspired by Sarah Laughner, another St. Mary nurse who is older.

Rauls' friend, Donald Ellison of Westland, is pleased with her accomplishments. "I'm so proud of her," the retiree said. "She's finally getting her bachelor's degree 50 years later" after high school.

"I give her lots of moral support," he said.

describe advances in medicine.

She has succinct advice for other older adults mulling a return to school. "Go. It's not as hard as you think it is. Just get out and try it."

She learned to use the computer and other things such as library systems. "Seniors need to get out and learn that, too." The university in Livonia has a discount on tuition for seniors, she said.

Rauls hopes to work part time in a hospice program. She recommends Madonna's program in that field, and is considering going on for a master's degree.

"I'm going to give it



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Books galore: Aaron Charles, 6, of Westland was the winner of a set of encyclopedias from the library and Friends of the Library. Representing the Friends is Dorothy Smiley.

Student wins a set of encyclopedias

A local student, Aaron Charles, has won a 1999 World Book encyclopedia set, "a pretty exciting prize," said Jolee Kempf, head of children's services at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The set has an \$850 value. A drawing was held at the library for the prize, in conjunction with National Library Week.

"It was donated by the Friends of the Library," Kempf said of the encyclopedia set. This is the second year such a drawing has been held.

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The event is held "to commemorate National Library Week, an exciting time for the library," she said. The prize is educational, Kempf added.

Aaron, 6, a homeschooled son of Tim and Tammie Charles.

ballot.

If so, Westland City Council members Glenn Anderson, Richard LeBlanc and Sandra Cicirelli already have indicated interest in a ballot question, although they would need more council support for a majority decision.

During a council meeting Monday, Anderson questioned why city leaders wouldn't want to give voters a choice.

"It makes me wonder if they forgot whom they're serving," he said.

TMP representatives will issue an opinion on whether it would be more feasible to build a new City Hall or renovate the two-story building that has stood along Ford Road for 35 years.

A separate recreation study conducted by another firm already indicated that — land costs aside — a new recreation complex would cost little more than renovating the city's 20-

year-old Bailey Center.

Mumby said the City Hall study will include a report on electrical and mechanical systems, accessibility for disabled citizens, and possible needs for additional work space, among other issues.

All mayoral-appointed department heads will be included in a survey. Council members on Monday also offered a partial City Hall wish list, and tours of facilities in other communities are planned.

"The touring we think is an absolutely excellent idea," Mumby said.

Council members and Mayor Thomas appear to agree that something needs to be done to improve City Hall and recreation services.

But differences of opinion center on what should be done.

One of the key differences of opinion is whether the city should use special Tax

Increment Finance Authority revenues to construct new buildings.

Using those dollars would require the city to place new buildings in the special TIFA district north of Ford Road.

Thomas has touted that plan all along, saying it won't cost taxpayers any extra money because the financing program is already in place.

But Anderson and LeBlanc are among those who suggest that new city buildings — if built at all — should be south of Ford Road to maintain the current municipal hub.

They have suggested abolishing the TIFA district and returning tax dollars to the city, at large, although some money also would go to the county and to schools.

Mumby told the Observer that TMP's report, in part, will include an opinion on "the best way to spend dollars."

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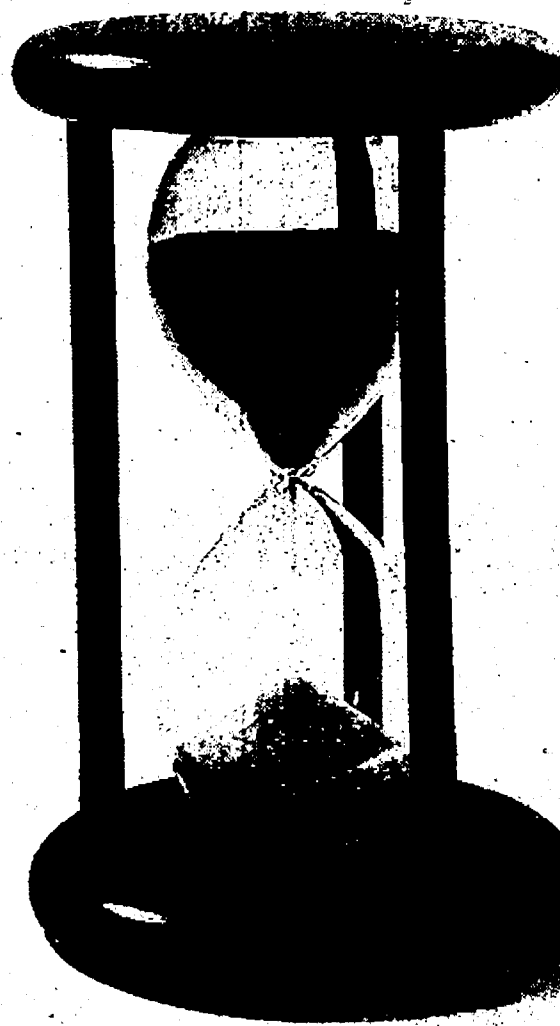
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A TOUR.

Health exploration station is ready to blast off in fall

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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While the girls waited patiently in line to check out their blood pressure, the boys huddled in front of the body noises exhibit, repeatedly punching the burp button.

These were the only gender preferences displayed during the East Middle School seventh-graders' pilot tour of the Interactive Health Education Center at Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building.

The center, officially named the "Health Exploration Station," will open this fall. One of the few in the country, the center is a giant walk-through of the human body with several interactive displays measuring heart-beat, muscle strength and flexibility.

Pilot groups like the East Mid-

dle School students will help administrators fine-tune classroom presentations and tour programs. The students and teachers filled out evaluation forms after the tour.

"The high school students tend to stop and read and ask questions. The younger ones just want to play," said Sally Bailey, site administrator.

Adventure

The seventh-graders' adventure began when they were handed "voting buttons" as they filed into one of the center's two classrooms for a one-hour class on making wise health choices.

(The buttons would be used later in the class to display in graph form on a video monitor results of the students' answers to a series of questions of drug and alcohol use.)

Cheryl McInerney, the center's health education coordinator, told the class of approximately

60 students that they would be playing "Drug and Alcohol Jeopardy."

"Drugs and alcohol use is not a funny subject, but we will do it in game form to make learning more fun," she said.

The students were divided into two teams, red and green, with representatives of each team poised to ring their buzzer first. The red team soon pulled ahead, but the green team won with a go-for-broke bet on the final question.

McInerney next put on a pair of rubber gloves and pulled a real pig's lung out of a drawer. She attached the lung to a bellows and asked a volunteer to inflate the lung. The class watched silently as the lung inflated and deflated.

McInerney followed with a lung infused with tar and nicotine. "Ugh," groaned the class as

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A big sneeze: East Middle School students check out the giant replica of a nose at the Interactive Health Education Center in Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building. The East class is one of several pilot groups helping center administrators fine-tune programs for fall.

Residents can seek relief for defective tube in water heater

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Residents who have clogged water pipes due to a defective part inside water heaters should get reimbursement for plumbing repairs if that defect causes water supply problems with dishwashers, washing machines or faucets.

That's what Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Observer & Eccentric columnist and "Appliance Doctor" Joe Gagnon believe.

Granholm wants manufacturers to stop the sale of water heaters containing a defective dip tube and develop a plan for repaying the consumers the cost of necessary repairs. Attorneys from Granholm's office continue to talk with representatives of four water heater manufacturers and a manufacturer of a "dip tube" in water heaters, where "progress is being made," according to a spokesman from Granholm's office.

"No agreement has been reached as of yet," said Chris DeWitt, director of communications for the attorney general's office.

The dip tube supplies cold water to the bottom of a hot water tank. The dip tubes in question were manufactured between 1993 and 1996 and lack a specific chemical compound to stabilize the plastic. The defect causes the tube to deteriorate. Pieces of that plastic can clog faucet aerators, showerheads and pipes supplying water to

dishwashers and washing machines.

Homeowners who have this problem may notice a slow water flow out of faucets or discover plastic pieces floating in their water supply. The plastic is not toxic and does not pose a health threat.

In April, Granholm issued a notice of intended action and opportunity to cease and desist to the five manufacturers. The notice alleges the companies violated the Michigan Consumer Protection Act for failing to inform consumers of a potential defect in dip tubes in water heaters. It also alleged that the manufacturers have not fully disclosed the nature and extent of the problems to consumers, despite having knowledge of the deterioration and resulting complications.

At least three or four states have filed lawsuits seeking reimbursements for consumers.

Officials at Perfection Corp. of Madison, Ohio, the manufacturer of the tube, could not be reached for comment Monday.

Gagnon found when he used his bathroom sink that water was flowing with little force. He removed the aerator and found it was filled with white chips.

He cleaned it out, but soon discovered it was filled again with white chips, as was a shower head. Gagnon took apart his water heater and discovered the dip tube had deteriorated.

Gagnon informed the public about his problem and has since

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19 students reach first benchmark in innovative college online program

Chris Sprague of Canton is among a handful of graduates from Michigan colleges and universities this month who could be considered pioneers.

Sprague earned an associate of arts degree in the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program, the first academic offering of its kind in Michigan.

The technology-driven degree program, initiated by Schoolcraft College and Madonna University in September 1997, allows students to earn an associate's, bachelor's and master's degree in business in just four years.

While many of this year's college graduates attended classes on campus, OMNIBUS students also had their courses delivered through a variety of distance-learning technologies, such as e-mail, Internet, video-based instruction and audiotapes. They completed course assignments from home or work.

"The program allows me to learn at the pace I want to learn ... It is different from the regular classroom structure where I would have to go to class and possibly interfere with my job a great deal," said Sprague.

Having earned their associ-

ate's degree from Schoolcraft College, these students will continue their course work at Madonna University. They will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration in December 2000, followed by a master of science in business administration in July 2001.

Graduating from OMNIBUS with Sprague are: Canton residents Barbara Buchanan, Susan Hager, and Theresa Sedlar; Garden City residents Dawn Rodgers and Andrew Savage; Livonia residents Oliver Bosnjakovski, William Lehman and Renee Schultz; Plymouth residents Dawn Speckman and Tracey Yurko; Michael Briscoe of Westland; and Kathleen Goncalves of Farmington Hills.

"We are very proud of our OMNIBUS students for having achieved this first milestone. They took the initiative and are now on their way to earning the credentials that are desired by the business community," said Jeanne Bonner, associate dean of liberal arts at Schoolcraft College.

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Ryan McNellis, 13, of Westland is the Westland Observer Carrier of the Month for May.

He is a seventh-grade student at Marshall Middle School, where he maintains a C average. He delivers the Observer in Cherry Hill Gardens and has been a carrier since August 1997.

McNellis is the son of Jack and Donna and has two brothers, Justin, 9, and Alex, 7. His favorite subjects in school are science and gym and he enjoys collecting cards, playing basketball and playing video games.

He would like to become a computer programmer.



Ryan McNellis

School bus in crash Monday

A Taylor school bus and a 1996 Mercury collided at the Warren-Merriman intersection in Westland early Monday, causing minor injuries.

The driver of the Mercury was

ticketed for running a red light, police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Two special education students, being bused to an area school program, were on the bus. Neither suffered injuries. The two drivers had minor injuries.

The Mercury was going east on Warren when the driver passed through a red traffic light into the path of the bus, Brokas said.

The crash occurred about 8 a.m. Monday.

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Westland Democratic Club will discuss charter schools

The Westland Democratic Club's next meeting begins 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. Charter schools will be the topic. Marianne McGwire, a member of the state Board of Education, will be

the featured speaker.

The club meets at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, Westland. For more information, call (734) 422-5863.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, May 25, 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:

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

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Specifications and bid forms are available at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

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How high? Matt Deane, 13, of Canton Township, checks the height of his vertical leap on the giant ruler.

the lung unevenly expanded. To demonstrate the effects of alcohol, McInerney had volunteers wear "fatal vision" glasses while attempting to land a ball through a basketball hoop and walk a straight line. "It's like weird. The hoop seemed to be at the ceiling," said student Jimmie Walker. Did he learn something? "Never to get drunk."

Action

"That's my heartbeat? Are you sure?" asked student Steve McGuigan, as he grasped the handles of the heart display, which loudly thumped his heartbeat throughout the center.

"I'm stronger than I thought," said Christine Denstedt, as she tested her arm and shoulder power at one of the muscle strength displays. The machine registered a 160 for her left arm.

Brandon Myers registered a 250 at the same machine, and Bobby Siddique hit a 240. "I do push ups and chin-up," he said.

The entire center is in interactive, visual, audible learning experience, with a giant rib-cage tunnel and a network of blinking red and blue lights emanating across the ceiling from the giant heart. The lights represent the heart's circulatory system.

Students crawl through the small intestine and exit as "energy" or continue through the large intestine and exit, not literally, into a (non-working) toilet.

They learn about the sphincter of oddi, which regulates the flow of digestive juices, and press a number of body noise buttons, from burps and stomach grumbles to intestinal gurgles and - of course - passing gas.

"What a fun way to learn about health prevention and nutrition," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who has visited the center a few times. "You can see how you can spend two or three hours there."

Yack said he tried out several of the displays, including the vertical jump. "I did real well. I got up near the top. Just to get this body off the ground ..."

Unique concept

Bailey said there are just less than 30 health education centers in the country, with very few attached to health-care systems.

The idea for the Health Exploration Station began four years ago when St. Joseph Mercy Health System and community leaders formed some focus groups on community health prevention, said Bailey.

"We got a kid asking why does milk come out my nose when I drink. That one child's comment was an impetus for ear display."

The climb-through ear display is in the lobby of the Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Center Health Building.

The center was designed by John Kennedy Associates in Boston, and the fabrication was done by David Michaud of Mystic Scenic Studios in Boston.

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With the exception of the smoker's head, most props are completed.

Classroom presentations, geared to specific age groups, continue to be enhanced with pilot tour groups' input. Bailey said the game show motif

designed by McInerney - based on Jeopardy, Family Feud, and Wheel of Fortune - appears to be a winner.

"This is really a dream come true. It's what those of us in health-care work for every day," she said.

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Lawmakers OK tougher seat belt enforcement

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

You'll have to buckle up when you drive. Legislation to make enforcement of Michigan's mandatory seatbelt law subject to "primary enforcement" by police was approved last week by the state House of Representatives.

Since seatbelt use was first mandated in the 1980s, violations have been considered a "secondary offense," meaning police could not stop drivers for

that reason. Tickets could only be written if police pulled a driver over for another reason.

Passage of Senate Bill 335, sponsored by Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, means officers will be able to pull drivers over if they see the shoulder harness hanging unused inside the car.

The bill was approved Tuesday by the House in a 68-42 vote. The Senate concurred later in the week to amendments added on the House floor. The bill is now headed to the governor for signature.

One amendment tacked on to the bill called for passing the cost savings, realized by insurance companies as a result of the legislation, on to the policy holders. According to the estimates offered by Bullard, primary enforcement of the seatbelt law will save a total of \$170 million statewide annually, much of it as a result of lowered payouts from insurance companies to injured drivers and passengers.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Holt, wanted the savings given back to policy holders. His amendment

was approved by a 100-8 vote.

Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, offered an amendment which would have altered the bill significantly, applying primary enforcement only if minors are unbuckled. Unbuckled adults would not have been subject to the primary enforcement. She explained that for adults, she believed seatbelt use should be a matter of personal choice. Nonetheless, the House rejected her proposal.

According to Bullard, manda-

tory seatbelt use is the only traffic law considered to be subject to "secondary enforcement." For all other violations, police already use primary enforcement, he said, pulling vehicles over when the violation is spotted.

Bullard estimates the change will save 100 lives per year and eliminate 3,000 injuries received in traffic accidents.

Bullard said he expects the change will raise compliance with Michigan's mandatory seat-

belt law by 10 to 15 percent. At present, about 71 percent of Michigan actually wear their belts.

Here's how area representatives voted:

Voting yes were Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Ameritech helps parents 'get a grip' on new technology

Ameritech, in partnership with the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL), is offering a technology information kit designed to help families and educators understand how technology makes a difference in young people's lives.

The information kit - ParentTech - was developed with a \$2.2 million grant awarded by Ameritech to the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory (NCREL).

ParentTech is designed to help parents of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders "get a grip" on the rapidly changing technologies that affect the ways we learn, work and live.

The free kit includes three 16-page parent guides, an interactive CD-ROM and a Web site, available at www.parenttech.org. In addition, parents should look for a fun page of technology facts and activities to arrive in their mailboxes in May, June and July.

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley lent his support to ParentTech and the benefits it offers.

"It is critical that we work together to provide adults information about effective uses of technology in a timely and understandable way," said Riley. "This project is one effort to help give parents the tools they need to responsibly guide their children's use of technology and the Internet."

Richard C. Notebaert, Ameritech chairman and chief executive officer, described ParentTech's value. "Parents who have difficulty setting the clocks on their VCRs, while their children talk nonstop about surfing the Net, will love this kit. It takes the mystery out of technology and gives parents the information they need to learn with their kids."

ParentTech kits are available, free of charge, to families in Michigan via a telephone (1-877-298-7273 or 1-877-298-ParentTech), mail (ParentTech, P.O. Box 263, Franklin Park, IL 60131) fax (847) 678-7054 or Internet order

ParentTech is a free technology kit designed to help families and educators understand how technology makes a difference in young people's lives.

(parentec@ncrel.org).

ParentTech resources will also be in middle schools and public libraries in Michigan beginning in summer/fall 1999.

Ameritech Michigan President Bob Cooper hosted the Michigan portion of the videoconference from the Wayne Regional Educational Services Agency. Those in attendance received the free ParentTech kit.

This fall, schools with sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the ParentTech region will receive one of the kits with additional resources including teacher guides, a principal's tip sheet and a colorful poster.

In conjunction with the ParentTech project, Ameritech awarded the American Library Association a \$200,000 grant to create ParentTech learning stations in public libraries across the five-state region. ParentTech also will connect with communities through a "mini-exhibit" this summer and fall.

"What does it mean to parent in a technology-driven world?" said Jeri Nowakowski, NCREL executive director. "NCREL has answered this question by pulling together research-based information and creating common sense guidelines that are incredibly accessible, readable and useful."

ParentTech gives families easy access to an organized set of resources that focus on the impact that technology has on education, careers and society. NCREL is one of 10 research and development laboratories supported in part by the U.S. Department of Education. Its mission is to strengthen and support schools and communities so that all students achieve.

Senate package seeks to strengthen penalties for Internet crimes

BY MIKE MALOTT
STAFF WRITER

Criminals who use the Internet — to solicit a minor, build a bomb or perpetrate other crimes — will be subject to increased penalties under a package of bills finalized by the state Senate last week.

The five bills received strong support from senators last week and are on their way to the governor for a final signature. Among them were:

Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, which makes it a felony to use the Internet to solicit, abduct or assault a minor child. A first offense would get a criminal an additional two years in jail. Later offenses would bring an additional five years.

Senate Bill 562, also by Rogers, adds a two-year penalty for a person who uses the Internet to build a bomb.

Senate Bill 117, by Sen. Bev Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, prohibits the distribution of pornography to minors over the Internet.

House Bill 4197, by Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, allows libraries to offer restricted access Internet services to minors. Adults would still be given unrestricted access.

House Bill 4345, by Rep. Jim Howell, R-St. Charles, sets sentencing guidelines for crimes over the Internet involving minors.

Rogers explained that use of the Internet is being targeted because of the access it provides to criminals who want to target children.

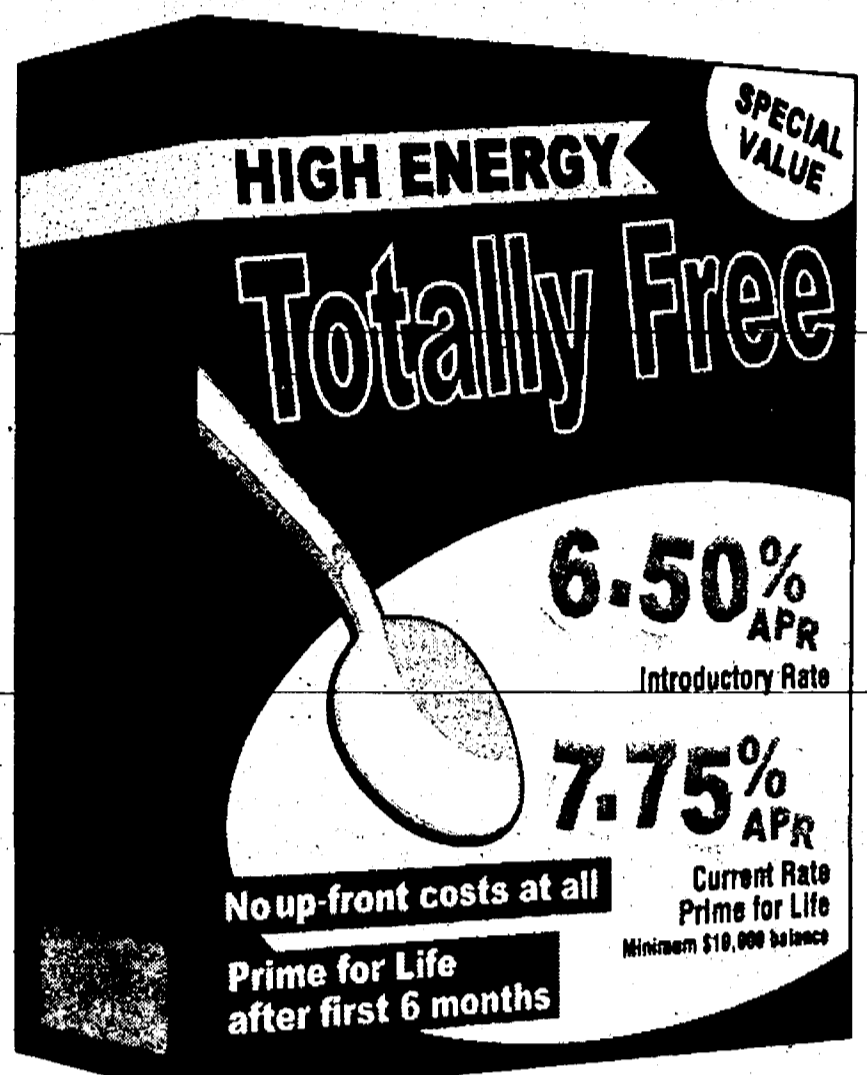
"The Internet gives them access to our living rooms. We invite them into our homes. Many are using the Internet to increase their access to kids," he said.

The main bill in the package, Senate Bill 7, was approved in a 32-0 vote Wednesday, May 12.

Here's how area representatives voted:

Voting yes were Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn.

Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, was absent.



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Lawmakers ready to tackle road funding formulas

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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In 1951, "I Love Lucy" premiered on television, "On Top of Old Smokey" topped the music charts and interstate highways had not been built yet in Michigan.

That's the year Public Act 51, Michigan's Transportation Fund, was enacted to distribute 39 percent to the Michigan Department of Transportation for state highways, and 61 percent to counties, cities and villages for local roads.

That year 2.7 million vehicles were registered in the state. Today that number is about 8.3 million.

Funding formulas in Act 51 will expire on Sept. 30, 2000, so Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers are preparing to discuss the law.

Engler has created and appointed members to the Transportation Funding Study committee which will recommend updated funding distribu-

tion formulas for both state and local road agencies in Michigan.

The committee is expected to revise the transportation formula to reflect the state's current transportation network. It includes four representatives from the Legislature, including State Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, who represents the House Democratic Caucus, along with representatives from agriculture, commerce, labor, manufacturing and tourism. The labor representative is Sam Hart, business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324 in Livonia.

The committee will examine the role of local government, including counties, cities, villages and townships. It also will examine simplifying road jurisdiction, funding sources and competitive bidding and distribution formula.

The committee met for the first time in April. A report is expected this fall.

In a related matter, western Wayne County communities



Funding: In 1951, the year Public Act 51, Michigan's Transportation Fund, was enacted, 2.7 million vehicles were registered in the state. Today that number is about 8.3 million. Funding formulas in Act 51 will expire on Sept. 30, 2000, so Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers are preparing to discuss the law.

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have requested in a resolution that County Executive Edward McNamara and county commissioners budget funds from the county's general fund to supplement Act 51 funds.

"Act 51, the Michigan Transportation Fund, created a formula to distribute transportation funds for road creation, repair and improvements among those with jurisdictions over roads,"

the resolution states.

"Townships do not have jurisdictions over roads, they receive no direct funding from Act 51. Cities spend millions from general and special funds, and special assessments, road millages and bond issues to assist in road construction, repair and maintenance."

The Conference of Western Wayne passed the resolution May 7 calling on county officials to supplement transportation money. The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Copies of the resolution were sent to state representatives and senators representing CWW communities.

'Home rule' challenged?

State Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, has introduced legislation, Senate Bill 235, that prohibits government imposition of a substantial burden on the

exercise of religion.

The CWW passed a resolution opposing the bill.

"This could result in religious buildings being exempt from local planning and zoning regulations," said Marsha Bianconi, CWW executive director.

Bianconi also raised issues in health and safety for residents, where religious buildings are being used for child care, schools and other activities that are regulated differently. It would also increase legal costs as government units have to justify their regulations and "home rule" jurisdiction, Bianconi said.

"Passage of SB 235 as written could undermine local government jurisdiction over religious buildings, unless the municipality is able to demonstrate a compelling government interest in imposing that burden." The vagueness of the legislation makes it open to litigation by religious groups claiming that they are being substantially burdened by local regulations, so local governments will have to be able to justify their decisions in court.

The bill is currently in the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

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Helping kids use the Internet safely

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Chat room dialogue starts innocently enough.

It generally begins with questions of a general nature: How are you? Do you like school? What's your favorite class? What do you like to do?

Those innocuous e-mail messages sometimes lead to racier language, and discussions of a sexual nature.

What a teenager believes is that a "schoolboy crush" exists somewhere out there in the anonymous world of Cyberspace, but the reality of it is that e-mail author could be a predator of children on the Internet looking for another teenaged-victim, a crime that certainly has the attention of Wayne County educators looking to protect students.

"(Teenagers) really think they are in love with a 14-year-old in another state," said Mike Flanagan, superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency. "They don't know it's a 45-year-old guy."

RESA and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department gathered educational leaders on April 26 for a summit on teaching parents how to keep children safe from Internet predators and crime. Representatives from most of Wayne County's 34 school districts attended.

A chilling reminder

Sgt. Robert Johnson of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department's Internet Crime Bureau showed the audience just how easy it was to converse on the Web with a predator. Johnson gives simple responses to questions like a child would and soon is conversing in a chat room with a man from Australia, who asked Johnson if he wanted to talk with a "horny Aussie."

Just moments later, Sgt. Johnson shows the audience what a cyber-predator has e-mailed him: a photo of a nude teenager.

It was a chilling reminder for parents and teachers about the dangers on the Internet.

Flanagan advised the audience to tell parents to watch for children who spend a lot of time in their

Monitor Internet use

Parents who want to protect their children from Internet crime can follow the advice from Ralph Kinney, deputy chief of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

"Monitor your child's activities," Kinney said.

That includes how much time children spend on the Internet, onscreen materials they view and chat groups where they converse.

Kinney suggests that parents may wish to route all incoming e-mails to their accounts, so that they can see what is coming into their homes, instead of those communications traveling directly to their children.

Of course, parents should block all inappropriate materials.

Here is a list of tips for parents from the Wayne County Sheriff Department and Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency:

- Provide your child with clear, simple instructions about how to avoid danger and what to do if something happens. Set limits appropriate for their age.
- Talk to them frequently about their computer activity. Spend time online with them to learn about their interests and activities.
- Accompany your child into chat rooms until they learn your safety rules. Teach your child to never give out personal information such as his or her name or address, school name or address or anything else that is personally identifying.
- Explain to them that people are not always who, or the age, they say they are.
- Set a rule that your child never arranges an in-person meeting.
- Limit your child to specific chat rooms or consider blocking out chat rooms entirely.
- Teach your child to log off if they are uncomfortable in a chat room.

rooms alone, and how easy it is for children to send a photo of themselves if they have a scanner and the proper equipment.

Ralph Kinney, deputy chief of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, said children should be taught to be careful. "People may

set up Web sites, where they may not be who they say they are, and say 'Give us all your personal information and we'll send you a CD or offer discounts on clothing.'"

Other panelists offered their own personal advice to parents.

"We have computers in a public area, so we have a chance to see what (the children) are doing," said David Frankel, RESA technology consultant.

Matthew Rosenberg, a sex offender specialist, said: "The educational benefits are great, but we should have supervision over kids on the Internet." Rosenberg said many pedophiles "validate" their feelings through the anonymity of the Internet in discussions with innocent children.

Paul Kelly, a U.S. Customs special agent, said the area of danger is communications, such as e-mail and chat rooms. "Beyond that, it is a tremendous tool for all of us, but we have to be cognizant and more aware of what children are involved with in e-mail."

Frankel told the educators parents should be invited to visit the schools to talk about the Internet. "Students need to be aware that things aren't what they are on the Internet."

Sheriff Robert Ficano believes that parents should not panic but be cautious. "It comes down to prevention and education. Kids are naturally trusting. They are naturally curious."

Information available

RESA also distributed booklets that contain a contract for students to sign. Rules for using the computer need to be explained up front, Frankel said.

"The issue is what children are trying to do on the Internet. If a project is to be completed on the Internet, a note should go home so parents know what is going on and the scope of the project."

Kelly suggested parents sit next to the computer while a child is working on it. The parent-child relationship is crucial, he said.

"The isolation that computers

allow can be very, very damaging. It's a very vulnerable state to be in. There's nothing wrong with a parent sitting right there."

Virginia Rezmierski, director of the office of policy development and education at the University of Michigan, said the Internet predator problem can help parents and children to clarify their own values, what happens when chat room discussion makes them feel uncomfortable and who they should call.

"We really need to step up to the plate and we really need to talk about right and wrong," Rezmierski said.

RESA officials hoped educators could work with RESA and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to set up conferences this fall within their own districts.

Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business in Livonia, said the problem was an ongoing issue already addressed by the school district.

"We have a board policy and a student code of conduct," Liepa said.

Liepa expected to review RESA's information with other school officials.

Thomas Gay, superintendent of the Redford Union School District, said that district has developed an "acceptable use" of computers for its staff and students. Gay said the district will look at filters on computers to prevent students from accessing questionable Web sites.

