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Kidnapping attempt is reported

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A 16-year-old Westland girl on a bike escaped abduction yesterday when she fought off her alleged kidnapper.

The girl was riding her bike on Venoy, just north of Ford, at 5:18 p.m. when a commercial semi-truck pulled up. "The driver got out, ran up and grabbed her and started to drag her back to the truck," said Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland police.

The girl screamed and struggled with the truck driver, who had grabbed her by the arms.

Stobbe said a man who witnessed the incident approached the truck driver, who had returned to his truck, and asked him if he had grabbed the girl and attempted to drag her back into his truck.

According to the police report, the truck driver replied, "Yes, I did."

The witness then told the driver not to leave and told the girl to go to a nearby house and call 911. The driver stayed in his truck until police arrived.

"This is very unusual. I can only imagine what was going through his mind," said Stobbe.

The suspect was being interrogated this morning, and police expect to arraign him on kidnapping charges soon.

Stobbe sent the man's description over teletype across the nation. "I'm getting calls from all over. We don't know if he's involved (in other attempts), but we're still investigating."

The suspect, a Novi resident, is a white male, age 53, 6-foot, 185 pounds. He drives for a commercial trucking firm within the metro Detroit area.

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Council ponders assisted living

The Westland City Council nixed an assisted living center plan back in April. Its backers returned Monday to push the plan, and met some skepticism. A vote could come as early as next Tuesday, July 6.

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Approval for a proposed 5.47-acre, $6 million assisted living center site on Merriman Road just south of Cherry Hill could be granted at the Westland City Council's next regular meeting Tuesday, July 6.

The proposal had been turned down by a majority vote at the April 19 council meeting. "We didn't have enough information at the time," said council President Sandra Cicirelli.

During a study session Monday evening, council members received a more in-depth presentation of the proposal developed by Hearthstone Assisted Living of Houston, Texas. Thom Rourke of Hearthstone and Dave Plumley of Crabill & Company of Livonia, commercial real estate agents for the site, made the presentation.

"What is different? You're asking us to approve today what we denied (April 19)," said Councilman Richard LeBlanc. At that time, LeBlanc had favored a more commercial use of the property.

Rourke said the basic proposal was "exactly the same."

Plumley, however, said he had undertaken a study of retail vacancies in the area. He provided council members with photographs of several

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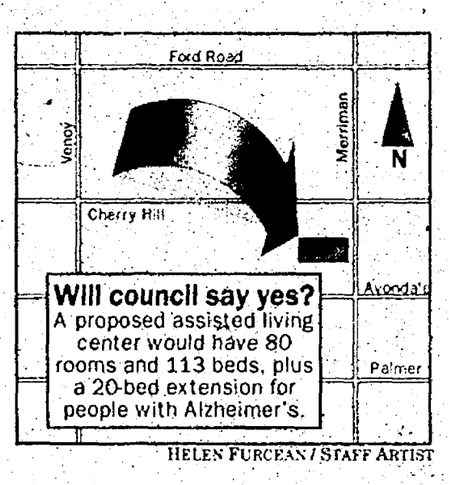

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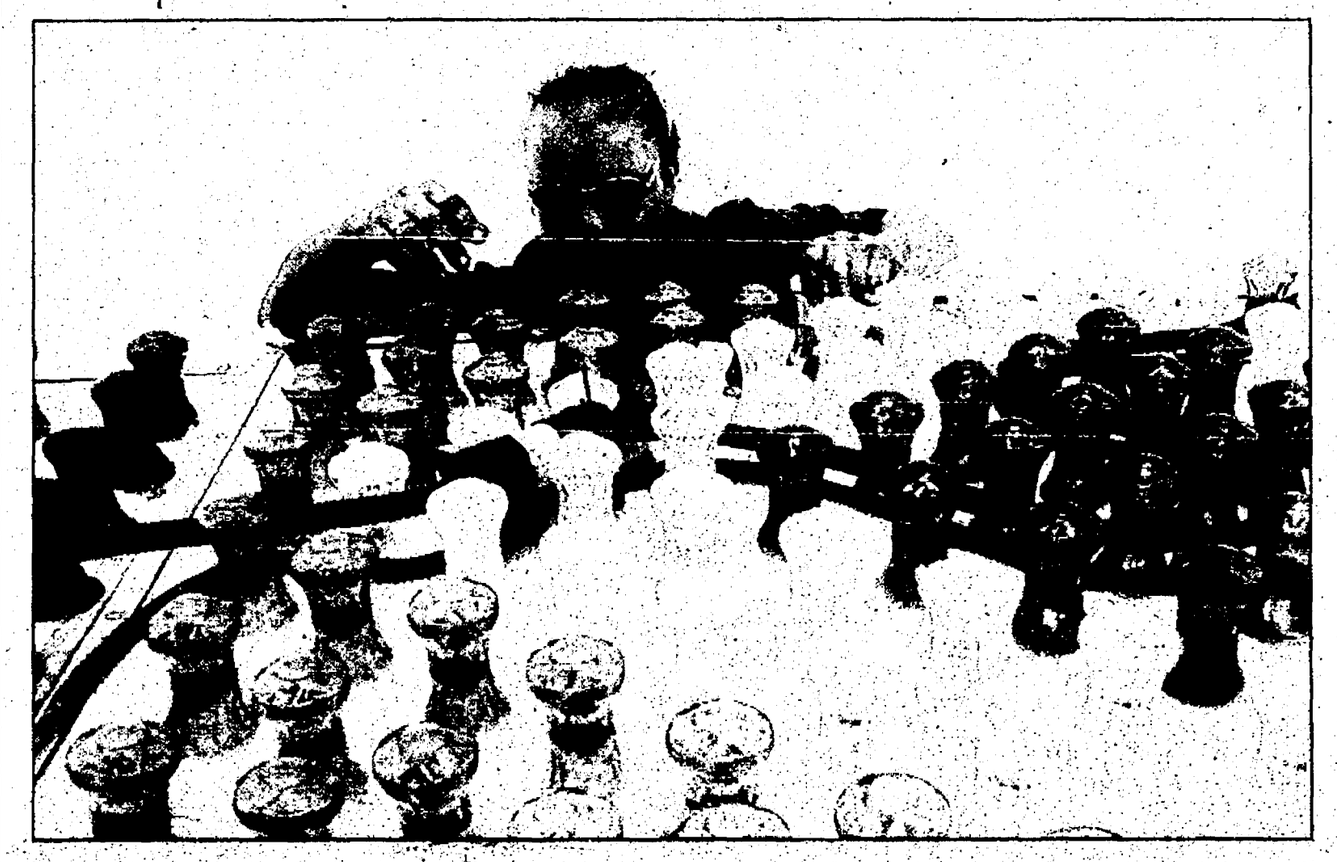

It's here: *Kevin Feagan of Wade Shows replaces the color bulbs in the "Skyrider." The Westland Summer Festival began Wednesday with a parade and ends Sunday, July 4, with fireworks at dusk. For more on the fun, see Page A4.*

Fest has a winner

When Kimberly Corney was growing up, she had hip problems that put her in the hospital. Corney, now 18 going on 19, hopes to become a registered nurse and work in a children's hospital's orthopedic department.

The Westland resident is this year's Miss Westland. "I was in total shock," she said of her crowning Saturday, June 26. "I did not expect it at all. Very, very shocked and surprised."

The lifelong Westland resident is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She plans to transfer to U-M in Ann Arbor for her junior and senior years in the nursing program.

For now, she'll preside over the Westland Summer Festival, "helping out when people need things. I am looking forward to the festival, I'm excited."

She is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School and the daughter of Kathy Corney. Kimberly Corney plans to study after college to be a physician's assistant, specializing in orthopedic pediatrics.

Presiding over festival: *Kimberly Corney is Miss Westland. She is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Baracy true to his school

Greg Baracy, who attended school in the same district he now heads as Wayne-Westland superintendent, has been named recipient of Wayne Memorial High School's 1999 Distinguished Alumni award.

"It is a great honor," he said, "and I am very blessed the staff selected me."

Baracy is the first Wayne-Westland superintendent to have completed kindergarten through 12th grade here. He has been either a student or an educator here for more than 30 years.

He attended Jackson Elementary, Franklin Junior High and Wayne Memorial, which had no alumni arena or math and science wing when he went there. The school did have a larger student population then: about 2,300.

■ Baracy has been an educator for 26 years after graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in education.

Because of his love for cars, Baracy helped start the Motor Sports Club at Wayne. He also played football but admits he was "just an average Joe." It was his high school counselor who encouraged him to become a teacher.

"It was a turning point for me," Baracy said. "He saw that teaching was a love I had – and still do."

Baracy has been an educator for 26 years after graduating from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in education. He received his master's degree in occupational education/administration from U-M and his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Wayne State University.

He has taught at the college level and served as a department chair, assistant principal, principal, vocational director and assistant superintendent for general administration before his current position.

"Education has been good to me and my family," Baracy said.

He still has plans for change in Wayne-Westland, including improving instruction, raising student test scores, monitoring finances and boosting the public's perception of the district.

However, he said the district already has "turned the corner" in recent years by starting programs like Camp Read-a-Lot, restoring middle school sports, buying new textbooks and winning voter approval of a $108.3 million bond issue for building improvements.

In addition to being an educator, Baracy also serves on many civic and governmental boards and committees. His hobbies include golfing, collecting and refinishing antiques and tinkering with his 1926 Model "T" Ford. He was

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Dog owner sought after pit bull attack on toddler

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Police need help in locating Gary Polehna of Westland, whose pit bull attacked a 2½-year-old Taylor girl June 23. Polehna disappeared with his dog shortly after the attack.

The dog is at the Westland Humane Society, but Polehna is still missing. The attack occurred at 7:30 p.m. in Polehna's home at 35668 Farragut. The girl's father, Thomas Houghs of Taylor, a friend of Polehna's, was visiting with his daughter.

"The dog was in the house, and when it saw her it attacked her and bit her on the forehead and face," said Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland Police Department. The girl, who was mauled on the face, was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital, where she received 35 stitches.

The girl faced a series of painful rabies shots if the dog had not been found. Polehna told police at the time of the incident the rabies shots had expired.

Stobbe said when the animal control officer went to Polehna's house to ask him to surrender his dog, he told the officer someone had stolen his pit bull. Police later returned to the house, but he was gone.

Stobbe said Polehna was originally listed as a missing person but an arrest warrant may be prepared today charging him with failure to surrender his dog, filing a false police report and failure to immunize his dog against rabies.

Records from the Westland Veterinary Clinic indicate Polehna brought the dog in June 26 for a rabies vaccination. The girl's father wants the dog destroyed.

Polehna is a white male, 27 years old, 5-foot-6, 220 pounds. He has long brown hair and was last seen wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans. Anyone with information should contact Westland police, (734) 722-9600

Kidnapping has a fairly happy ending

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Parental kidnapping isn't a typical case for Sgt. John Buresh of the Westland Police Department.

It all began back in April 1998 when Heidi Staudenbaur, who at the time lived in a Westland apartment complex, allowed Greek-born Emmanouel Velanis to pick up their then-2-year-old daughter, Despina, for a Sunday visit. He was to bring her back by 2 p.m.

Velanis had other plans. He took baby Despina back to Greece. According to the police report, Staudenbaur said Velanis had made prior remarks about taking his daughter to Greece.

Both the Westland police and the FBI were called in on the case.

Despina has been back with her mother, now living in Las Vegas, since April, and Velanis flew from Greece into Toronto last week and told officials he was wanted for interstate flight and parental kidnapping.

"He wanted to turn himself in and get this behind him," said Buresh.

Westland police picked up Velanis at the Detroit-Windsor border last week. He was arraigned in 18th District Court on Monday on charges of parental kidnapping and released on personal bond.

Buresh said Velanis flew to Toronto instead of New York City because the airfare was cheaper and "he didn't want to hassle with the FBI."

Velanis may have a few more hassles ahead of him. A preliminary hearing has been set for July 8.

Buresh said he believes Staudenbaur and Velanis met aboard a cruise ship on which Staudenbaur may have been a singer. After her daughter was kidnapped, she moved to Las Vegas. She flew to Greece and brought her daughter back.

Staudenbaur did not maintain direct contact with Westland police, said Buresh. Her attorney hasn't told him whether she will appear at the hearing.

Charges could be dismissed. "That looks like the way it will end," said Buresh.

Meeting canceled, rescheduled for fall

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act/Open Meetings Act seminar for public officials scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, in Livonia City Hall has been canceled due to changes in the schedule of Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

The seminar, co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the Michigan Press Association, will be rescheduled for fall.

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vacant retail sites within a two-mile radius. He also said he had received no calls from interested retail developers.

"I had a lot of trucking firms call and say they want to put up a large building for storage," he added.

LeBlanc remarked that Crabill & Company would have made a deal with a trucking firm if that had been possible. "I don't think there's a real estate company out there looking out for our best interests," he said.

"There's a higher and better use (for the site) that's consistent with the zoning."

Voicing concerns

LeBlanc and Councilwoman Justine Barns expressed concerns the assisted living facility would be too "dense" for the site. "I'm concerned about mobility. Is five and a half acres enough for 90 people?" asked Barns.