Gay said computer safety is expected to be reviewed by a committee formed to ensure Redford Union maintains a safe learning environment for students. Computers can be an asset to what is taught in the classroom, Gay said.

"Under adult supervision, it enhances teaching and learning, Gay said.

Jim Casteel, director of integrated technology for Plymouth-Canton schools, said he would like to meet with that district's curriculum department to discuss Internet safety.

"We need to decide how to approach it," Casteel said. "It's hard to filter chat rooms."



Online safety tips

"Just as kids learn about 'good touch, bad touch,' (parents) need to teach 'good touch, bad touch' on the Internet."

That was advice from Matthew Rosenberg, a sex offender specialist, to parents on educating their children about the Internet. The Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency has released a list for children of the 10 Best Tips for Internet Safety:

- Ask your parents for permission before you log on. Let your parent, guardian or teacher know when you are going on-line. Only use the Internet when your parent or another adult has given you permission, and only for the time they allow you to use it.
- Tell your parent, guardian or teacher to spend time with you while on-line. Show them your favorite places on the Internet. Tell them about the people you meet on-line, and the things you talk about. Let them know who your "keypals" are. Get them involved with your on-line activities.
- Use your family's e-mail address even if you have your own. It's neat to have your own e-mail address, but it is always a good idea to use your family's e-mail address. You should only share your own e-mail address only after a parent or guardian believes that the sender is trustworthy.
- Do not give out your home address, telephone number, school information or your parent's work address. If you are entering a contest, or registering to enter a new Web site, talk to your parent or guardian first and get their permission.
- Do not use your real last name while you are on-line, especially if it is unusual. Have fun using a special code name to use on-line. If you decide you would like to use your real last name, talk to your parent, guardian or teacher about it first.
- Never agree to meet anyone, anywhere without talking to your parent or guardian about it and getting their approval. People may not be who they say they are.
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- Don't send scanned pictures of yourself or your family to anyone unless you have your parent's or guardian's approval. If you have your own home page, your parent or guardian should also help you decide which pictures you put on it.
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- Stop right away if you see or read something on a Web site that is upsetting or offensive to you. Some sites are not meant for children and you might have accidentally reached that site through a "hyperlink." Talk to your parents or teacher about it.

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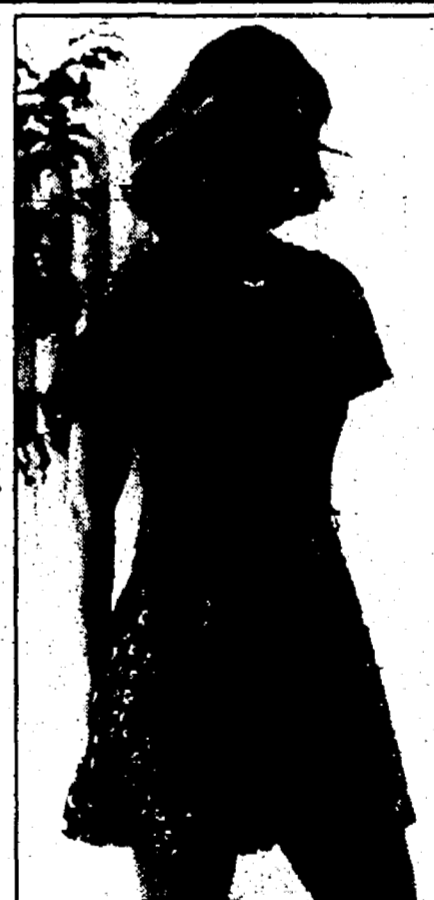
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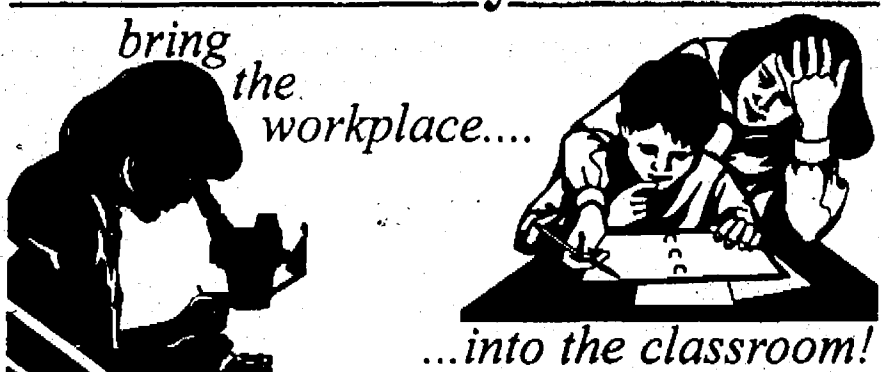
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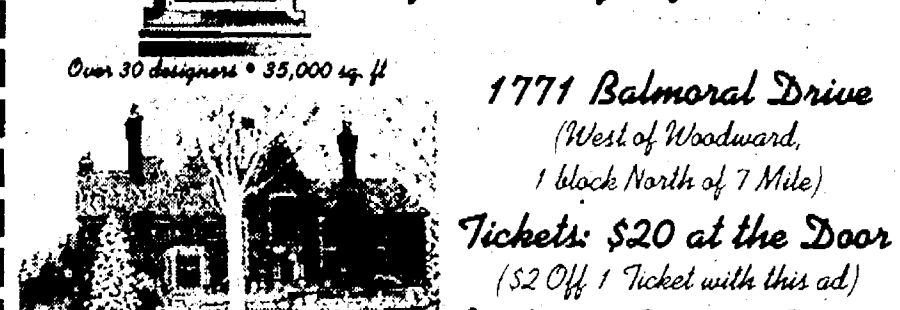
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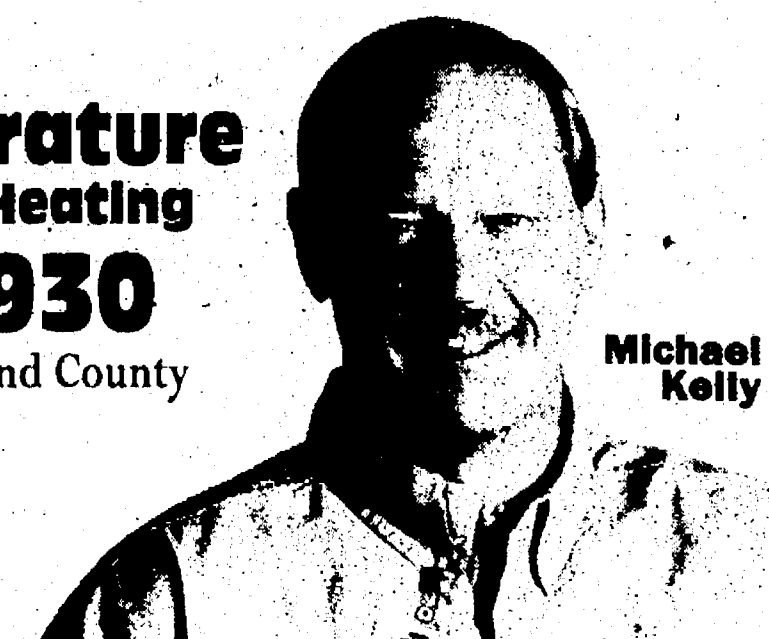
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Madonna grads urged to 'set the standard high'

As 800 graduates joined the alumni ranks at Madonna University they sang: "Whoever you meet, whatever you speak, set the standard high, upward towards the sky."

The message was the focal point of commencement ceremonies held May 8 in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Among the graduates, 597 received bachelor's degrees, 209 master's degrees and the rest received associate's degrees or certificates. This was the first commencement in which master's degrees in hospice education were awarded.

Honorary doctoral degrees were given to Jean A. Corr, Madonna University trustee and benefactor, and music artist Dr.

Noel Goemanne. An honorary doctor of education degree was awarded posthumously to Blessed Mary Angel, the foundress of the Felician Sisters. Sister Mary Cynthia Strzalkowski, a Madonna alumna and min-

ister general of the Felician Sisters, accepted the honor.

Corr, chief executive officer of Educational Bus Transportation Inc., in Copiague, N.Y., received an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

"My children are here today

Among his published works are more than 200 original compositions including 17 Masses, numerous piano pieces, anthems, organ works and various arrangements of hymns and songs, including the Madonna University School Song, and a choral arrangement of Pachelbel's "Cannon in D" which was featured in the film "Ordinary People."

Goemanne encouraged graduates to go out into the world to "set the standard high," now that they have been prepared through intellectual, spiritual and personal growth at Madonna University.

A distinguished alumnus award was given to Arthur R. Lenaghan, a 1975 graduate, for his general support and devotion to Madonna University and

higher education. The fire chief for the city of Novi for the last 21 years, Lenaghan was instrumental in setting up the fire protection and occupational safety degree program at Madonna.

with me as I receive this distinguished honor as are those of my Madonna family," said Corr.

Goemanne, an international composer, organist and choral director, received an honorary degree of doctor of sacred music.



Happy grads: Friendships developed among (from left) Muna Khoury of Westland, Karen Varnas of Livonia and Marie Aversa of Livonia as they all completed the journalism/public relations program at Madonna University.



Special honor: Arthur Lenaghan, distinguished alumnus award recipient, receives congratulations from Madonna University President Sister Mary Francilene, while his son, the Rev. Jordan Lenaghan, O.P., and daughter, Susan Gray, look on.

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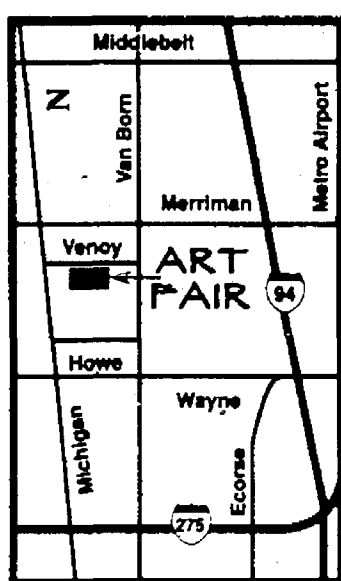
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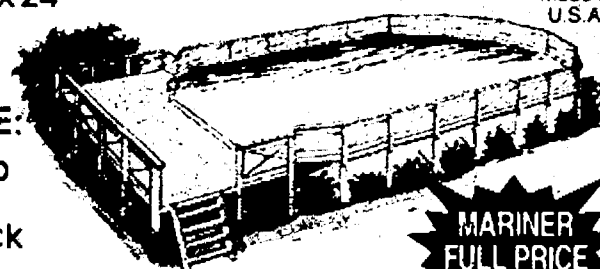
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Court expansion An idea whose time has come

The 18th District Court in Westland is crowded, particularly on Thursday mornings when the criminal docket is heard. Defendants, attorneys, court workers, police officers and others mix and mingle, shoulder to shoulder.

Court officials are eager for expansion, and it looks as if that could become a reality very soon.

Mayor Robert Thomas' proposed city budget includes district court expansion that could start as early as this fall. Westland City Council members are expected to vote on the budget June 7.

"We're very pleased with the expansion," said Judge C. Charles Bokos. The court would undergo a 50 percent expansion, leaving it with just over 21,000 square feet of space, according to estimates.

The expansion is slated for completion next spring and will include a new weapons-screening system and surveillance cameras. Bokos noted the unfortunate trend of security equipment being needed in modern court facilities.

Justice delayed is justice denied, and it appears court officials have made a strong case for the need for expanded quarters. District courts throughout Michigan are busy places these days, hearing not only criminal matters but also civil ones of increasing dollar value.

Court staffs don't need palatial digs, but do need relatively comfortable and modern surroundings. To pay for expansion, the court plans to keep \$200,000 to \$250,000 in revenues that would otherwise be turned over to the city. The money would be used to finance an expansion estimated at \$2 million.

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Westland isn't Washington, D.C., and doesn't need an imposing court facility to rival that of the U.S. Supreme Court. Decent facilities are called for, however, and not just for appearance's sake.

Expansion and renovation will allow the court to function even more efficiently, with Judges Bokos and Gail McKnight leading the way.

Buckle down on seat belt use

Seat belts save lives. That's an incontrovertible fact borne out by more than 30 years worth of statistics since automakers began installing them. Better compliance with seat belt laws means even more lives are saved.

So the bottom line on the primary enforcement law passed by the Michigan legislature last week is this: seat belt usage will increase from the current 70 percent to upwards of 80 percent, if Michigan's experience parallels that of more than a dozen states that already have primary enforcement laws. That will translate into another chance for about 100 drivers each year and less serious injuries for countless others.

The Observer believes that alone is enough to congratulate the House and Senate for their wisdom. That there are other benefits — less wear and tear on the state's catastrophic claims insurance pool and an increase in federal highway funds — that will come from being a primary enforcement state is a bonus.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign the bill, which would make driving unbelted a primary offense carrying a \$25 ticket (with no points) beginning April 1, 2000. Police may currently ticket drivers for not wearing belts as a secondary offense — after they have been pulled over for another reason — under a 1985 law.

Primary enforcement laws have their detractors. They are just another avenue for government intrusion into our personal lives, say some. In fact, the Michigan Libertarian Party was running a radio campaign before the May 12 vote urging residents to lobby their legislators against the bill in order to "keep their promise" against primary enforcement. Realistically though, the 1985 law was intended as a first step in toughening seat belt legislation, not a barrier to it.

Others point out that the new law will give police additional power to harass minority motorists. Unfair treatment of African-American

Both the Louisiana and Georgia studies found that while minority groups in each state thought their chances of getting ticketed were higher than whites, analysis of citation data showed no disproportionate ticketing of minorities after the law went into effect.

cans and other minorities by law enforcement officers is a legitimate concern. But we don't see the seat belt legislation as adding to the problem. And there is evidence from at least three states (California, Louisiana and Georgia) that upgrading to primary enforcement laws has significantly increased seat belt usage among minority communities, according to the National Traffic Highway Safety Association. Both the Louisiana and Georgia studies found that while minority groups in each state thought their chances of getting ticketed were higher than whites, analysis of citation data showed no disproportionate ticketing of minorities after the law went into effect.

In addition to saving lives and reducing serious injuries, Michigan will be eligible for a larger share of a \$53 million grant pool that is part of President Bill Clinton's two-year-old "Buckle Up America" initiative. Michigan received just \$290,000 in 1998 federal highway funds tied to seat belt use. The money is disbursed to 38 states that have some form of seat belt legislation on the books. The lack of a primary enforcement law probably cost the state about \$5 million from that pool last year, Chuck Hurley, head of the Washington-based National Safety Council, said in a newspaper story last fall.

So while Michigan is hardly in the forefront of moving to primary enforcement on seat belt use, the Observer is pleased just the same to see the bill move to the governor's desk.

Long arm of the law



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On patrol: Cpl. Jerry Morrone of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department stands in the area of the Nankin Mills picnic grounds where runner Caryn Casaz was killed by a drunken driver. He was among those working on MADD's annual Run/Walk From the Heart Saturday, a laudable effort.

LETTERS

Proud of achievements

Congratulations to all of the ambitious college graduates that you profiled in your terrific article of Thursday, May 6. It couldn't have come at a more perfect time, as I myself (an over-40 college student) approached my own commencement from Henry Ford Community College.

I could so relate to the stories of the moms trying to juggle work, family obligations and classes. Getting my degree was not an easy task but it was a manageable one with the support of family and friends. And even though it took me much longer than two years to earn my "two-year degree," I found that I have learned lessons and achieved goals far beyond my personal expectations. I highly recommend it to others.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Forget peace

There will be no peace. NATO wants war. But why? First, it's not about Kosovo. It never was — it's about Russia. The geopolitical thinkers at NATO feel that Russia is currently at its point of maximum weakness and the U.S. is at its point of maximum strength. This window of opportunity to shape the 21st century will not last for long.

NATO sees itself as controlling the European and Asian land mass from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the next century. Furthermore, the next government in Russia will be radical, ultra-nationalist and very dangerous. So NATO sees the coming war as a pre-emptive strike. Sort of like attacking the Weimar Republic in Germany before Hitler could come to power.

NATO is currently asking the Russians to negotiate their own extinction as a global power. Will this dangerous policy work? We shall see. But I doubt it. NATO assumes it can always control the situation which is problematic at best. We are probably in the very early phases of World War III. There will be no peace.

Walter Warren
Westland

Rape drugs

The Michigan Women's Commission commends the efforts by the media to educate the public about the dangers of Gamin Hydroxy Butyrate (GHB) and other rape drugs. However, these drugs are often mentioned as "date" rape drugs, which is very misleading. Victims of these unsuspecting drug-induced sexual assaults are frequently drugged by strangers or slight acquaintances — not in a dating scenario. Using the term "date" rape drug leads people to mistakenly assume there has been a dating relationship between the victim and the perpetrator. The correct message needs to be sent to the public — these are "rape drugs."

Important points to remember are:

- Never leave a drink unattended.
- Don't accept any beverage (including soft drinks) from someone you do not know.
- Order bottled or canned beverages when possible; open them yourself.
- Be cautious of anyone inquiring about drinks that you have not tried before, even health drinks. Predators often disguise GHB as a new health fad, or slip it into drinks that you are unfamiliar with, which makes it even more difficult to detect the taste of GHB.

When Gov. John Engler signed the legislation, in July of 1998, to add GHB to the list of Schedule 1 Drugs, Michigan Women's Commission members were present. The commission has been actively distributing GHB brochures to: law enforcement agencies; middle and high schools; colleges and universities; women's centers, shelters and help groups; counseling and rape centers; hospitals and emergency rooms; prosecuting attorneys; churches; etc.

A Schedule 1 Drug makes it a crime to deliver, possess the drug with intent of delivery, or manufacture the drug. Even simple possession of the drug will be considered a felony and using the drug will be a misdemeanor. When convicted, fines and prison terms are applied.

The public can contact the Michigan Women's Commission office at (517) 334-8622 for GHB brochures.

Patti Garrett
chair

Michigan Women's Commission

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think the program about date rape drugs will make a difference?

We asked this question at John Glenn High after students attended a Monday program sponsored by Westland police.



"Yes. People will know what to do if they think somebody put something in their drink."
Anne Sanford, 14 student



"Yes. I think this might knock a little sense into some heads."
Nicole West, 16 student



"Yes. Once they find out the side effects, they might not want to do it. It can do a lot of harm."
Andrew Peltier, 15 student



"Yes. Education is power."
Marti Mottor security liaison

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Let's give breaks to help revive older suburbs

Vice President Al Gore has been mounting a political - excuse me, make that public policy - campaign about how the future of our landscape should be developed or not developed.

Gore, reportedly the front-runner for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination next summer, was in Detroit recently to discuss his policy aim of having a "sustainable growth" for the country as we approach the last eight months of the century.

Specifically, the vice president is concerned (in political jargon that translates into he is vehemently opposed) to the current state of affairs in suburbia, where you and I live, work, shop and play.

LEONARD
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Gore is talking about the problems of traffic gridlock and the ongoing popularity of cellular phones and sport utility vehicles.

He wants controls and is suggesting that people be encouraged to abandon their lifestyle and live in a more densely populated community.

Give me a breeeeeeeak. In a case of selective memory, Gore neglected to point out that the federal government was largely responsible for the suburban sprawl after World

War II with subsidies to home builders, home buyers and the creation of an interstate freeway system, which encouraged persons to live further from their jobs.

People moved to the suburbs during the past 30 years for lots of reasons - some valid, some personal.

But if the vice president were really serious about doing something about suburban sprawl, he could work hard to use the government's main tool - the tax code - to encourage people to move into existing homes in the "older" suburbs, such as Garden City, Redford, Ferndale and Oak Park, and gain real housing values instead of looking at the new subs halfway to the Mackinac Bridge.

Let's take a quick look at the current federal tax loopholes and how they encourage home buyers to look more at larger, more expensive new homes instead of the slightly smaller and far less expensive existing homes.

The tax code has a huge loophole which provides a tax deduction for property owners, allowing them to deduct local property taxes and mortgage interest on their federal returns. The higher the tax and interest payments, the larger the deduction.

Apartment dwellers are not provided that same financial loophole.

In the same tax code, some can deduct the interest if they have a home equity loan, even if it's used to finance the purchase of a car or boat.

If you live in an apartment, forget about that loophole, too.

A simple way for Gore and the federal government to correct or at least slow down suburban sprawl is to provide the tax loopholes only for those buying an older house, for example, 25 years old or more.

You say that's unfair? Discriminatory? You bet!

But so are the extra tax exemptions given senior citizens or couples with lots of children. It all boils down to whose ox is "Gored".

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Press coverage shrinks as states do more

Coverage of state government is in steep decline.

In capital press rooms around the country, there are more and more empty desks and silent phones. Bureaus are shrinking... stories get less space and poorer play, and all too frequently editors just don't care.

At the same time, state governments have more power and more money than ever before. Their tentacles reach into every household and business. Everyone - political parties, academics, trade organizations, labor unions, corporations - has discovered this. Everyone, that is, except the press.

That sad conclusion was reached in a study called the "State of the American Newspaper" conducted by the Project for Excellence in Journalism and funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts. The results were published in a series of articles over the past year in the American Journalism Review.

I've been covering communities in Oakland County for better than two decades now, the last 10 as editor of



MIKE MALOTT

The Novi News, and in that time I've seen countless examples of how state news can have a direct impact on readers' daily lives.

Since I've drawn the assignment to cover the state-house for the HomeTown Communications Network - the company which owns this newspaper - it'll be my job from here on out to find those stories and write them up.

In Lansing, lawmakers seem to agree with the "State of the American Newspaper" study that state government is getting less attention from the press than it did a decade ago. It's reached the point that lawmakers say they "miss" the coverage.

A lot is going on here that we think deserves coverage. But they prefer to run entertainment and features. That has been the trend, less

government news," said Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland.

In the 1980s, 25 reporters were assigned full-time to cover Michigan's statehouse, according to the study. Now the number is down to 15.

In his first four years in office, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, said he was interviewed by the capital press corps "six, perhaps a dozen, times. To me, that hardly seems adequate."

The press' withdrawal from capital coverage has come at a curious time, according to Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, when the government is going through a process of "devolution" in which the feds keep handing more power and authority off to the state governments. It began in the Reagan era and was known then as "The New Federalism."

State governments are now setting policy on all kinds of issues that people care deeply about - education, health care, roads, insurance, environment, welfare reform, crime control, gun control, and the list goes on.

Why the lack of coverage? In the

'70s and '80s, editors concluded that readers were bored with hard news, government news especially. Papers across the country lightened up their coverage with more "news you can use," more features and entertainment, more food and fashion pieces.

Now, the study says, readers want their hard news back.

There may be other reasons for the diminished interest. "In the past, much of the writing about state government was undeniably dull," is the only suggestion in the study that reporters themselves may have had something to do with the decline.

I think the writers should take more of the blame. If readers have had a hard time relating to capital coverage, it's probably because the stories often read as if they were written by insiders for insiders.

One bright spot in this dismal picture has been a guy named Tim Richard and this newspaper company. In his years as state reporter for HomeTown Communications, Richard

could always be counted on to find a fresh perspective on the issues. He kept a sign taped to the inside of his laptop that read, "What does it mean to the reader?" And this company gave him the support and resources necessary to carry on his work.

He retired April 30, but this company has decided that Lansing is a beat important enough to warrant continuing the tradition.

So that's the challenge I face - finding those stories that have a direct impact on readers' lives, and doing it without getting caught up in the maneuverings, and machinations, and political intrigues that go on in a town like Lansing.

If you believe the "State of the American Newspaper" study - that the state's "tentacles" reach into every home and business - it ought not be that difficult.

Mike Malott reports on the local implications of state and regional issues. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700.

Columbine makes us think

The massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado has set off shock waves that are still reverberating through every community in America.

In Michigan, not a day has gone by without news of another threat posted on the Internet, more graffiti talking violence or some troubled students caught/suspected of acting out their anger.

The concern has gone so far that all the schools in the Port Huron school district were closed last week after a killing plot was discovered and a bomb found. In community after community, schools that once were regarded as safe and solid have suddenly become places of anxiety and concern.

For hometown newspapers like this one, such events call for special responses. Part of our company philosophy says this: "Because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent of the stories they cover, swooping in to write the unusual or sensational and then dash off to cover something else. We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we live and work."

In the context of this policy, I've tried to think through how this hometown newspaper can best respond to the events now unfolding in our schools. I've tried to set out a few general principles that should help provide a standard by which our readers can judge how we carry out our responsibilities as community journalists:

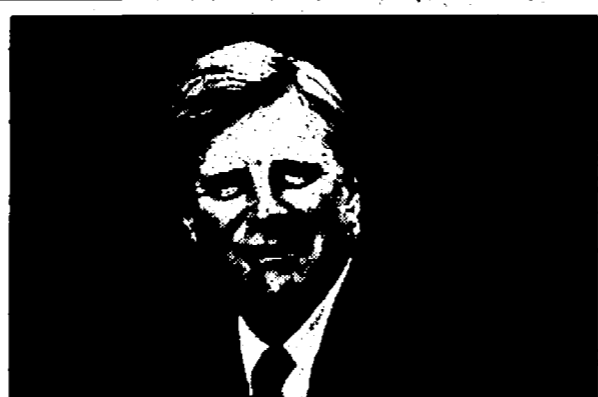
Tell the truth. No obligation for any journalist is greater than this.

This obligation extends to the ways we report what officials tell us. Consider two examples.

Students at Walled Lake Central High School were evacuated in response to a bomb threat under the pretense of a fire drill. Officials later explained they wanted to avoid creating a panic, which makes sense. But those same officials, for a time, tried to justify covering up the bomb threat, which does not. Later, however, school officials sent a letter home fully explaining the situation.

As our editorial on the subject said, "It is unconscionable for the administration to assume that it has a right to withhold such critical information about the students from their parents."

At Birmingham's Seaholm High School, principal Terry Piper wrote a letter to parents acknowledging graffiti in a boy's bathroom that said, "Death May 5. Someone will die." Security was heightened, with armed police and unarmed volunteer parents patrolling the school. People knew the facts. Piper neither under-reacted nor over-reacted. He deserves



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credit for telling the truth in a responsible way.

Do not sensationalize. These situations are serious enough without some TV reporter on the make sticking microphones in front of terrified kids and anxious parents. Because we're not engaged in a battle to puff up our circulation numbers, we have no reason to overplay stories that are serious enough as they are.

Protect our sources. Be a responsible citizen.

These two principles are often in conflict. It isn't possible to be a good journalist - in seeking out and telling the truth about school officials, for example - without protecting your sources. But as community journalists, we have the obligations of citizenship in the community we serve.

Our newspaper in East Lansing experienced this conflict when threatened by the prosecutor with a subpoena demanding we turn over all the unpublished photographs taken of the riot. Our policy is to oppose such subpoenas, not because we condone riots or rioters nor because we are immune to the obligations of citizenship. Rather, our concern is that by setting the precedent of complying with one subpoena, no matter how compelling, we open the door to countless other less justified fishing expeditions by police or prosecutors.

Nevertheless, our policy is that should we get even one morsel of information about an act of terrorism - a plot to bomb a school or stage a riot - we will instantly contact the appropriate authorities.

Be respectful and responsible. Hometown newspapers respect their readers and the institutions (such as schools) that define the community. At the end of the day, it is only by being a responsible institution within the community that we can be respectful to the community itself and to its citizens.

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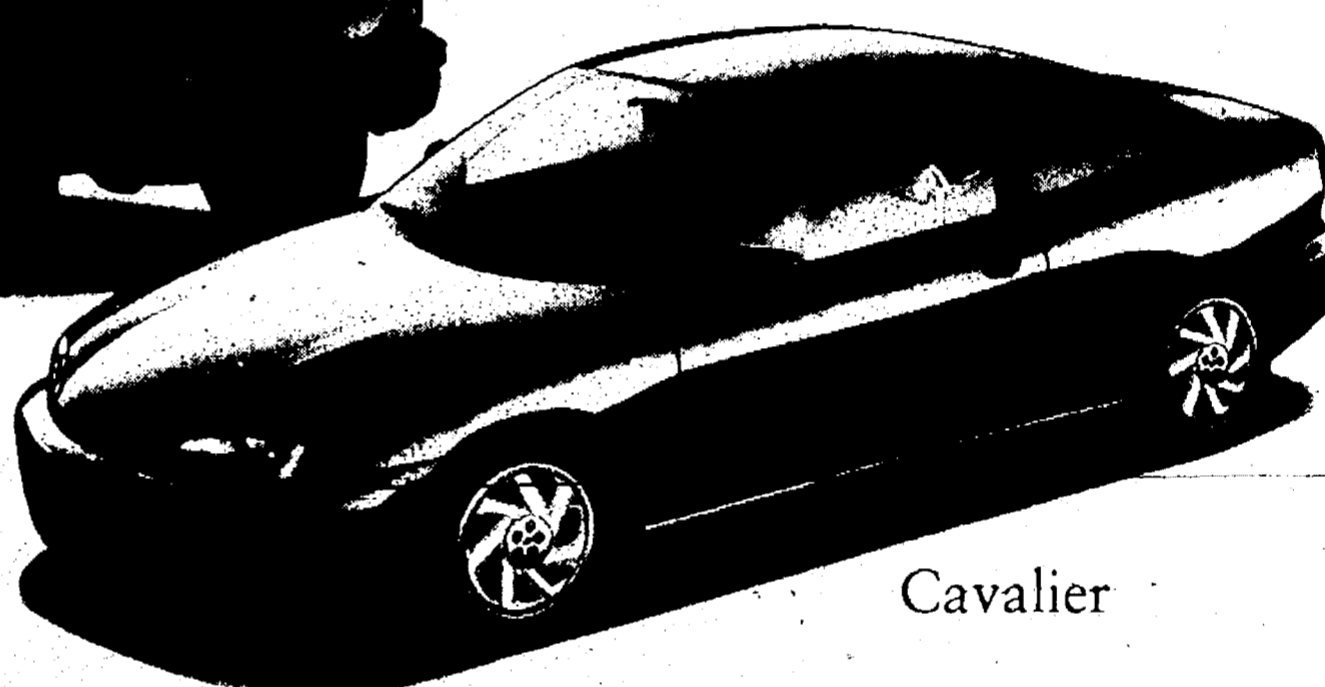
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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Mission helps clients 'fish' for themselves

Her first memories began at 3 years old. From her alcoholic father, she endured mental, physical and sexual abuse. She admits that she learned from her dad's unscrupulous business practices and con games how to con others to get whatever she wanted.