Tod Kilroy, Westland's planning director, said the artist's rendering of the facility was not proportional to the property. The single-story, 50,000-square-foot building with two courtyards would cover just 20 percent of the acreage. The city ordinance allows for 40 percent coverage.

The dormitory-style facility would have 80 rooms and 113 beds, plus a 20-bed extension for people with Alzheimer's.Rourke told council members that Westland is "a perfect spot" for the assisted living facility. He said a Hearthstone survey indicated Westland could produce 13.1 residents for every bed.

Kilroy said Presbyterian Village, a similar assisted living facility in Redford Township, averages a 10 percent vacancy rate as residents move on to nursing homes or back with family members for more intensive care.

The proposed Westland facility would be for frail but mobile seniors who manage their personal hygiene but are no longer able to cook and do housekeeping.

Rourke also said most neighbors within 500 feet of the proposed facility had few concerns other than increased traffic. "Compared to a commercial endeavor, our traffic would be nil."

The only traffic would come from deliveries and visitors, he added. Assisted living residents would not have cars.

Councilman David Cox said he is "wholeheartedly" in favor of the facility since many people must move out of Westland when they need assisted living. "This is not only a great use (of the site), it's just what that neighborhood needs."

Views unchanged

LeBlanc remained unpersuaded by the end of the study session. "Last meeting, five people did not support this. I just think there's better use for the property. To fill the site just to fill the site is not a good reason."

"A good politician knows how to compromise," said Councilwoman Sharon Scott.

"It's called waffling," said LeBlanc.

After the study session, Cicirelli said it would take the written request of three council members to put the proposal back on the council's meeting agenda.

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Exam set Friday in shooting case

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Two Canton men will face multiple felony charges – including assault with intent to murder – Friday in connection with a June 25 shooting incident at Palmer and Sheldon roads.

A preliminary examination for Zachary Scott Woodby, 20, and Timothy Regan Boster, 21, is scheduled for 35th District Court in Plymouth in front of Judge John MacDonald.

Woodby faces five felony counts including assault with intent to murder, three charges of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm. Boster faces three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm.

Canton Officer Leonard Schemanske said it's likely the duo will waive the exam.

"It's up to the defendants if they want to have it," he added.

The examination is held to determine if enough evidence exists to bind the case over for trial at Wayne County Circuit Court.

If Friday's proceeding is waived, an examination will be held at the circuit court. Further court dates would be established at that time.

Both men were arraigned by video Saturday at 34th District Court in Romulus. Cash bonds of $250,000 and $100,000 were set for Woodby and Boster, respectively.

The shooting occurred at about 2:30 a.m.

Canton resident Dawn Davis was heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Police said two men were standing on the side of the road and opened up on the 22-year-old.

Davis' Chrysler LeBaron was hit 11 times, police say, with rounds from an AK-47 assault rifle. Amazingly, she was only slightly injured with a piece of metal shrapnel grazing her right lower leg.

Davis fled from her car and made it over to the shoulder of the road. She stopped a passerby, who then gave her a ride to the Canton police station.

Two men, meanwhile, were

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Baracy *from page A1*

recently presented with a handmade wood replica of his car by Marshall Middle School students.

Baracy lives in Wayne with his wife, Gabriele, also a Wayne Memorial graduate. They have two children: son Greg Jr., who attends Wayne Memorial, and daughter Courtney, who attends Stevenson Middle School.

Greg Baracy, school superintendent

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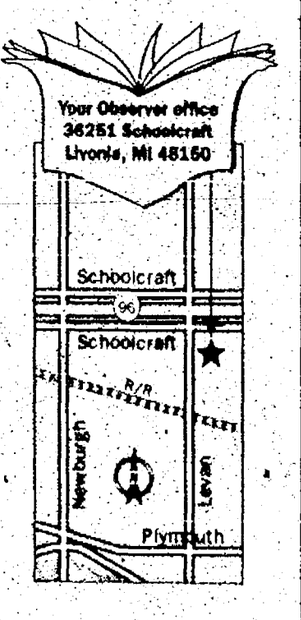

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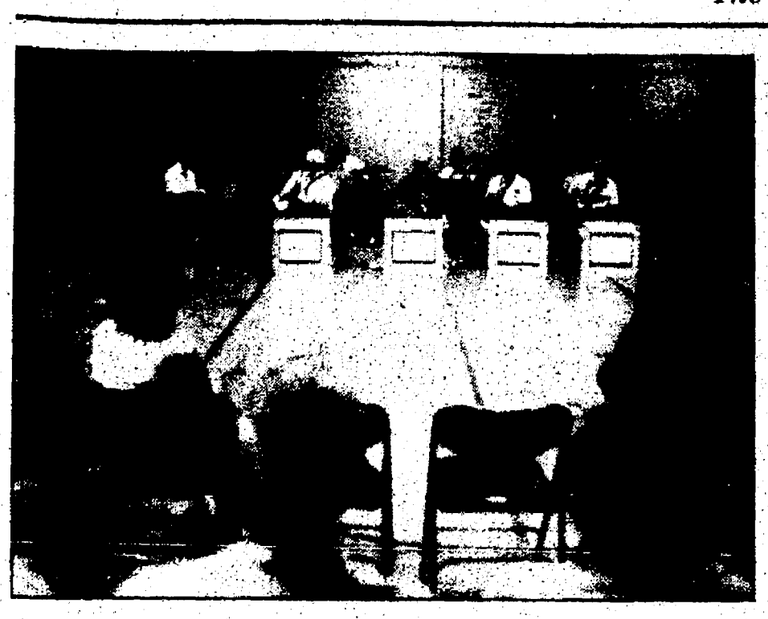

Listen: *Armand Angeloni (center in photo at right) is the saxophone player/leader for the band.*

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Bailey Center hosts sounds of Big Band

Team effort: *Keyboard player Gary Blumer is among those essential to making good music.*

Big Band music featuring the Cosmopolitan Band was presented the evening of Sunday, June 27, at the Bailey Center. Regular concert site is the Performance Pavilion of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

The Westland Cultural Society concerts, sponsored by the Westland City Council, continue through Aug. 22. They will be each Sunday (except for July 4) and all will be at the Performance Pavilion except for July 18 at Stottlemeyer Park. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in Westland.

All concerts are 6 p.m. except for July 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Remaining concerts include:

- Pyramid II, with Motown, light rock and rhythm and blues, Sunday, July 11.
- Starfire, with modern and blues, Sunday, July 18.
- Roy Cobb & The Coachmen, with bluegrass, Sunday, July 25.

■ They will be each Sunday (except for July 4) and all will be at the Performance Pavilion except for July 18 at Stottlemeyer Park. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in Westland.

- Phil Gram Combo, with swing and jazz, Sunday, Aug. 1.
- Waco Country Band, with country-western, Sunday, Aug. 8.
- Bob Duran, with Dixieland, Sunday, Aug. 15.
- Detroit Breakdown, with a variety of music from the 1960s to 1990s, Sunday, Aug. 22.

All concerts are free. The Bailey Center, the rain site, is on Ford at Carlson in Westland.

They're fans: *Lorraine Minissale of Westland (foreground) and Helen Henry of Westland enjoying the Big Band music of the Cosmopolitan Band at the Bailey Center.*

Softball benefit on July 8 will help Salvation Army

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Some weekend athletes will be taking to the field on a weekday, for a good cause.

The Charity All-Stars will play softball 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at the John Glenn High School football field, on Marquette east of Newburgh. Lou Toarmina has been organizing the Salvation Army benefit.

"We're sending our youth groups to Sea World," said Lt. Chuck Yockey, commander for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "This is a fund-raiser to help pay for that."

The opponent: Eddie Feigner, The King and His Court. Yockey will play for the Charity All-Stars, sponsored by Toarmina's pizza business.

Tickets are available at the Salvation Army, 2300 Veney, between Glenwood and Palmer in Westland. Tickets are $5 in advance, with children under age 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be $7 at the door.

"Lou Toarmina came up with this idea," Yockey said, mentioning that the fund-raising committee's seeks alternatives now that fewer Christmas bell-ringing sites are available. "We've had to come up with other ways to raise money."

Organizers are excited about playing Feigner and his teammates. "They tell me it's like a Harlem Globetrotters thing with softball," Yockey said. "It's going to be fun."

Feigner, who plays with wife Anne Marie, has been playing since 1950. A fastpitch game in 1981 drew 16,000-plus fans to the Silverdome to see the Court play Magic Johnson and his softball team. Some of the 1968 Detroit Tigers played for Johnson's team as well, as did current Tigers of the time.

"He's on his farewell tour," Lou Toarmina said of Feigner. "This will be his last time around."

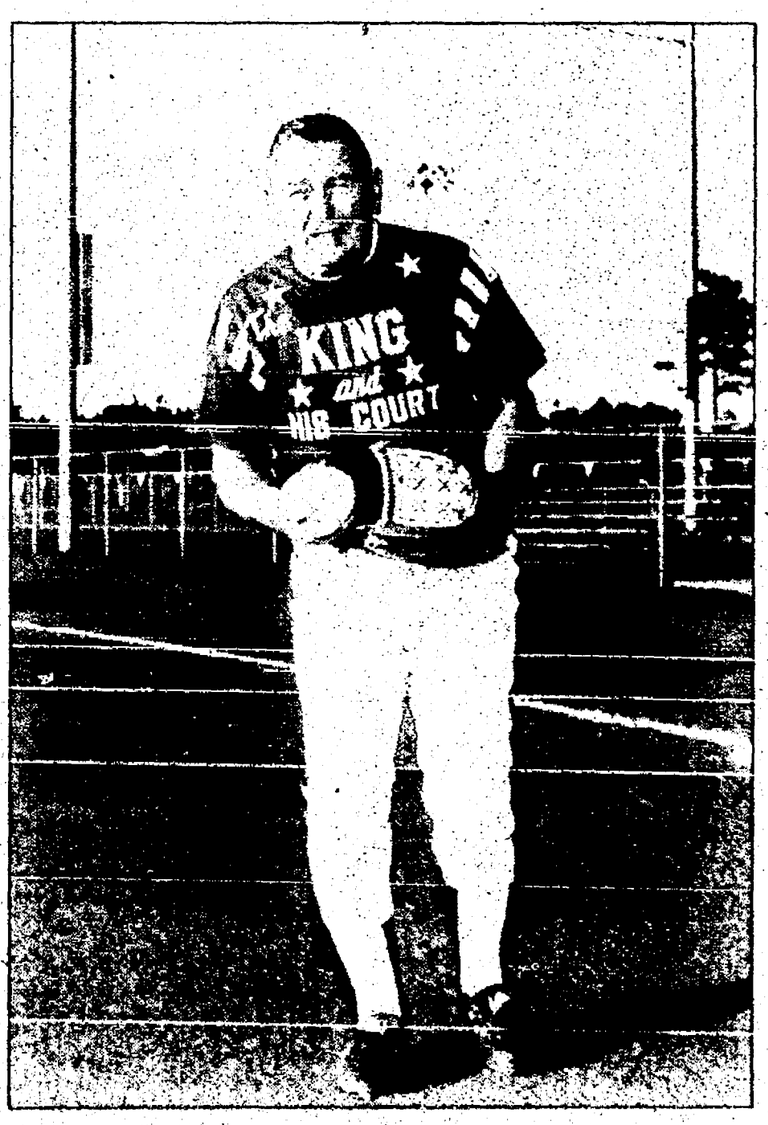
Toarmina will be manager for the Charity All-Stars. Team members to date include Lori Brist of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, Michael and Mark Capaldi of Westland Bowl, Gary Bulson of Men on the Move movers, and members of the Westland Civitans and Westland Rotary.

"Most of the people that are playing are not softball players," Toarmina said. The team aims for a fun atmosphere for all involved, including the fans.

The service clubs will raise money for their own causes, he said, and businesses can pick their own causes or give to the Salvation Army. Toarmina acknowledged the Detroit Tigers aren't having a great year and that fans might prefer John Glenn High School to Michigan and Trumbull.

"They'll probably have a lot more fun," the Westland resident said.

For information, call the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, (734) 722-3660.



Athlete: *Eddie Feigner will play July 8 in Westland.*

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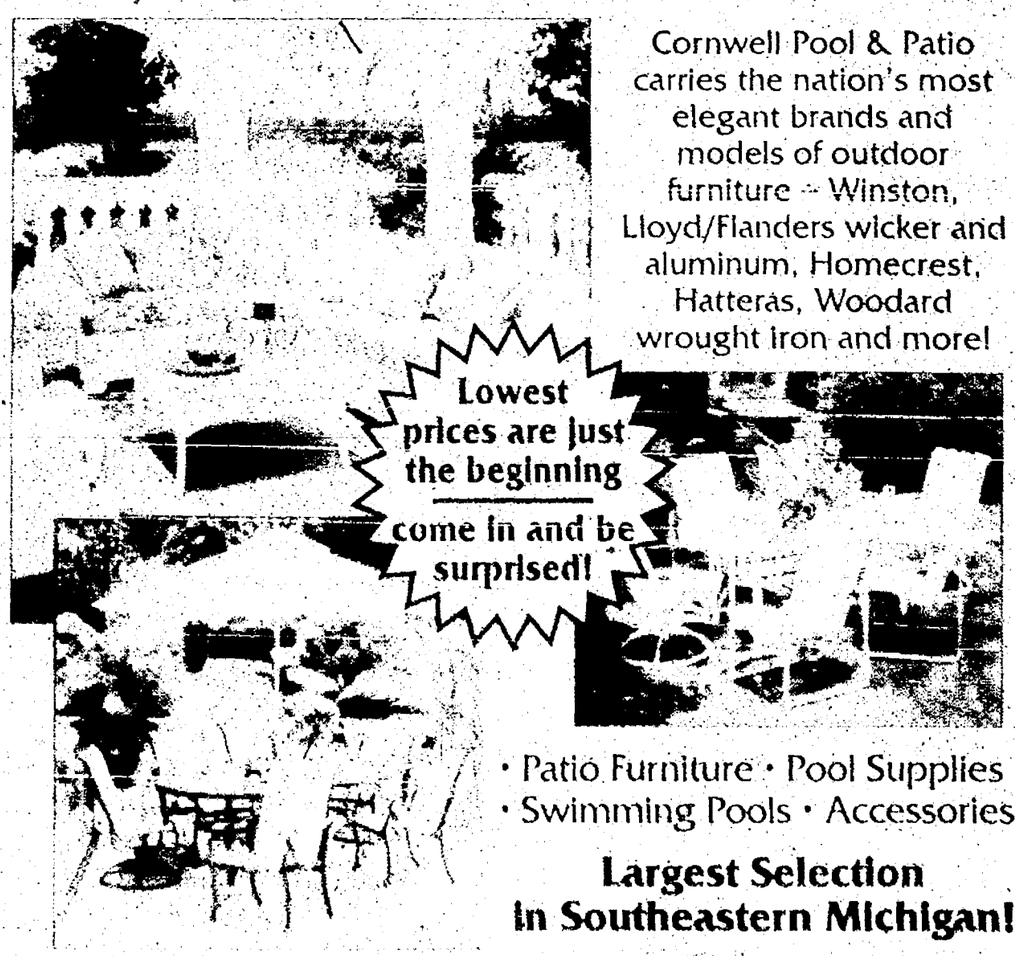

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Summer Festival offers dose of fun for young and old alike

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If you're looking for something to do these days, consider the Westland Summer Festival. Organizers say they have much to offer at the event, which will continue through Sunday, July 4, with fireworks at dusk.

"We have expanded the carnival rides and moved to the area around the Lions Pavilion," said Sue Haslacker, board secretary. "It's more of a hometown feeling."

She also cited a weekend display hot air balloon, horseshoes, golf chipping, pie eating contest and more. The festival began Wednesday evening with a parade.

"There are many crafters," said Haslacker. "The bands are great." There will be a strolling barbershop quartet and a weekend Fun & Games Show featuring TV actor/performer George Young.

"The kids just went nuts over this game show guy," she said of last year's response.

Gary Bulson's in charge of entertainment and the Saturday car show for the Summer Festival. He and other organizers like to provide entertainment that won't make a family go broke. "So I started on this game show thing" last year. The kids involved had fun.

"He does the different game shows for the kids," Bulson said of Young. "He gives away money and prizes." Young will do five shows Saturday and five Sunday, with no charge to participants.

A magician will be sponsored by two local businesses, including Bulson's, Men on the Move movers, and U.S. Print. "There are things you can come out and enjoy for free," Bulson said.

He anticipates more than 300 cars at the 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. show Saturday. Proceeds will benefit local charities.

"You can come out to the festival and have a good time with your family," Bulson said, adding that organizers like to use more of Central City Park. "There's a nice pond in the back there with geese."

John Glenn High School graduate Josh Gracin will be among the Saturday performers, he added. "He's really good."

As of Tuesday, weather reports for the festival were mostly encouraging. Bulson had heard of rain Friday, but a good weekend. "I'm hoping."

Haslacker had heard of a few showers with good weather on the weekend. "We've been watching the Weather Channel religiously," she said.

Can't wait: *Tracy Elliott, ride manager for Wade Shows from Florida, washes the "Crazy House" at the carnival in Westland. He was helping out his son, Nick, who is in charge of this ride. Tracy Elliott said that the "Wipe Out" ride has returned this year, one of the more popular ones.*

■ 'We have expanded the carnival rides and moved to the area around the Lions Pavilion. It's more of a hometown feeling.'

Sue Haslacker
—board secretary

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

DeHart serving

State Rep. Eileen DeHart will play a key role in developing and shaping key state and federal policy issues as a member of a national legislative assembly.

The National Conference of State Legislatures recently announced DeHart will serve on the Assembly of Federal Issues Human Services Committee. AFI directs NCSL's efforts in Washington, D.C., and develops official positions that guide those activities.

"The relationship between the federal government and the states is at a critical point in history," DeHart said. "NCSL and the states have fought hard over the years to protect the rights of states. I want to see that effort continue."

AFI holds three meetings each year, providing an exchange of information through timely work products and through networking opportunities for legislators and legislative staff.

NCSL, composed of all legislators and legislative staff in the nation and its territories and commonwealths, is a bipartisan organization representing the interests of the states. NCSL was founded in 1975.

"NCSL's committees provide our organization with valuable information and direction," said William Pound, executive director. "We look forward to working with Rep. DeHart in this important position."

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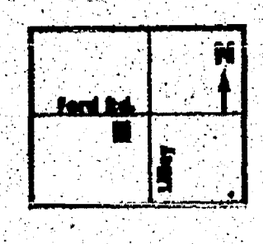

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CITY OF WESTLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-9

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULAR AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AD TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-3 district classification where CB-2 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 4, T.2S., R.9E., CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST ¼ CORNER OF SECTION 4, T.2S., R.9E., AND PROCEEDING THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, S.01°28'00"E., 342.75 TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF NANKIN BLVD. (86.00' WIDE) AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE S.87°11'27"E., 587.89'; THENCE S.11°35'15"E., 121.05; THENCE S. 78°24'45"W., 170.00'; THENCE N. 11°35'15"W., 66.25'; THENCE S.78°24'45"W., 190.00'; THENCE S.11°35'15"E., 90.25'; THENCE S.78°24'45"W., 261.42'; THENCE N.01°28'00"W., 295.83' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.5380 ACRES AND BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
City Clerk

Adopted: June 21, 1999
Effective: July 1, 1999

Published: July 1, 1999

Bill would require losers pay in 'frivolous' lawsuits

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Think long and hard before filing that lawsuit. Under legislation pending in Lansing, the "loser" in a legal case would be required to pick up the attorney fees for the prevailing side.

Proponents argue the bill would cut down on frivolous lawsuits.

As examples of such cases, proponents cite a legal action brought against a Hartland Township truck stop. A customer spilled coffee on herself and filed the case in court looking to recover damages. Although the truck stop owners were eventually cleared of any negligence, the case carried considerable legal costs for the business, according to the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, a Southfield-based advocacy group.

Other examples cited include a suit brought against a beer maker for false advertising. A drinker filed because the beer, despite "implicit promises made in advertisements," did not bring him success with women.

The University of Michigan was sued by a student who received an F in German. The state has been sued when a visitor allegedly caught a cold in the drafty rotunda of the Capitol building.

Senate Bill 119, sponsored by Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, would require the loser in lawsuits to pay attorneys' fees for the winner in order to discourage such suits. The proposal would require the loser to pay the winner's attorney fees if the winner prevails on all counts in the case. Absent an outright win, the judge would have discretion as to which party would pay the legal bills of the other. Judges could limit costs if they believed the amount was unfair.

Businesses are largely in favor of the legislation.

"The sad and unfair aspect of this abuse is that the system is weighted in favor of the one who sues, at the expense of the one who has to defend. You can go broke in America proving that you are right," said Charles Owens, director of Michigan's branch of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Opponents include trial lawyers who contend the judicial system already has protections against frivolous cases. Currently, judges may award attorney fees as part of the judgment, but they are not required to.

"We may have a loser pays system in theory, but not in practice," Owens said. "This is due to an unwillingness on the part of most judges to discipline their peers when they bring forth a frivolous lawsuit and because the definition of what constitutes a frivolous lawsuit is weak."

Opponents, however, argue that not all cases that lose are necessarily frivolous. A loser pays system, they believe, would discourage cases which have merit from being filed if the plaintiff could not afford the defendant's fees should the case fail to win.

The bill has been sent to the Senate's judiciary committee for review. Action on the proposal is expected to come up in the fall.

Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall '99 term is in progress and continues through Friday, Sept. 3, for new and returning students. Summer registration hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Aug. 1 with the exception of July 5 when the office will be closed. From Aug. 2 through Sept. 3, office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Classes begin the week of Sept. 7.

The convenience of fax-in registration for all students is available and will be accepted until Aug. 20.

Students may enroll in day, evening and weekend classes and non-admitted students must obtain a permit-to-register from the admissions office. Transfer student are welcome. There is no application fee.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at (734)432-5339.

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ACHIEVERS

A delegation of high school students from Wayne and Monroe counties was chosen by the People to People Student Ambassador program to visit Australia this summer. The student ambassadors will spend three weeks learning about the science and culture of the continent, touring the eastern segment. They will live with host families.

Travel dates are July 11-30. The student delegation includes: **William Dick** of Wayne, Wayne Memorial High School; **Brandi Howard** of Inkster, John Glenn High School; **Jesse Knight** of Westland, Livonia Franklin High School; **Samantha MacKenzie** of Westland, John Glenn; **Bethany Molitor** of Wayne, Wayne Memorial; **John Prater** of Westland, John Glenn; **Kristina Wojtanowski** of Wayne, Romulus High School.

Students will be exposed to the government and trade, snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef, and see emu, kangaroo and koalas in their habitats. Students will stay at a farm, which will expose them to the outback and an understand of farming methods.

Each student ambassador is selected on the basis of recommendations, including school references and interviews with members of a screening committee in the local community. Once students are accepted, they prepare for their overseas project by attending orientation meetings and studying background materials on the destinations.

Students from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll. Students from Westland are **Paul E. Aguayo, Chris J. Biggs, Mazen T. Daaibes, Joseph A. Kogelmann, Alan Kulifay, Brian K. Mattioli, Misty L. Valle** and **Dion M. Wujcik**.

To be named to the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term and be a full-time student.

Chin Hwa Yi of Westland graduated with a bachelor of science degree in nutritional science from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Graduation was with distinction in the honors program.

Nicholas McGowan of Westland has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored at a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State University.

McGowan is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. The NSCS is a national honors organization founded in 1994 to recognize first- and second-year undergraduates who excel academically.

Shooting *from page A2*

seen running between homes south of Palmer. They then left the subdivision and fled southbound on Sheldon in a dark blue Pontiac Grand Am.

Canton officers eventually apprehended Woodby and Boster on Michigan Avenue where they crashed into a 1989 Ford van heading westbound, police reports said.

Officers recovered a small arsenal of weapons from the men.

An AK-47, three shotguns, knives and more than 300 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the Grand Am and searches of Woodby's and Boster's homes. One of the men was also wearing a bullet pouch at the time he was arrested, according to reports.

Shots from the assault rifle also struck three nearby homes and one business. Police couldn't determine if each were hit during the attack on Davis or prior to it.

Carol Pietz, director of Wee Care for Kids day care, said one bullet hit her building. A small hole was made in the roof by the projectile, which police were unable to recover.

"It definitely concerns me," Pietz said of the shooting. "If it had happened during a different time of day, it would've been very scary."

The day care has served Canton for about two years. Despite the violence, Pietz still thinks the township is a safe place to do business.

"It could happen anywhere," she added. "I feel safe, pretty much. But it did make me wonder."

Like Pietz, everyone connected with the incident is wondering why two men went on a shooting spree.

Police declined to speculate on motivation. But Schemanske thinks alcohol likely played a role.

Both men, he said, were heavily intoxicated at the time of their arrest. Exact blood-alcohol levels for Woodby and Boster were not available at Observer press time, however.

"We have evidence of such," Schemanske said. "They were intoxicated. Now what level, were they stone-cold drunk, we don't know yet."

LIBRARY CLOSING

The library will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

http://www.georgetown.edu/cball/animals/animals.html

This is the Web site of Professor Catherine Ball, Department of Linguistics, Georgetown University. Ball has made a study of how animal sounds are converted into human speech in 13 different languages. Americans would tell you that a dog says "bow-wow," but in Japan it would be "wanwan."

http://childrenspartnership.org/pub/pbp1.html

This is the Web site of the Children's Partnership Parent's Guide. It provides information to parents regarding getting children online from computer setup, getting involved at school, and child safety online. It also contains a listing of additional resources.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

• ***Book Discussion Group***

7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month, Group Meeting Room C.

"Great Train Robbery" by Michael Crichton, Tuesday, July 20.

Join the Adult Book Discussion Group as participants compare, contrast, critique, pan and praise a variety of books. Participate in the survey this week to determine the next books to be discussed. Please read the book prior to the discussion. Don't miss out, reserve your copy today. No registration required.