After her parents divorced when she was 12, she recalls longing for male attention and then getting it from a 19-year-old guy who ended up raping her. By 16, she hated her life and hated everyone around her, especially men.

Now hardened from a life of abandonment and abuse, she vowed to never let a man have control of her again. But unfortunately, she saw her only way to escape her personal demons was to marry at 17. She promptly became bored with that and decided that the way to happiness was going to be by gaining power, fame and fortune.

Then she met a professional wrestler who was famous, wealthy and adored by his fans. This was everything she thought she wanted. But once again, she tolerated his abuse in every way bearable. Incredibly, through her perseverance, she

■ Her fame as a wrestler made her partner more furious with her and on Feb. 14, 1989, her life nearly came to a close when he smashed her face in because of a jealous argument.

internal battle with prescription pain medications.

Meanwhile, her popularity carried her around the world and brought her a six-figure income. By now, she had a son in tow. Sadly, the power, fame and fortune did not make her happy and she began to contemplate suicide. She says it was like she was going to get even with all the people who had hurt her.

And then the suicide attempt came ... but that didn't work. With a drug habit of more than \$250 a day, heroin and cocaine were now her new best friends. Spiraling downhill, she knew she was not a good mother to her son, her addiction was eating her alive and her need to manipulate people for drug money was out of control.

One night she said that God intervened by showing her the sadness in her son's eyes when he asked her why she was leaving him again.

"But I left to go buy more dope ... I couldn't forget my son's eyes. I realized I had done to my son what my father and mother had done to me. I had broken his heart. I screamed out to God at the top of my voice to save me and HE did."

From that moment on, her life changed. She wound up at the Pontiac Rescue Mission because they accepted women and children. She freed herself from her addiction, stayed on at the mission to be a supervisor, finished her GED and went to William Tyndale College. Currently, she is the day hospital administrator for New Life Ministries in Battle Creek.

I endorse the goals of the Pontiac Rescue Mission because its purpose is not only to provide people with "fish," but to teach them how to "fish for themselves." If you agree with this goal, you can be part of a fund-raising

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When her 7-year-old daughter told her about students who teased a young Albanian boy for wearing the same clothes and girls' shoes to school, Lisa Briggs got involved.

When International Aid Inc. sent a letter to St. Damian Elementary School, asking the children to help the children of Kosovo, secretaries Nancy Ruby and Kim Novak accepted the challenge.

At Faith Lutheran Church, the congregation has responded well to an appeal for household goods to help shelter Kosovar refugees who will be coming to the metropolitan Detroit area in the coming weeks.

The metropolitan area is known for its generosity in times of need and it is that generosity that four resettlement agencies are counting on to help an unknown number of Kosovar refugees who will be arriving in Detroit in the coming weeks.

"There's quite a bit of uncertainty," said Sandi Rosso, director of Refugee Services for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. "It's hard to say how long the families will be at Fort Dix (N.J.). Even the government isn't sure, and the information changes every day."

Ruby and Novak coordinated a campaign at the Westland school to collect hygiene packages for IA, a Spring Lake, Mich., relief agency that is shipping the items to refugee camps in Albania and Macedonia.

The school's 232 students - preschoolers through eighth-graders - collected some 250 plastic zipper bags, filled with soap, a towel, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste and a comb, in two weeks' time for "Kids Helping Kids."

"We didn't collect money, just Ziploc bags," said Ruby. "And we're thrilled to have such a great response. We sent home letters and encouraged the children to earn the money to buy the items. We had more than a 100 percent participation."

The duo also is thrilled with the Westland Post Office. With the approval of the postmaster, supervisor Valerie Shafer put up signs and posters made by the students to collect donations from patrons to pay for the cost of shipping the boxes to Spring Lake.

Shafer, who won't know how much the postage will be until the 10 boxes of supplies are brought in, said the response was "pretty good."

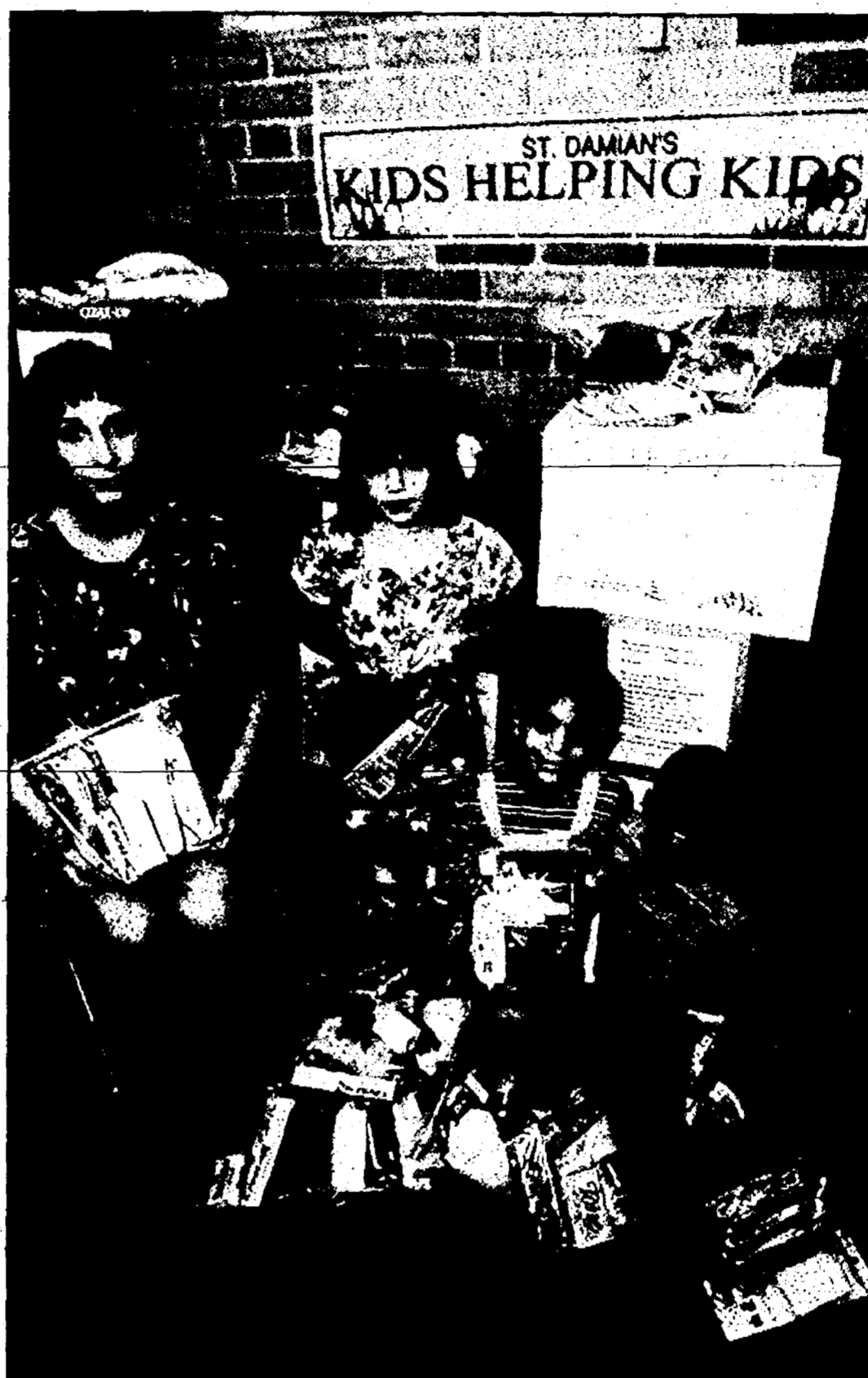
"I was touched by the children wanting to help children," said Shafer. "I have young children and know how infectious their enthusiasm can be."

Making a difference

A few blocks away, Briggs is looking for more ways to help the Albanian boy and his family, brought to her

Caring and sharing

Residents respond to call to help refugees



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Helping out: Valerie Shafer (left), a supervisor at the Westland Post Office, worked with the students at St. Damian School for their "Kids Helping Kids" program by getting postal patrons to donate money to cover the shipping charges, while students like kindergartners Breanna Moore, Kabih Warra and Bobby Turner collected more than 200 hygiene kits for the children of Kosovo.

attention by her daughter, Chelsea Bonello.

In broken English, the boy's father has called Briggs the family's "little God" for her assistance, but she credits Chelsea and the community for their response.

Value Village in Westland provided a 50 percent discount on clothes Briggs bought for the boy's mother and younger sister. Target donated a television to replace a set that barely worked and McDonald's donated four meals for the family.

"It takes one little person to make a difference," said Briggs. "I can't believe how it warms the heart to get the responses I have from the community."

Suzanne McBride, acting principal at Edison Elementary School, where the young boy is a student, has visited the family and gathered up information about English classes for the parents.

"We saw some immediate needs and addressed those, but they need someone to talk to," McBride said. "We

know very little about them because of the language difficulty, but they are nice people and are very appreciative of the help."

"I think they're very lonely because they have no one over here," added Briggs. "The father is very discouraged. He's working as a dishwasher and from what I can understand, he had an awesome job over there."

Across town, at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia, the congregation has "really stepped up" to the request for household goods put out by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. The appeal came just two weeks after a request for used and new silverware.

"The appeal went out in the bulletin on April 24, and right away on Monday (April 26) we started getting phone calls," said Beth Hare, church secretary. "We have a very generous congregation, and it was nice that Lutheran Social Services was able to pick up the larger pieces of furniture at their homes."

Shawn Booker also is impressed with the Lutheran churches' response to the appeal, calling it "overwhelming."

"We do this all of the time, but with something like this ... it's an outpouring," said Booker, resources coordinator for Immigration and Refugee Service. "We have more pickups (of household goods) than we can handle."

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, the Archdiocese of Detroit, Jewish Family Services and LSS are coordinating the resettlement of an unknown number of refugee families in the Detroit area.

Coordinating efforts

According to Rosso, the Interfaith Disaster Relief Agency, formed last summer to help victims of a July tornado, will coordinate the collection of household goods as an areawide effort and then distribute the items to the resettlement agencies. The entire collection drive, including a telephone number to call and the location of dropoff sites, will be activated on Sunday, May 23.

"This is taking a tremendous amount of community involvement," said Rosso. "We only found out about the refugees coming here three weeks ago and we've accomplished an incredible amount."

The resettlement agencies are gathering paperwork for sponsor families who eventually will help the refugees once they arrive. Rosso also has received 40-50 offers from people who want to be host families and get the refugees "started on the road to self-sufficiency."

Many of the applications are for refugee families in camps in Albania. However, the 20,000 refugees the

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Teens' attraction to heroin may be its cost

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At one time, the phrase "heroin user" conjured up images of dark alleys, smoke-filled rooms and tattered clothing.

Not anymore.

"Heroin has a real negative connotation. (You imagine) some bum sitting on a street corner with a syringe sticking out of his arm. We're not seeing it now. It's the en vogue drug in Hollywood and a lot of that filters back," said Sgt. Paul Wood, a D.A.R.E. officer in Livonia.

Heroin use is on the rise among teenagers, most of whom live in middle- to upper-class households, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse in Rockville, Md. Locally, some police officers and therapists are beginning to see the trend.

"Starting about a little bit more than a year ago, we started encountering more kids that were using heroin. We had never really seen it before, then we had a space of about six or seven kids that were entering our drug treatment program who were using heroin," said Dale Yagiela, executive director of GrowthWorks, which has offices in Plymouth and Canton.

According to the NIDA, heroin is the most abused and the most rapidly acting of the opiates.

It is processed from morphine, a naturally occurring substance extracted from the seed pod of certain varieties of poppy plants. It is typically sold as a white or brownish powder or as the black sticky substance known on the streets as "black tar heroin."

Although purer heroin is becoming more common,

most street heroin is "cut" with other drugs or with substances such as sugar, starch, powdered milk or quinine.

Because heroin abusers do not know the actual strength of the drug or its true contents, they are at risk of overdose or death. Heroin also poses special problems because of the transmission of HIV and other diseases that can occur from sharing needles or other injection equipment.

Heroin is usually injected, sniffed/snorted, or smoked. Typically, a heroin abuser may inject up to four times a day. A recent NIDA report said that sniffing/snorting heroin is less expensive and a popular means of taking the drug among users admitted for drug treatment in Newark, N.J., Chicago, New York and Detroit.

The NIDA says it's the low price that lures young users to the drug. Wood explained that of the few cases that Livonia has seen, most of the kids are attracted to the less expensive heroin because they don't have to inject it.

"When you think of people using heroin, you think of them using needles and so forth," said Wood, who will speak at a town hall meeting devoted to drugs on next week. "Due to the higher levels of heroin, the heroin isn't cut as much as it used to be. It's more potent and as a result kids will inhale it instead of shooting it up."

"The problem with heroin is that it gets to a point where you have to increase the amount that you take in order to get the desired high. They come to a point

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Get savvy about drugs

Parents wishing to learn more about drug and alcohol abuse can attend the Town Hall Meeting on drug and alcohol awareness 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The event is hosted by the Livonia Mayor's Task Force on Families and Youth Subcommittee for Drug and Alcohol Awareness Month.

It will feature a display of drug paraphernalia, D.A.R.E. presentations, and a question-and-answer session with local police officers, judges and school officials, an emergency room physician and a student.

A number of agencies offer help for heroin abusers.

■ GrowthWorks Inc., 271 S. Main St., Plymouth, offers chemical dependency services. (734) 455-4902.

■ Narcotics Abuse 24-hour helpline and treatment 1-800-234-0420.

■ Narcotics Anonymous, Ann Arbor, (734) 913-9839.

■ Brighton Hospital is at 12851 E. Grand River Ave., Brighton. The phone number is (810) 227-1211.

■ Henry Ford Hospital's Maple Grove Treatment Centers for Chemical Dependency have several locations including - 29106 Buckingham, Livonia, (734) 523-1745; 363 Big Beaver, Troy, (248) 689-7476; and 6773 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-6100.

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where snorting it just isn't doing it. They're so hooked on it that using a needle or syringe isn't as distasteful as it was."

GrowthWorks' Yagiela cited two other reasons for the increase.

"One is the tolerance to the marijuana that was available," he said. "The marijuana today was much stronger than what was available 10 or 15 years ago. A lot of these kids have been using drugs since they were probably 11 or 12 years of age. By the time they were 15 or 16, they weren't having much of an effect from marijuana anymore."

Yagiela added that heroin is now more readily available.

Sgt. Timothy Abramski of Westland's special investigations unit said he hasn't seen a problem with heroin.

"We don't come across that

'Typically, when kids are using heroin, they're going to be pretty sloppy about where they're leaving things. I have parents bringing in needles; parents who are finding other kinds of paraphernalia.'

*Dale Yagiela
GrowthWorks*

much teenage use of heroin in this given area, in the suburban area. The drug of choice seems to be marijuana," Abramski explained. "The vast majority of teens, as they get older, seem to (move on to) powder cocaine or crack cocaine. Some of it is coming back into the hallucinogens."

"We come across a multitude of people who come through the city. We see heroin but it's mostly the older individuals and we're seeing a few in their late

20s. But heroin isn't among the vast majority of drugs that we come across."

Warning signs

Yagiela stressed that parents should look for signs that their children are using any kind of mood-altering substance whatsoever, not just heroin. But parents who suspect their children are using heroin will find more paraphernalia as the addiction worsens.

"Typically, when kids are using heroin, they're going to be pretty sloppy about where they're leaving things. I have parents bringing in needles; parents who are finding other kinds of paraphernalia," he said. "Kids are pretty much out of control in that stage of the game. They're in places they're not supposed to be."

NIDA offers several signs and symptoms — euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils and nausea.

Withdrawal symptoms include watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, tremors, panic, chills, sweating, nausea, muscle cramps and insomnia. Elevations in blood pressure, pulse, respiratory rate and temperature occur as withdrawal progresses.

Symptoms of a heroin overdose include shallow breathing, pinpoint pupils, clammy skin, convulsion and coma.

D.A.R.E. Officer Wood said that first, parents should realize that drugs are in the community.

"We have a tremendous amount of denial in the community; we're trying to make parents more aware and to remove the blinders of denial, so to speak," he said. "Parents should not necessarily accuse their kids of using drugs, but they should be aware it could happen."

TasteFest puts out call for volunteers

Looking for something to do Fourth of July weekend that's loaded with food and entertainment? The Comerica Michigan TasteFest is in need of volunteers to be a part of this year's team.

Volunteers can select from a wide variety of opportunities, ranging from staffing information and beverage booths to monitoring stage entertainment and helping in the children's activity area. In appreciation for their assistance, volunteers will receive a special souvenir T-shirt.

The annual festival will be Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, outdoors adjacent to the historic Fisher and General Motors buildings on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway.

Thirty-five Michigan restaurants will sell "tastes" of their specialties, including Hunter House Hamburgers, Ginopolis, Atwater Block Brewery, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, JA DA — A Barbecue Grille, Sweet Potato Sensations, Peacock Restaurant, Mario's, Under the Eagle, Orchid Cafe and 736 JAVA Coffee House, to name a few.

Festival goers can swing to

free musical performances by pop, blues, jazz, alternative and R&B performers, including Fastball, The Rippingtons, Blood, Sweat and Tears, Reel Big Fish and a Beatles tribute.

The Wellness Plan Jazz Showcase will present favorites like Tim Bowman, Randy Scott, The Articles and Tuxedo Junction as well as a Baker's Keyboard Piano reunion.

The Nestle's Ice Cream Stage will feature top local bands, while KidShows will feature song, dance, comedy, magic and storytelling performers. The performers include guitarist/vocalist Gary Rosen, storyteller Ivory Williams, YoMaster Zeemo, Puppeteer Eugene Clark and juggler Jonathan Park.

Michigan TasteFest is produced by the New Center Council Inc. which uses the proceeds to support its charitable activities, including a summer youth program and the yearly maintenance of the New Center's outdoor public spaces.

To receive information about becoming a volunteer, call the Michigan TasteFest office at (313) 872-0188 or visit its Web site at www.tastefest.org.

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event at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn on June 12.

The fashion show, which includes former Miss Michigan USA Shannon Grace Clark and a delicious lunch, will raise money for the women's and children's center at the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

It's an opportunity to support families who are in need of that extra boost to get back on their

feet. Call (248) 745-1825 for ticket information. You won't be disappointed.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downsj@mail.resa.net.

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U.S. is accepting are coming from Macedonia because of concerns about a shift in the country's ethnic makeup with the influx of 234,000 Kosovar refugees.

"There are 40,000 Albanians in the metropolitan area, but not all have ties to Kosovo," said Rosso who estimates that the biggest group of refugees will be free cases — those without sponsors. "However, the entire community has pulled together to help the newcomers. It's a great community effort."

Having refugee status entitles

the families to apply for an immigration card after one year and become U.S. citizens after five years. If they want to return to Kosovo, the U.S. government has said it will assist them.

In the meantime, Booker and Rosso and their counterparts at the other resettlement agencies are waiting for the first refugees to arrive.

"With the outpouring of donations, we're prepared," said Booker. "If we get a refugee family of 10 next week, we know we can give them what they need."

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McDonald's get ready for return of teenie Beanies

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Did somebody say ... teenie Beanie Babies?

McDonald's did. The fast food giant is serving its third installment of teenie Beanies for two weeks, beginning with the 7 a.m. breakfast crowd Friday, May 21, and store operators are preparing for the onslaught of Beanie Baby enthusiasts.

Based on the past two years, Eric Alcodray knows his McDonald's on West Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township will be "extremely busy" Friday morning. He plans to have extra employees there, but isn't certain how many.

"This place was an absolute

madhouse," Alcodray said about the previous teenie Beanie promotions. "We had people lining up at 4-5 a.m. It was more than a crunch, it was 50-100 people."

Exclusively created for McDonald's, the TY teenie Beanie Babies promotion, introduced in April 1997 is the most successful Happy Meal program in the company's history.

This year, 12 teenie Beanies will be available at no additional charge with a Happy Meal or sold separately for \$1.89 with the purchase of any regularly priced menu item between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. through June 3, or while supplies last. Purchases will be limited to 10 teenie Beanies per visit.

The collection includes Freckles the Leopard, Antsy the Anteater, Smoochy the Frog,

Spunky the Cocker Spaniel, Rocket the Blue Jay, Iggy the Iguana, Strut the Rooster, Nuts the Squirrel, Claude the Crab, Stretchy the Ostrich, Nook the Husky and Chip the Cat.

All but Rocket the Blue Jay are teenie versions of retired full-size Beanie Babies.

Special edition

And for the first time, a special edition of four TY teenie Beanie Babies International Bears will be offered June 4-17, or while supplies last, with a portion of the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The bears, hard to find as full-sized Beanie Babies, will sell for \$2.49 each with the purchase of any regularly priced menu item. There also will be a purchase limit of 10 bears per visit.

McDonald's and TY Co. are committed to contributing \$4 million to Ronald McDonald House Charities from the bear purchases.

At the McDonald's on Ford Road in Garden City, inquiries about the Teenie Beanies is met with a "We can't tell you anything," an indication that Beanie enthusiasts have already been calling, according to Laura Cain who handles regional marketing for 240 McDonald's stores in seven southeastern Michigan counties.

"I've been told the Detroit area is the highest interest area for Beanies in the country and that Oakland County is the Beanie Babies capital," she said.

The stores' owners have made preparations to handle the onslaught, plans that include bringing in extra help, selling the teenie Beanies in the play areas or tents outside and creating special Beanies only lines. Increased quantities of the teenie Beanies also have been ordered, according to Cain.

"We know our customers are very excited about this, and our operators are prepared for that," said Cain. "The first year we were caught by storm over the demand, so we did different things to manage it better last



They're Baaaack! McDonald's most popular Happy Meal program of all time - TY Teenie Beanie Babies - will feature 12 new collectibles - Freckles the Leopard, Antsy the Anteater, Smoochy the Frog, Spunky the Cocker Spaniel, Rocket the Blue Jay, Iggy the Iguana, Strut the Rooster, Nuts the Squirrel, Claude the Crab, Stretchy the Ostrich, Nook the Husky and Chip the Cat.

'Locks of Love' haircuts benefit cancer patients

Want to get a free haircut and help young cancer victims at the same time?

It can be done, thanks to Westland John Glenn High senior Mandy Long and Maria Cisar's Hair Salon, also in Westland.

It's all part of a national program, "Locks of Love."

Long said she organized the local project because she wanted to help young cancer victims who wear wigs after losing their hair during chemotherapy treatments.

Free haircuts will be offered from 3-6 p.m. Monday, June 7, at Cisar's salon, 35857 Ford Road. For more information, call Long at (734) 729-0642.

There are a couple of rules, however.

Like Long, who plans to get her hair cut, participants must have long hair and be willing to have at least 10 inches cut off.

"It's pulled into a ponytail and cut off. Ten or 12 ponytails make one wig," Long said. "It's collected in baggies and sent bulk mail to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla."

The hair can be any color, but it has to be clean and not chemically damaged, Cisar said.

"We'll cut it and style it," she said. "But we do need people with really long hair."

year. We had people call to compliment us that it was as different as night and day on how we handle the promotion.

"Hopefully, with the increased quantity of Beanies and the different procedures, we'll do even better this year."

Anticipating lines

At the McDonald's on Warren Road in Westland, employees expect to have Beanie enthusiasts waiting at 7 a.m., but wonder if the Furby craze and the opening of "Star Wars" this week will cut into the crowds.

"They were there last year and I'm sure they'll be there this year," said an employee who declined to be identified. "We had them line up like they did for 'Star Wars' (tickets)."

To handle the crowd, employees have lined up family members and friends to come in as volunteers to help.

"We're as excited as our customers," the employee said. "We want to make this a fun time."

Teenie Beanie enthusiasts can get help tracking down those teenie Beanies. The McDonald's Web site - www.mcdonalds.com

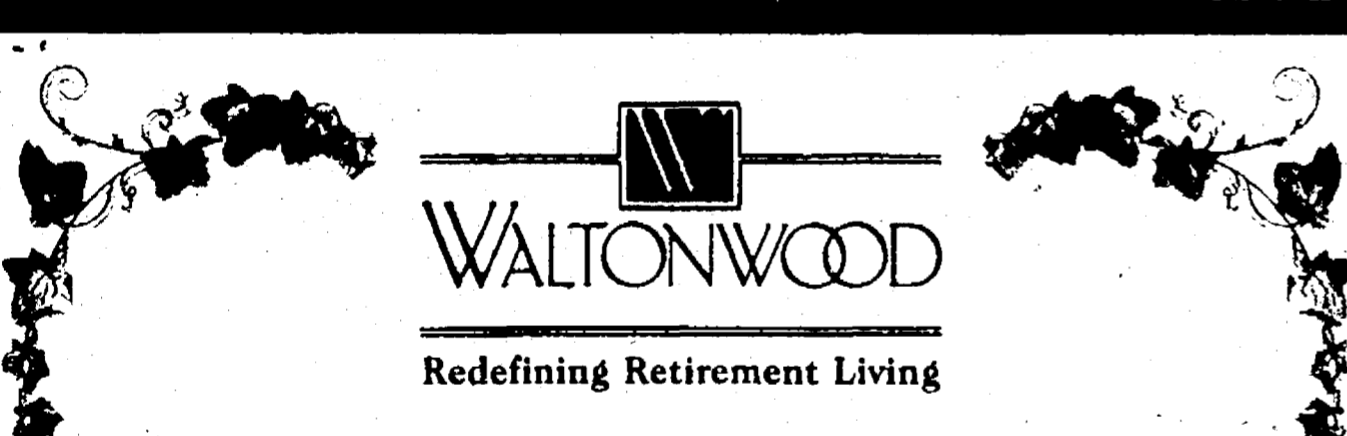
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Weight Watchers CEO and President Florine Mark will speak at a luncheon noon Tuesday, June 1, at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 Warren Road in Westland. The meeting is hosted jointly by the Westland and Garden City Chambers of Commerce. Tickets are available by calling (734) 326-7222 or (734) 422-4448.

FUN RUN/WALK

The North Brothers Ford and the city of Westland 5K Fun Run/Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Race starts at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford. Registration is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$10 for 18 and under, \$12 for preregistration fee for adults and \$15 late registration after June 4. Preregister at North Brothers Ford customer care department. Registration includes prizes for the top five male and female race winners, T-shirts for all participants, race refreshments, water and snacks. All proceeds benefit Race for the Cure and go locally to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet at 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

GOLF CLASSIC

The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for four-somes 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 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 6-8:30 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

BAILEY CENTER POOL

The pool at Westland's Bailey Center will open Memorial Day weekend. Hours will be noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday through Monday, May 29-31. The center is on Ford at Carlson. Hours will be 4:30-7:30 p.m. only June 1-4. Hours will be noon to 3:30 p.m.

Student duo: Turrance Golden and Devonair Warren show some money for 'Jar Wars.' At center, Cathi Bishop, student council treasurer, chats with Mary McGaw, bank branch manager, as the school's change is counted.



'Jar Wars' helps kids help others

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students at Marshall Middle School know a thing or two about helping others. The student council sponsored its annual "Jar Wars" Contest April 12-21 at the school in Westland.

This year's charities were the Make-A-Wish Foundation (which grants wishes to terminally ill children), the Michigan Humane Society, the American Cancer Society and student council.

The money was mostly pennies and change, according to Trish Zupko, student council adviser. During the week and a half, more than \$2,300 was raised. The Standard Federal Bank Branch No. 27 in Westland, with manager Mary McGaw, helped count the money.

There was 100 percent participation from each advisory class. Every class got an empty gallon jug and tried to fill it with pennies. Each penny was worth one point. Silver and paper money were deducted from the amount of pennies/points, so classes tried to "bomb" each other with silver and paper money.

The Student Council awarded prizes for the top six advisory classes. Overall, the sixth-graders contributed the largest amount. Many collected more than \$100 and several teachers chose to reward their classes even if they didn't win.



Team effort: Ramsey Wared, Sean Gregory and Pete Cabell contribute money.

and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 5-6 and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 7-11. Hours will be noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. June 12-13, then the pool will open for the season for regular hours of noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. There is a waterslide and a baby pool for kids age 3 and younger. There are birthday packages at \$7 per person, including pizza, pop, pool admission, games, and a T-shirt for the birthday person. Teen/Middle School Night is 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, with a disc jockey, pizza and pop. Admission is \$1. Swim lessons will start the week of June 21 and will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. These are two-week sessions; for information, call (734) 722-7620.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 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

SCHOLARSHIP

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is accepting applications for a Career Development Scholarship. The purpose is to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the work force. Candidates must: demonstrate financial need; live and/or work in Wayne or Westland; be accepted into a college or vocational/technical program; and have a minimum 2.8 grade point, if already enrolled. Those interested should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development Scholarship Committee, 3088 Riversedge Drive North, Wayne 48184. Postmark deadline for completed applications is June 15.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op

Nursery has openings in its 2-year toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, 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 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 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.

GARFIELD CO-OP

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

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, 4-5:30 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.

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school will be opened to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriam in Westland.

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 meets 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

SENIOR WALK

The Fourth Annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day Walk will begin 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the Westland Senior Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. The walking route will be about 1.9 miles. The luncheon and 1998 T-shirt are \$6. Luncheon only is \$3. No 1999 T-shirts will be ordered. An Oakwood Hospital exercise physiologist, Diane Hamilton, will present pre-walk instruction and consultation. The fire department will do blood pressure screening, distribute orange juice and supply medical personnel along the route; the police department will direct traffic. Registration is required. Senior of the Year for Leadership and Service will be announced. Pick up nomination forms at the Friendship Center.

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.

DEPRESSION SEMINAR

Learn to recognize the difference in the symptoms between sadness and depression at a seminar at the Westland Friendship Center 1-2:15 p.m. Friday, May 28. Light 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.

FRIENDSHIP PICNIC

A Friendship Center Summer Picnic will be held noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, at Coburn Park behind the Westland Friendship Center. The picnic is open to Friendship Center members and Westland residents only. No tickets will be sold after Friday, June 4. Cost is \$6 for Friendship members and \$9 for non-member Westland senior citizens.

WINDSOR RACEWAY TRIP

A trip to Windsor Raceway is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4. Cost is \$25. Leave Friendship Center at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., post time is 7:30 p.m. with races over at about 10:45 p.m. Return to center about midnight. Call (734) 722-7632.

DINNER AND SHOW

A trip to dinner and to "Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$85. Arrive at the Friendship Center at 4 p.m., eat at Three Brothers Restaurant at 5 p.m., arrive at Detroit Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Play starts at 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

SENIOR CHOR

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

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

SWEET ADELINES

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

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

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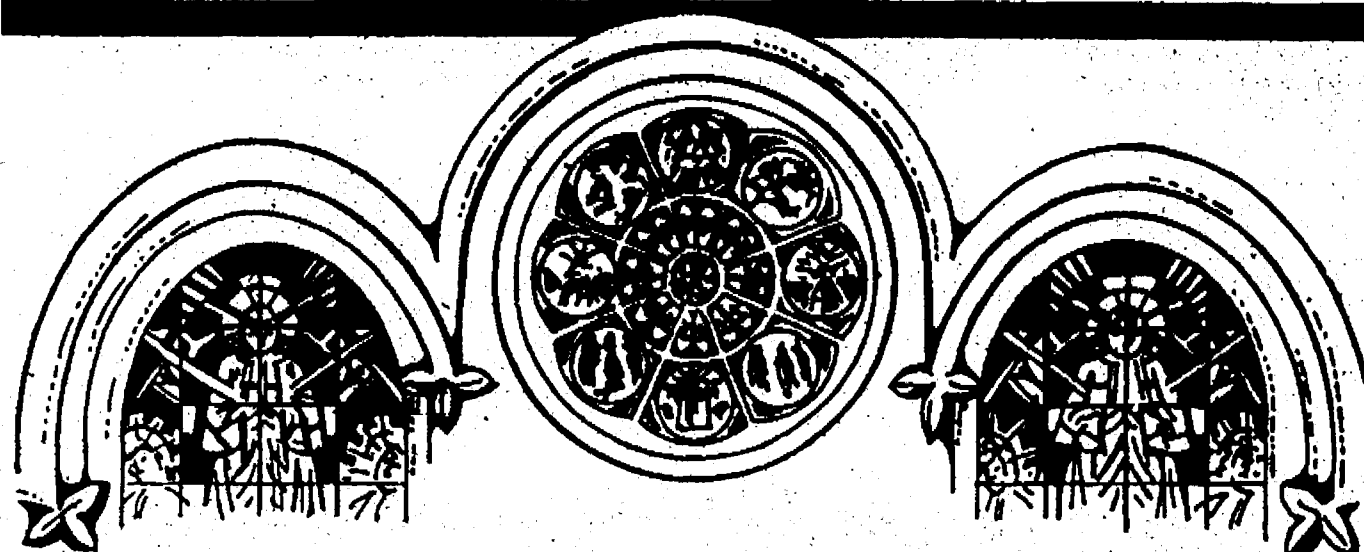
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Knowing some basic facts makes visit to ER easier

Medical emergencies are unpredictable — people don't expect to have one. You can ease the anxiety of a visit to an emergency department by learning some basic facts.

"First, it's important to know that emergency medicine over the past 30 years has evolved into a state-of-the-art, technologically advanced, fully recognized medical specialty," said Dr. Russell Harris of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "Today's emergency physicians are highly educated and trained

to handle all kinds of emergency situations and to provide the best possible care."

A person who arrives at the hospital by ambulance or is unconscious is assigned a patient bed immediately and be treated. If someone else drives, the patient will first enter the waiting room, where his or her medical condition will be assessed.

Most likely, a nurse will determine the severity of the condition, based on the symptoms and check vital signs, including tem-

perature, heart rate and blood pressure. This process is called triage.

Additional information also will be obtained, such as the patient's name and address and medical history, and someone will prepare a chart. Anyone who comes to an emergency department will not be turned away, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance coverage.

"There are many reasons a trip to the emergency department can take longer than a visit to the doctor's office," said Harris.

Unlike a doctor's office, where appointments are spread out, many emergency patients may arrive at once. Also unlike a doctor's office, patients often must wait for the results of X-rays or tests.

People can help make the time pass more quickly and speed the treatment by planning ahead. With children, take along a book or toys for them. If possible, a patient should bring along someone to remain at their bedside. Also, bring any up-to-date medical records, including lists of

medications and allergies, and any advance directives, such as a living will.

Once placed in an examination area, an emergency physician will examine the patient, possibly ordering tests (X-ray, blood, electrocardiogram) and the vital signs will be monitored. Nurses and other assistants will assist the patient during the visit.

If critically ill or in need of constant intravenous medications or fluids, the patient may be admitted to the hospital. Otherwise, an emergency physician

will discuss the diagnosis and treatment plan with the patient before discharged. There may also be written instructions regarding medications, medical restrictions or symptoms that may require a return visit.

For a free Home Medical Organizer, which provides first aid information on what to do in an emergency, as well as medical consent and contact forms, call ACEP at (800) 446-9776. For additional health and safety tips, visit ACEP's Web site at www.acep.org.

Volunteers honored:

Angela Hospice volunteer coordinator Donna Kolodnick (from left) joins Volunteer of the Year Elaine Opalewski, Angela Hospice President Sister Mary Gionvanni and Crystal Butterfly Award recipient Msgr. Thomas Villerot at the agency's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last month.



Hospice honors volunteers

In recognition of the service volunteers provide the community, Angela Hospice honored more than 300 people who give of their time and their hearts to hospice at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last month.

Elaine Opalewski of Redford was named Volunteer of the Year and Msgr. Thomas Villerot received the Crystal Butterfly Award.

Opalewski has been helping home care patients at Angela Hospice for seven years. She says she enjoys having one-on-one time with the patients and their families, and in turn, they

are grateful for the help they receive.

Villerot was recognized for his most significant contribution to Angela Hospice. He spends his time visiting with patients at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia.

"Whenever we call on Father Villerot, the answer is always yes," said Donna Kolodnick, the volunteer coordinator.

Top volunteers, based on their hours of service, also were recognized at the dinner. The honorees included Virginia Begarowicz, Ruth Favor, Dianne Groves, Donna Kolodnick and Helen May of Livonia, Carolyn DiComo, Arlene Fogle and Barbara Whell of Northville, Betty White of Plymouth, Genny McSweeney of Brighton and Loretta Mackenroth of Ann Arbor.

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holding open enrollment for preschool-eighth grade classes at the school, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville. Preschool has morn-

ing and afternoon sessions for 3-4-year-olds. Kindergarten is a full day program three days a week. All grades have a strong academic, biblically-based environment. For more information, call (248) 348-9031.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is accepting applications for enrollment is 1999-2000 prekindergarten program for 4-year-olds. Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon classes are available at the school, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-9022.

Registration is taking place now for Kindergarten classes offered through the Christ Our Savior Early Childhood Program at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Christian program has a class size of 15-18 children with two teachers from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Extended care is available. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth has opened its new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpcc@juno.com.

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years. There program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. The program is state-certified and Christian teachers make up the low classroom ratio. It is offered at the church, Farmington Road, north of I-275. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Have a problem? Need to talk? Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential and anonymous Christian telephone listening service 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (734) 427-LIFE.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17600 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974. It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle 7 p.m. every other Friday.



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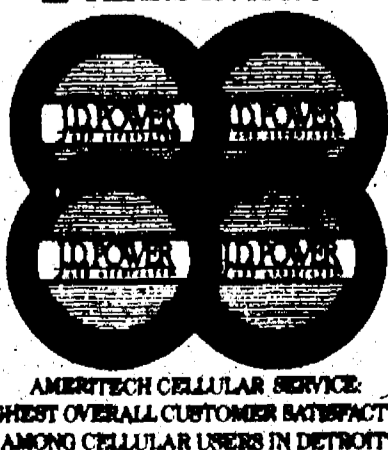
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NEW VOICES

Dewayne and Kenice Kemmerling of Plymouth announce the birth of **Alyx Marie** Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, **Tasha**, 10, **Ty**, 9, **Bailee**, 3, and **Sam**, 2.

Tim and Jill Gorman Jr. of Redford announce the birth of **Alex James** Jan. 25. He joins a brother, **Joshua Allen**. Grandparents are Joyce Trombly of Novi, Richard Trombly of Munising and Tim and Judy Gorman of Westland. Great-grandparents are Bill LaBelle of Westland and Bernie Gootee of Plymouth.

Bernie and Beth Olsen of Plymouth announce the birth of **Mitchell Philip** Jan. 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. He joins a sister, **Kleigh**, 20 months. Grandparents are Ann

(Coker) and Larry White of Plymouth, Dr. Marlin P. Coker of Naples, Fla., and Bernard and Martha Olsen of Ocala, Fla.

Tim and Sharon Phillips of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Nicole Marie** Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Diane Kurgan and Jimmy and Geraldine Phillips, all of Garden City.

Ronald and Jackie Jones of Westland announce the birth of **Taylor Rae** Feb. 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Dave and Priscilla Jones, James Ferguson and James and Alexis Neubacher. Great-grandparents are Jewell Youngblood and James and Florence Ferguson.

Craig and April Meagher of

South Lyon announce the birth of **Casimir Octavius** Jan. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, **Joshua**, 11, and a sister, **Kaitlyn**, 5. Grandparents are John and Lorea Meagher and Dan and Laurie Gay, all of Livonia, and John and Teresa Rider of Dayton, Ohio.

Chad and Tonya Perkey of Westland announce the birth of **Jewell Rayne** Feb. 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two siblings, **Kayla** and **Steven**. Grandparents are Dan and Debbie Bush of Westland and Greg and Vickie Perkey of Novi.

Ken Jones of Kentucky and **Jonna Jones** of Canton announce the birth of **Jonathan Lee** Jan. 13 at the

Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, **Justin**, 8. Grandparents are Joseph and Carol Wegrzyn of Canton and Ken Jones Sr. and Christine Jones, both of Pine Knot, Ky.

Gary and Krista Gallo of Garden City announce the birth of **Erin Nicole** Feb. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister, **Samantha Jane**, 20 months. Grandparents are Ernie and Liz Andree of Harrisville and Karen Raskin of Cape Coral, Fla.

Bryan Michael Yarber and **Leah Nicole Morrison** of Garden City announce the birth of **Bryan Michael Yarber II** Jan. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Carol Yarber, Mar-

cie Hicks and John Morrison, all of Garden City.

Scott and Carla Murray of Garden City announce the birth of **Maxwell David and Vincent Scott** Feb. 12 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Paul and Carol Garner of Garden City and David and Barbara Murray of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are William and Fern Brozek of Dunellon, Fla., and Alex and Agnes Toth of Dearborn.

Michael and Kristy Ferrell of Westland announce the birth of **Shelby Lynn** Jan. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Glenn and Debi Stephens, Johnny and Sally Ferrell and Dan and Debi Paglia.

Richard and Kim Engel-

hardt of Plymouth announce the birth of **Lauren Nicole** Dec. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Grandparents are Lynn and Sindie Young of Garden City, Sharon Engelhardt of Westland and Al and Marsha Engelhardt of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Mary Daroczy of Dearborn Heights and Stanley Blazejewski of Detroit.

John and Shawn Gossett of Westland announce the birth of **Nathan A.** Jan. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, **Paris**, 7, and **Alyssa**, 2. Grandparents are Jerry and Susan Chaffin and Mary and Chuck Gossett, all of Westland.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

ALL SAINTS
Class of 1950
Is planning a "Millennium Reunion" for November 2000.
(248) 437-9735

ANN ARBOR HURON
Class of 1989
Sept. 18 at the Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor.
(248) 360-7004, press #9
Class of 1979
Nov. 26 at the Holiday Inn-North Campus in Ann Arbor.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

ANN ARBOR PIONEER
Class of 1989
Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.
(800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

BERKLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 28.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Classes of 1963-1964
A reunion is planned for July 17.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Oct. 16.
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BIRMINGHAM GROVES
Class of 1969
July 17 at the Community House in Birmingham.
(800) 677-7800 or e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

BISHOP BORGESS
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August.
(313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(734) 464-2746 or (734) 459-2281

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August.
(734) 729-6783

CHIPPEWA VALLEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636
Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for July 16.
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CLARKSTON
Class of 1960
A reunion is tentatively planned for August 2000.
(248) 627-4549, (248) 933-1670 or dlmiller@flash.net

CLAWSON
Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for July 2.
(248) 366-8053 or (248) 628-2077

DEARBORN
Class of 1974
A reunion is planned for July 3.
(734) 425-3318

Class of 1954
A reunion celebration is planned for Aug. 6-8.
(313) 565-4816, (734) 464-8262 or (734) 421-1845

DEARBORN FORDSON
Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.
(248) 366-9493, press #8

Class of 1946
Aug. 5 at Park Place in Dearborn. Cost is \$28 per person.
(313) 274-3929 or (313) 562-4639

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for July 10.
Deadline for ordering tickets is June 25.
(313) 584-0003 or (313) 561-8911

DETROIT CASS TECH
Class of 1969
Sept. 25 at the Athenium Hotel in Detroit. Cost is \$75 per person by June 1.
CT '69 Reunion, P.O. Box 11658, Detroit 48211

Classes of 1950-51
A reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2000.
(248) 740-3266

DETROIT CENTRAL
Class of 1949
Sept. 4 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.
(248) 661-0269 or (248) 545-7496

DETROIT COOLEY
Class of 1950
A reunion is being planned.
(313) 421-3150 or (734) 525-2503

DETROIT DENBY
Class of 1969
Nov. 26 at the Mirage in Clinton Township.

(313) 937-5032, (810) 263-9180 or (810) 774-1784

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Sept. 18.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1959
Oct. 23 at the Hillcrest Banquet Center, Clinton Township.
(248) 642-7376 or (313) 526-7469

DETROIT FINNEY
Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Aug. 27.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT HENRY FORD
Class of 1979

A reunion is planned for Sept. 11.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT MACKENZIE
Class of 1969
Oct. 22-23 at the Holiday Inn Laurel Park in Livonia.
(313) 659-0122 or P.O. Box 04056, Detroit 48204

DETROIT NORTHEASTERN
Classes of 1978-1979
A reunion is planned for Aug. 7.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT NORTHWESTERN
Class of 1949
June 25-27 at the Crowne Plaza Ponchartrain Hotel in Detroit.
(313) 273-5193 or (313) 861-1927

DETROIT PERSHING

Classes of 1949-53
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P.O. Box 530-244, Livonia 48153-0244

Class of 1974
Is planning a reunion. Classes of 1973, '75 and '76 welcome.
(248) 799-2975 or by fax at (248) 350-8476

DETROIT REDFORD
January Class of 1969
A reunion is planned for July 17.
(248) 624-8551 or (248) 644-0553
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DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN

Class of 1958
A reunion is planned for Sept. 25.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

DETROIT WESTERN

Class of 1949
A 12:30 p.m. reunion luncheon will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.
(313) 274-3214

FARMINGTON

Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington.
(248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON

Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington Hills.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

FERNDALE LINCOLN

Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June 5.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for September.
(517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979
Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.
(734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GROSSE POINTE
January-June classes of 1949
Welcoming party Sept. 17 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club in

Grosse Pointe Woods, sit-down dinner Sept. 18 at the Detroit Country Club in Grosse Pointe Farms and brunch Sept. 19 at the Bayview Yacht Club.
(313) 885-2197

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Class of 1979
Aug. 21 at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods.
(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

HAZEL PARK

Class of 1974
Nov. 27 at Warren Chateau in Hazel Park.
(800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Sept. 17.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

HENRY FORD TRADE

Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June.
(313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546

Classes of 1937-40
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 12 at the Bonnie Brook Country Club, Detroit. Cost is \$36 per couple, \$18 per person. Golf optional after 3:30 p.m.
Send checks to H.F.T.A., 20700 Shiawassee, Detroit 48219, attention Pat Costello.

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Class of 1969
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Class of 1949

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JOHN GLENN

Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland.
(734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214

Class of 1989

Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 366-9493, press #2

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1964
July 24 at the Holiday Inn-Lau-rel Park in Livonia.
(734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net

Class of 1969A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

Class of 1989

A reunion is planned for Oct. 15.
(800) 548-6666 or (810) 446-9636

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at Vladimir's in Farmington.
(734) 459-6486, (734) 459-0254 or at NOWANDTHEN.COM / REUNION or ALUMNI.NET

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Hawks under-14 1st

The under-14 Michigan Hawks went 3-0-1, capped by a 1-0 victory over the Busch Soccer Club of St. Louis, Mo., to capture the 16-team Nike Premier Cup last weekend in St. Charles, Ill.

The Hawks, coached by Jim Kimble and Amy Richters, also earned a trip to the Women's Global National Championship early next month in Portland, Ore. in a tournament that will feature four U.S. teams and one each from Canada, the United Kingdom, South Africa and Europe.

The Hawks reached the final with wins over the Chicago, Ill., Windy City Pride (2-0) and the Milwaukee Kickers (2-1) and tied Busch (0-0) to earn a spot in the Nike Premier Cup final.

Members of the Hawks include: Jessica Klein, Livonia; Caitlin Gill, Rochester; Lea Hill and Lindsey Walker, Bloomfield Hills; Anne Decker, Troy; Katie Ales, Novi; Nicole Galas, Sterling Heights; Jori Gravellyn and Brenna Mulholland, Ann Arbor; Kaitlin Spencer and Emily Valade, Brighton; Megan Pipkens, Holt; Shannon McIntyre, Woodhaven; Laura Baker, Dearborn Heights; Callie McCarthy, Okemos.

Crusader Elite advances

The Crusader Junior 17-and-under elite volleyball team captured the AAU state tournament qualifier Sunday at the Team Center in Grand Rapids capped by a 15-12, 15-7 win over Genese in the final.

Crusader Juniors, coached by Lee Cagle, won six of eight games to finish first in pool play.

They defeated Team Center (15-12, 15-6) and Motor City Volleyball Club (15-6, 15-6). They also split with the Oakland Juniors (4-15, 15-13) and Genese (12-15, 15-9).

Members of Crusader Juniors include: Alexis Bowman, Andrea Kmet, Tera Morrill and Lyndsay Sopko, all from Livonia Franklin; Kate LeBlanc, Livonia Stevenson; Rachel Rock, Livonia Ladywood; Jill Dombrowski, Michelle Ginther, Amanda Suder, all of Plymouth Salem; Meredith Hasse, Northville; Jennifer Sharick, Lincoln Park.

Crusader Juniors return to action Sunday at University of Michigan-Dearborn; June 5 at Bay City; June 12-13 at the state tourney; and June 19-22 at the Asics National Junior Volleyball Championships in Chicago.

Collegiate note

Lansing Community College freshman Rob Block (Livonia Stevenson) finished fourth Friday in the 10,000-meter run (31:15) and seventh Saturday in the 5,000 run (15:05) at the National Junior College Athletic Association men's outdoor track and field championships at Southern Illinois University.

It was the strongest showing by Lansing CC in an NJCAA meet.

WYAA football signup

Football and cheerleading registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association Comets and Meteors will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays at WYAA Compound, 6050 Farmington Road, Westland.

Veteran football players can sign up June 23, 26 and July 7. Open football signup will be from July 7-Aug. 5.

Veteran cheerleaders can register June 12 and 16. Open registration is from July 7-Aug. 5.

The fee is \$70 (plus fundraiser setting 60 candy or pretzel) or \$110 buy-out (no fundraiser).

Age and weight classifications include: Varsity, 11-13 (weight 100-160-pound maximum) and 14 (weight 155 maximum); junior varsity, 10-11 (weight 70-135 maximum) and 12 (weight 130 maximum); and freshman, 8-10 (weight 65-125 maximum).

Cheerleading age grouping include 11-14 (varsity), 11-12 (JV) and 8-10 (freshman).

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RU snaps CC streak at 20

Scrappy Panthers post 4-3 triumph in backyard upset

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Redford Union coaches Rick Berryman and Shawn McGowan kept reminding their players afterwards: "It's only one game."

But who could blame the Panthers for being a little bit giddy and in the mood for celebrating following a come-from-behind, 4-3 victory over Michigan's juggernaut in high school baseball — No. 1-ranked Redford Catholic Central.

Down 3-1 after five innings, RU manufactured two runs in the sixth inning and scored the game-winner on a safety suicide-squeeze bunt with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh to snap CC's unbeaten streak at 20.

This was no ordinary non-league matchup between schools located within two miles of each other.

The Shamrocks had jumped into the No. 12 spot in *USA Today* and were rated among the top 20 teams nationally by *Baseball America*.

RU was 19-3 overall and ranked in the top 10 in Division I of the state coaches' poll.

"It's against a crosstown rival who's ranked No. 1 in the state and I thought our guys arose to the occasion," said Berryman, "especially after the way we lost our second game on Saturday (9-7 to Walled Lake Central)."

"To come back this big with no practice in between (on Sunday), I have to commend our guys."

During Friday's school pep assembly on Friday, the RU baseballers made a



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

1st blood: Redford Union's Mike Macek slides safely into home for the Panthers' first run during the opening inning vs. CC.

pact toward team unity by dying their hair blonde.

Junior Mike Hayes proved to be RU's biggest blonde bombshell, pitching 3-3 scoreless innings in relief of starter Sean O'Connor to raise his record to 3-0.

The 5-foot-11, 158-pound Hayes also doubled to start the bottom of the seventh inning and eventually scored the game-winning run.

Hayes raced home from third when Mike Taylor's one-out push-bunt with the sacks full eluded CC pitcher Antho-

ny Tomey.

"Mike is such a good shortstop, I don't like starting him," Berryman said of Hayes, who has eight mound appearances with one save. "He came up real big today. He's probably one of the best gamers' you'll ever see. The bigger the situation, the better he seems to do."

Neither team powdered the baseball — the squads collecting just five hits apiece.

CC, known for its long-ball attack led by All-Staters Casey Rogowski and Bob Malek, came into the game hitting .331



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Swing shift: Churchill's Heidi Aittama (left photo) was runner-up medalist, while Mara Mazzoni (top photo) helped Stevenson capture the team title.

Spartans, Chargers 1-2

BY C.J. RISAK
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The final analysis is easy enough to formulate: Livonia Churchill was much improved over last season, when it finished second at the Western Lakes Activities Association Golf Tournament behind Livonia Stevenson. Playing again at Hudson Mills in Dexter, the Chargers dropped their team score by 13 strokes.

Problem was, Stevenson dropped its team total of '98 by 16 — which means the Spartans repeated, this time finishing seven strokes ahead of the runner-up Chargers.

Stevenson's stroke total was 371; Churchill's was 378. Farmington, led by tournament medalist Cassie Jemison, placed third with 381, followed by Northville (394), Walled Lake Central (410), Plymouth Canton (412), Plymouth Salem (442), Livonia Franklin (455), Walled Lake Western (460) and Westland John Glenn (694).

Perhaps as amazing as the Spartans' winning total was that it was accomplished when their defending WLAA Tournament medalist, Mara Mazzoni, had an "off day" — at least by her standards. Mazzoni shot a respectable 93, a score that was good enough to earn her all-conference honors.

But four others had better scores. Indeed, Jemison — who earned or

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shared medalist honors in every dual meet she competed in this season — fired a 79 in replacing Mazzoni as WLAA Tournament medalist.

With Churchill coming on, a slip by the Spartans' ace might have proved costly. It didn't, however.

"We are really putting forth a team effort," said Stevenson coach John Wagner, his team now ranked third in the state. "When someone slips a little, someone is there to pick them up. There is no one star on this team."

Which is just what happened. Three Spartans achieved all-conference status: Mazzoni; Carli Heppner, who was the team's low scorer with a 91 (third overall); and Katie Carlson, who matched Mazzoni's 93.

Two others were all-division: Laura Haddock, at 94, and Jessica Makowski, at 100.

All of which means the Spartans could make a major impact at the state tournament June 4-5 at Forest Akers West in East Lansing. First, however, there's the state regional Friday at Oakpointe in Brighton, to deal with.

"If you take a look at our scores over the season, they're very steady," said Wagner in examining the reason for his team's success. As far as taking that extra step at the state tourna-

ment, he said, "I think their maturity is showing."

If Stevenson's time to make a statewide impact is now, Churchill certainly represents the future. Not that the fifth-ranked Chargers, led by freshman phenom Heidi Aittama, won't be heard from this year.

Aittama shot an 85 at Hudson Mills, second in the league. The Chargers had one other all-conference selection in Jennie Lusa, who shot a 93, and two who made all-division in Ashley Johnson (99) and Kelly Parzchowski (101).

"She is just unbelievable," said Churchill coach Sharon Laskowski of Aittama. "I've never had a girl with such talent come in like her. I've never seen a girl her age hit the ball like that."

What makes the Chargers' future so rosy: They lose one key player to graduation in Stacy Loucks, who shot a 104 at the conference tournament.

The WLAA's top four teams all have the capability of making an impact at state. Each of them had at least their four WLAA scorers named to the all-conference or all-division teams. Stevenson's highest counting score was a 94, Churchill's was a 101, Farmington's and Northville's was a 102.

Which means the dramatic drops in scores at conference could be replicated at state. So watch out, those outside the WLAA sphere.

PREP BASEBALL

as a team.

RU, meanwhile, was hitting an eye-popping .403 with a penchant for the long-ball, too.

"I was proud of our pitchers (O'Connor and Hayes) because they changed speeds and kept the ball down," Berryman said. "It was a game where both teams had to create runs."

CC started its ace, Tomey, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound right-hander headed to Eastern Michigan University.

He went all seven innings in the 85-degree-plus heat, striking out 12 and walking six. Tomey, however, showed no signs of fatigue despite throwing a total of 124 pitches.

Although he was working under a regular ball-strike count instead of the Catholic League's 3-2 format, some of Tomey's pitches were gunned as high as 92 MPH.

"Anthony said he wanted to finish the game and he felt fine — he's a competitor," CC coach John Salter said. "He hadn't pitched since Tuesday (May 11) so he had plenty of rest."

"We just messed up on a bunt and on a groundball. We just made too many mistakes against a good team."

RU jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first when designated hitter Mike Macek doubled, took third on a passed ball and scored after teaming up with courtesy runner Eric Newton on a delayed double-steal. (Newton was running for catcher Matt Rigley after he had walked.)

CC got a run back in the second on Matt Loidas' RBI single scoring Dave Lusky to tie it at 1-1.

The Shamrocks scored twice in the fourth.

Nick DiBella's RBI sacrifice fly brought one run home and Mario

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WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES

ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 15 at Hudson Mills

1. Livonia Stevenson, 371 — Carli Heppner, 91; Mara Mazzoni, 93; Katie Carlson, 93; Laura Haddock, 94; Jessica Makowski, 100; Teresa Layman, 105.

2. Livonia Churchill, 378 — Heidi Aittama, 85; Jennie Lusa, 93; Ashley Johnson, 99; Kelly Parzchowski, 101; Stacy Loucks, 104; Julia McLaughlin, 110.

3. Farmington Unified, 381 — Cassie Jemison, 79 (medalist); Karen Berger, 99; Carrie May, 101; Katie Perry, 102; Nikki Bourgeois, 112; Courtney Blachford, 119.

4. Northville, 394 — Pam Mouradian, 95; Jessie Mills, 98; Jenny Church, 99; Kate Sekerka, 102; Katie MacDonald, 103; Becky Rankin, 105.

5. Walled Lake Central, 410 — Amy Emerine, 92; Erin Rishell, 104; Jessica Traylor, 106; Deanna Salinski, 108; Sarah Schreiber, 110; Kelly Henzil, 123.

6. Plymouth Canton, 412 — Julie Dziekan, 98; Christina Stupek, 101; Stephanie Koppy, 103; Jessica Pondell, 110; Katie Herbeck, 123; Lauren Campbell, 166.

7. Plymouth Salem, 442 — Angie Jones, 105; Kim Tambie, 105; Grace Yelonek, 110; Kristin Pollice, 122; Molly Hodges, 127; Danielle March, 127.

8. Livonia Franklin, 455 — Katie Beasley, 106; Colleen Yorick, 114; Kristin Kmet, 115; Megan O'Connor, 120; Amanda Szabelski, 128; Nikie Niles, 133.

9. Walled Lake Western, 460 — Lindsey Bornhöffer, 108; Emily Charette, 114; Kim Shay, 118; Kelly Segal, 120; Becky Finley, 126; Lisa Rosett, 141.

10. Westland John Glenn, 594 — Nicole Ziegler, 134; Katie Provot, 142; Jennifer McDermot, 145; Anne Sanford, 173; Michelle Merandi, 174.

ALL-CONFERENCE: Cassie Jemison (medalist), Farmington Unified; Heidi Aittama, Churchill; Carli Heppner, Stevenson; Amy Emerine, W.L. Central; Mara Mazzoni, Stevenson; Katie Carlson, Stevenson; Jennie Lusa, Churchill.

ALL-DIVISION: Laura Haddock, Stevenson; Pam Mouradian, Northville; Jessie Mills, Northville; Julie Dziekan, Canton; Jenny Church, Northville; Karen Berger, Farmington Unified; Ashley Johnson, Churchill; Jessica Makowski, Stevenson; Christina Stupek, Canton; Carrie May, Farmington Unified; Kelly Parzchowski, Churchill; Katie Perry, Farmington Unified; Kate Sekerka, Northville.

Final dual meet records: 1. Stevenson, 9-0; 2. (tie) Churchill, Northville and Farmington, 7-2 each; 5. W.L. Central, 6-3; 6. Canton, 5-4; 7. W.L. Western, 3-6; 8. Franklin, 2-7; 9. Salem, 1-8; 10. John Glenn, 0-9.

Final overall league standings: 1. Stevenson; 2. Churchill; 3. Farmington; 4. Northville; 5. W.L. Central; 6. Canton; 7. (tie) W.L. Western, Franklin, Salem; 10. John Glenn.

Franklin finds form to win Livonia softball tournament

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What started out as a bad week for the Livonia Franklin girls softball team ended on an upbeat note Saturday as the Patriots captured the Livonia City Tournament at dusty Ford Field with victories over favorite Churchill (3-0) and defending champion Stevenson (4-1).

On May 10, the Patriots were swept in a double-header by Churchill, 9-2 and 7-3, their seventh and eighth Western Division defeats (without a win) in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"They were upset and I think we were at a point in the season where we were physically exhausted," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "We took a long look at ourselves and we decided to focus in on three goals."