• ***Adult Internet Classes***

Internet 101: Introduction to the Internet

Topics include what the Internet is, how to navigate using Netscape Navigator, how to search for information and how to use search engines. First hour is lecture format, second hour offers hands-on practice on the library's public Internet terminals. Class capacity 10. No fee. No registration required, so seating is on a first available basis. 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 17, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 21

Internet 102: How To Search the Internet for Information

This is the second in a series of Internet classes. Includes such topics as how to search the Internet using various search engines and how to select the best search engine for your search. It is recommended that you take Internet 101 before attending this class. Class capacity 25. No fee. No registration required, so seating is on a first available basis. 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 27.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

• ***Summer Reading Program***

Creation Station 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Children's Activity Room. Come join in at this make and take, craft day working on a patriotic craft for your home. No fee. No registration required.

• ***Storyteller***

10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, Community Meeting Room AB. Children in grades one-five can join in as storyteller Dawn Daniels tells folk tales from around the world. No fee. Registration required; call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

• ***Multicultural Storytime***

7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, Community Meeting Room B. Each of these fun family storytimes will focus on a different continent and end with a related craft activity. No fee. No registration required.

• ***Groovy Rope Bracelets I***

2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Community Meeting Room A. Children in grades two-five can make and decorate their own rope bracelet. No fee. Registration required; call the Children's Department at (734) 326-6123.

VOLUNTEERS

• ***Collection processing***

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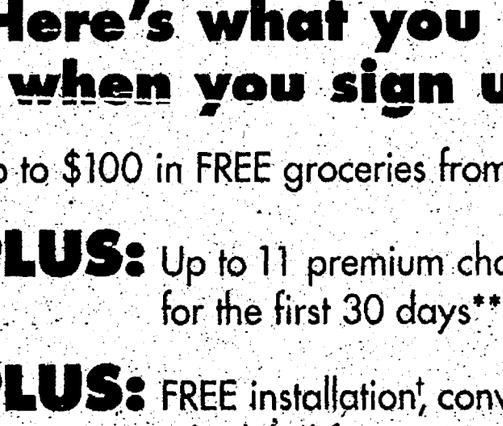

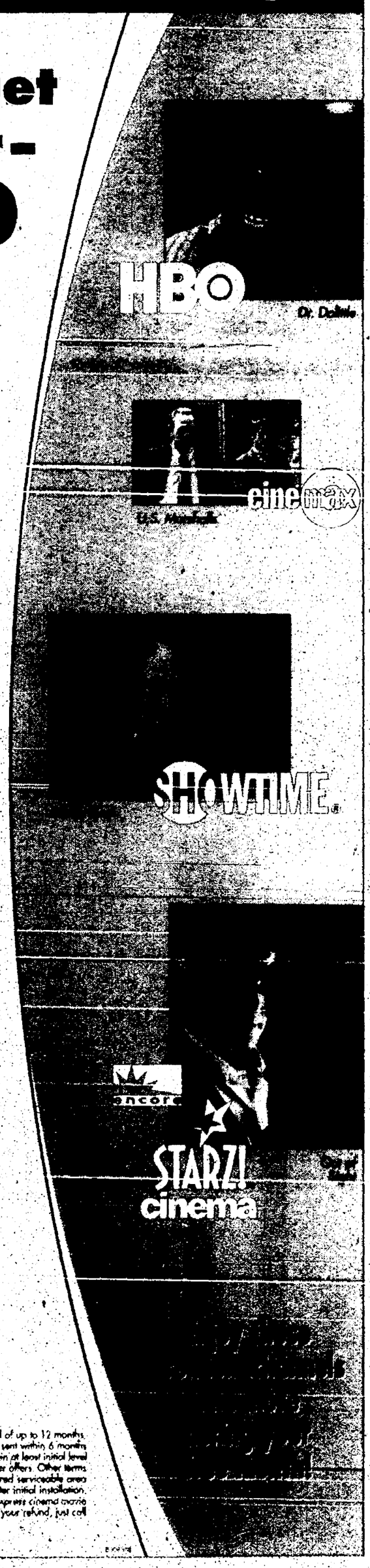

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Notice is hereby given that July 6, 1999 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the stated jurisdiction in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

• At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk, during normal business hours.

• At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

• At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

• At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

• By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

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Publish: July 1, 1999

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MGT NO. 12-6/21/99

Presiding: Council president Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott
139: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 6/7/99
-Approved Administrative fee charges
-Adopted Budget Amendment 99-22: Additional expenses Police and Law Department, amt $385,000
-Adopted Budget Amendment 99-23: 98-99 Youth Assistance professional Department, amt. $16,569
-Adopted Budget Amendment 99-24: 18th District Court, Probation Program, amt. $34,909
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-25: Police & Fire Management Fees
-Waive procedure and adopt Budget Amendment 99-25 as introduced
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-26: Purchase of an Offset Duplicator
-Waive procedure and adopt Budget Amendment 99-26 as introduced
-Approved bid for Offset Duplicator for Printing Department to Multi Graphics, Inc., amt. $32,915
-Approved change order no. 1-Martin Street & Kirke Neal Resurfacing Project to Thompson McCully, amt. $18,875
-Granted request for closed study session following tonight's meeting regarding Singerman vs City of Westland litigation
140: Adopted resolution on vacation and abandonment of westerly 116' of Currier and Hanover Avenues right-of-way
144: Approved purchase of 10 voting units, 10 screens, 2 PCU's from Unilect, amt. $45,850
145: Granted request from Charles B. Meyers to split lots #190-192, Cadillac Park Sub, with contingencies
146: Introduced Ordinance 29-W-26-3 to amend rate of Municipal Water Sewer & Industrial Waste Control charges
147: Adopted Ordinance #248-A-9 by rezoning from shopping center commercial business to general commercial business, south side of Nankin Blvd, w of Wayne.
148: Adopted Ordinance #223-A-4 renewing Cable Television Franchise to Media One of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc.
149: Approved bargaining unit contract between City & AFSCME Local 1602 from 1/1/99 thru 12/31/2003
150: Closed nominations to fill vacant seat on City Council
151: Confirmed David R. Cox as Councilman to fill vacant seat on City Council; term expires 1/1/2000
152: Approved Check List-$834,166.81 & Prepaid-$1,780,392.11
Mtg adjourned at 8:15 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SANDRA A. CICIRELLI, Council President
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS, City Clerk

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County opens bidding for airport parking

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COUNTY NEWS

Companies interested in bidding on airport parking operations can once again bid on that contract, which expired last month.

Also, prosecutors were waiting to receive a resolution approved June 24 by Wayne County commissioners before pursuing civil action against the previous parking operators.

County prosecutors believe the county was overcharged more than $1 million for shuttle van leases at the airport.

Earlier this week County Prosecutor John O'Hair would not comment on any civil action until he received the resolution from the commission.

Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy found Wayne County paid as much as $400,000 too much to APCOA of Cleveland to lease 37 vehicles and found it would have been cheaper to purchase the vans. Dunleavy discovered the airport could have leased the majority of vehicles for an average of about $17,000 each, not approximately $28,000, as was the airport's actual reimbursement.

Later prosecutors evaluated more than 100 leases and believe the county is owed more than $1 million.

County commissioners approved a contract in late March conditional upon the county and APCOA settling the refund claim, estimated in the range between $380,000 and $500,000, within 30 days. Commissioners later set a deadline for a settlement or the contract would expire.

George Ward, chief assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne County, first informed Dunleavy that Wayne County is entitled to a $503,647 refund claim on APCOA's 37 lease agreements with lending institutions for shuttle buses, then informed commissioners in a letter June 16 that prosecutors believed the county has "substantial claims against APCOA for refunds for the excessive reimbursements on the vehicle leases, and absent a reasonable settlement, appropriate proceedings should be initiated for their recovery."

In late May, APCOA had offered to repay Wayne County $450,000. That offer came the day before a deposition concerning the case was to be taken of an official from McQ Leasing, the firm renting vans to APCOA, to obtain sales information on lease vehicles.

Cultural exchange: *Salvador Monroy (left), Mexican consul, Detroit; Sister Mary Francilene, president, Madonna University; and Raul Herrera Vega, rector, Vasco de Quiroga University.*

Madonna to exchange with Mexican university

Madonna University in Livonia and Vasco de Quiroga University in Morelia, Mexico, have signed an agreement to facilitate the student and faculty exchange programs between the two institutions.

"This agreement will formalize a relationship between the two universities, which has been developing over the last few years," said Dr. Jonathan Swift, director of the Center for International Studies at Madonna University.

Students from Madonna University have visited Morelia and Vasco de Quiroga University on service learning trips since 1997. Earlier this year, Dr. Gerald Charbonneau, Madonna University assistant president of sociology and social work, completed a teaching grant at Vasco d Quiroga University.

Currently, Madonna University's Center for International Studies has affiliations with programs in England, Japan, Poland, Taiwan and the Peoples Republic of China.

Golf event will benefit ALS

The Michigan chapter of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is hosting the organization's annual "Golf Invitational" on Monday, July 12, at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion.

The event is open to the public. The entry fee of $185 per person includes lunch buffet and greens fee (shotgun start for four or five players). The event will feature several contests including a $5,000 putting contest, closest to the pin contest, hole-in-one contest, longest drive contest and a dinner banquet with a live and silent auction, door prizes and more.

"Not only does the ALS Golf Invitational promise to be a day of nonstop fun," said Lisa Churilla, committee member, "but participation in the outing allows ALS of Michigan to continue its support of ALS patients and their families throughout Michigan and thus make a difference."

The ALS Association is the only not-for-profit voluntary organization dedicated solely to the fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (often called "Lou Gehrig's disease") through research, patient support, information dissemination and public awareness.

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OBITUARIES

LOUISE WILSON
Services for Louise Wilson, 75, of Westland were June 30 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Wilson was born Aug. 8, 1923, in Otsego, W.Va., and died June 28 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Jessie (Ruth) and Bill (Geralynn); daughter, Dolly (Tom) Rowles; brother, Silas Bower; sisters, Ethel Tate and Enis Raymond; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Ward.

MARIAN M. MCKAY
Marian McKay, 85, of Westland died June 28.

Mrs. McKay was born March 26, 1914, in River Rouge and died June 28 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Alex (Angela) McKay; daughter, Barbara Ann Haneberg; sisters, Bernice Burnham and Juanita Anteau; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

WILMA I. CARTWRIGHT
Services for Wilma Cartwright, 75, of Garden City were June 30 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cartwright was born July 3, 1923, in Pawnee, Okla., and died June 26 at Tendercare in Rogers City, Mich. She retired from the Wayne-Westland School District in 1981.

Surviving are her son, Roy (Lana) Cartwright; daughters, Barbara (Al) Thomas and Royda (Russell) Barber and Noreen Cartwright; brothers, Dean (Margaret) Bartos and Merval (Wilma); 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cartwright was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, and daughter, Deanna.

Memorials may be made to Tendercare, Rogers City, MI.

DONALD T. ELLIS
Services for Donald Ellis, 58, of Westland will be today, July 1, in Knoxville, Tenn., with burial at Greenwood Cemetery in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Ellis was born Aug. 2, 1940, in Knoxville and died June 27 in Wayne. He was a hi-lo driver in the automobile industry.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma; daughter, Leslie Ann (Robert) Nipper; brothers, Robert Ellis, Clyde Ellis and Jerry Ellis; sister, Barbara Keck.

Mr. Ellis was preceded in death by his brothers, Arvil Ellis and Carl Ellis; and sister, Bonnie.

Local arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

JOYCE M. CLARK
Services for Joyce Clark, 69, of Westland were June 29 in L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Clark was born Oct. 29, 1929, in Detroit and died June 26 in Royal Oak. She was a secretary in the field of education.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda (Laurence) Clark; brother, Wilson Blackburne; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Resident a winner in Lottery

Bonnie Wilson, 45, of Westland won $600 in the Michigan Lottery's "Road to Riches" TV show. The in-home day care provider, who is studying to be a teacher, said she sent her entries in for the show and didn't think about being chosen.

The mother of five said she plans to use her winnings to take a trip. She got pointers from her 8-year-old granddaughter, Jasmine, regarding which doors to pick on the show. In her free time, Wilson enjoys being with her five grandchildren, cooking and "problem solving."

Mall will house Value City

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With the opening of Value City in late August, Livonia Mall will once again have three big anchor stores to attract shoppers.

Value City takes over 127,000 square feet of space long occupied by Crowley's, which closed earlier this year when the company went bankrupt. Value City also has a store on Warren in Westland.

The coming of the mall's newest tenant leaves owner Jack Shenkman happy that a huge piece of vacant space is now filled, but still baffled how a rumor got started that had the mall demolished and condos or a subdivision built in its place.

The rumor was the subject of a March 18 Observer newspaper story, in which Shenkman and mall managers declined to comment because of "various things happening" at the mall, including Crowley's bankruptcy proceedings.

"The rumor is false; there never was any consideration of taking down the mall," said Shenkman Monday. "If you looked at the economics of the thing, you'd see it makes no economic sense. We can't close down a building with close to 80 tenants. The mall is not something that should be torn down and thrown away."

Instead, Shenkman, who has owned the mall since 1959 and now serves as mall manager as well, said he is concentrating his efforts on making changes needed to keep the mall successful.

"I'm working diligently to restructure some of the mall with new tenants, relocating some, and expanding some," Shenkman said.

Besides the store at Livonia Mall, Value City has bought three other vacated Crowley stores in the metro Detroit area. These four stores will be called Crowley's Value City.

Work is now under way in the former Crowley's store to remove asbestos from a structure, which was built when asbestos was an acceptable building material. A new exterior for Crowley's Value City also will be built.

"They will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to remodel the interior of the store," Shenkman said. "When it opens up, it will be a full-line department store, using the 127,000 square feet on two levels."

Shenkman believes the mall will be able to hold its own.

"With Sears, Mervyn's, and now Value City, we cover all values," Shenkman said. "This is a neighborhood, family-type of place to come to. People feel comfortable coming here; they have been coming here for years."

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$60 million in roadwork under way

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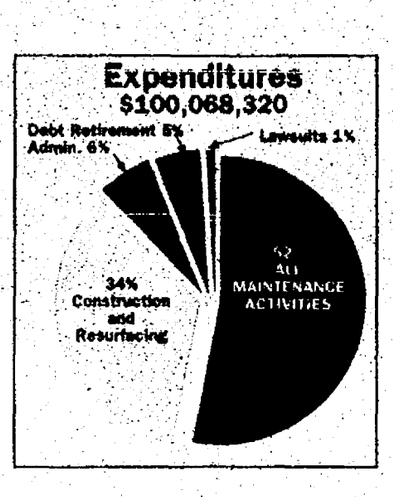
With the ribbon cutting Wednesday for Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, Wayne County road officials took another step toward improving main thoroughfares in western Wayne County.

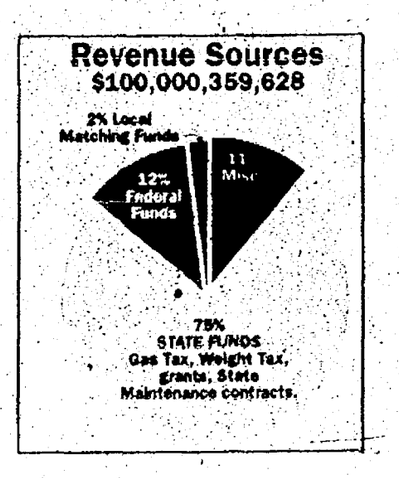
The county has planned $60 million in improvements to about 80 miles of roads for this year. In western Wayne County, more than $20 million of improvements are expected to 32 miles of roads and bridges.

That work touches communities from Canton to Redford, Plymouth to Westland.

"The paving is substantially completed on the Five Mile Project (between I-275 and Levan)," said John Roach, public information manager of Wayne County Department of Public Services. "Crews also have done prep work on Geddes between Beck to Sheldon (in Canton) and resurfacing will begin in July."

Sheldon from Ford to Warren also is paved, and work on Middlebelt Road was completed between Joy and Plymouth and I-96 to Five Mile.





Motorists who use Farmington Road as an alternate route to Farmington Hills and Livonia during the construction of I-275 should prepare for reconstruction of that road between Five and Seven Mile roads. "That should start in a couple weeks and finish in October," said Roach.

Here is a list of county road projects that are either completed or expected to be completed soon:

Canton Township

Belleville, Van Born to Michigan, resurface 1.6 miles, July 15.

Canton Center, Ford to Cherry Hill, completed.

Geddes, Beck to Sheldon, resurface 1.5 miles, Aug. 1.

Joy, .5 miles east of Haggerty to Livonia, resurface 0.2 mile, Aug. 1.

Sheldon, Ford to Warren, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Livonia

Eckles, Plymouth to Schoolcraft, resurface 0.6 miles, completed.

Farmington, Five Mile to Seven Mile, resurface 2 miles, October.

Five Mile, I-275 to Levan, resurface 1.25 miles, nearly completed.

Five Mile, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface 1 mile, October.

Joy, Merriman to Middlebelt, resurface 1 mile, Aug. 1.

Middlebelt, I-96 to Five Mile, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Middlebelt, Plymouth Road to Joy, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Plymouth Road, Eckles to Ann Arbor Road, resurface 1 mile, completed.

Seven Mile, Wayne to Farmington, reconstruct and widen 1 mile, Sept. 1.

Plymouth Township

Hines Drive, Five Mile to Seven Mile, resurface 2.2 miles, completed.

Lilley Road, Joy to Ann Arbor Road, resurface, July 15.

Sheldon, Five Mile to Six Mile Road, July 15.

Six Mile, Beck to Sheldon, August.

Redford

Five Mile, Inkster to Beech Daly, resurface 1 mile, nearly completed.

Westland

Farmington, Ann Arbor Trail to Joy, resurface 0.26 miles, July 30.

COUNTY NEWS

Anti-tax group buoyed by judge's query

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All that construction drivers have to put up with when they are on the highways is something they pay for every time they fill up (gas taxes were increased 4 cents a gallon in 1997 to pay for those upgrades).

But Taxpayers United (the anti-tax advocacy group based in Birmingham and headed by Bill McMaster) says the increase was illegal and is suing to have the money returned to Michigan residents.

A question asked by Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Harold Hood in a June hearing on the case has given the group hope it can at least have the tax suspended temporarily.

McMaster argues that when the House of Representatives voted in a late night session July 17, 1997, to approve the gas tax increase, lawmakers forgot to vote to give the measure immediate effect. Nonetheless, McMaster contends, the state began collections in August of 1997 when it should have waited until April of the following year.

Hood's question, addressed to an assistant attorney general, was how the money would be returned to taxpayers if the court were to rule in the advocacy group's favor.

"We would simply suspend collections of the four additional cents a gallon for as long as required," the state's attorney responded.

If Taxpayers United can get the tax collections suspended, they plan to also try to have the entire tax thrown out. McMaster argues passage of the increase violated the Headlee Amendment of the constitution, which requires approval by voters of any new taxes.

Originally filed as one suit in Ingham County Circuit Court, McMaster explained the case has been split into two separate questions, the overall legality of the tax and the question of immediate effect. The Court of Appeals is expected to rule first on the question of immediate effect. Once the hearing is completed, it typically takes several months for the court to complete deliberations. A three-judge panel is hearing the case.

The gas tax was hiked from 15 cents per gallon to 19 cents per gallon to raise money for road repairs. McMaster and five other state residents are listed as plaintiffs in the suit, including Dominick Vincentini of Oxford, Rose Bogaert of Dearborn Heights, Mary MacMaster of Orion Township, Laurel Pietrangelo of Warren and James Pietrangelo, who has died since the case was filed in 1997.

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Duggan says he just outworks everybody else

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Project manager: *Mike Duggan has taken on several tough projects over the past few years and now he's considering a run for prosecutor.*

Someone had to do something.

That's how Mike Duggan viewed the deteriorating conditions of peeling paint, chipped tiles and rest rooms in disrepair in the Detroit public schools.

When David Adamany, interim chief executive officer for Detroit Public Schools, asked for Duggan's help to oversee Detroit school construction and repairs, the Livonia native and deputy county executive did what he always does: he went to work.

Nearly $80 million contracts were approved two weeks ago for school repairs, or about 270 construction projects. The projects were financed in part from the $1.5 billion in bonds approved by Detroit voters in 1994.

Duggan, deputy Wayne County executive, doesn't know why that money has not been spent for building repairs sooner, but Duggan found a level of bureaucracy existed that surprised even him.

"To get a check cut, you needed 17 signatures," Duggan said. "It now requires two signatures.

"It was a good news-bad news situation. The bad news is the buildings are in terrible shape, the good news is the funding is there."

It's just another project for the 40-year-old Duggan — similar to when he took the reins as the general manager for the SMART regional bus system, when he successfully pushed for a tax increase on car rentals and hotel rooms for new stadia in Detroit, and, most recently, when he joined other county officials in suing gun manufacturers and dealers in April.

How does he beat his detractors, opponents and critics?

"I just outwork everybody," Duggan said. "That's all there is.

"I've been very lucky in my life. A lot of my classmates in law school went to L.A., Chicago or New York. I didn't. I didn't want to be anywhere but in Detroit, and I didn't want to live anywhere but in Livonia.

"I was more interested in improving life in Wayne County than moving where life is better."

Duggan said the county executive's staff has picked up some of his load while he oversees the school construction projects, but added that he "gets less sleep" because of his new duties.

Duggan hopes many projects can be completed by August but also knows that some schools have unusable gym floors and many have inefficient heating systems, which will take longer to fix.

Many of the schools were built in the 1920s and house as many as 20 doorways to enter and exit the buildings. "With that many entrances, it's easy for anyone to enter the school, and they can bring guns or they can bring drugs into the building," Duggan said.

"Those are the kinds of things we will look at."

Out of 270 schools, only two have security cameras. "That is not an acceptable situation," Duggan said.

Duggan has also moved to the forefront on other issues. When the state House and Senate voted for revisions to ease requirements to own guns, Duggan was part of a group, People Who Care About Kids, promising a petition drive to produce a referendum to repeal any laws easing gun restrictions.

Once lawmakers saw that the Tigers, Lions, elective leaders and prominent Republicans like L. Brooks Patterson were critical of giving 300,000 people the right to carry guns with them in public places, they backed off.

But that threat of a petition drive also evolved from Wayne County's lawsuit against gun dealers and manufacturers.

"When Prosecutor John O'Hair first came to me and said, 'we can do this,' I was pretty skeptical," Duggan said, thinking that any product liability argument used against tobacco lawsuits wouldn't work in this case. "When people buy a gun, they know it's dangerous," Duggan said.

County prosecutors and jail officials talked with gang members. They didn't talk about any black market for guns, but said that they went to gun dealers directly. County sheriffs videotaped gun dealers allegedly selling to people identified to the dealers as minors or felons.

"I was outraged," Duggan said. "That was the turning point for me."

Wayne County filed a lawsuit in April seeking $400 million in damages from 35 gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers. County officials believe that gun manufacturers, distributors and dealers are liable for damages because they have acted with negligence by failing to supervise gun sales by dealers named in the complaint.

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Mike Duggan
Deputy Wayne County Executive

Duggan estimated that $40 million was spent each year of county taxpayer money as the result of gun violence on everything from forensic investigations to county jails.

Wayne County's lawsuit was the fourth by a governmental unit against gun manufacturers, but the first to focus its legal argument entirely on the negligence allegation. Now 30 other similar lawsuits have been filed, Duggan said.

Duggan recalled a recent conference in Washington, D.C., on gun violence and the conversations between government leaders and gun advocates.

"All we want is for you to change the way you sell your weapons, so you're not selling to kids and felons," Duggan said.

These days Duggan is watching construction crews wrap up the work on Tiger Stadium. As a co-chair of the Wayne County Stadium Authority, Duggan saw designs and contracts for the new facility.

Duggan is confident that traditional Tiger fans will enjoy the new facility next season.

"It's beautiful facility, with larger seats and more leg room," Duggan said.

Next year, Duggan expects to run for prosecutor. He has already formed a committee.

"I think the gun suit opened my eyes to what the prosecutor can do," Duggan said. Duggan noted that one accused gun dealer had closed up shop, and another had offered to settle the suit.

Dream Cruise rides offered by SMART

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Snafu

Red tape wraps fire station

Westland's south end, which is starting to see a long-awaited revitalization, was to have a new fire station. A problem has arisen because federal rules indicate that the southeast end has five people too many above the low- to moderate-income threshold.

That's five people from a total population of 3,353, said James Gilbert, Westland community development/ housing director.

City officials dispute the figures. The city is responding with documents pointing out several key issues.

Federal officials originally said more than 40.34 percent of south-end residents had to fall within income guidelines, a threshold the neighborhood met.

Housing and Urban Development officials later imposed a 40.5 percent figure, a threshold the area failed by just five residents based on the 1990 U.S. Census, Gilbert said.

City officials could request a new population count to demonstrate what's already known – the percentage of low- and moderate-income residents has grown since 1990 and would meet federal guidelines.

"We're going to keep fighting this until we right the wrong," Fire Chief Mark Neal vowed last week. Officials say the fire station plan, which also would include an adjacent park and an in-house office for a part-time community police officer – is now in jeopardy.

■ We urge Rivers to make this issue a priority. We encourage Westland city officials to continue to work to get the fire station built.

Community revitalization and reduced crime are among concerns. Fire officials worry about response times without a south-end station. The station would serve an area bound by Merriman, Inkster, Annapolis and Van Born roads – a section of town geographically separate from the rest of Westland.

It takes firefighters an average of eight minutes to reach the south end from the closest fire station (at Palmer and Northgate). A new station would cut the response time to less than four minutes, Neal said.

City officials have contacted U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, to seek help. They remain hopeful that HUD will release money for the project after reviewing new city documents. We would urge HUD officials to take the matter seriously.

We urge Rivers to make this issue a priority. We encourage Westland city officials to continue to work to get the fire station built. It would aid revitalization in the south end, and just possibly save a life.

Young patriot

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

What noise! *Megan Redmond, 6, of Westland blocks an ear as the emergency vehicles blast. She was among those enjoying this year's Memorial Day Parade in Westland. The Fourth of July offers another opportunity for patriotic reflection.*

Treasure your voting rights as you observe Fourth of July

"Here, in the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, is the assertion of the natural rights of all to the ballot; for how can 'the consent of the governed' be given if the right to vote be denied."