The Patriots spent Tuesday (May 11) away from the diamond and doing a little soul searching.

"We let them play basketball in the gym and then we sat down and talked," the Franklin coach said. "One of our goals was to win six or more of our last 12 games."

The Patriots beat Stevenson 6-

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3 on Wednesday and lost 7-3 to Northville on Thursday.

But on Saturday they rebounded with a 3-0 first-round win over Churchill as junior right-hander Tara Muchow held the Chargers hitless.

Franklin got an RBI single from catcher Kelly Young in the first inning and took advantage of three Churchill errors to put two more runs on the board in the second.

That was more than enough for Muchow, who struck out six and walked just one.

She outdueled Charger freshman Meghan Misiak, who allowed just three hits and no walks while fanning 11.

Muchow, who struggled with her control (19 walks) in the twinbill setback against Churchill, was sharp with her control in the win vs. Stevenson.

She retired 12 of the first 13 batters she faced and held the Spartans to just three hits (two by Jill Shapko) to go along with 11 strikeouts (and no walks) over seven innings.

Amy Sandrick, Muchow and Tera Morrill each had two hits for the Patriots.

Stevenson starter LeAnne Schraufnagle, who gave up eight hits over seven innings, took the loss. She struck out four and did not walk a batter.

"We played a lot better defense and we made some adjustments in our lineup," said Jimenez, whose team made two errors in each game.

Franklin improved to 10-13 with the two wins.

Stevenson (6-12) advanced to the final by clobbering Livonia Clarenceville, 21-0, as second baseman Nicole Dwojak, a recent call-up from the junior varsity squad, went 4-for-4.

Charlene Kijorski and Kristi Kapi each added three hits, while Shapko had two.

Sophomore Kelley Hutchins limited Clarenceville to two hits over five innings. She struck out six and walked one.

Jenny Kennedy and Jenni Swider had the lone hits for the Trojans.

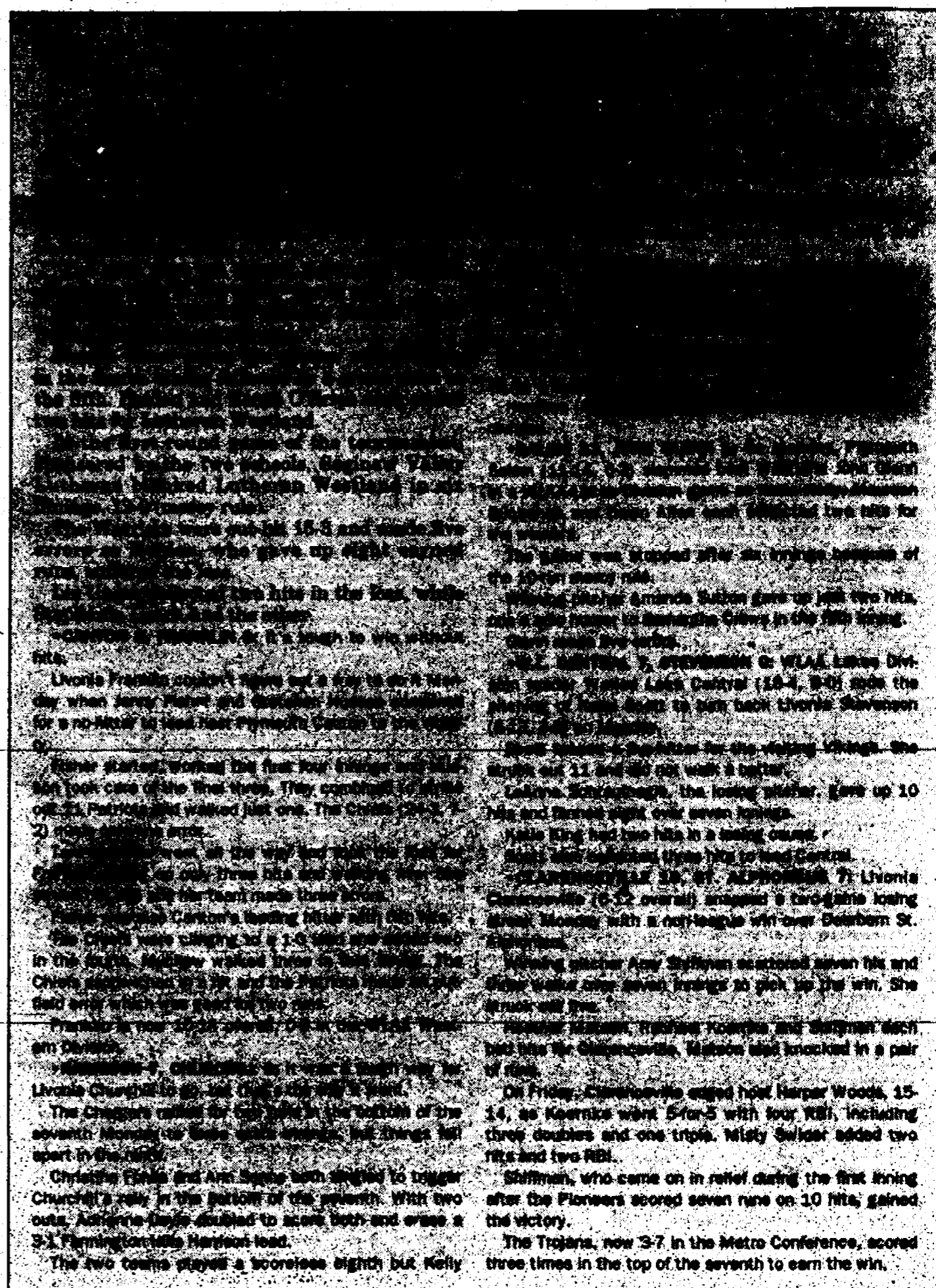
Taryn Charette, the Clarenceville starter, took the loss.

In the consolation game played at Franklin, Churchill defeated Clarenceville in five innings (mercy rule), 11-1.

Adrienne Doyle, the winning pitcher, struck out eight and allowed just three hits (and no walks) over five innings.

Christine Fones went 4-for-4 for the Chargers (12-10) with a pair of inside-the-park homers. Sallie Kuratko contributed three hits, while Stephanie Doyle and Ann Senne each added two.

Vera Skrela had an RBI single for the Trojans (5-12).



Stevenson 5th in Traverse City

Livonia Stevenson finished fifth Saturday in the Traverse City Invitational girls golf tournament at Elmbrook Golf with a two-day total of 733.

The Spartans shot 371 on Friday and 362 on Saturday.

The top four teams in the two-day, 36-hole event were Grosse Ile (647), Farmington Hills Mercy (653), East Grand Rapids (655) and Coldwater (720).

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Mercy's Jennifer Borowiec was medalist on Friday with a par-71. She added a 76 to tie Sarah Rector of East Grand Rapids for medalist honors on Saturday.

Borowiec edged Rector, 147-148, for two-day medalist total.

Also named to the all-tournament team from Mercy were seventh-place finisher Erin Borowiec (164) and eighth-place finisher Angela Harbar (168).

Mara Mazzoni led Stevenson with an 88-86-174, followed by Laura Haddock, 89-84-183; Carl Heppner, 92-93-185; Jessica Makowski, 102-96-198; and Teresa Layman, 115-115-230.

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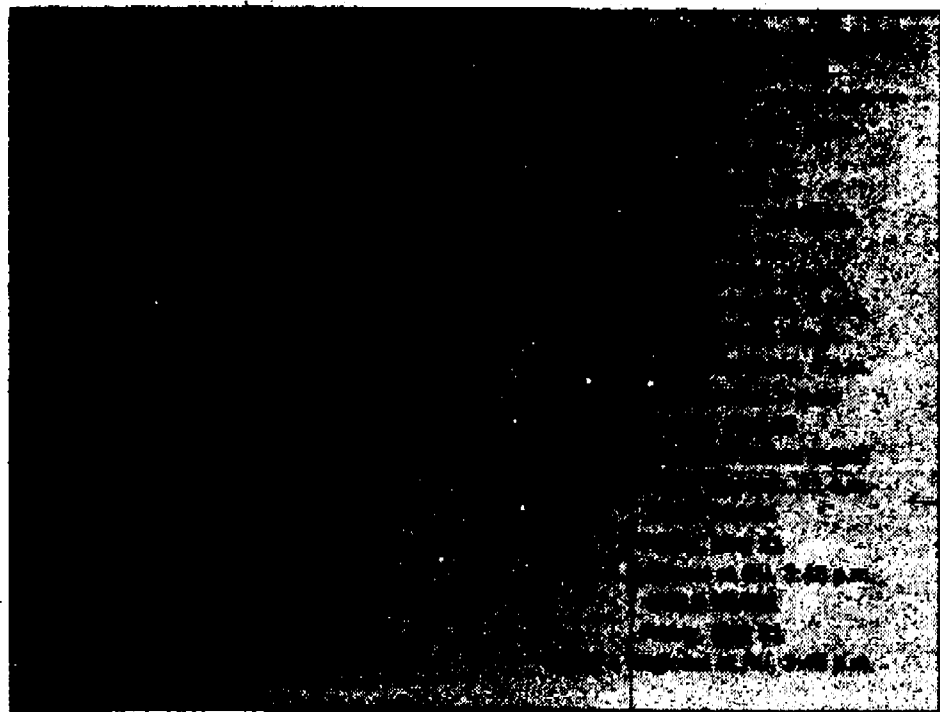
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

UNITED GIRLS CHAMPIONS

Livonia Youth Soccer Club United, an under-12 girls soccer team, finished 4-0 to win their age group at the Warren Youth Soccer League Tournament, May 15-16, at Halmich Park in Warren.

United defeated the Dearborn Heights Strikers in the finals, 1-0, after posting wins over the Lincoln Bluestreak (1-0), Holt Kickers (9-0) and the Strikers (2-1).

Members of United, coached by Steve Boyak and John Barclay, include: Caitlin Boyak, Amy Broome, Megan Connor, Erin Dwyer, Jacqui Gatt, Kelly Griffith, Andrea Havener, Jennifer Howard, Molly Kearfott, Amanda Klanseck, Sarah Marsh, Andrea Muscat, Lelia Naderi, Whitney Oliver and Elizabeth Sturdy, all of Livonia; Carly Muncy, Westland; Mandy Rubalcava, Redford; Kristina Sinutko.

The team manager is Rosie Marsh.

MADONNA ATHLETES HONORED

Madonna University baseball star Aaron Shrewsbury and softball player Janell Leschinger have been named to GTE Academic All-District IV second teams.

Shrewsbury, a senior from Dearborn Divine Child High School who has a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average in criminal justice, is Madonna's all-time leader in batting average, hits, doubles, home runs and RBI.

He also was named to the

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference all-conference and academic all-conference teams this year.

Leschinger, a senior from Alpena High School, has earned a cumulative 3.76 GPA in biology. She was also named to the WHAC all-academic team this year.

A minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA and sophomore academic standing are required for nomination to the GTE teams. District IV includes players from colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama.

ZANGLIN DOWNRIVER RUN

The Zanglin Downriver Run will be Friday, June 11 at West Road and W. Jefferson in Trenton.

The one-mile run will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by the eight-kilometer (4.9 mile) race at 8 p.m.

Following the races, part of downtown Trenton will be blocked off for street party which includes clowns, disc jockey, food, refreshments, raffle and dancing.

Entry fees are \$16 per person (as of June 5); \$17 (June 7-10 at Total Runner at Total Runner in Southgate); and \$18 (race day at the Trenton Pavillion, Third and West). The party fee is \$5 (race day).

Cash and age-group awards will go to the top runners in the 8K race (along with mailed results).

For more information or to obtain a race application, call Total Runner at (734) 282-1101; or visit: www.zanglinru.com.

Defending champs 0-2 on Illinois trip

GIRLS SOCCER WRAP

Two-time defending state girls soccer champion Livonia Stevenson ventured Friday and Saturday to Chicago to take on two of Illinois' finest high school teams.

On Friday, Stevenson lost to highly-regarded St. Charles, 3-1, which had its 88-game unbeaten streak snapped earlier in the season.

St. Charles (19-2-1 overall) broke a 1-1 tie on a pair of penalty kick goals from Patrice Feulner.

Those came after Stevenson's Lindsay Gusick scored 80 seconds into the match off an indirect free kick from Sarah Wittrock.

But host St. Charles, led by under-17 national player Becky Myers, added a late second-half goal to put the match away after Stevenson had pushed up its offensive attack, including defender Andrea Sied, in an attempt to score the equalizer.

"Position to position St. Charles was awesome, but we battled like we've never battled before," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "St. Charles has a full-sized indoor field. The school was just an amazing place. It looked as big as Schoolcraft College. It's just a first-class program."

"We're going to try to bring them in here to play next year."

St. Charles, 29-0-1 last year and defending Illinois champions, is coached by Joe Moreau, Kimble's former teammate at Central Michi-

gan University and Redford Catholic Central graduate.

On Saturday, Lincoln Way, another top-rated Illinois squad, blanked the Spartans, 2-0, at Reid Field in St. Charles.

The loss dropped to the Spartans 10-4-1 overall.

It was 1-0 at halftime, but earlier Stevenson suffered a major blow when Gusick, the sophomore forward, went down with an ankle injury at the 10-minute mark.

Kimble said Gusick is expected to be out until at least the second round of the Division I district tourney.

"We were just emotionally flat and somewhat drained physically from the night before," Kimble said. "We played a very physical game against St. Charles."

"I thought Gusick played phenomenal against St. Charles and Megan Urbats was our MVP for the weekend. Brianna Roy also played well. Everybody contributed."

Stevenson's game Monday against rival Livonia Churchill was called off after two delays because of severe thunderstorms. The two teams were scoreless after nine minutes of action.

The game will not be rescheduled.

• **WAYNE 1, TAYLOR TRUMAN 0:** Sheila Honeycutt's goal in the first half stood up Monday when rain and lightning halted Wayne Memorial's game at Taylor Truman.

Play was halted a few minutes into the second half when a thunderstorm hit the field.

Goalie Jenny Sheppard stopped all the shots she faced, including one penalty kick in the first half.

The Zebras are now 7-6-2 this season, including a 5-2-2 mark in the Michigan Mega Conference Blue Division.

• **JOHN GLENN 4, HARRISON 3:** Sophomore Becky Jensen scored with about four minutes to play Monday to give the host Rockets (6-6-2) the win.

John Glenn, 3-0-1 in its last four games, held a 2-1 halftime lead but Farmington Hills Harrison rallied to tie before Katie Krause set up Jensen for the game-winner.

Krause, a senior captain, also assisted on a goal by junior captain Val Kurzynski as well as a goal scored by sophomore Lacey Catarino.

Both scores came while Westland John Glenn was taking its 2-1 halftime lead.

Kurzynski set up Catarino to give John Glenn a 3-2 lead before Harrison tied the score.

• **LUTHERAN WESTLAND 3, FAIRLANE 1:** Kellie Buczek scored a pair of second-half goals Monday to propel host Lutheran High Westland (4-9-1 overall) to the non-league triumph over Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian.

Angie Matthews scored in the opening half for the Lady Warriors, who led 1-0 at intermission. Fairlane's Robin Goodnough cut the deficit to 2-1 with nine minutes left in the match before Buczek's goal put it out of reach. Renee Meyer was in goal for the Warriors.

Rice dominates league meet; CC gains 2nd

Redford Catholic Central was focusing this week on the weekend's regional tennis tournament at Ann Arbor Pioneer after finishing a distant second to favored Birmingham Brother Rice in the Catholic High School League tennis championships last weekend at Detroit's Farwell Field.

The Warriors, a tennis powerhouse which swept the Shamrocks 8-0 in a dual meet May 10, swept the tournament's singles and doubles, totaling 64 points to Catholic Central's 44.

CC coach Paul Bozyk, noting that three of the 11 teams in the regional - the Shamrocks, host Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron - are among the state's top seven teams, expressed confidence in his team's chances.

"We've played Huron and Pioneer and lost to both, but we had some very close matches, so I really think the guys have been growing on the court. I'm pretty confident we'll have a good day Friday and am hoping for the best," he said.

The winner and runnerup at the regional

advance to the state finals June 4-5 in Midland, but a third team can also go if they get 16 points for third place in the regional, Bozyk noted.

"A team would need to get everyone into the regional finals and two players to the semifinals to get 16 points for third," he said.

Other teams in the regional include Livonia's Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson; Westland's John Glenn; Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem and Belleville.

As for the Catholic League tourney, Bozyk said he was "a little bit surprised that we didn't have" league champs "in at least one of the flights, since we were very competitive with them (Rice) at the dual meet." One doubles match in the dual meet was 7-6, 7-6 while another went three sets, he said.

"But it does not surprise me terribly, given their dominance and their depth," he added.

Bozyk said Catholic Central, now 12-2, loses only two seniors this year.

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22; 6. Harper Woods Notre Dame, 19;

7. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 18; 8.

(tie) Dearborn Divine Child and Royal

Oak Shrine, 14 each; 10. Pontiac

Notre Dame Prep, 12; 11. Madison

Heights Bishop Foley, 0.

No. 1 singles: David Lynn (Rice)

defeated Mike Findling (CC), 6-1, 6-2;

No. 2: Paul Villalba (Rice) def. Jeff

Sleszar (CC), 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3:

Mark Gorski (Rice) def. Brian Killian

(IND), 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Carl Hinshaw

(Rice) def. David Atallah (CC), 6-1, 4-

6, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Shawn Kalmeyer-

Justin Smith (Rice) def. Rob Sparks-

J.D. Shade (CC), 7-6, 7-5; No. 2: Chris

Brede-Jeff Carrico, (Rice) def. Nick

Gray-Mark Sleszar (CC), 6-3, 6-3; No.

3: Scott Gross-Matt Ora (Rice) def.

Leon Wyre-Nick Bickes (UD), 6-1, 6-1;

No. 4: Craig Brede-Brent Boro (Rice)

def. Andy Cubba-Nick Gonzales (CC),

6-2, 6-0.

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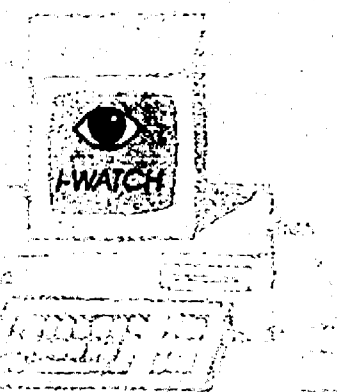
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Victorious Spartans rip 4 HRs in 1 inning

All Livonia Stevenson needs now is a win Friday over Plymouth Salem to claim at least a share of the Lakes Division baseball title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Spartans put themselves in position Monday by clubbing four homers in the fourth inning en route to a 16-6 five-inning mercy-rule victory over host Walled Lake Central.

Stevenson, which captured its seventh straight, improved to 14-7 overall and 7-2 in the Lakes (tied with North Farmington).

The Spartans were deadlocked 2-2 after three innings, but exploded for 14 runs in the fourth as the first 11 batters scored.

Steve Anderson smacked a grand slam to spark the assault, while Brandon Gajda and Phil Szumlanski each added three-run shots. Pete Pinto contributed a solo homer.

Anderson finished with two hits and five RBIs. Dave Stando added two hits, including a two-run single. Dan Wilson was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Brad Buckler, the winning pitcher, gave up five hits and three walks over five innings.

Central, which slipped to 1-8 in the Lakes, got a two-run homer in the fourth from Justin Dechow.

Sophomore starter Dennis Kindermann suffered the loss.

•STEVENS 10, NORTHVILLE 0: In a WLAA crossover Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson (15-7) won its eighth straight against Northville (14-5 overall) as Roy Rabe and Dan Wilson each went 3-for-4.

The game went only six innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Rabe clubbed a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Steve Anderson, Pete Pinto and Dave Stando each added two hits. Anderson and Ryan Van Belle each

knocked in three runs.

Winning pitcher Jon Ritzler worked six innings, allowing six hits and one walk. He struck out six.

Tim Edick had two hits for the Mustangs.

•FRANKLIN 5, FORDSON 1: David Word pitched a three-hitter Tuesday as Livonia Franklin (5-18 overall) surprised visiting Dearborn Fordson (19-6) in a non-leaguer.

Word allowed only four base runners over seven innings.

Losing pitcher Steve Diktarewicz, who went six innings, gave up five hits.

Tom Jones had two hits and two RBI for the Patriots. Ryan Tracy doubled and scored on a fielders choice.

•CHURCHILL 18, CRESTWOOD 5: In a non-leaguer Tuesday, Livonia Churchill (11-14 overall) invoked the five-inning, 10-run mercy rule against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Rick Strain, Josh Odom and Brad Bescoe each collected three hits for the winners.

Strain had a homer and double, while Odom knocked in four runs. Bescoe contributed two RBIs.

Winning pitcher Paul Mercier gave up seven hits over five innings to earn the victory. He walked one and fanned five.

•HARRISON 8, CHURCHILL 7: Farmington Hills Harrison (18-4, 9-0) clinched the WLAA Western Division championship Monday with a victory over visiting Livonia Churchill (10-14, 3-6).

The win eliminated the possibility of a first-place showdown Friday in the last round-robin division game with Northville.

The Hawks will be the host team in the WLAA championship game next Wednesday against either North Farmington, Livonia Stevenson or Plymouth Salem.

Harrison, which trailed 7-2, had to rally with six runs over the last four innings Monday, scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Churchill.

The Hawks began their last at-bat with consecutive walks to Dave Pesci and Mike Hoad. Bob Austin loaded the bases with a bunt single.

Anby Gutierrez hit a sacrifice fly that scored Pesci with the tying run. Kevin McVay followed with a pinch-hit single to win the game.

Mike Hoad (4-0) was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Joe Ghanam, who allowed seven runs on 10 hits over three innings.

Hoad held the Chargers to one hit and one walk in the final four innings while striking out four.

Paul Mercier was the loser in relief of Rob Wilson.

Pesci had three hits and two RBIs. Brian Nelson two hits and one RBI. Each had a double; Nelson also scored two runs.

Churchill's Rick Strain hit two doubles. Josh Odom and Brad Bescoe had two hits and one RBI apiece.

•SALEM 17, GLENN 7: Plymouth Salem scored 11 runs on nine hits in the first inning and the Rocks (11-13, 6-3) never looked back in a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (10-13, 4-5).

Salem out-hit the Rockets, 18-7.

Salem pitcher Jason Lukasik (4-4) was the winning pitcher, while Glenn starter Dale Hayes, who went all the five innings (mercy rule), took the loss.

Jeff Bennett, Steve Stiles and Chris Longpre each collected three hits, while Joe Rizzi clubbed a three-run homer.

•CANTON 5, FRANKLIN 0: Ben Tucker (6-2) tossed a four-hit, complete-game shutout Monday as Plymouth Canton (17-5, 5-4) blanked host Livonia Franklin (4-18) in a WLAA-Western Division encounter.

John Nagle, the losing pitcher, gave up seven hits and two walks over seven innings.

Kevin Tomasaitis belted a solo homer to key a three-run fifth inning. Brad Smigielski added an RBI triple, while Oliver Wolcott, Steve Lueck and Bryan Kay also knocked in runs.

Brad Tibus had a pair of hits for Franklin.

•TRENTON 12, WAYNE 5: Mike Fisher and John Nadam had three hits apiece Monday as the Trojans took advantage of six Wayne Memorial errors to post the Mega Conference-White Division victory.

The loss drops Wayne to 2-14 overall and 2-7 in the division.

Trenton out-hit the Zebras, 16-8.

Gary Stevens, Jason Gibson and Justin Smoes each contributed two hits for Wayne.

Ryan Ybarra, who pitched five innings, giving up seven runs; four earned. Ryan Czyzak finished up.

Trenton hurler Ryan Burke (six innings) got the win.

RU trips CC *from page C1*

D'Herin scored on an RU infield error for a 3-1 CC advantage.

The Shamrocks appeared to be primed to increase their lead in the top of the sixth by getting two runners aboard with no outs, but a groundout and runner's interference call at second base, followed by another groundout, got Hayes out of the inning.

"We had our chances early and guys on base, but couldn't seem to get the big hit when we needed it," Salter said. "Hayes did a real nice job."

In the sixth, RU loaded the bases with no outs.

Joel Halliday singled; Macek reached base safely on an infield error and Rigley followed with a

sharp single to center.

Taylor then walked to cut the deficit to 3-2 and Macek scored on Kris Montambo's groundout to knot the count at 3-all.

Tomey then struck out Nick Dyc to end the inning.

RU then went to its bunt-game in the seventh after Hayes opened with a double to right field.

Halliday's sacrifice bunt was not fielded cleanly and Macek was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Rigley then dropped another bunt down; only to see it just dribble foul. (He eventually struck out.)

"We spent almost a whole

practice one day last week working on bunts because at the end of the year it can be a real value of ours," Berryman said.

The Panthers then rolled the dice again, trying and successfully executing the safety squeeze play with the very next batter — Taylor — laying it down on the first pitch from Tomey.

"We knew they wanted to put the ball somewhere in play and maybe we should have called a pitchout," Salter said. "It was a good play on their part."

Berryman defers all such decisions to his third-base coach — McGowan.

"The bunt was his call," Berryman said of his assistant. "It was

a gutsy move to do it twice in a row."

It was also a game which proved CC to be human.

"They're disappointed to lose, but more disappointed not to play better," Salter said. "We'll see where we made our mistakes and hopefully we'll learn from them and not make them again."

Meanwhile, the victory elevated the Panthers as a state contender. They beat the Shamrocks without ace Halliday, who was being saved for Wednesday's Mega-White Division matchup with Trenton.

"They're a solid team, no doubt," Salter said.



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INVITATIONAL GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 16 at Annapolis

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran High Westland, 128 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 112; 3. Garden City, 83; 4. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 62; 5. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 57; 6. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 44; 7. Bloomfield Hills Roeper, 18; 8. Warren Bethesda, 12; 9. Redford St. Agatha, 9; 10. Royal Oak Shrine, 2.

TOP AREA FINISHERS

Shot put: 1. Purill (GC), 32 feet, 10-3; 3. Higgins (LW), 28.1; 5. Loftus (GC), 27.3; discus: 2. Dash (LW), 95-4; 3. Higgins (LW), 85-9; 4. Haist (RSA), 85-8; high jump: 2. Hoffmeier (LW), 4-11; 3. Szura (GC), 4-9; 6. Abramczyk (LW), 4-7; long jump: 3. Rolf (LW), 13-7; 6. Vetting (LW), 13-2; pole vault: 1. Lowinski (GC), 10-6; 3. Kim (GC), 7-6; 5. Nagel (GC), 7-0; 100-meter hurdles: 1. Rolf (LW), 17-4; 3. Szura (GC), 18-6; 300 hurdles: 1. Hughes (LW), 51-0; 2. Rolf (LW), 52-7; 6. Szura (GC), 57-7; 100 dash: 6. Wise (GC), 13-9; 200:

4. Wise (GC), 29-0; 400: 1. Rose (LW), 1:03-9; 5. Jung (LW), 1:06-9; 6. Bates (GC), 1:09-8; 800: 2. Kuehne (LW), 2:33-7; 3. Davis (GC), 2:46-4; 6. Sturgeon (GC), 2:51-5; 1,600: 2. Kuehne (LW), 5:43-5; 4. Davis (GC), 5:58-0; 3,200: 1. Davis (GC), 13:10-6; 4. Montgomery (LW), 13:52-7; 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Romero, Rolf, Rose, Hughes), 54.3; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Romero, Hoffmeier, Hughes, Rose), 1:59-3; 4. Garden City, 1:59-6; 1,600 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Hughes, Jung, Kuehne, Rose), 4:26-7; 5. Garden City, 4:57-0; 3,200 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Jung, Montgomery, Anthony, Kuehne), 10:39-1; 4. Garden City, 11:53-6.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90.5

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 46.5

May 18 at Franklin

Shot put: Lisa Balko (LF), 33-2; discus: Jenny Hefner (LC), 99-1; high jump: Rita Malec (LF), 4-8; long jump: Melissa Lokken (LC), 14-11; pole vault: Kari Cezat (LC), 9-6; 100-meter hurdles: Jane Peterman (LC), 17-1; 300 hurdles: Mandy Hein (LC), 52-6; 100 dash: Lokken (LC), 13-3; 200: Lokken (LC), 27-9; 400: Malec (LF), 1:03-1; 800: Lyndsay Sopko (LC), 2:37-0; 1,600: Ashley Fillion (LC), 5:29-0; 3,200: Alison Fillion (LC), 12:23-0; 400 relay: Franklin (Balko, Emily McDonough, Sam Bagley, Cassie Bentley), 56-1; 800 relay: Churchill (Lokken, Becky Rodriguez, Stephanie Dean, Beth Kwapis), 1:55-6; 1,600 relay: Franklin (Sopko, Lisa Widrosky, Malec, Tabitha Cubr), 4:26-0; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Darcy Cavanaugh, Susan Duncan, Christy Smith, Colleen Hayden), 11:02-0.