– Susan B. Anthony

"Your every voter, as surely as your chief magistrate, exercises a public trust."

– Grover Cleveland

"More men have been elected between sundown and sunup than ever were elected between sunup and sundown."

– Will Rogers

"As long as I count the votes, what's the problem?"

– Boss Tweed

This weekend, we will celebrate our freedom.

High school bands will strut, politicians will give speeches and fireworks will explode.

We will puff our chests and declare that America is the greatest country in the world and we are proud to be Americans, where we have the freedom to vote ...

Two weeks ago we were asked to exercise that freedom in school elections that had direct and immediate consequences for our pocketbooks and for the quality of life in our communities. Yet in all of our Observer communities, less than 6 percent of the registered voters bothered to exercise this glorious right. In one community the figure was 2 percent.

As the above quotes show, voting has long been viewed both reverentially and cynically. We are all at least subconsciously aware that our representative form of government is what defines America. We all realize that we have been the leader in bringing elective democracy to an ever greater part of the world.

But we also know that politics can be a messy business. Deals are made in back rooms. Image makers manipulate the truth. Money distorts and corrupts the process.

■ These low turnouts help create the cynical conditions we supposedly deplore.

That makes it all the more important that we take our responsibility more seriously, especially in those elections in which we have a direct impact, in which we can directly confront and question all the candidates face-to-face, in which our vote really does affect the outcome.

Education has been a hot topic locally and nationally. Parents complain about test scores, lack of discipline, misuse of tax money, etc. The recent acts of violence in schools have created an outcry about declining values.

Yet, when given the opportunity to vote on school leaders and taxes, voter turnout is shamefully low.

These low turnouts help create the cynical conditions we supposedly deplore. Special interests groups or entrenched administrators are able to get out their supporters without worrying that anyone else will show up to oppose them.

Of course, we do get lucky. The minority voters often elect dedicated, hard-working, self-effacing citizens who want to serve on the school board for the best of reasons. And the minority voters often decide wisely to support or reject a millage.

But the decision should not be theirs alone to make. As long as we believe, as Susan B. Anthony did, that our government depends on the "consent of the governed" then our vote is a public trust that we should always fulfill.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Why are you proud to be an American?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

"Oh, geez. You have the freedom to choose whatever you want. You have opportunities to do whatever you want to do."

Lisa Brown
Westland

"Just freedom. Pretty much that's all I can say – freedom."

Joe McVeen
Westland

"That's a hard question. I guess freedom."

Debbie Harlow
Westland

"I'm glad my grandmother, Mary Mijal, came over from Poland. Her sister couldn't take it. She went back. My grandmother had the fortitude."

Nancy Michalak
Westland

LETTERS

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Stop partisanship

So divinely ordained Ed McNamara has blamed Republicans for the wintertime Wayne County/Northwest fiasco at Metro because Republicans are pointing fingers. The first person to make a national criticism was a Democrat, John Dingell.

McNamara should stop accusing and clean up his own airport procedures. The upcoming court case will demonstrate who was responsible for the Metro mess. Somehow, I doubt if the Republicans are part of that case. And, frankly, I tire of the constant partisanship which serves only to scapegoat while denying accountability.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

Serbia's real friend

Is Bill Clinton the best thing that ever happened to Serbia? I say yes. Consider:

Apparently, the entire NATO-Serbia War was about who would have the honor of disarming the Kosovo Liberation Army. As policeman of the world, NATO thought it should have the honor. As leader of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic inexplicably thought it was his responsibility.

NATO won. NATO will now run Kosovo as its protectorate, being fair and impartial to both Albanians and Serbs. So what's to fight over? This is the best thing that ever happened in Kosovo for the Serbs. NATO will now keep the Kosovar Albanians under control free of charge. And Kosovo will remain part of Yugoslavia.

Furthermore, the impartial rule of law under the United Nations will prevail. So what's not to like for the Serbs?

When NATO is done with Kosovo, it should consider going into Albania proper and stopping the anarchy and chaos there as well. But will the Albanians eventually resent NATO's interference and see NATO as their new masters? We shall see.

Finally, all this wonderful peace-making can get very expensive as the U.S. bond market is now starting to realize. And that could be the real story in the end.

Walter Warren
Westland

Germain to be missed

Carol Germain (who died Monday, June 21) will be missed by those fortunate enough to have worked with her. She deeply cared about the youths she worked with in the Garden City and Westland Youth Assistance programs. Working with troubled youths and their families can often be difficult. Carol met those difficulties with professionalism and love. Carol found great joy in seeing families and kids grow stronger and healthier through their involvement in the Youth Assistance programs.

Pat McKarge
Garden City

More information wanted

In referring back to an Observer column on electing of judges and our lack of knowledge regarding their qualifications I suggested that you print as a public service, the names of all the judges that we elect to office, to which office and when their term expires. I have not seen it and am very disappointed.

However, now we have just had a school board and Schoolcraft Community College trustee election that we know relatively nothing about. Most of us don't even know who is on each of those boards at the present time.

How nice it would be if you were to print the names of the present members of each of these two boards and when their term expires. That would be a start in helping us to watch what our elected officials are or are not doing.

Charles K. Benton
Garden City

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– Philip Power

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Group responds

I'm writing in response to the article published (Thursday, June 17) about the protest at the Rock of Ages record store. It is true Anti-Racist Action is calling for a boycott of the store for selling white supremacist music.

However, (owner) Mr. Farsakian and the article claimed or implied that the music being targeted is not racist, that Anti-Racist Action has damaged property at the store, that Anti-Racist Action is against free speech, and that members of Anti-Racist Action trespassed on record store property, all of which is untrue.

Although Mr. Farsakian has filed charges against Anti-Racist Action members for trespassing, none of our members have trespassed on store property, and all of our pickets have been orderly and complied with police instructions.

Mr. Farsakian also claimed Anti-Racist Action members spraypainted his store. Our investigation revealed that the store was spraypainted two years ago, long before we began our pickets and boycott – a clear case of slander. The charges brought by Mr. Farsakian are false and simply a ploy to chill the free exercise of speech by anti-racists.

Anti-Racist Action, on the other hand, has not sought any legal action to remove the racist materials from the store or have the government prohibit anyone's free speech.

We believe that the government should allow free speech. We also believe that we do not have to listen to or support hate speech. That is why we are calling for a community boycott of the Rock of Ages store, not police or legislative action. We believe it is the right and responsibility of Americans to oppose ideas that would turn us against each other or call for the violation of the rights of anyone.

The music being sold at Rock of Ages is propaganda for a movement that does not support the freedom for nonwhite people. This racist movement is against freedom of religion and has been responsible for church burnings across the country. This racist movement is against civil rights and has been responsible for acts of terror against American citizens, like the racially motivated murder of a black man, dragged to death behind a moving truck by two white supremacists in Jasper, Texas. This racist movement is against free speech and is responsible for the murder of two members of Las Vegas Anti-Racist Action on July 3 last year to silence them. These attitudes are reflected in the music and magazines sold at Rock of Ages.

This type of music is not so-called or allegedly racist – it is clearly and painfully racist. Anti-Racist Action supports freedom for all people, that is why we are exercising our right to free speech to picket Mr. Farsakian's store. That is why we oppose and protest the KKK and all Nazi and white power organizing efforts. We love freedom and will not be intimidated by Mr. Farsakian's bogus trespassing charge. Please try and be more fair in your future coverage of this important issue.

William Itom
Anti-Racist Action
Detroit

Voucher opposition

There has been a considerable amount of talk recently regarding the DeVos voucher proposal. I would like to share some of the reasons that the Michigan PTA opposes vouchers.

First, a voucher does not provide parents with "choice" as it claims. Just because a parent chooses a private or parochial school as the place to which they would like to send their child, there is no guarantee that their child will be accepted by the school. You see, this is not parental choice, but rather school choice! This is especially so for students with special needs. With the public schools there is no turning away students. All students are accepted and provided with a sound education.

Secondly, cost is a significant factor with this proposal. Vouchers will drain much-needed funds away from the state's budget. Don't be fooled, it will not only be education dollars that are cut.

Cuts will need to be made in all areas: health care, roads and environmental programs, to cover the dollars being sent to private and parochial schools.

Most importantly, is the issue of accountability. Not only will we be sending public dollars to nonpublic institutions, but we will be losing the accountability that we value with our public school system. No longer will we be able to have a voice through the public school board meetings.

No longer will we have access to information through the Freedom of Information Act. No longer will we be able to see just how well our children's schools are doing through public disclosure of school testing results.

You see, when we lose our public dollars to private and parochial schools, we lose the public accountability.

I urge everyone to think very hard about each of these concerns and when you are asked to support "any" voucher proposal, just say No! Public funds belong with public schools.

Thomas Bailey
Livonia

O'Hair, Archer turn to barbarism in wake of shootings

It's sad to see late 20th century leaders descend to a barbaric concept of law as they either seek to right wrongs or, more likely, milk a sad event for political publicity.

But so it is with Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. And it's all the sadder because both are former jurists – O'Hair on the Wayne Circuit Court, Archer on the state Supreme Court.

They have announced their intention of suing gun manufacturers. It's a popular thing to do in the wake of shooting deaths, regardless of whether it's fair or whether it will work.

To her credit, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, whom I sometimes have criticized, is distancing herself from this brand of thinking. And freshman state Rep. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, has introduced a bill to prohibit lawsuits against gun manufacturers.

I used the word "barbaric" on O'Hair and Archer because it's the same word used by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. in his classic treatise "The Common Law." Writing in 1880, Professor Holmes traced the history of law back to the Greeks and Romans, then showed how it developed in later societies.

"In Edward the First's time (around 1300)," Holmes wrote, "some of the cases remind us of the barbarian laws at their rudest stage. If a man fell from a tree, the tree was deodand (forfeit to the crown for pious uses). If he drowned in a well, the well was to be filled up. It did not matter that the forfeited instrument belonged to an innocent person."

From 1530 Holmes supplied this example: "If my horse strikes a man, and afterwards I sell my horse, and

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after that the man dies, the horse shall be forfeited."

He quoted a judge from the time of Edward I: "Where a man is killed by a cart, or by the fall of a house, or in other like manner, and the thing in motion is the cause of the death, it shall be deodand."

Holmes found the same kind of barbarism in Exodus (XII, 28): "If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die, then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit." Greek courts, two centuries after Christ, "still sat in judgment on inanimate things."

Holmes had an explanation: People wanted immediate vengeance on the object that caused the pain, whether it was a brute animal or a rock. "Liability seems to have been regarded as attached to the body doing the damage, in an almost physical sense," he wrote. I love his next sentences:

"An untrained intelligence only imperfectly performs the analysis by which jurists carry responsibility back to the beginning of a chain of causation. The hatred for anything giving us pain, which wreaks itself on the manifest cause, and which leads even civilized man to kick a door when it pinches his finger, is embodied in the noxae deditio and other kindred doctrines of early Roman law."

Doesn't that fit the O'Hair-Archer gun suit?

All these examples are from chapter one, "Early Forms of Liability." Besides showing us how law develops, either upwards or downwards, Holmes has a larger point to make: "Precedents survive in the law long after the use they once served is at an end and the reason for them has been forgotten." In other words, case law becomes encrusted with useless rust.

In Detroit last month, a killing was performed with a tire iron. Taking the O'Hair-Archer thesis to its absurd conclusion, we should sue the manufacturers of tire irons. And no doubt someone will, if it becomes politically popular enough.

Tim Richard is a retired freelance columnist.

An earlier primary will serve politicos, not the rest of us

MIKE MALOTT

Who can blame them? Michigan Democrats plan to try again to move up their presidential caucuses to Feb. 12 next year.

Last week, the Democratic National Committee rejected the state's request to hold caucuses earlier next year. Right now, the rules committee bars any state other than Iowa and New Hampshire from holding caucuses before March 7.

Michigan Dems say they'll try again this summer. After all, Michigan Republicans just moved up their primary election four weeks to Feb. 22.

The point of all this calendar jockeying is to get more attention for Michigan voters. The new date for the Democratic caucuses would have put Michigan Dems right behind Iowa and New Hampshire in selecting their presidential nominee. The Republican move would also make GOP voters here the first among major states to cast their primary ballots. With Michigan's primary balloting in late March as it had been, so the complaint went, the election and caucuses here were mere afterthoughts for most presidential contenders. Earlier ballots would get more attention for state voters, bring candidates to Michigan more often, and, well yes, convince candidates to spend more campaign money here, too.

Makes perfect sense. Unfortunately, it's all terribly wrong-headed.

What it all means to you and I, dear voter, is that we get to endure at least another month of campaigning by 30-second sound bites and horse race stories from the media.

We already know who the front runner is (polls already show voters clearly favor George W. Bush over Al Gore). They also show few of us know what he stands for. Bad as that sounds, few of us know what Gore's platform is either, and he's been our vice president for six years.

These presidential contenders were both in town last week stumping for votes ... and saying very little about their positions on the various issues.