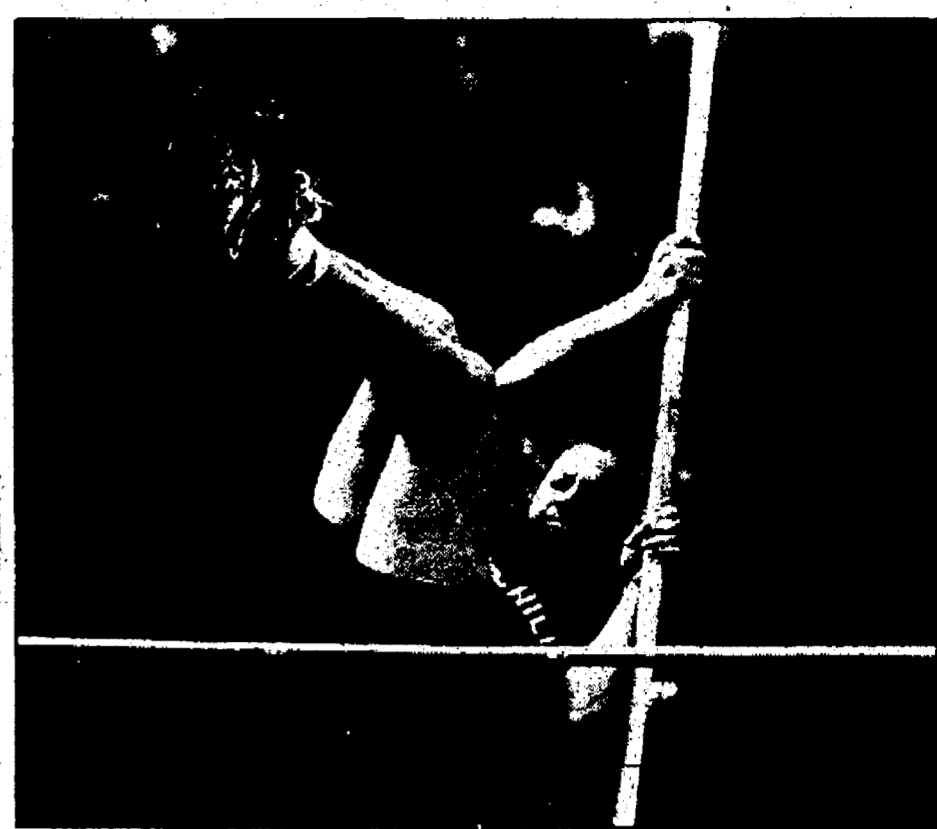
Dual meet records: Churchill, 5-1 overall, 4-1 WLAA-Western Division; Franklin, 3-4, 2-3 WLAA-Western.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 89

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 48

May 18 at John Glenn

Shot put: Bortz (WLC), 31-4; discus: Bortz (WLC), 98-5; high jump: LaToya Chandler (WJG), 5-6; long jump: Nicolette Jarrett (WJG), 15-11; pole vault: Finn



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Pole cat: Livonia Churchill's Kari Cezat attempts 9 feet, 6 inches against Livonia Franklin.

(WLC), 8-6; 100-meter hurdles: LaTasha Chandler (WJG), 16-6; 300 hurdles: McCarthy (WLC), 51-2; 100 dash: Elliott (WLC), 13-6; 200: Jarrett (WJG), 26-4; 400: Elliott (WLC), 1:04-4; 800: Turcsany (WLC), 2:39-3; 1,600: Lynntesta (WLC), 6:08-8; 3,200: Prince (WLC), 12:48-0; 400 relay: John Glenn (Chandler, Chandler, Jarrett, Lakeisha Locust), 51-6; 800 relay: John Glenn (Chandler, Chandler, Jarrett, Kristen Fischer), 1:49-0; 1,600 relay: Central, 4:25-6; 3,200 relay: Central, 11:17-5.

Glenn's dual meet record: 2-5 overall; 1-4 WLAA-Lakes Division.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 107

FARMINGTON HIGH 30

May 18 at Farmington

Shot put: Emily Yambasky (LS), 32-7; discus: Yambasky (LS), 104-3; high jump: Andrea Polasky (LS), 5-0; long jump: Lind-

sey Mergener (F), 14-7; pole vault: Abbie Schrader (ES), 7-6; 100-meter hurdles: Cassie Ehlerdt (LS), 17-0; 300 hurdles: Christy Tzilos (LS), 48-6; 100 dash: Angela Mikkelsen (LS), 13-2; 200: Theresa Chernenkoff (LS), 28-9; 400: Angela Alfonsi (LS), 1:07-4; 800: Kim McNeillance (LS), 2:37-6; 1,600: Andrea Parker (LS), 5:38-6; 3,200: Megan Annarino (F), 13:04-9; 400 relay: Stevenson (Kristin Kulczycki, Mikkelsen, Chernenkoff, Dara Tompkins), 53-5; 800 relay: Stevenson (Kulczycki, Tompkins, Tzilos, Katie Sherron), 1:52-1; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Alfonsi, Parker, Ehlerdt, Tzilos), 4:21-1; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Marissa Montgomery, Heather Vandette, McNeillance, Parker), 10:34-7.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 7-1 overall, 4-1 WLAA-Lakes Division; Farmington, 1-5 overall, 1-4 WLAA-Lakes.



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LIVONIA CHURCHILL 74

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 63

May 18 at Churchill

Shot put: Guy Diakow (LC), 48-11; discus: Diakow (LC), 167-10; high jump: Dave Painter (LF), 5-10; long jump: Eric Scott (LC), 20-0; pole vault: Ryan Shiplett (LF), 13-0; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Ryan Kearney (LC), 14.2; 2. Pat Hayes (LF), 14.4 (broke own school record); 300 hurdles: Hayes (LF), 40.3; 100 dash: Devin White (LC), 11.5; 200: White (LC), 23.4; 400: Kevin Schneider (LF), 50.6; 600: Ryan Gall (LC), 2:08.3; 1,600: Josh Burt (LF), 4:39.4; 3,200: Burt (LF), 10:04.1; 400 relay: Churchill (Jamie Shooks, Scott, Paul Karolak, White), 45.5; 800 relay: Franklin (Pat Broderick, Ryan Kracht, Jeremy Bruckner, Cory Harris), 1:34.8; 1,600 relay: Franklin (Hayes, John Turner, Nick Houstalakis, Schneider), 3:49.1; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Gall, John McCallum, Aaron Vlk, Brandon LaPointe), 8:21.3.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 6-0 overall, 5-0 WLAA-Western Division (clinched title); Franklin, 4-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA-Western.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 81

FARMINGTON HIGH 56

May 18 at Stevenson

Shot put: Brad Arseneault (LS), 45 feet, 3 inches; discus: Dustin Wilim (LS), 144-4; high

jump: Wayne Bodily (F), 5-10; long jump: Juwain Spinks (F), 19-2; pole vault: Jeff Erick (F), 10-9; 110-meter hurdles: Brian Jones (LS), 16.3; 300 hurdles: Jones (LS), 41.8; 100 dash: Mike Lenardon (LS), 11.8; 200: Dustin Gress (F), 23.4; 400: Matt Freiborn (LS), 52.3; 800: Steve Kecskemeti (LS), 2:06.2; 1,600: Matt Nizol (LS), 4:48.6; 3,200: Joe Verellen (LS), 10:22.8; 400 relay: Farmington (Spinks, Mark Ostach, Gress, Todd Anthony), 44.5; 800 relay: Farmington (Spinks, Ostach, Gress, Anthony), 1:32.9; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Dan Howery, Chris Mills, Dave Navara, Brian Heil), 3:43.5; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Eric Bohn, Matt Isner, Verellen, Kecskemeti), 9:17.6.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-2 overall, 3-2 WLAA-Lakes Division; Farmington, 3-3 overall, 2-3 WLAA-Lakes.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 91

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 46

May 18 at W.L. Central

Shot put: James Doherty (WJG), 41-7; discus: Lindsay (WLC), 125-2; high jump: uer (WLC), 5-8; long jump: Heitsch (WLC), 17-10; pole vault: Haney (WLC), 11-1; 110-meter hurdles: Josh Keyes (WJG), 15.8; 300 hurdles: Keyes (WJG), 41-0; 100 dash: Scheele (WLC), 11.8; 200: Conery (WLC), 24.4; 400: Blake (WLC), 53.9; 800: Currin

(WLC), 2:08.7; 1,600: David Teets (WJG), 5:07.2; 3,200: P.J. Wolocko (WJG), 10:57.4; 400 relay: Central, 47.4; 800 hurdles: 1. 1:34.8; 1,600 relay: Central, no time available; 3,200 relay: Central, 9:08.0.

Dual meet records: Central, 7-0 overall; 5-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 1-5 overall and 0-5 WLAA-Lakes.

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS

INVITATIONAL BOYS TRACK MEET

May 16 at Annapolis

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Garden City, 138 points; 2. Lutheran Westland, 132; 3. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 90; 4. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 63; 5. Bloomfield Hills Roeper, 41; 6. Royal Oak Shrine, 20; 7. Warren Bethesda, 16; 8. Redford St. Agatha, 10; 9. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 9.

TOP AREA FINISHERS

Shot put: 1. Rose (LW), 39 feet, 7 inches; 4. McLaughlin (LW), 38-0; 5. Fackler (LW), 37-4; 6. Slykhouse (GC), 36-11; discus: 4. Rose (LW), 116-9; 5. Slykhouse (GC), 110-8; high jump: 2. (tie) Soos (LW), 5-7; 4. Wilson (LW), 5-5; 5. Richert (LW), 5-3; 6. (tie) Massey (GC) and Fee (GC), 5-3 each; long jump: 1. Ollinger (LW), 21-0; 2. Moldenhauer (LW), 18-6; 6. Simon (GC), 17-5; pole vault: 1. Frendo (GC), 13-6; 2. Billington (GC), 12-0; 4. Simon (GC), 10-0; 5. Davis (LW), 10-0; 6.

Noel (LW), 9-0; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Ollinger (LW), 15-1; 2. Noel (LW), 16-9; 6. Mize (GC), 17-5; 6. Simon (GC), 18-1; 800 hurdles: 1. Ollinger (LW), 42.3; 2. Batés (RSA), 43.8; 5. Doherty (LW), 46.0; 100 dash: 1. Frendo (GC), 11.6; 2. Clark (LW), 11.9; 4. Fee (GC), 12.0; 200: 1. Frendo (GC), 23.9; 3. Nuoffer (LW), 24.6; 400: 3. Billington (GC), 57.0; 4. Shawley (GC), 56.8; 6. Ritz (GC), 59.9; 800: 1. Hinzman (GC), 2:07.0; 3. Rae (LW), 2:11.2; 6. Voigt (LW), 2:20.4; 1,600: 1. Traynor (GC), 4:36.1; 3,200: Traynor (GC), 10:11.8; 400 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Gowen, Clark, Moldenhauer, Wilson), 46.7; 2. Garden City, 47.6; 800 relay: 1. Lutheran Westland (Wilson, Clark, Moldenhauer, Ollinger), 1:34.7; 2. Garden City, 1:39.9; 1,600 relay: 1. Garden City, 3:42.3; 3. Lutheran Westland, 3:43.4; 5. St. Agatha, 4:04.7; 3,200 relay: 2. Garden City, 8:47.2; 4. Lutheran Westland, 9:12.0.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 89

MACOMB LUTHERAN NORTH 86

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 0

May 18 at Lutheran Westland

Shot put: Brian Rose (LW), 40-1; discus: Sutherland (LN), 119-11; high jump: Theuerkauf (LN), 5-6; long jump: Ryan Ollinger (LW), 20-3; pole vault: Barretta (LN), 11-0; 120-yard hurdles: Ollinger (LW), 15.7; 330 hurdles: Ollinger (LW), 43.1; 100 dash: Mike

Clark (LW), 10.5; 220: Ollinger (LW), 23.8; 440: Gill (LN), 52.8; 880: Parr (LN), 2:05.1; mile: Parr (LN), 4:57.2; 2 mile: Wolf (LN), 10:40.0; 440 relay: Lutheran Westland (Jake Nuoffer, Clark, Andy Moldenhauer, Richard Wilson), 46.2; 880 relay: Lutheran Westland (Wilson, Nuoffer, Clark, Moldenhauer), 1:36.3; mile relay: Lutheran North, 3:40.1; 2 mile relay: Lutheran North, 8:51.6.

Lutheran Westland's dual meet record: 15-0 overall, and 8-0 Metro Conference.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 75

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-JESUIT 63

May 17 at Livonia Ladywood

Shot put: Mike Morris (RCC), 51-2; discus: Nick Brzezinski (RCC), 172-3; high jump: Aaron Velthoven (RCC), 5-9; long jump: Brent Barrick (RCC), 19-3; 110-meter hurdles: Jason Woehlke (RCC), 15.5; 300 hurdles: Carter Gillis (UD), 42.2; 100 dash: Troy Miller (UD), 11.1; 200: Derek Andersen (RCC), 23.6; 400: Brian Kuszynski (RCC), 52.8; 800: Jason Smith (UD), 2:04.0; 1,600: Alex Clark (UD), 4:31.1; 3,200: Dan Jess (RCC), 9:52.0; 400 relay: Redford CC (Woehlke, Matt Markowicz, Justin Cessante, Andersen), 49.3; 800 relay: U-D Jesuit, 1:35.3; 1,600 relay: Redford CC (Markowicz, Cessante, Nick O'Keefe, Kuszynski), 3:38.4; 3,200 relay: U-D Jesuit, 8:25.0.

BEST BOYS TIMES

Coaches should report updates for the list of boys best track and field results to Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 by phone or (734) 591-7279 by fax.

SHOT PUT

Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 54-1
John Kava (Redford CC) 51-3
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51-3
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49-4
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 49-4
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 48-11
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 48-9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47-6
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 47-3
Matt Lopiccolo (Redford CC) 46-3

DISCUS

Nick Brzezinski (Redford CC) 180-1
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 157-10
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 150-1
Scott Genord (Thurston) 148-3
Dustin Wilim (Stevenson) 147-4
Kurt Pfankuch (Stevenson) 141-4
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 136-7
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137-0
Asa Hensley (Canton) 134-6
Nick Samples (John Glenn) 131-8

HIGH JUMP

Chris Kallis (Canton) 6-4
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-4
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 6-2
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 6-0
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 5-11
Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-10
Darnell Dorris (John Glenn) 5-10
C.J. Whitfield (Farmington) 5-10
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 5-10
Devin White (Churchill) 5-10
Matt Mikel (Stevenson) 5-10
Dan Ferris (Stevenson) 5-10
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 5-10

LONG JUMP

Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-3
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 21-0
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 20-10
Devin White (Churchill) 20-6
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20-6
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-5
Brent Barrick (Redford CC) 19-11
Andre Davis (Harrison) 19-10
Pat Broderick (Franklin) 19-8
Juwain Spinks (Farmington) 19-7

POLE VAULT

Joe Frendo (Garden City) 13-6
Ryan Shiplett (Franklin) 13-0
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 12-6
Ian Billington (Garden City) 12-6
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 12-0
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-0
Jason Davis (Lutheran Westland) 11-6
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 11-6
Mike Bagkin (Stevenson) 11-0
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 11-0

110-METER HURDLES

Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 14.2
Ricky Bryant (Harrison) 14.3
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 14.4
Dave Clemmons (Salem) 14.5
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.6
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 14.7
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 14.8
Ryan Ollinger (Lutheran Westland) 14.9
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.1
Chris Kallis (Canton) 15.1
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 15.1
Josh Keyes (John Glenn) 15.1

300-METER HURDLES

Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 39.7
Pat Hayes (Franklin) 40.3
Josh Keyes (John Glenn) 40.6
Nick Hall (Harrison) 40.6
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 40.9
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41.0
Ryan Thomas (Salem) 41.7
Chris Kallis (Canton) 41.7
Russ Chraszcz (Thurston) 42.1
Tim Styles (Churchill) 42.1

100-METER DASH

Kevin Woods (Harrison) 10.5
Scott Genord (Thurston) 11.1
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.1
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.1
Mike Shull (Salem) 11.2
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 11.2
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 11.2
Chris Mason (Salem) 11.2
Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 11.2
Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farm.) 11.3
Jeremy Mates (Farmington) 11.3
Ramon Scott (Bishop Borgess) 11.3
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.3

200-METER DASH

Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.2
Ryan Kearney (Churchill) 22.5
Mike Shull (Salem) 22.5
Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22.6
Jason Blach (Farmington) 22.8
Devin White (Churchill) 22.9
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 23.1
Andre Davis (Harrison) 23.1
Scott Genord (Thurston) 23.2
Joe Frendo (Garden City) 23.2
Cory Harris (Franklin) 23.2
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.2

400-METER DASH

Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50.6
Matt Freiborn (Stevenson) 51.0
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 51.3
Gabe Coble (Salem) 52.2
Jack Tucci (Canton) 52.6
Brian Kuszynski (Redford CC) 52.8
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 52.8
Ryan Kracht (Franklin) 52.9
Adam Mantay (Thurston) 53.1
Mike Millat (N. Farmington) 53.2

800-METER RUN

Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:01.5
Steve Kecskemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Jon Little (Salem) 2:02.4
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 2:02.7
Jason Rutter (Canton) 2:03.1
Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farm.) 2:03.2
Gabe Coble (Salem) 2:04.2
Matt Nizol (Stevenson) 2:04.6
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 2:04.8
Andy Tessema (Canton) 2:05.0

1,600-METER RUN

Nick Allen (Salem) 4:23.4
Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:25.5
Dan Jess (Redford CC) 4:26.5
Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farm.) 4:26.8
Ed Traynor (Garden City) 4:27.5
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 4:30.1
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.2
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:34.2
Jon Little (Salem) 4:34.8
Eric Bohn (Stevenson) 4:36.3

3,200-METER RUN

Dan Jess (Redford CC) 9:33.9
Joe Verellen (Stevenson) 9:51.0
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:53.6
Jim Curtiss (Redford CC) 9:53.7
Ed Traynor (Garden City) 9:56.3
Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:04.1
Eric Bohn (Stevenson) 10:06.5
Joe Robinson (Churchill) 10:08.7
Mark Repasky (Redford CC) 10:11.0
Nick Allen (Salem) 10:12.3

400-METER RELAY

Farmington Harrison 44.0
Plymouth Salem 44.4
Farmington 44.5
Livonia Churchill 44.8
Plymouth Canton 45.2

800-METER RELAY

Livonia Churchill 3:32.6
Farmington 3:32.8
Plymouth Salem 3:32.9
Plymouth Canton 3:34.2
Farmington Harrison 3:34.3
Livonia Stevenson 3:34.3

1,600-METER RELAY

Livonia Franklin 3:30.2
Plymouth Salem 3:31.4
Livonia Churchill 3:32.3
Plymouth Canton 3:33.8
Livonia Stevenson 3:34.6

3,200-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 8:15.3
Livonia Stevenson 8:16.4
Livonia Churchill 8:21.3
Livonia Franklin 8:24.3
Redford Catholic Central 8:24.8

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Brilliant (above) opens for Caelum Bliss at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge is \$5 for the all-ages show. Doors open at 8 p.m. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

SUNDAY



Susan Wright created this mixed media work for the Greektown Arts Festival, noon to 6 p.m. on Monroe Street between St. Antoine and Brush. She's one of more than 125 artists exhibiting their works in this juried show presented by the Greektown Merchants Association in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, producers of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Admission is free. For more information, call (877) Greektown.



Jedi Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, right), gives words of encouragement to Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) in "Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters. See review on page E8.

Opening act: Local singer and songwriter Jill Jack opens for Dan Fogelberg Aug. 4 at Meadow Brook.



Dishing it out: Black Eyed Peas perform during this year's Warped Tour July 25 in downtown Pontiac.

Summertime

Concert venues get facelifts, and there's a slew of festivals

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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The first day of summer is June 21 but Detroit-area residents know the season officially begins on Friday, May 21, when Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township opens with a concert by Natalie Merchant.

Musicians will see several changes this year to Pine Knob and Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University. Both venues are run by Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills.

This season, more than \$1 million in improvements have been made to Pine Knob including the main and auxiliary parking lots. The acoustics and the lawn's sound system have been enhanced. The number of pay phones at Pine Knob have been doubled, and a new ATM has been added to the East Entrance Plaza.

Meadow Brook also underwent a facelift. Facility improvements include: adding a new concessions stand and a marquee at University Drive/Walton Boulevard and Adams Road; refurbishing the exteriors of all buildings; expanding the pavilion seating capacity and adding a waterfall. PS&E also revamped the pavilion's audio system, including a new lawn speaker system.

Along with Pine Knob and Meadow Brook comes a slew of festivals. Tickets to the last Lilith Fair, Aug. 14-15 at Pine Knob, go on sale this weekend. Lollapalooza is taking yet another year off but will "concentrate on assem-

bling the ultimate line-up for the millennium summer. Organizers decided to postpone the tour until 2000 when they can re-establish Lollapalooza once again as 'The Mightiest of all Summer Extravaganzas,'" according to a press release from The William Morris Agency.

The H.O.R.D.E. Festival and Furthur Festival are expected to announce dates next month. The House of Blues Smokin' Grooves tour may be up in smoke.

But the summer concert season goes beyond Pine Knob and Meadow Brook. Chene Park offers a variety of music ranging from jazz and blues to reggae, while individual communities offer their citizens tons of music.

The Birmingham Jazzfest '99 has secured July 22-24 as its dates with concerts at Shain Park and 12 Birmingham restaurants.

This year's lineup offers the most exciting and diverse talent ever presented at Birmingham Jazzfest. There's jazz for every taste - straight ahead, traditional, Afro-Cuban, contemporary, and smooth jazz. It will be performed by the best local, regional and national acts," said Alexander Zonjic, artistic director of Jazzfest '99.

This calendar gives detailed information about upcoming concerts, festivals and other major events. Tickets to the events may be purchased at the respective box offices, all Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling (248) 645-6666 to charge by phone.

Palace Sports and Entertainment

Information about shows at Pine Knob Music Theatre, Meadow Brook Music Festival, and The Palace of Auburn Hills is available by calling (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacetickets.com>. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Pine Knob is located at I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Meadow Brook is on the campus of Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. The Palace is located at 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills.

* Natalie Merchant and Velocitas Cantars, May 21, Pine Knob, \$32.50 pavilion/\$15 lawn.

* Leony Kravitz with The Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer, 6 p.m., May 22, Pine Knob, \$37.50/\$22.50.

* "Third Motor City Nationals" auto show, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 22, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, May 23, Meadow Brook, \$10 general admission each day. Discounts for children and seniors.

* "Volunteer Jam Tour '99" with Hank Williams Jr., The Charlie Daniels Band, The Marshall Tucker Band and Mötley Crüe, 6 p.m., May 28, Pine Knob, \$28.50/\$15.

* Eddie Money and Stewart Francis, May 29, Pine Knob, \$12.50/\$7.50.

* Poison and Ratt, with Great White and L.A. Guns, 8 p.m., May 30, Pine Knob, \$20/\$12.50.

* Kansas, 7:30 p.m., June 4, Pine Knob, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Journey and Foreigner, 7 p.m., June 5, Pine Knob, \$27.50/\$15.

* Sammy Hagar, June 6, Pine Knob, \$24.50/\$15.

* Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, 8 p.m., June 8, Pine Knob, Sold out.

* Hootie and the Blowfish with Sheryl Crow, June 10, Pine Knob, \$28.50/\$12.50.

* Santana and Cornelli, June 12, Pine Knob, \$33/\$15.50.

* Steve Daskalakis and Steve Nieve, 8 p.m., June 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival, \$35/\$15.

* Sarah Brightman, June 16, Pine Knob, \$45 and \$27.50 pavilion only.

* Tim Perry and The Heartbreakers and Leschelle Williams, June 18-19, Pine Knob, \$52.50/\$25.

* "Motocross's All That Music and More Festival" with Bob Dugan, Rickie Lee, and others, No. 1000, June 20, Pine Knob, \$28.50/\$20. Groups of 20 or more get \$5 off pavilion tickets, and \$2 off lawn tickets.

* Loverboy, June 22, Pine Knob, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Dwight Yoakam and Donna Carter, June 24, Pine Knob, \$25/\$15.

* OZZfest '99 featuring, on the main stage, Black Sabbath, Rob Zombie, Offspring, Slayer, Primus, Godsmack, and System of a Down at 1 p.m.; on the second stage, Fear Factory, Papa Roach, Limp Bizkit, and others, June 25 and June 26, 11:30 a.m., June 26 and June

27, Pine Knob, \$49.50.

<http://www.ozzfest.com>.

* Ani DiFranco and Misery Parker, June 26, Meadow Brook, \$25.

* John Mellencamp and Son Volt, 8 p.m., June 30, and July 23 (tentative), \$39.50/\$20.

JULY

* Gordon Lightfoot, July 1, Meadow Brook, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* B-52s, July 1, Pine Knob, Ticket price TBA.

* J. Geils Band and Toots and the Maytals, July 2-3, Pine Knob, \$37.50/\$20.

* "Get Back! Cast of Beethoven" and post-show fireworks, July 3, Meadow Brook, \$17.50/\$12.50. Group and children's discounts.

* Neville Brothers and Little Feat, and post-show fireworks, July 4, Meadow Brook, \$25/\$15.50.

* "Rock Never Stops" with John Entwistle, Uriah Heep, Quiet Riot, Slaughter and Firehouse, 6 p.m., July 5, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* "An acoustic evening with Ann and Nancy Wilson of Heart, July 9, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* Bee Gees, July 6, Meadow Brook, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Paul Simon and Garth Dylan, 7 p.m., July 7, \$75/\$29.50.

* John Michael Montgomery with Lee Roy Parnell and Montgomery Gentry, July 8, \$27.50/\$12.50.

* Brian Setzer Orchestra, July 9, \$29.50/\$15.

* "Audiob" children show, noon July 10, Meadow Brook, \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

* Beach Boys and Creedence Clearwater Revival, July 10, Pine Knob, \$25/\$15.50.

* America/Three Dog Night, July 11, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* Motley Crue and Scorpions, July 13, \$35/\$15.

* Pat Benatar, July 14, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Faith Hill and Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m., July 14, at Meadow Brook, \$29.50/\$15.

* Clay Walker and Lila McCann, July 15, Pine Knob, \$25/\$15.

* Air Supply, July 15, Meadow Brook, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* The Commodores, July 16, Pine Knob, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Peter Frampton and Eric Stewart, July 17, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Carrot Top, July 21, Meadow Brook, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* Chubb Chuck, July 23, Pine Knob, \$20/\$10.

* "Sleeping Beauty," children's show, noon July 23, Meadow Brook, \$19/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

* Roger Waters, 8 p.m., July 25, Pine Knob, \$35/\$15.

* Willie Nelson Family with Lyle Lovett and Rob McElhenney, July 27, Pine Knob, \$29.50/\$15.

* Cowboy Junkies, 8 p.m., July 28, Meadow Brook, \$22.50/\$15.

* Chicago and Double Brothers, July 30, Pine Knob, \$35.25/\$18.75.

* The Tragically Hip, July 31, Pine Knob, Ticket price TBA.

AUGUST

* Smokey Robinson Aug. 1, Pine Knob, \$25/\$15.

* Blue Oyster Cult, Nazareth and Survivor, Aug. 3, Pine Knob, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Dan Fogelberg with Jill Jack, Aug. 4, Meadow Brook, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* Steve Miller Band, George Thorogood and The Destroyers, and Curtis Salgado, 7 p.m., Aug. 5, Pine Knob, \$37.50/\$21.50.

* Vince Gill and Chely Wright, Aug. 7, Pine Knob, \$29.50/\$15.

* Jewel, Rusted Root and Steve Poltz, 7 p.m., Aug. 8, \$35/\$20.

* Duran Duran, Aug. 10, Pine Knob, \$29.50/\$15.

* Cinderella, children's show, noon Aug. 10, Meadow Brook, \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

* Kenny Rogers with Anne Murray, Aug. 12, Pine Knob, \$29.50/\$15.50.

* Barry Manilow, Aug. 13, Pine Knob, \$50/\$10.

* World All Stars, Aug. 13, Meadow Brook, \$22.50/\$12.50.

* "Lilith Fair" with Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Sarah McLachlan, Liz Phair, Chloë Sevigny, Jennifer Knapp, Sheryl Crow, and Sheryl Crow on Aug. 14; with Dixie Chicks, Queen Latifah, Sarah McLachlan, Jennifer Knapp, Chloë Sevigny, Liz Phair, and Sheryl Crow, Aug. 15, both at Pine Knob. Ticket price TBA. On sale Saturday, May 22.

* Brooks and Dunn, with Trace Adkins and Darryl Dobbie, Aug. 20, Pine Knob, \$29.50/\$15.50.

* Don McLean and Jim McNeely, Aug. 21, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* "Alice in Wonderland," noon Aug. 22, Meadow Brook, \$10/\$5. Groups of 15 or more get \$2.50 off.

* "NASCAR Rocks on the Road" with The Allman Brothers and more, 7 p.m., Aug. 22, Pine Knob, \$34.50/\$17.75.

* R.E.M. and White, Aug. 23, Pine Knob, \$35/\$25.

* Natalie Cole, Aug. 26, Pine Knob, \$27.50/\$15.

* Peter, Paul and Mary, Aug. 27, Meadow Brook, \$32.50/\$12.50.

* Olly King, Aug. 28, Pine Knob, \$32.50/\$17.50.

* Ray Charles, Aug. 29, \$25/\$15.

* Collective Soul and the Cranberries, Aug. 30 (tentative), Pine Knob. Tickets TBA.

SEPTEMBER

* An evening with John Tesh, Sept. 2, \$36 and \$26 pavilion, \$13.50 lawn.

* Barbra Streisand Ladies with Eagle Eye Cherry, Sept. 4-5, Ticket price TBA.

* KC and the Sunshine Band and War, Sept. 6, \$25/\$15.

* Dennis Quaid, Jackson Browne, Shawn Colvin, Bruce Hornsby and David Lindley, Sept. 8, \$32.50/\$15.

* Andrea Tull, 8 p.m., Sept. 10, Meadow Brook, \$32.50/\$15.

* Huey Lewis and the News, Sept. 11, \$24.50/\$12.50.

* Annie MacKenzie and Paul Anka, Sept. 12, Ticket price TBA.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Subscription packages to DSO performances at Meadow Brook are available now and range from \$40-\$185, with discounts for children younger than 18, and can be purchased at the DSO box office, (313) 576-5120. Individual tickets go on sale late May and

Communities offer variety of entertainment

CANTON:

The Canton Liberty Fest is held Thursday, Sunday, June 17-20, at Heritage Park on west of Canton Center Road off Heritage Drive near the Civic Center Plaza. Information: (734) 397-5110.

On this schedule this year is: Chautauque Express, 7:45-9 p.m., June 17; Veggie, 7:30-10:30 p.m., June 18; Kappa Kappa, noon, Plymouth Salem Rockettes, 1-2 p.m., Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, 2:30-3:45 p.m., Earth Angels, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Karen Newman, 8 p.m.; Three Men and a Tower, 8-9:30 p.m., June 19; Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, noon to 1 p.m., and the Motor City Brass Band, 2-4 p.m., June 20.

Strolling acts: Robert Collingwood, 1-3 p.m., June 19; Dialect Band, 2-4 p.m., and Red Happy String and Swing Band, noon to 2 p.m., June 20; barbershop quartet, both days; and Charlie Chaplin character, Thursday and Saturday.

FARMINGTON:

The Farmington Area Festival features performances by Country Line and Square Dance, Square Dance, Square Dance, the Chisel Brothers, Imperial Swing Orchestra, Starlight Drifters, Fiddlers, All Jack, Black Market and The Howling Daisies, along with a juried arts and crafts area, children's activities, community picnic, one-day picnic and food, from July 4-10 in Farmington. Information: <http://www.wattsupine.com>.

GARDEN CITY:

Garden City is hosting three festivals this summer. Music entertainment will be announced soon. SC Youth Activities Association's spring festival is set for May 20-23 at the city's municipal parking lots on the NE and NW corners of Ford and Middlebelt. The SC Jazzfest will hold its spring festival June 17-20, at City Park, on Cherry Hill east of Meridian. There will be carnivals, midway, games, exhibits and food booths. The SC Family Fest is slated for Aug. 13-15, in the City Park, on Cherry Hill east of Meridian. There will be children's games, craft booths, food booths, bicycle parade, bingo games and art show.

LIVONIA:

The Livonia Spring runs Tuesday-Sunday, June 22-27. The tentative schedule includes performances by country singer Jamie Leigh and Lark of the Draw, 7:11 p.m., Friday, June 25; Tracey Lynn from 7:30-11 p.m., Saturday, June 26; the Red Sander Band, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, June 27; and by the youth band Soapbox, 7-11 p.m., Friday, June 25, and a family concert with Guy Louis' Chautauque Express, 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 24, and Ben Cohen, 5-6 p.m., Sunday, June 27. Other events include a carter picnic, racing pigs, pin-eating contest, tractor pull, horse, barrel racing, Old Fashioned Picnic, chicken, a kids parade and kite show. Information: (734) 466-2410; or <http://www.clivonia.org>.

PLYMOUTH:

Plymouth hosts a variety of festivals throughout the summer including "Celebrate the Century - 1990s." Plymouth Historical Museum, 7:30 p.m., June 3, (734) 455-8940; Friday Night Fun featuring musical performances, 7-9 p.m., Fridays June 4, 11, 18 and 25, (734) 455-1453; 50th Anniversary Ford/Mercury Auto Show, June 12.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts Mary Thomas and Max the Moose in Kellogg Park from noon to 1 p.m., June 23, and Guy Louis' Chautauque Express, noon to 1 p.m., June 30. Community Band Concerts in the Park, 8 p.m., June 24, in Kellogg Park. The Plymouth Art in the Park is July 10.

WESTLAND:

The Westland Cultural Society will present a summer concert series, sponsored by the Westland City Council, at 8 p.m., Sundays at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland's Performance Pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway north of Ford Road, unless otherwise noted. Concerts are free. If it rains, concerts will be moved to the Bailey Recreation Center when feasible. Information: (734) 722-7620 or (734) 522-3918.

This year's schedule: June 6, Motor City Brass Band; June 13, Ramblin' Country/J.N. Hart; June 27, Consequence Band with Armand Angeloni; July 11, Pyramid II with Tyrone Hamilton; 8:30 p.m., July 18, Starfire with vocalist Sheila Taylor at Stottlemeyer Park on Dancy Boulevard in southeast Westland; July 25, Ray Cobb & the Coachesmen; Aug. 1, Phil Green Combo; Aug. 8, Wood Country Band with Dean Stacy; Aug. 15, Bob Dorian; Aug. 22, Detroit Breakdown with Todd Marlon.

CHENE PARK

Chene Park Riverside Amphitheater is located at 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. For ticket information, call box office at (313) 393-0292.

* Comedians John Witherspoon, Arnez J., T.M. Kirkland, George Williams and Opeo, 7:30 p.m., June 5, \$20, \$25, \$35, \$45.

* George Brown and DeWayne Jones, 8 p.m., June 19, \$35 and \$45.

* Alex Bugnon and Bobbi Humphrey, June 23, \$5.

* Chris Isaac, Robert Clay featuring The Memphis Horns, and Susan Calloway, 5:30 p.m., June 26, \$29.30.

* Nelson Rangel, 8 p.m., July 7, \$5.

* Ronnie Laws and Pamela Williams, July 14, \$5.

* WM Dunning, Chris Adams and Pieces of a Dream, 8 p.m., July 23, \$35 and \$25. On sale 10 a.m., Saturday, May 22.

* Najia, July 28, \$5.

* Patti Austin, Aug. 4, \$5.

* Sharon Blue and Marlon Mendez, Aug. 11, \$5.

* Wayman Tisdale, and Everette May, Aug. 18, \$5.

* Walter Doolley, 8 p.m., Aug. 25, \$5.

SUMMER SCHEDULES

The Ark

The Ark is located at 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Showtime is 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Information: (734) 761-1481 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

Tickets are on sale now for the following shows: Beausoleil, May 20; Phil Ochs Tribute, May 21; Eddie From Ohio, May 22; RFD Boys, May 28; Jimmy Thackery and the Drivers, May 29; \$12.50; Yat-Kha, May 30. Christian McBride's Family Affair, June 3; Livingston Taylor, June 4; Four Bitchin' Babes, June 5; Leo Kottke, June 6-7; Rosie Ledet "The Zydeco Sweetheart," June 8; Charlie Musselwhite, 7:30 p.m. June 10; \$7; Riders in the Sky, June 11; Jim Post, June 12; Chris Ardoin, June 13; Moxxy Frumous, June 15-16; Neil Woodward, June 17; Over The Rhine, 7:30 p.m. June 18; \$10; Bill Morrissey, June 23; and Kelly Willis, June 30.

Birmingham Jazzfest

The Birmingham Jazzfest will be held Thursday-Saturday, July 22-24, with performances by Marcus Belgrave and the Detroit Jazz All Stars, Tim Weisberg, Kinjanie Horne, Randy Scott, Pamela Wise and the Afro Cuban All Stars, Ken Navarro, Warren Hill and others, at Shain Park and various Birmingham restaurants. Information: (248) 433-FEST after July 1.

Fox Theater

The Fox is located at 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Information: (248) 433-1515. The schedule includes Neil Young, 8 p.m. May 20. \$37.50, \$50 and \$75; and Blondie and Dangerman, 8 p.m. May 23. \$30 and \$37.50; "Sounds

of Soul" with George Duke, Rachelle Ferrell and Kenny Lattimore, 8 p.m. June 18. \$40, \$32.50.

Frog Island

The Frog Island Festival will be held June 25-27 at Frog Island Park in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Each night has a different theme - June 25 is New Orleans Night, June 26 afternoon is Rockin' Roots Party while the evening is Big Blues Bash, and June 27 is Gourmet Jazz. Details are expected to be announced by the end of May but Anaon Funderburgh and The Rockets featuring Sam Myers, Hot Club of Cowtown, Johnnie Johnson, Sam Myers, Son-Seals Blues Band, Sonia Dada, Larry Coryell are tentatively scheduled to perform. Information: (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>.

Hart Plaza

Farmer Jack Praisefest featuring the 16th annual McDonald's Gospelfest, CeCe Winans, Helen Baylor, Dottie Peoples and Vickie Winans, and other national and local gospel artists, June 11-13. Information: (734) 453-9157 or <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

Hugh Masekela, July 11, as part of the United Colors Concert. Free.

"Spirit of Unity" concerts with Aswad, Culture, Diana King, Ras Shiloh, Shaggy, Steel Pulse, Maxi Priest, and Third World. Aug. 20-21. Free.

International Blues Festival

Held at Novi Expo Center and in Windsor, it is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 15. Among those scheduled to perform: Big Rude Jake,

Buddy Guy, Mem Shannon and the Membership, Big Bill Morganfield, Buckwheat Zydeco, Pinetop Perkins, Rolling Fork Revue, Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin, Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater, Rik Emmett and Son Seals Blues Band. Call (248) 348-5600 for more information.

Joe Louis Arena

The arena is located at 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Information: (313) 983-6606.

* "WWF Raw," 8 p.m. June 11. \$13, \$17, \$20, \$25 and \$30.

* Brandy, Tyrese, Silk and C-Note, 8 p.m. July 2. \$28, \$38 and \$48.

* Bad Company featuring Paul Rodgers, Mick Ralphs, Simon Kirke and Bob Burrell, with David Lee Roth, 8 p.m. July 9. \$25, \$35, \$45.

* "20th Anniversary Budweiser Superfest with Frankie Beverly, The O'Jays, Gerald Levert, Next and Jesse Powell," 7 p.m. July 10. \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55 and \$65. On sale 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22.

* B.B. King Blues Festival 1999 with King, Indigenous, Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Tower of Power, 7 p.m. Aug. 21. \$15, \$25, \$35. On sale 10 a.m. Saturday, May 22.

Magic Bag

The Magic Bag is located at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Shows are 18 and older, and doors open at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Information: (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

Tickets are on sale now for: Knee Deep Shag, Give and Heavy Weather,

May 21. \$6; Susan Calloway and Sister Seed, May 22. \$6; Sleepy LaBeef, May 27. \$10; Calobo and Big Sam, May 28. \$6; The Ghetto Billies and Tayacan, May 29. \$6; Ronnie Dawson, June 3. \$8; Ekoostik Hookah, June 4. \$10; The Back Doors, June 5. \$10; Ron Sexsmith, June 6. \$8; and Mick Taylor, formerly of the Rolling Stones, July 23. \$17. 18 and older.

Majestic

The Majestic and the Magic Stick are located at 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. All shows at the Majestic and are 18 and older. Information: (313) 833-9700.

* Mike Ness and Deke Dickerson, 8 p.m. May 21. \$20.

* "Screwed, Blued and Tattooed," a festival of tattoo artists, erotic vendors and performances by Amazing Crowns and others, noon to 2 a.m. May 22, The Magic Stick. \$10, partial proceeds to benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project.

* The Atomic Fireballs, 8 p.m. May 23. \$10.

* Leftover Salmon and Blueground Undergrass, May 30. \$15.

* Sleater-Kinney and Versus, 9 p.m. June 4, Magic Stick. \$7.

* Tipica Irie and Rappa Robert with Tabarruk Band, 9 p.m. June 18, Magic Stick. \$12.

* Dark Star Orchestra, 9 p.m. June 25. \$10.

* Beenie Man with Tanto Metro and Devonte, all backed by The Shocking Vibes Crew, 9 p.m. July 2. \$20.

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The entire schedule has not yet been announced, but from what we're hearing, here's some of the acts tentatively scheduled to appear: Def Leppard, Aug. 26, Billy Ray Cyrus, Aug. 28, 38 Special, Aug. 28, Isley Brothers, Sept. 1, Alabama, Sept. 2. Look for information to be announced soon.

Phoenix Plaza

Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. Information: (248) 335-4850, (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>.

* The Offspring, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and The Living End, 6 p.m. showtime Sunday, May 23. (Moved from Cobo Arena.) \$25. All ages.

* "Vans Warped Tour" with Pennywise, Blink 182, Sevendust, Cypress Hill, Black Eyed Peas, Less Than Jake, Grinspoon, The Vandals, The Living End, Suicidal Tendencies, Ice T, Molotov, Dropkick Murphys, Bouncing Souls, Royal Crown Revue, Frezal Rhomb, River Phenix, Atomic Fireballs, Lunachicks, Spring Heeled Jack, 7 Seconds and H2O, and Bumpin' Uglies, Gramercy Riffs, Thoughts of Ionesco and Slo-Poke on the local stage, 1 p.m. July 25. \$24. <http://www.warpedtour.com>

* "Social Chaos Tour," 2 p.m. Aug. 2. \$20.

Royal Oak Music Theatre

The Royal Oak Music Theatre is located at 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Shows are 21 and older unless otherwise noted. Information: (248) 433-1515.

* Vonda Shepard, 8 p.m. June 24. \$25.

* Joey McIntyre, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13. \$25. All ages.

St. Andrew's Hall/Shelter

St. Andrew's Hall and The Shelter is located at 431 E. Congress in Detroit. All shows are in the St. Andrew's ballroom, and are all ages unless otherwise noted. Info: (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>.

May: The Skatalites, The Articles, and Superdot, 6 p.m. May 21. \$10; Caelum Bliss and Brilliant, 8 p.m. May 22, The Shelter. \$5 cover; St. Etienne and DJ Clark Warner, 8 p.m. May 25. \$12; Dogstar featuring Keanu Reeves, 8 p.m. May 27. \$15; Avail, By All Means and Boy Sets Fire, 6 p.m. May 28. \$8; Jello Biafra, spoken word performance, 7:30 p.m. May 30. \$10.

June: Splendor and Shooter, 8 p.m. June 1, The Shelter. \$5; Three Fish, featuring members of Pearl Jam, and David Garza, 6 p.m. June 4, The Shelter. \$10; Strung Out, Hot Water Music, Leatherface and Six Going on Seven,

6:30 p.m. June 4, The Shelter. \$8; Lo Fidelity All Stars with Q-Burn's Abstract Message, 9 p.m. June 5, The Shelter. \$8. 18 and older; Beatnik Terminate, Ruth's Hat, Sewing with Nancie, and Hoppin' Mad, 7 p.m. June 7. \$6; Factory 81, Innersource and Too Many Gods, 7 p.m. June 10. \$6; MU330, 6 p.m. June 11, The Shelter. \$7; Pavement, 8 p.m. June 12. \$12; Remy Zero and Ben Lee, 9 p.m. June 12. \$11; Shane McGowan, June 13; Coolio, Rukus and Diverse, 8 p.m. June 14. \$18.50; Beth Orton, 8 p.m. June 15. \$12.50; Mercury Rev and Sparklehorse, 7:30 p.m. June 17. \$10; Old 97's, 8 p.m. June 17, The Shelter. \$8; "Hard-Core Hip-Hop Fest '99" with Dame Nation, Hell's Kitchen, Indigenous Tribe, The Down Boys, Taproot, Buddha Fulla Rymez, Thik, Mr. Woods and DJ Dan, 3 p.m. June 19. \$10; Limp and Gob, 6 p.m. June 19. \$8; Telegraph, 7 p.m. June 20. \$7; Ensign, 6 p.m. June 26, The Shelter. \$6.

* July: Ruth's Hat, 7 p.m. July 1. \$6; Face to Face, 4 p.m. July 4. \$10; AFI, 88 Fingers Louie, S Minus, 8 p.m. July 4. \$7; Frank Black and the Catholics, 8 p.m. July 8. \$12; Diesel Boy, 300 Foot Fall, Teen Idole, 7 p.m. July 11. \$8; The Melvins, July 19, The Shelter. Tickets TBA; Agnostic Front, 8:30 p.m. July 24. \$10; Shutdown and One King Down, 7:30 p.m. July 28, The Shelter. \$10; The Gathering, 7:30 p.m. July 29. \$10.

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* Eminem and Beatnuts, 7:30 p.m. May 23. \$20.

* Hole and Imperial Teen, 6:30 p.m. May 26. \$25.50.

* Jeffrey Osborne, 7 p.m. May 27. \$10 and \$15. 21 and older.

* Gerald Albright, 7 p.m. May 28. \$10 and \$15. 21 and older.

* Pound, 9:30 p.m. May 29. Free. 18 and older.

* Cake, 7:30 p.m. June 6. \$19.50.

* Rammstein, Soulfly and Skunk Anansie, 7:30 p.m. June 8. \$23.50.

* UB40, 7:30 p.m. June 20. \$24.50.

* De La Soul, 7 p.m. June 25. \$22.50.

* Insane Clown Posse, Kool Keith, Coal Chamber and Twisted, July 2. Ticket price TBA.

* Limp Bizkit, 7:30 p.m. July 16. Tickets on sale 10 a.m. May 28.

* Britney Spears, 7:30 p.m. July 24. Sold out.

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* "The Three Tenors" with Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras, 7 p.m. July 17. \$50-\$350.

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Director's changes enhance MOT's 'Eugene Onegin'

Michigan Opera Theatre presents Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway (at the corner of Madison Avenue), Detroit. Tickets \$18-\$95, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

How daring! Shocking! Roman Terlecky, stage director for Michigan Opera Theatre's Eugene Onegin, has Lenski commit suicide instead of being killed in a duel, definitely altering the great Russian poet Pushkin's story.

He also has Tatyana faint at the end of the party scene instead of Olga, and Tatyana was

costumed black and red instead of in a traditional red gown in the ball scene. This innovative staging was veiled with an oval scrim in front of an absolutely sumptuous set.

Traditions are like habits. They grow tiresome and only change refocuses our attention. Attention getting is what Terlecky got. The lead character

Eugene Onegin (sung by the handsome Russian baritone Evgenij Dmitriev) is supposed to have killed the crazy and "off the deep end" Lenski. Instead, Lenski (sung by tenor David Miller) turns the gun on himself.

This unusual twist of the story gives the cold-hearted Onegin some much needed sympathy by keeping him from becoming a

murderer. A blase and rather nasty character, bored with the world, Onegin has managed to illicit the affections of the country girl Tatyana, exquisitely sung and acted by the Bulgarian soprano Zvetelina Vassileva. In a scene which Vassileva turns into a show stopper, the famous Letter Scene, Vassileva pours out her passion in a letter to Onegin. In the following garden scene, he carelessly makes light of her admissions and humiliates this 17-year-old admirer.

Onegin's malice turns meaner in the party scene when he deliberately aggravates his friend Lenski by dancing the cotillion with Lenski's fiancé, Tatyana's sister Olga (sung by a capricious Julie DeVaere). Tenor Miller's big moment then comes when as Lenski he deliberates on his future before the duel in Lenski's Aria, a moment when Miller exudes more Puccini emotionalism than Tchaikovsky lyricism. The audience loves it. Everyone loves the rich romantic

Tchaikovsky melodies in this opera — such as the wonderful Waltz — especially in the byronic style Steve Mercurio (who is becoming a MOT regular) conducts the orchestra, with lots of shading (though a little loud in parts).

As so often in the past, MOT features Michigan talent. In this show, the always competent Kathleen Segar is Larina and powerful mezzo-contralto Candace DeLattre is Filipyevna. Not from Michigan, but in particularly fine bass voice is James Patterson as Prince Gremin.

It isn't just the quality of the singing and the lush music that makes this production succeed despite the opera's inherent dramatic sluggishness. It is the exceedingly beautiful sets enclosed by an oval scrim that softens the scenes and highlights the creative lighting effects. The final scene is especially wonderful with Vassileva's sensational emerald green dress featured by the side lighting.

Players' 'Journey' is wondrously fine

Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075.

BY HELEN ZUCKER
SPECIAL WRITER

One of the world's greatest playwrights, Eugene O'Neill is having a revival. "The Iceman Cometh" has been playing to rave reviews in New York. The O'Neill Society and critics are once again arguing over whether O'Neill wrote poetry or bathos. O'Neill, a literary descendent of Henrik Ibsen, the playwright who brought realism into the theater, mingled this heritage with a bit of John Masefield, the poet who wrote sweet blarney about the sea; then mixed Freud into the alchemy that produced his best play, "Long Day's Journey Into Night."

The Village Players production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night," directed by Linda Hammell and Carol Aaron, captures the spirit of "the four haunted Tyrones," the spirit of O'Neill's family. And that's not an easy

theatrical feat. Produced by Andrea Kaptur and Vicki Kaptur, with dark technical direction by Mark Hammel, and a brilliant set by Ross Grossman, "Long Day's Journey Into Night" is wondrously fine. The cast captures the texture of O'Neill's lines, as well as the haunting sense that childhood scars last forever.

Ray Gardner is stupendous as 65-year-old James Tyrone, the great Shakespearean actor and skinflint. Tyrone is charming, holds his liquor well, keeps the house dark rather than support the electric company, buys odd land deals, is ambitious for his sons who disappoint him, and has loved his wife faithfully for 35 years. Gardner rises to Dickensian heights when recounting how his mother was left with six children, and he went to work in a warehouse at age 10. He describes his rise to the heights of his profession with relish. We learn why Tyrone sends his consumptive son to the state farm, then tells him he can go anywhere while defending dubious doctors.

Donna J. Kinsey is brilliant as

Mary Cavan Tyrone. Mary weaves in and out of her lovely memories of girlhood in the convent, denies her drug addiction and grows mean while she recounts her days. Kinsey gives us the incredible loneliness of Mary's life, the nights in cheap hotels, her inability to make any friends in the theatrical world, her father's death, her self-absorbed, fogbound life.

Michael Voris is fine as James Tyrone Jr., who didn't want to be an actor, so is a drunkard at 34. Tyrone rackets about in his red suspenders calling his mother "the hophead," and playing pal to his younger brother, who wants to believe his mother is fine. Voris is at his best in torn trousers, not too drunk to warn his brother to be on his guard against his jealousy of him.

York R. Griffith, as pale Edmund Tyrone, is marvelous as he describes what it's like to feel at one with the sails, the sea, the sky. Griffith is particularly strong in Act II, when no one seems too concerned that he might die of consumption in six months, and asks his father,

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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

THE CENTURY THEATRE

"Forbidden Hollywood," through Sunday, June 27, at the theater in the Gem/Century building, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$29.50), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$29.50), 8:30 p.m. Fridays (\$34.50), 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$34.50), 1:30 p.m. Sundays (\$29.50), and 5:30 p.m. Sundays (\$24.50). (313) 962-2913

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Magda's Story," runs through May 23. 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," runs through June 27 at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800 or (248) 645-6666

JET

"The Caregiver" follows a famous, yet fading conductor, watching as his son tries to follow in his footsteps, through Sunday, May 30, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or <http://comnet.org/jet>

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"The Sunshine Boys," with The Gaylords starring in the Neil Simon comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the center, Hall Road and Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"The Trip to Bountiful," May 20-23, Civic Playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. evening performances, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. \$16, \$14 for seniors and students. (734) 971-0605

AVON PLAYERS

"Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark. 8 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, May 20-22, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$15. (248) 608-9077

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 21-22 and 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$12. (248) 644-2075

B.W. PRODUCTIONS

"When God Comes Down from Heaven," a semi-musical/comedy, gospel, drama featuring Rev. Huriyah Boyntown and the B.W. Action Dancers, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River. \$18, \$15 advance. (313) 865-2375

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Little Shop of Horrors," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, in the Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road, Independence Township. \$15. (248) 625-8811

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

"City of Angels," the Tony award-winning musical that spoofs the hard-boiled private eye novels of the '40s, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$16. (313) 881-4004

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"Blood Brothers," a dramatic tale of fate and class for fraternal twins separated at birth, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday May 23, at the theater, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. \$13, all seats reserved. (313) 561-TKTS

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 21-22 and 28-29, at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Ariene. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 681-6215

SRO PRODUCTIONS

"The Wisdom of Eve," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22; May 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23 and 30, the Burgh, corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road. \$8, \$7 seniors and children. (248) 827-0701

STAGECRAFTERS

"Crazy for You," through June 4, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14, (248) 541-6430.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Around the House," a cabaret-style show celebrating the rich blend of music, visual arts, dance, drama, and film, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, west of I-275, Livonia. \$10, \$8 members. Some of the language and themes explored might be uncomfortable for younger viewers. (734) 464-6302

TRENTON THEATER

"The Dining Room," a joint production by Trenton Community Players and The Islanders, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Trenton Theater, West Jefferson Road, Trenton. \$7, \$6 students and seniors. (734) 671-1743

WALK & SQUAWK PERFORMANCE PROJECT

"Who It Is," a musical journey in search of American identity written and performed by Andy Kirshner, a tapestry



The force: Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, left), his apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), and young Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) listen intently along with Naboo security force members to the words of Gungan leader Boss Nass in "Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace" now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

of jazz, gospel, reggae, scat, remixed Debussy, Yiddish, Afro-Cuban and rap music, June 3-13, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$18, \$15 students/seniors/museum members. (313) 494-5800

ZEITGEIST THEATRE

Eugene Ionesco's "Victims of Duty: A Pseudo-drama," opens Friday, May 21, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays through June 12, at Zeitgeist, 2661 Michigan Ave., west of Tiger Stadium, between 19th and 20th streets, Detroit. (313) 965-9192

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"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

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE

PuppetArt presents "Kolobok," a Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," noon and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, at the theater, 25 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street, Detroit. \$8 adults, \$6 children. (313) 961-7777

MARQUIS THEATRE

The musical "Rapunzel," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, May 22, 29 and June 5, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Beverly Cleary's "Ramona Quimby," 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, in the Cathedral Theatre at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. \$5, \$3 seniors/children under age 18. (313) 535-8962

RISEING STARS

"A Tale of Two Cities," 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Andover High Schools, Andover Road. \$3. (248) 433-0885.

SPECIAL EVENTS

E'S RECORD AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Royal Oak Elks Hall, I-75 and 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 546-4527

"FOR THE HOUSE AND GARDEN"

A Pottery Pottery show and sale of ceramic art by 70 artists from 20 states, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, (benefit preview party 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, \$75, reservations required), at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. \$5. (313) 822-0954

"GREETTOWN ARTS FESTIVAL"

Featuring more than 125 artists, and music by the Robert Lowe Group, Jazzhead, Thornetta Davis, and Black Beauty and the Sugarfoot Horns, 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 21; Drum Devils, Jimmy McCarty and Jeff Grand, Soul

Clique, "Hammond B-3 Organ Summit" with Chris Codish, Gerard Gibbs and Bill Heid, and Ron Levy's Wild Kingdom, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 22; and Mighty Royal Lites, The Motor City Street Band, Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Thornetta Davis, Odessa Harris, Alberta Adams, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23, along Monroe, Beaubien and St. Antoine streets in Detroit's Greektown. The festival also features juried works of 136 artists and contemporary craftspeople, and food. Free. 1-877-GREEKTOWN (473-3586)

REDFORD THEATRE

Film "Road to Rio," with guest organist Steven Ball, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, May 28, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, May 29, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford>

"SCREWED, BLUED AND TATTOOED"

A festival of tattoo artists, erotic vendors and performances by Amazing Crowns, Queen Bee, 60 Second Crush, Thee Lucky Stiffs, Feisty Cadavers, Our Flesh Party, Broadzilla, Bumpin' Uglies, Elephant Ear, Harms Way, Buddha Fulla Rhyme, 12 Angry Steps, Hillside Strangers, Gramercy Riffs and the Unfriendly, noon to 2 a.m. Saturday, May 22, The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, partial proceeds to benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

CANTOR PENNY STEYER

Temple Shir Shalom cantor, 1 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Jaffe Hall, Jimmy Prentis Morris Building, A. Alfred Taubman JCC Campus, 15110 W. 10th Mile Road, Oak Park. Free. Lunch at noon and costs \$2.25, reservations required by May 14. (248) 967-4030

TIN CAN TOURISTS RALLY

A gathering of vintage travel trailers and motor coaches from across the nation on display, May 20-23, Concours d'Elegance-competition for trailers 25 years or older, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Camp Dearborn, Milford. (248) 684-0393/(888) 757-7701, ext. 49945

BENEFITS

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE GUILD

"A Blast From the Past: A Celebration of the '50s, '60s and '70s," 7 p.m. (dinner at 8:30 p.m.) Saturday, May 21, dinner, dancing, silent auction, and live music by the Teen Angels, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 5200 Cherry Creek Dr., Shelby Township. \$100 per person, to benefit Meadow Brook Theatre and its educational outreach programs. (810) 716-8503

FAMILY EVENTS

HIGHLAND AND PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREAS

"Birding at Haven Hill," a two-hour walk to observe spring migrants, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22; "Spring Wildflower Walk," 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, both at the park, 5200 E. M-59, White Lake Township. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187

KIDS KONCERT

"How Science and Music work together," a musical program for ages 4-10,

1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$12 seniors and students, \$15. (248) 358-9868

WAYNE RESA ART FAIR

The second annual fair features visual art and entertainment by students from more than 65 schools in 24 school districts in Wayne County, also works and demonstrations by 25 professional artists, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, on the grounds near the Wayne RESA annex, 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. (734) 334-1624

CLASSICAL

ARS POETICA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Presents a gala benefit concert for the Ecumenical Institute performed in honor of Frank D. Stella, 8 p.m. Monday, May 24, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. \$125, dinner, concert and reception; \$65, concert and reception; \$35, \$10 students and seniors for concert only. (248) 645-6666/(313) 886-6765

CHAMBER MUSIC ANN ARBOR

"Spring Fest 99: Folk Themes in Chamber Music," celebrates the work of great composers who have drawn upon folk traditions for their inspiration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, in the Apse at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20, \$10 students, \$30 family (one adult and children), \$50 (two adults and children). (734) 930-1960

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Featuring violinist Gil Shaham performing Bela Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 20-21, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22. \$13-\$48 (\$60-\$63 box seats); With pianist Olli Mustonen, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 27 (\$13-\$48, and \$40-\$60 box seats), both events at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 576-5111 or YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK

The pianists perform 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. \$18. (248) 788-9338

POPS/SWING

THE ATOMIC FIREBALLS

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (swing/jump blues)

HENRY FORD BIG BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (western swing)

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

KIWANIS KAVALIERS

Canada's premier competing drum and bugle corps is looking for young performers (ages 14-21) for the upcoming summer tour July-August. (416) 241-2968 or <http://www.kavalliers.com>

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for new members for the 1999-2000 season on May 22. (734) 591-7649

SECOND CITY KID'S CAMP

Applications are now being accepted for the Second City's "Kid's Improv Camp" to be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. June 14-24, for students ages 10-13 and 13-16, respectively; 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. July 19-29 for students ages 13-16 and 10-13, respectively; and 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Aug. 16-26 for kids ages 10-13 and 13-16, respectively, at The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$150. (313) 964-5821

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Placement auditions for the Performing Arts Summer Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, open to students who've graduated from high school, all levels of experience, at Masonic Temple Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY

"An Opera Gala: Great Opera Choruses and Arias," 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. \$12 seniors and students, \$15. (248) 358-9868

JAZZ

GERALD ALBRIGHT

7 p.m. Friday, May 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com>

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, May 22, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

MARK BYERLY DUO

7-10 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays in May, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., inside Kingsley Suites and Hotel, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 646-7900 (jazz/pop)

COLEMAN-RHODES DUO

8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in May, No. VI Chop House and Lobster Bar, 27790 Novi Road, inside the Hotel Baronette, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5210 (jazz/pop)

GROUND.EFFX

9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (live dub/jungle)

BILL HEID TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS

8-11 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, at the No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar in the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 305-5210; 8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Northern Lakes Seafood Company in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 646-7900; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Sundays in May, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Mondays, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

KATHY KOSINS QUARTET

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, May 21, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, and with special guest Larry Nozaro, sax and flute, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner, and \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER

With Vincent Shandro Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MARK MOULTROP TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY

7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. to midnight Thursdays, and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Duet, At Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 (jazz)

WILBERT PAEGLER

6-10 p.m. Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays in May, Morels, A Michigan Bistro, 30100 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 642-1094 (jazz piano)

JIM PARAVANTES

With Meridian, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays-Saturdays in May, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES

7-11 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, Duet at Orchestra Place, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838 (contemporary jazz)

GARY SCHUNK TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, May 20, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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Dancers from Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School take to the stage in a tribute to famed choreographer Bob Fosse, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, in Cranbrook's Lerchen Hall, 550 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3000

BALLROOM DANCE PARTY
8-11 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the K of C Mng. Hunt Hall, 7080 Garling, Warren Avenue and Evergreen, Dearborn Hgts. \$5, \$3 for dance lessons with Shirley Blair at 7 p.m.