Some will argue – as the political party leaders do – that it's still all for the good for Michigan. As long as the primaries and caucuses are set by the parties and the states, it is going to be a competitive process. After all, we are electing someone to a very important position.

That's where I part ways. I say we overemphasize the presidency. We've built around the president a cult of personality in which charm and appeal count for more than policy. Only in such an atmosphere could the American public be so entranced with the president's every foible for months on end.

We've come to treat the president as nothing less than elected royalty.

Compare all this presidential election hoopla to the mundane way in which members of Congress are selected. There's a primary, held as late as August in Michigan. It's even later in many other states. The winners head straight off to the November ballot. The winner goes to Washington.

It is clear the framers of our Constitution thought Congress was the more important of the two. Yes, they are co-equal branches of government, but it was Congress that was vested with the power to raise taxes, regulate foreign and interstate trade, raise armies, declare war, launch programs and pass laws. The president is supposed to be the executive, the administrator.

We all seem to understand that at the local level. We all pay more attention to the city council because it does the decision making. The mayor or the city manager simply follow those decisions. At the state level, it's the Legislature that gets the focus of our attention. The governor gets plenty of attention, too, but most people seem to understand his job is to run the bureaucracy while policy is left to the House and Senate.

At the national level, however, our attention seems unnaturally focused on the actions of one man. And it has a strange influence on the way our country conducts its business.

Despite the nearly unanimous approval in Lansing, the consensus (as near as I can tell) is that the change will do little except spur other states to move up their primary balloting as well.

I'm willing to give credit where it's due. Leaders of Michigan's political parties, both Dems and the GOP, can given themselves a big pat on the back for further fouling up America's interpretation of its own Constitution.

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LENDER

Misuse of fireworks can lead to July 4 tragedy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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The M-80's blast ripped through the afternoon sky in Hines Park from the explosive gripped in the subject's left hand.

It destroyed two fingers.

Moments later, a second firework, equivalent to a quarter stick of dynamite, exploded, blowing off a left hand.

The subject was only a mannequin, but the exhibition put on by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Metro Airport Police and Westland Fire Department was graphic enough to demonstrate the power of Fourth of July fireworks at a press conference June 23 at Nankin Mills area in Hines Park in Westland. A group of about 15 children from the Brightmoor Community Center in Detroit also attended.

■ 'Supervision is extremely important before, during and after the Fourth.'

David Carignan
Westland Fire Department

"We realize it is a celebration of our nation's birthday, but if fireworks are not supervised, it can lead to tragic consequences, even death," said Sheriff Robert Ficano. "You can see the injuries to the hands. You would have turned a celebration into a tragedy for a family."

Ficano said 7,000 injuries related to fireworks are reported nationwide each year.

Dave Carignan, deputy fire chief with the Westland Fire Department, said people should enjoy fireworks from a distance and parents need to oversee their fireworks. "Children have been known to get at fireworks," Carignan said. "A 7-year-old once went into his parents' room and got an M-80. It blew off half his hand.

"Supervision is extremely important before, during and after the Fourth."

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Brave soul: *Using a mannequin, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano demonstrates the dangers of exploding firecrackers.*

Dangerous goods: *Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano highlighted what fireworks are illegal (left) and legal (right) at a press conference last week. State law allows sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices but bans cherry bombs, comets, firecrackers, M-80s or larger versions, such as M-250s or M-1000s, Roman candles and bottle rockets.*

Visual impact

Wayne County deputies and Westland fire officials highlighted the conference with the use of the mannequin to illustrate how a human can be injured from explosives. Airport police's bomb squad personnel assisted by planting the fireworks and lighting fuses.

From the first explosion, the mannequin sustained "injuries" of two destroyed fingers, while sweats covering its mid-section melted. That meant at least second degree burns on the stomach and mid-section.

A second blast ripped the mannequin's right hand off, knocking the mannequin over. More of the sweat suit melted and its wig fell off as the figure fell to the ground from the force of the blast.

"You can just imagine the burns," Ficano said.

Legal and illegal fireworks also were displayed at the press conference. Michigan law permits the sale of sparklers, fountains, toy snakes and toy smoke devices, but prohibits the sale, possession, transport or use of cherry bombs, comets, firecrackers, M-80s, M-250s and M-1000s, bottle rockets and Roman candles.

Bottle rockets and firecrackers can fly in any direction before exploding and sparklers burn at temperatures hot enough to burn gold.

Westland Battalion Chief and EMS Coordinator Michael Reddy said finger and hand injuries normally result from fireworks mishaps over the Fourth of July weekend. "Don't let your kids play with them. Have an adult light them and keep back," Reddy said.

"Fireworks are not toys," Ficano said. "The biggest birthday celebration of the year is the Fourth of July. What we're trying to emphasize is safety and responsibility.'

Ficano said people can check with local police departments to see if a fireworks dealer is legitimate. The latest scam involves dealers who sell "permits" to fireworks purchasers which "allow" them to light those fireworks in a certain area.

People also should not purchase these permits, Ficano said.

Fireworks tips

Ficano outlined the following fireworks safety tips:

- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket
- Always read and follow label directions
- Always have an adult present
- Ignite outdoors
- Have water handy
- Never give fireworks to small children
- Store in a cool, dry place
- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks
- Light one firework at a time
- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks
- Buy from reliable fireworks sellers
- Dispose of properly

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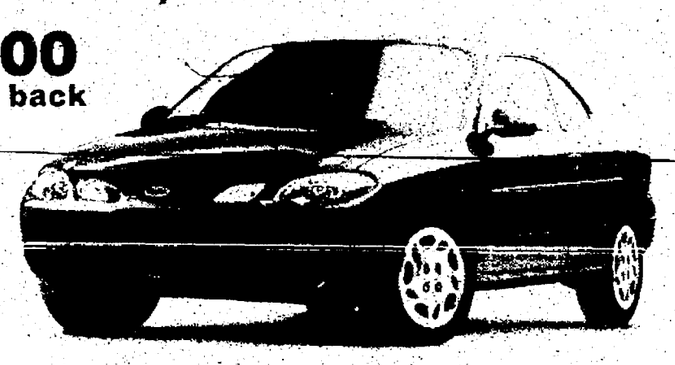

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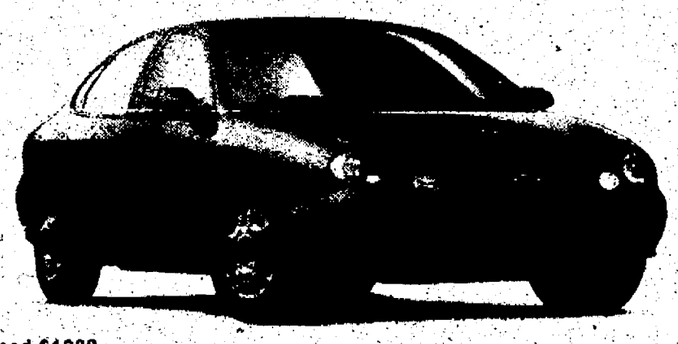

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COMMON SENSORS

JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Kicking habit: AA shows way

His beard was scraggly, his eyes hollow with deep circles under them. He had a pasty looking complexion as if he didn't get enough water in his diet.

The complaint "Steve" brought in to the counselor was that he was tired of drinking and knew he had to quit.

The psychologist worked up a *glow chart* with him to look at the various consequences he had suffered because of his 28 years of drinking.

The chart included DUIs, a lost driver's license four years ago, three job firings, a failed marriage, current relationship problems and a closed head injury from one of the many fights he had been in.

He even confessed that recently his 3-year-old daughter had said, "No more beer, Daddy."

As the therapist started to describe the route that many alcoholics, drug abusers and gamblers take towards recovery, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous, Steve began to shake his head and mumble.

"Nah, I'll just stop drinking."

Although he admitted that *all* of his friends drink, somehow he thought he could stop. AA would call this "stinkin' thinkin'."

Self-grandiosity walks hand-in-hand with addictions, providing a degree of arrogance that allows the person to believe in only themselves for solutions.

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This sort of "me" centered thinking translates to *I don't need help from others*. And maybe you even agree that the addicted person had choices, thus, *chose* to start and can *choose* to stop.

But addictions are cunning and conniving. More often than not, when the addicted person tries to stop without help, they'll cycle through the pattern of stopping ... starting ... stopping ... starting.

And on and on it goes. The mind can always justify starting again.

A fascinating concept came about on June 10, 1935, when two men, both heavy drinkers, joined together to start a program that was based on the premise that only an alcoholic can help another alcoholic.

The one fellow, Bill, began to write down all of the principles for sobriety, which he later published as a book. At first, he titled it, "The Way Out," then "The Empty Glass" and finally, "Alcoholics Anonymous."

When the Saturday Evening Post published an article about AA in 1941, the program took off.

Today, there are more than two million AA members, and all are familiar with the 12 steps of AA. Even the American Medical Association now defines alcoholism as a chronic disease, not failed willpower.

Back to Steve ...

I think about him and his attitude of "I can do it myself," and then I think about this remarkable program and how it has helped hundreds of thousands of people by teaching principles through others who have been there.

It's such a simple program that it almost seems too easy to work. But ask anyone who is in AA whether they prefer to "just stop" or stop with the help of AA, and you'll know the power of the program.

If you would like to learn more about the program, call (248) 641-6565. It could save your life or that of someone close to you. And, of course, kids are the real winners when adults get help for addictions.

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A score 'fore' education

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Wash'n Dry: *After caddying for four years at the Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, Stephen Porosky this year was promoted to cart attendant, which includes cleaning golf cart.*

Duo caddy way to college

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Desiree Dinga and Stephen Porosky knew very little about golf when they became caddies a few years ago.

All that's changed now.

Dinga of Livonia holds her club's caddying record while Porosky of Redford Township, who finished his high school career as golf team captain, earned conference all-division honors.

Their abilities and performances both on the golf course and in the classroom garnered the two National Honor Society students full college tuition and housing scholarships to the school of their choice through a unique program for caddies.

Dinga and Porosky were among 27 caddies in the state to be named Evans Scholars by the Western Golf Association's Evans Scholars Foundation, the largest privately funded scholarship program in the nation.

Each scholarship is renewable for up to four years and is worth $22,000 to $65,000.

Evans Scholars Chapter Houses on 14 campuses, including Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, provide the living space. Dinga and Porosky will attend MSU.

Only caddies are eligible for Evans scholarships and only those who meet four criteria – caddie record, academic record, financial need and character – can win.

Jeff Coleman, golf service manager at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township, where Dinga works, said students must caddie at least two years, be in the upper 25 percent of their class academically, need financial aid and be recommended by three club executives – the golf service manager, the golf pro and the club president.

After applications are verified, caddies face intense questioning by The

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In demand: *Desiree Dinga, who is often sought out by club members to caddy, was the No. 1 caddy at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township last year.*

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Golfer Evans helps start scholarship

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The state of Michigan is a hotbed for Evans Scholars, with a total of 1,112 golf caddies having graduated from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan since 1952, when the U-M chapter was formed.

Michigan, which has had 550 Evans grads and had 55 enrolled this year, was the third Evans chapter in the country, while MSU, with 572 graduates and 65 enrollees this year, was the fourth, forming in 1955.

Nationwide, there are more than 840 golf caddies attending college as Evans Scholars this year. And there are more than 6,800 graduates.

The Evans Scholars Program was founded in 1930 by Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., a famed Chicago amateur golfer who won the 1916 U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur.

It was Evans's idea to send caddies to college, but the Western Golf Association (WGA) to which he belonged balked at the idea.

His plan was finally adopted in 1929 by the organization, which awarded its first two scholarships to two Northwestern University students the next year.

Today, the Evans Scholars Program continues under the WGA, which is headquartered in Golf, Ill., and is celebrating its centennial this year.

Scholarship funds come mostly from contributions by more than 100,000 golfers, who annually donate more than $5 million to the foundation. Golfers contribute through the WGA's Bag Tag Program and Par Club.

The scholarship program also gets special charitable gifts and receives proceeds from the Motorola Western Open, the Chicago area's annual Professional Golf Association Tour stop, conducted by the WGA. Evans Scholar alumni also donate more than $1 million annually.

For more information on the program, call (847) 724-4600 or write to the Evans Scholars Foundation at 1 Briar Road, Golf, Ill. 60029. Or visit the association's Web site at http:// www.wildcats.nwu.edu/es/.

Tourney 'scores' in spinal cord treatment

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Organizers of a benefit softball game are looking for a few women with good throwing arms, a competitive spirit and the desire to help a charity dedicated to finding treatments for spinal cord injuries.

The Steven Van Kerckhove Women's Softball Tournament is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Claude Allison Park, Beech Daly between Six and Seven Mile roads in Redford.

Van Kerckhove is a 22-year-old Plymouth Township resident who was injured six years ago in a car accident. The spinal cord injuries he suffered in the crash left him a quadriplegic – paralyzed from the neck down.

He spent two months after the accident in Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital's intensive care unit. He then went to Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colo., where he spent another five months in physical therapy, learning to adjust to his physical changes.

All that time spent recovering from the accident meant Van Kerckhove had to repeat his junior year at Catholic Central High School. He finally graduated in 1996 and is attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where he is studying history and communications.

He's keeping his aspirations big.