"COUNTRY CLASS"
A country western dance, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Ron Morey, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20 (\$5); and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Billy Ray Bauer, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. Saturday, May 22 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23 (\$8); Ruben-Ruben, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Heywood Banks and Derrick Richards, Thursday, May 20 (\$10); Friday, May 21 (\$15); Saturday, May 22 (\$17.50), and Sunday, May 23 (\$12); Leo O'Four and Alyce Faye, Wednesday-Sunday, May 26-30, 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 INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
National Astronomy Day, discover the wonders of the sky in the planetarium, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, night sky observing continues to 10 p.m., at the institute, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission of \$7. \$4 children, ages 3-17.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Wiggle Giggle Studio features art activities for kids ages 5-10, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22 (\$5, for reservations call (313) 833-1262).

"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 SCIENCE CENTER
"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29, (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 11 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 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 children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD ESTATE- FAIR LANE
Visit the estate of the automotive pioneer, includes the restored riverside powerhouse and Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, see giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate today, travel the underground tunnel to the 56 room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is now celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities: Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair

is back on view after a week of conservation 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
"Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," a touring Negro League exhibit comprised of 90 black and white photos, 10 oversized prints; and memorabilia such as pennants, uniforms, and game-day posters, through Sunday, June 13, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. \$5, \$3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

AEROSMITH
With Afghan Whigs, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 20, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$29.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

AVAIL
With By All Means and Boy Sets Fire, 6 p.m. Friday, May 28, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

BARE JR.
With Old Pike, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance, \$7 day of show. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS
9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 20-21, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY
10:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues/rockabilly)

"BLACKPALOOZA REVIEW"
With My Brother's Dream, Sheila Horne, On-xyz, Kas Serenity, Myron Traymayne, City Slickers, The Young and the Restless, and F.F.O.C., 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$7, 21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (variety)

BLIND PIG SHOWCASE*
Featuring Flea Market, The Erasers, The Caroline, and Bullseye Virus, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLONDIE
With Dangerman, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 and \$37.50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop rock)

BLUE MOON BOYS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 4-M Lounge, 15500 E. Eight Mile Road, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 521-9059 or <http://www.bluerose.uma.com> (blues)

BLUE SUIT
With Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUES SHAKERS
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

BLUES SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (R&B)

JONATHA BROOKE
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$18.50 in advance, \$21 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

CAELUM BLISS
With Brilliant, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock/pop)

CALAMITY JANE
With Trale, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

CALOBO
With Big Sam and Psoas, 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

SUSAN CALLOWAY
With Sister Seed, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave.,

Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop)

CHROME LOCUST
With 4 Percent and Strut, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (noise rock)

CHUNK-A-FUNK
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-4700

EDDY "THE CHIEF" CLEARWATER
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

COUPLA FAT GUYS
9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

DANNY COX
6:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Van Gogh's Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic pop)

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10, general admission seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com> (R&B)

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

DIVESPIRE
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

DOGSTAR
Featuring bassist Keanu Reeves, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Hello Dave, 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

GLEN EDDY
9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

EDEN'S JOURNAL
With Troll For Trout, 9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

EL TOPO
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Taproot and Crack Abraham, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

ELIZA
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic pop)

EMINEM
With Beatnuts, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com> (rap)

EVEN KEEL
8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (pop/folk)

FATHERS OF THE ID
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Ebeling Hughes and Fletcher Pratt, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

FEZ
With Edith Head, 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (power pop)

THE GATHERING FIELD
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

THE GHETTO BILLIES
With Maggi, Pierce, and E.J., 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funny rock)

GRAVITY WELL
With The Triggers, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

QRR
10 p.m. Friday, May 21, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

"HARDCORE SHOW"
With These 5 Down, Mad Pig, Shutter, Spin Fist, Downfall and Theory, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Pharaoh's Coffee House, Westland. \$6. All ages. (734) 513-8536 (hardcore rock)

HARMONICA SHAH
10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

HASTINGS STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29,

Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 21-22, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Sinbad's, 100 St. Clair St., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-7817; 10 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues/honky-tonk)

HOLE
With Imperial Teen, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com> (rock)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, The Alley, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441; 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch> (pop)

HOWLING DIABLOS
9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B/rock/funk)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/li> sa.htm (acoustic rock)

JIM'S BIG EGO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (pop)

KGB
9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Give and Heavy Weather, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (funk)

LENNY KRAVITZ AND THE BLACK CROWES
With Everlast and Cree Summer, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$45 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

SLEEPY LABEEF
8 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rockabilly)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

MAGGIE, PIERCE AND EJ
9 p.m. Friday, May 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (eclectic rock)

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

NATALIE MERCHANT
7:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

MUDPUDDY
9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340; 9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

MULLENS
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or <http://www.golddollar.com> (rock)

STEVE NARDELLA
8 p.m. Friday, May 28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

MIKE NESS
With Deke Dickerson, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

THE OFFSPRING
With The Mighty Mighty Bosstones and The Living End, 6 p.m. showtime Sunday, May 23, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. (Moved from Cobo Arena, Detroit.) \$25 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

OPEN SPACES
9 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

JEFFREY OSBORNE
7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 and \$15, reserved cabaret seating. 21 and older. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.statetheater.com> (R&B)

"OTHER SPACES"
Featuring Tars Tarkas, visionEar and 4FR, 9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Xhodos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. \$5. All ages. (248) 399-3946 (electronic)

ORZIC TENTACLES

8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (prog rock)

THE PLANTS
9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rock)

REEFERMEN
9 p.m. Wednesdays in May, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 9 p.m. Tuesdays in May, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

RHYTHM HOUSE
9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 21-22 and 28-29, Lucky 13, 21350 Van Born Road, Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (313) 274-6066 (R&B)

ROOSTER
9 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

SAINT ETIENNE
With DJ Clark Warner, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

SAX APPEAL
8 p.m. Thursdays, May 20 and 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

KRISTIN SAYER
9 p.m. Friday, May 21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 28-29, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038 (acoustic R&B)

JO SERRAPERE
With John Devine, 8 p.m. Friday, May 21, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (acoustic blues)

"TOS SOUL JAM"
With Stylistics, Dramatics, Chi-Lites, Cuba Gooding, and The Main Ingredient, The Delfonics and Major Harris, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (soul)

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SPOCK'S BEARD
With Tiles, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (prog rock)

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With Mod Ev, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (Kiss tribute band)

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9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, Oxford Inn Tavern, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 9 p.m. Friday, May 28, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (R&B)

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RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
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VUDU HIPPIES
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'Phantom Menace' provides entertaining visual feast

Encounter: Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson, left) tells young Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd) and Jedi Apprentice Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) about a near deadly encounter as droid R2-D2 looks on.



KEN HAMSHIRE

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The second coming is at hand. The long wait is over. "Star Wars" is back.

George Lucas' epic saga is the most anticipated movie event of the year. Fans have been standing in lines, waiting overnight in parking lots, offering money to others to stand in line so they can be among the first to see "Episode I: The Phantom Menace."

What they'll see is a state-of-the-art visual and aural feast of the mind-boggling possibilities of digital film making.

Those seeking revelations here or rich spiritual insights are best advised to look elsewhere. Lucas makes use of world myths and religious symbols in the way that poets and writers have done for centuries, but he adds little to our understanding of what those myths mean to our spiritual growth.

It's also not great drama, but it is a great time.

From the start Lucas' goal was to recreate the movie serials he enjoyed as a child. He thought, what if the makers of those serials had the money to match their imaginations? Lucas had the money.

The first three films, numbers I-III in the series, were an international sensation. In the 20 years since the last film, generations of children have been introduced to the "Star Wars" phenomenon. It is a part of our identity.

Those movies were rollicking good entertainment full of dazzling special effects, appealing characters, derring-do, silly jokes and, yes, underneath, a mythic story suggesting some biblical importance in Luke Skywalker's growth into manhood and his showdown with Darth Vader, nemesis of the universe and his father.

Now, as Lucas always planned, we go back to discover how Anakin Skywalker, Jedi knight,

went over to the "dark side" to become the epitome of evil Darth Vader.

"Phantom Menace" tells a complicated political tale but in a way that would appeal to children, with a bright, adventurous child at the center of the action and a lot of silly, schoolyard humor mixed with the numerous high-tech battle scenes.

The story, for all its complexity, is thin. The humor often falls flat or becomes tiresome. And, most serious of all, there isn't a character to match the reckless Han Solo. It all seems a bit heavy.

But, admit it, you want to see this movie. And you will be grandly entertained.

In a galaxy far, far away, an evil senator in the giant Republic is working with the Trade Federation to threaten his own small planet, Naboo, ruled by young elected Queen Amidala (Natalie Portman). The Federation has set up a blockade and threatens an invasion of its droid warriors if the queen doesn't sign a trade agreement that would ruin her planet.

Two Jedi knights, Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson) and his apprentice, the young Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), have come to negotiate a peace, as the Jedi are the guardians of peace and justice in the galaxy.

Of course, their efforts fail and they must rush the queen to the Republic's headquarters on the city planet of Coruscant to argue her case. On the way their ship takes fuel on the remote planet Tatooine. Here on this desert planet they encounter a remarkable and gifted 9-year-old boy slave, Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd), whom Qui-Gon is convinced is the One, the person destined to "balance the Force."

Two familiar friends are introduced, the brave little droid R2-D2 and Anakin's droid in progress, C-3PO, without his golden skin. But comic relief is provided by an odd creature, part rabbit, antelope and lizard, Jar Jar Binks, who speaks in a

weird almost Jamaican patois. The computer generated character is given voice and action by Ahmed Best. He's initially funny but then gets to be irritating.

A race scene that sets up Anakin's freedom, several massed battle scenes and the lightsaber duels are all well staged. But even more impressive are the imaginative recreations of several distinct cultures. Each is convincing, from the Mediterranean-like Naboo to the steely and glass Coruscant to the Saharan Tatooine. And the many bizarre animals and humanoid and space ships are also interesting. Credit Westland John Glenn graduate Doug Chiang, the film's concept designer, for many of these excellent special effects.

Another friend makes his first appearance, the wise little Jedi Master Yoda (voiced by Frank Oz). It is Yoda who gives first warning that something isn't quite right with the amiable, energetic young Anakin.

Neeson is impressive and seems to enjoy playing a Jedi. He is strong, soft voiced but determined. But he doesn't have the youth or snarl of Harrison Ford's Han Solo. Ewan McGregor is flat and stiff as Obi-Wan, as if anticipating Alec Guinness' performance too closely without allowing for some youthful energy. As he will be a key figure in the next two episodes, either he or Lucas will have to reconsider how this part is played.

The young leads are especially good. As all "Star Wars" fans know, the young queen Anakin will become the parents of Luke and Princess Leia. Natalie Portman projects the right amount of forthright courage that her daughter will carry on. Jake Lloyd is not only a cute Anakin but a spirited and intelligent one as well.

"Star Wars" has never been great science fiction. But for popcorn munching, eye-popping, let's-go-to-a-movie entertainment, Lucas delivers again.



Drama: Elsa (Cher, left) and Georgie (Lily Tomlin) join the English ladies known as "Scorpioni" who live in Florence on the eve of Italy's entry into World War II in "Tea With Mussolini."

'Tea With Mussolini' tells heartwarming, well-played tale

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"Tea With Mussolini" is a very nice movie and not what you'd expect from the title.

Yes, there is a scene where Lady Hester (Maggie Smith) and her nephew Wilfred (Paul Cherquer) really do have tea with Mussolini (Claudio Spadaro), but that's not what this movie is about.

"Tea With Mussolini" is a heartwarming tale of friendship and coming-of-age that takes place in Florence just before and during World War II.

Mussolini is the premier who makes the trains run on time. He hasn't gone to war with England yet, or joined Hitler.

Lady Hester is part of a group of British expatriates, which film director Franco Zeffirelli calls the "Scorpioni." They dress as if they're in England and even have tea at 4 p.m.

The film is based on Zeffirelli's childhood in England. His intent was to tell a story that "would be a mixture of real and imagined events."

English novelist and playwright John Mortimer researched the ladies of Florence, and the "tea" with Mussolini was partly inspired by an event that actually did take place. Violet Trefusis, an English

intellectual who lived in villa outside Florence, met Mussolini.

The film revolves around 7-year-old Luca Innocenti, born out of wedlock and orphaned by his mother. Unable to bear the thought of him growing up in an orphanage, Mary Wallace (Joan Plowright), who works for Luca's father, becomes his surrogate mother and tutor.

She introduces Luca to her "family" of friends who share responsibility for helping him become the British gentleman his reluctant father wants him to be.

Arabella (Judi Dench) who has little talent but fashions herself to be an artist, teaches Luca about art. Wallace teaches him about theater.

The group also includes Georgie (Lily Tomlin), an American archeologist who prefers women to men, and Elsa (Cher), a former Ziegfeld dancer, an American of Jewish descent who deals in modern art.

Generous to a fault, Elsa adores Lady Hester, who can't stand her, and the other women who become Luca's family.

Eccentric and independent, the women have adopted Florence as their own. They refuse to leave, even as the cloud of war hangs tentatively over Italy.

When tensions begin to heat up in Florence, Lady Hester decides to go to Rome, because

"Mussolini has no idea of what's going on. He assures Lady Hester that 'you have nothing to fear. Whatever happens you will always be under my protection. You have my word.'"

Of course it's a lie, and the women are sent to San Gignano in Tuscany. Luca is sent to Austria by his father, to become the perfect German gentleman.

As the war unfolds, the women are held captive but not harmed. Luca, now 17, returns to help them.

There's suspense, romance, and jealousy rears its ugly head. Elsa's life is in danger, and Luca's forced to make some very difficult decisions.

"Tea with Mussolini" has its share of war scenes, none of them gory.

They say you never know how strong a woman is until she gets into hot water. The women in this movie — Cher, Dench, Plowright, Smith and Tomlin — certainly prove they're capable of making lemonade when life gives them lemons.

The only disappointment was the ending credits. Underneath each character is a National Lampoonish cartoon of what happened to them. It kind of takes away from the drama and spectacle that is "Tea with Mussolini."

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'Cheating at Solitaire' offers Ness a dose of sanity



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Social Distortion fans are kind of like mailmen. Rain, snow, sleet or hail won't keep them away. Take for instance, a show at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Pontiac years ago. Through

the driving rain, lead singer Mike Ness punched away at his guitar, cranking out the greaser anthems "Let It Be Me," "Story of My Life" and "Ball and Chain." Mohawk-laden teens crowd surfed, while others slam danced, pushing away fans trying to get a glimpse of the seminal Orange County punk band.

Last month, Ness left that raucous environment to release his debut solo album, "Cheating at Solitaire" on Time Bomb Records.

"I don't have to worry about stage diving and shoes flying up or fights or Nazis," he said with a laugh. "Just the true people who are into it for the music are the

ones who follow. The sad thing is, with punk shows you get a lot of people there for the wrong reasons. They think that they know what punk is and what it's all about. They have no idea whatsoever. It's a sad thing, but it's true."

"Cheating at Solitaire" is a country-based album that showcases Ness' varied tastes. The album includes a twangy cover of Bob Dylan's "Don't Think Twice" and Hank Williams' "You Win Again." The raw, roots-rocking "Misery Loves Company" is among Ness' favorite songs to play.

"It's always fun to play, just the raw, raw emotion and energy. It's raw and it's really fun. The whole record is fun to play. I'm gonna tell you this whole thing is just very liberating. It was a little scary at first. To have it so well received, it's nice," Ness said adding that there will be another Social D album.

"Cheating at Solitaire" was conceived in five years but was actually recorded in 1998 at Ocean Studios. For the recording process, he brought along a few

special guests - namely Brian Setzer, who plays Gretsch Silverjet on "Dope Fiend Blues," and Bruce Springsteen who offers vocals and guitars on "Misery Loves Company."

"A couple of songs are five years old. But I'd say I started writing about a year ago. I did about a month of pre-production and then two months in the studio," he explained.

"Don't Feel the Blues" and "I'm in Love With My Car" are among the oldest songs on the CD, but he included them on "Cheating at Solitaire" because he said they were still timely.

"The songs are almost more valid. No one was into cars back then. Now there's a bunch of greaser kids are driving old cars now. It's like a greaser anthem."

Cars are Ness' hobby. The low-rider on the back of the CD jewel case belongs to Ness. He also has a 1953 Harley-Davidson in his collection.

"Yeah, that's what I do when I'm not touring. When I was younger, I could never afford it. Just the last 15 years I've really

gotten into doing it. My other obsession is I go junking - thrift stores, junk stores, antique stores."

That, he said, along with "Cheating at Solitaire" is offering him a dose of sanity.

"I just think I really just did it for sanity purposes," he said with a laugh. "I needed to do something different. If I didn't, I'd go crazy. After doing something for 20 years, naturally you want a promotion. You want recognition for what you've done. I just feel that it was time to venture off and try other things if I ever want to grow."

Beautiful life

To singer Cree Summer, life is just beautiful.

She's riding around the United States on tour with "the fellas" - her good friend Lenny Kravitz, the Black Crowes and Everlast. (The tour comes to Pine Knob on Saturday.) Her debut CD "Street Faerie" is out on The Work Group.

"I'm ridin' with the fellas. Lenny took me out to open for

him in December in Europe. We had an incredible time and he asked me to open for him on this tour. It's just beautiful," Summer said.

Summer is the former star of the television series "A Different World." Although she has acted for most of her life, Summer is now concentrating on music.

"I haven't acted on television in about 3-1/2 years, and I'm not doing it again anytime soon. It's not because I didn't like it, it was because I didn't think I was very good at it. When you go to work every day, you should have a certain amount of confidence and feel at least that you're competent. There so many incredible actors in this world, I don't think I'll be missed really," she said.

Music is her first love, having moved to Los Angeles to pursue singing. Immediately, however, she fell into acting. Summer made one record with her band, Subject to Change, before Capitol Records dropped the act. The album was never released. "Street Faerie" is her debut solo album, and it's safe to say she's excited about it.

"I'm very geeky that way," she said with a slight giggle. "It makes me want to jump up and down."

Summer's bluesy, mainstream pop effort "Street Faerie" was a "completely spontaneous experience." Produced and arranged by Kravitz, "Street Faerie" was recorded at a studio in Nassau.

"We literally picked the songs that we were going to record on the record the same day. The reason 'Soul Sister' got on the record was because I showed up in the studio that morning wearing a soul sister T-shirt. There's no real rhyme or reason to any of it, which is why I think it's so pure," she said.

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Rock festival: Lenny Kravitz, along with the Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer, performs Saturday, May 22, at Pine Knob.

Kravitz waves flag on 'American Woman'

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Lenny Kravitz picks up the phone, and clears his throat with a deep chesty cough. "Hello?" he said sounding groggy at 1:45 p.m.

He explained that he's calling from his bed on the tour bus, having just woken up minutes before. Contrary to his charismatic, commanding stage presence, Kravitz isn't exploding with energy.

Kravitz, the son of the late Roxie Roker of "The Jeffersons," isn't a man of words. This tour is "fine." He recently covered "American Woman" because someone asked him to, and in his free time he likes to read and watch movies.

Chatting about movies and

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Lenny Kravitz
on acting

reading seems to be appealing to Kravitz.

"Hey, what did we watch last night?" he said to a woman nearby. "Oh yeah, 'Last Tango in Paris.' That was last night's feature. This morning is Woody Allen and right now we're doing 'Brazil,' I think, or something."

Kravitz has a long-term relationship with acting. He explained that he's been acting since he was a child. This fall, he

has the option to film a movie or to make another record. He said he was unable to reveal anything about the movie.

"I used to act when I was younger. My mom was an actress. I used to act in theater. I stopped doing it so I could pursue my music," he said. "It's not something that I miss. It's another outlet, another medium which takes off the pressure."

This summer, Kravitz is bringing one medium to several towns in the United States, thanks to the package tour he created featuring him, the Black Crowes, Everlast and Cree Summer. The show hits Pine Knob on Saturday, May 22.

"The tour's fine. It's going good. I just had a choice of who was available and who I thought would put on a great show. I liked Everlast's record, but I didn't know him before the tour," Kravitz said about forming the tour.

Kravitz's set will include songs from each of his albums and his new song "American Woman," a cover of the 1970 The Guess Who hit. The song will appear on the

soundtrack to "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (Maverick), and beginning June 1, Virgin will make "American Woman" a part of Kravitz's latest album "5."

The concert video for "American Woman" features Kravitz and his band performing in front of a massive, flashing neon American flag. Recently shot in the desert of Southern California, the video features more than 500 extras, a special appearance by Heather Graham, who plays "Felicity Shagwell" in the film, and a grand finale of fireworks illuminating the sky.

"American Woman" is Kravitz's follow-up to his hit "Fly Away." Kravitz, who won the Grammy for Best Rock Performance Male last February, scored a major hit with "Fly Away." It was the first single to hit No. 1 on the Modern, Active and Album Rock Charts in the same week.

The story behind Kravitz's cover of "American Woman" is simple.

"Somebody asked me if I would do it. That was a song they were looking for. I thought it was a song I could do."

Lenny Kravitz and The Black Crowes perform with Everlast and Cree Summer, at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are \$45 pavilion, \$20 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> for more information.

Artists celebrate life and express outrage

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

After a month of disturbing headlines and images from Littleton, Colo., Kosovo and tornado-torn areas of Oklahoma and Kansas, the hope that many feel with the blossoming of spring may need a bit of nurturing. Fortunately, the arts are in full bloom.

"When it seems that the world has gone horribly awry, nature provides a spiritual experience to all human beings. It is amazing what can be accomplished by simply looking closely at a flower," says Kay Young, an Oakland County-based photographer whose twenty-year career has celebrated her Native American heritage and the natural world. "My work is intended as a celebration of life through the beauty of nature." If you caught her "Wildflower Paintings: A Photographic Exhibition" at the Detroit Institute of Arts or The

Somerset Collection, you already know about the sense of peace her photos can provide.

In describing her exhibit "Feed Me" at the American Indian Community House in New York, Young writes, "My family was humble, not poor, and the teachings were to honor the earth, harvest the food, and give thanks for life - all life around us." There's also a powerful message to guide us through the turmoil of a difficult time, as her work challenges us to, in her words, "to have the perseverance and strength to try and understand all, while living in a place out of balance."

On the next edition of Detroit Public Television's "Backstage Pass," the timeless beauty of Young's work is featured, and traditional songs from Native American cultures are performed by the inter-tribal group the Blue Lake Singers.

The horror at Columbine High has us all asking what can be done to protect young people from violence. For Ann Arbor artist-blacksmiths Scott Lankton

and Jim Roth, the tragedy was a terrifying example of the nature of gun violence and the reason for a two-year old project to transform powerful weapons into powerful art. Lankton and Roth use their skills as blacksmiths and their creative abilities to melt handguns into anti-violent artistic symbols.

"We've got thirty pieces created so far, and the one that gets the strongest reaction is a gun nestled in a stop sign with photos of gunshot victims," says Jim Roth.

"We're not going to change the world, but we're disgusted that anti-gun groups and members of organizations like the National Rifle Association can't get together to work on the major social problem of gun violence," he adds.

Lankton and Roth have received no backlash from hunting groups concerning the project. "I enjoy hunting and I like guns. The only message we send through our work is our outrage over gun violence," says Roth. Consistent with that theme are creations such as a gun molded into a book, while others are wrapped in chains or locked in a cage.

The two hope to have several public showings later this year and a permanent exhibit later this year. "Backstage Pass" viewers get a look in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at on Detroit Public TV.

What's my favorite piece of the blacksmith's art? It's a gun with a gold-colored rose coming out of the barrel. Once again, there's peace through flower power.

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Get good Chinese cuisine fast at Leeann Chin's

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Among area restaurant trends predicted on this page in January this year, one was that more upscale national chains would open in metro-Detroit. It happened. And came true again on April 26 when Leeann Chin opened its first Michigan location next to the Troy Sports Center.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Leeann Chin and she was there to greet her first Troy customer, a loyal patron of her Minneapolis, Minnesota-based eatery. What one finds at Leeann Chin is so tied to her personality, that her story begs to be told.

In 1966, she found her way from her native Canton, China, to her current home in Minneapolis via Hong Kong. She spoke no English, but learned quickly from her friendly neighbors who hired her for expert sewing skills.

By 1980, she had also demonstrated her culinary talents, teaching Chinese cooking to some 4,000 students over a 10-year period. She has written cookbooks; most recent is Betty Crocker's New Chinese Cookbook. All this while raising five children!

One of her culinary students was a banker and friend of Sean Connery, her first primary investor. With an SBA loan and Connery's backing, she was able to open the first Leeann Chin's Chinese Cuisine in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She paid off original

Leeann Chin Chinese Cuisine

Where: 1853 East Big Beaver Road (just west of John R), Troy (248) 740-8906

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

Menu: Contemporary Chinese cuisine, dine in or take out. All entrees and combinations include steamed white rice. Fried or Young Jewel rice may be substituted at minimal extra charge.

Cost: All items under \$7

Reservations: Not accepted

Credit cards: All majors



Leeann Chin

investors in two years and now, as sole owner, is supported by venture capital investors. Her single restaurant has grown into a network of 38 locations. Her company also encompasses the Asia Grille restaurant concept with Seattle and Twin Cities locations.

While Chin said that her "buf-

fet" locations, such as Troy, have similar decor, what the diner finds is East meets West in the new millennium.

The 3,200 square foot layout seats 64 in a colorful, ultra-modern atmosphere done in eggplant, hot pink, orange, yellow and navy. On the walls, Chinese symbols spell out "Chinese Cooking," while the logo character says "Chin."

At a start-up cost of \$385,000, the Troy location will need a steady flow of Sichuan and Cantonese food lovers.

And this is what's offered: a well-styled eat-in or take-out menu with all items under \$7. Among appetizers, try either the Oyster Wings (chicken wings in a savory oyster sauce) or if you like lots of flavor, Sichuan Wings, the kicked-up version in a hot and spicy chili sauce.

Chicken, vegetables and just the right touch of fresh ginger fill the potstickers. Order them pan-fried.

The Chinese Chicken Salad with crispy noodles and house sesame dressing is delicious. In addition to two daily entree spe-

cials, tied for most popular regular entrees are Peking Chicken and Lemon Chicken. Beef Lo Mein is a close second. Vegetarian Stir Fry will appeal to those preferring meatless. Selection of ingredients varies, so inquire if you have unfavorable veggies.

Not a fan of sweet and sour, I liked the Sesame Chicken with its tangy, balanced sesame sauce. But if you can't decide what to order, consider the Combinations. The half-appetizer and half entree combo at \$4.95 is a generous lunch.

At 66 years old, but looking 20 years younger, Leeann Chin is an amazing woman epitomizing the American dream. Her spirit is alive in long-time employees whom she calls "my children." Sue Calton and Jason Erickson combine 27 years with Chin as the driving forces behind the cooking and training of local, young chefs seen preparing food selections in the open kitchen. As training director, David Hill has given all waitstaff their skills.

So enamored with the Leeann Chin concept, former Smitty's Grill (downtown Rochester) general manager Jim Burr has taken his 13 years of restaurant experience with him to carry out general manager duties in Troy. Chin, as inspired founder and corporate chairperson, has also attracted the likes of former Bruger's CEO Steve Finn to carry out CEO responsibilities for her.

Corporations in the heart of



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Getting ready for customers: General manager Jim Burr checks out the buffet at Leeann Chin Chinese Cuisine in Troy.

Troy take note! There's a delivery menu with recommended 24-hour notice. Orders under \$75 need pick-up, but those over \$75 can be delivered.

If you like the salad dressing or sauces, you can buy them. The Imperial Sauce is a fast appetizer with bagel chips or the special Leeann Chin chips. Try the Peking sauce with barbecue items, in a quick stir-fry, on hamburgers, as a glaze for pork chops, grilled or pan-fried fish.

Leeann Chin has made her eatery appealing to people on the go who want healthy, flavorful, savory Chinese dishes and who

want them fast. She is planning to open more restaurant locations in metro Detroit — including Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties — within the next 15 months.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (248) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

LE GALT DE CUISINE

Event 3-6 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Cranbrook Scholops showcases 40 chefs from metro Detroit restaurants. The event will feature a silent auction, appearance by jazz saxophonist George Benson, and continuous entertainment by Cranbrook Kingswood music ensembles. In addition to having the opportunity to sample appetizers, entrees, desserts, coffees and fine wines, guests will receive a one-of-a-kind cookbook with recipes from participating chefs. Tickets \$125 (friend), \$150 (patron) and \$200 (benefactor), call (248) 683-6099. Cranbrook Schools are at 550 Lone Pine Road.

MOREL FEAST

Unique Restaurant Corporation's 13th annual feast celebrates morels. The cost is \$44.95 per person, not including tax or gratuity. It will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, May 26-

27 at Morel's a Michigan Bistro, (248) 642-1094; 7 p.m. Friday, May 28 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, (248) 646-7900 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 at No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar, (248) 305-5210.

BUCA DI BEPPO

New restaurant opening June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road (across from Laurel Park Place) features Southern Italian dishes. A team of muralists, artists and painters is busy getting ready for the opening. The "decorating" team is recreating the Sistine Chapel, Italian country scenes and other scenes to bring the "passion of Little Italy to your neighborhood." The restaurant will be open 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday, 4-11 p.m. Saturday and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Keep reading the dining page for more information.

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Bringing the funk: Howling Diablos perform at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The show is free and open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (734) 455-8450.

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