"He wants to work for the (U.S.) State Department," said his mother, Mary Ann.

Van Kerckhove gets around campus on a motorized wheelchair and is able to perform most tasks such as note-taking himself. He uses an adaptive arm brace to grasp the pencil.

But he still needs some help from his classmates when he needs to get something out of his backpack or pick up food in the cafeteria line. People are very good about helping him out.

The Van Kerckhoves also made their home wheelchair-accessible and installed a home gym so that their son can exercise in the basement, accessible by way of a ramp in the garage.

Despite some small setbacks, such as repeating his junior year and other minor physical problems, Steven's doing very well and has always been in good spirits, according to his mother.

"He's one of the most positive young men that I know," she said, adding that he knew he had two

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUSCHMANN

He believes: *Steven Van Kerckhove chose to live his life the way he wanted after an accident left him paralyzed from the neck down and it's his positive outlook that has served as an inspiration for organizers of an upcoming women's softball tournament.*

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Greencoats, a panel of 53 men, all wearing green WGA sports jackets. Both Dinga and Porosky were surprised by the panel's size.

"I about died when I walked in there," said Dinga.

Both passed, with Dinga the only one of 28 candidates garnering all 53 votes.

Although she was one of only two females in the field that day, she was poised. Asked to translate a sentence into Spanish, Dinga, a four-year student of the language, did it glibly.

"She's a heck of a young lady," said Coleman.

First ever winner

A magna cum laude graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School who had a 3.91 grade-point average, she was news editor of the Stevenson Spotlight student newspaper and also a debate team member. It appears that she is the school's first-ever Evans winner.

She was Meadowbrook's No. 1 caddie last year, when she also smashed the club record for "caddie loops" – 18-hole rounds by a caddie – with 187.

That buried the 156-loop mark set the year before by fellow Meadowbrook caddie and Evans Scholar John Jones of Novi.

Porosky, who caddied four years at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford, this year was promoted to cart attendant, which includes cleaning golf carts and golfers' bags.

Ranking 13th academically in his class at Thurston High School with a 3.89 grade-point average, Porosky played three years of prep golf – two on varsity – and was an All-Mega Conference Blue Division selection. He carried a 40-stroke average for the Eagles, which finished third. He also was a news writer on the Eagle Eye student newspaper.

"He's nice and bright and is well-liked," said Thurston golf coach Emil Majeski.

According to the association, Porosky is the 10th Thurston golfer to become an Evans Scholar. The first, James F. Keene, a 1970 graduate of the University of Michigan, is director of bands and professor of music at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Porosky, who lives with his mother, Mary, in Redford (his father Ken lives in Dearborn), "really loves the game of golf," said Jason Idy, the Western assistant golf professional who joined head pro Kevin LaFrambois and 1998 club president Tom Handyside in recommending him for the Evans scholarship.

Idy said Porosky is a hard worker who often caddies in the mornings and works carts in the afternoons.

Porosky, to whom golf "came kind of natural," enjoys working with people and plans to earn a teaching degree in biology, so he can teach it in high school and also coach golf.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

All done: *With the carts all cleaned, Stephen Porosky heads back to the clubhouse at Western Golf and Country Club in Redford.*

Hustle and desire

Caddying is a game of hustle and desire, according to Meadowbrook's Coleman. Caddies planning to do two loops a day start the first one at 7 a.m. and, soon as they finish, go to the top of the caddy list for the next loop.

Dinga, who like Porosky is often sought by club members, did two and sometimes three loops a day last year, Coleman said, putting her on the course almost all day. This year she also is working for him, washing golf clubs in the bag room or scooping up balls on the driving range.

"She was really driven," he said. "She really wanted the scholarship."

Her quality and quantity of loops earned her a Meadowbrook honors caddy award.

Even now, Coleman said, "She gets to the golf course first thing in the morning ... she's probably here 6:15, 6:30 a.m. She waits for the golf bag and goes to the driving range with it" to meets its owner.

Once on the fairways, Dinga, one of only a small field of female caddies, carries the golf bag, gives the yardage on holes, suggests which clubs to use, reads greens and tells how the holes break, repairs ball marks and divots and keeps the clubs clean.

"Caddying is a lot of fun," said the 18-year-old, a 5-foot-7 Dinga who plans to major in engineering. "You get to meet a lot of different types of people."

After learning in 1996 that the son of her mother's friend and co-worker planned to caddie, she decided to try it. She needed a job, she said, and "I didn't want to do baby-sitting."

9-hole 'lessons'

Other than three nine-hole "lessons" from senior caddies – "They golf and you carry the bags," she said – learning to caddie came by doing it. "You really don't learn until you do it yourself."

A Redford native who was 10 when her father Joseph died at age 50 of cancer, Dinga, "has been focused and disciplined since she was five," said her mother, Kathleen.

Her father was a tool and die maker who "thought so much of people with scholarships" that "he would be in his glory with all that she has done," said Kathleen.

"I wanted her to feel she could do anything," she added. "I didn't want her to be intimidated by anything."

To accomplish that, she took her daughter with her to real estate closings, estate sales and many other business transactions, so that the youngster would feel comfortable with them. Her daughter was a quick study. At the grocery store, Dinga would catch overcharges on items, her mother said.

Kathleen fully approves of caddying for youngsters, especially girls.

"It teaches them discipline and there's only a very small percentage of girls (doing it)," she said. "They're out in the fresh air. It's good exercise and a great job for a kid."

Preschoolers collect goods for refugees

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There's still time to donate. That's the word from Beth Patton, owner and director of Adventures in Learning Preschool and Childcare in Livonia, about her students' "Kids Caring for the Needy" project.

The project, which began June 14, benefits families in the neighborhood and adopted families from Kosovo. Patton's church, Aldersgate United Methodist in Redford, has paid the rent for two months for 17 Kosovo refugees. The refugees come from different families and include several children.

Patton is accepting small, portable items – non-perishable food, household goods like dishes, glassware and working electrical appliances, clothing, personal hygiene products and toys. Used items need to be in good condition.

"It's been going pretty well," said Patton, but not as well as she had hoped. There aren't too many ways to get the word out in the community.

However, neither Patton's hope nor the students' enthusiasm for the project has waned. After all, "giving" is a lifelong learning lesson. Patton is extending the project's original July 2 closing date.

"Today things are so 'me-me-me, I want this.' I want my students to understand there are people who have nothing," said Patton.

This is not the first charitable project Patton and her students have undertaken. Last Christmas, they bought gifts for children at the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford.

"This gets them to be more caring, and we need more things like that," said Patton.

Donated items can be dropped off 6:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at Adventures in Learning, 9001 Middlebelt Road. For more information, call Beth Patton at (734) 425-3446.

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choices – sit around and feel sorry for himself or live life to its fullest. "He chose to live life the way he wanted. He's really done amazingly well."

Actor Christopher Reeve, who was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident in 1995, has helped bring spinal cord research to the public eye, making fund-raising easier, she added.

Van Kerckhove eventually wants to move out of his parents' home and live on his own, although he will always need to have help with certain tasks. He also is working on learning to drive a specially modified car.

Tournament organizer Patricia Soter, who is a friend of the Van Kerckhove family, said the desire to help Steven and others dealing with spinal cord injuries inspired her to establish the tournament.

"I just feel that I wanted to do something for Steven," she said. "He tries so hard at everything."

Soter said she hopes at least 250 people will sign up to play. Roughly 14 players will be on each team and they will play a two-game elimination format.

Those interested in organizing teams must send the team roster and a $100 tax-deductible entry fee by July 1 to Soter at 14420 Shadywood Court, Plymouth 48170.

Checks must be made payable to the Spinal Cord Society, a research organization based in Fergus Falls, Minn. For more information, call (734) 459-5919.

Those who want to help but don't have good throwing or catching arms can sponsor diamond, softballs, umpire fees, T-shirts and many other things.

So what does the tournament's namesake think of all this?

"I'm excited – because the sooner I can get out of this chair, the better," Van Kerckhove said.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OT CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland:
(APPENDIX A)

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne, County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 199. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll. July 1, 1999

City of Westland
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

APPENDIX A

001-99-0010-000	030-99-0008-004	045-99-0024-701	069-01-0177-002	083-02-0112-000
001-99-0027-000	032-02-0387-000	047-02-0001-001	070-01-0026-001	083-03-0175-000
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023-99-0013-000	042-03-0885-313	066-99-0010-001	083-01-0792-003	084-01-0094-000
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025-99-0019-701	042-03-0896-004	067-99-0012-000	083-02-0024-000	084-01-0132-000
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (734-525-8814) on or before **July 9, 1999 at 3:00 p.m.** for the following items:

1. Printing of State of MI Uniform Law Citations
2. Tactical Rifle System
3. Standard Cooking Park Grills
4. Semi-Annual Brochure
5. Desk Top Computer
6. Youth Athletic Training - 2 Day Course
7. Pneumatic Tire Castings

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the following description:

BID ENCLOSED: _____

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

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

92 PONT	4DR GR PRIX	RED	1G2NE5433NM023527
84 CHEV	2DR CAVALIER	RED	1G1AE27P3EJ273464

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

88 FORD	2DR MUSTANG	BLUE	1FABP42E5JF301260
85 DODGE	RAM VAN	SILVER	2B6HB23T8FK241876
78 FORD	BRONCO	SILVER	U15SLCB0510
95 PONTIAC	GRAND AM	BURGUNDY	1G2NE55D2SC719966
90 FORD	ESCORT 2DR	RED	1FAPP9194RLW130043
89 FORD	AEROSTAR VAN	RED	1FMCA11U1KZA11116
91 FORD	EXPLORER	RED	1FMDU34X8MUA19405
85 FORD	2DR T-BIRD	BLUE	1FABP463XFH155376
85 PONTIAC	SUNBIRD 2DR	GRAY	1G2JC2700F7563177
91 SUZUKI	SAMURAI	WHITE	JS4JD31COM4101103

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after August 1, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

94 PLYM	VAN	WHITE	2P4FH21G1ERH63162

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Meloche-Ward

Missey Ward and Victor Meloche were married May 1 at St. Edith Catholic Church of Livonia by the Rev. John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of John and Joann Ward of Garden City. The groom is the son of James and Geraldine Meloche of Livonia.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1990 graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Detroit Diesel Corp. in human resource and development.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He also is employed by Detroit Diesel.

The bride asked Liz Liberty to be her matron of honor with Jennifer Mayle, Leigh Vaughn and Lorraine Meloche as bridesmaids.

The groom asked George Teodorescu to be his best man with Nick Meloche, Jacques Meloche and Joel Meloche as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia. They are making their home in Westland.

Torpie-Morrison

Russell and Nancy Torpie of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Hillary Ann, to Scott Allan Morrison of Novi, the son of Jerry and Janet Morrison of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Motoresearch.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed at TRW.

An October wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Cohen-Dorfman

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cohen of West Bloomfield and Marlene Cohen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Jill, to Michael Randy Dorfman, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Dorfman of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University.

Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is attending University of Detroit School of Law.

A July wedding is planned.

Spry-Johnson

Tanya Renee Johnson and Brian William Spry were married May 1 at the Heritage Park wedding chapel by the Rev. Daniel K. Watkins.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Eudell Johnson of Westland. The groom is the son of Joan Spry-Clark of Westland and the late Robert W. Spry.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School.

The bride asked Helen Pianowski to be her matron of honor with Tammie Johnson, Tania Passalacqua and Lisa Collins as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Kevin Korby to be his best man with Darrell Johnson, Donny Rundenza, Rob Keyandwy as groomsmen and Jeff Johnson and Doug Abbott as ushers.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. They are making their home in Westland.

Mellis-Penn

Jim and Barb Mellis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Kristin, to David Alvin Penn, the son of Alvin and Nancy Penn of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in engineering chemistry. She will attend Princeton University in pursuit of a doctoral degree in molecular foundation.

Her fiancé received a music foundation certificate from Schoolcraft College. He is continuing his studies in musical education.

A July wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Beetler-Garrett

Dan and Sybil Beetler of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to William Patrick Garrett, the son of Bill and Claudia Garrett of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed as a physician's assistant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as an industrial engineer by Ford Motor Co.

A September wedding is planned at Northville Christian Assembly.

Konjarevich-Anderson

Andrew and Janice Konjarevich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Terri Lynn, to Michael Alan Anderson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, St. Petersburg Junior College and the University of South Florida with a degree in psychology. She is employed by Gateway Computers in Clearwater, Fla.

Her fiance is a graduate of Western Illinois University with degrees in public health and education. He is co-owner of Apollo Hair Loss Clinic in Largo, Fla.

A May wedding is planned at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

Kell-Garner

Howard and Dori Kell of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Alton Kell, to Jeffrey Joseph Garner, the son of Joe and Tricia Garner of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in economics.

An August wedding is planned in Kauai, Hawaii.

Messer-Wall

Edward and Deborah Baker of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Leigh Messer, to Christopher John Wall, the son of Edward and Evelyn Wall of Midland.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Novi High School and a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University. She works as a reporter for the Midland Daily News.

Her fiance is a 1980 graduate of H.H. Dow High School and a 1984 graduate of Alma College. He received his master's degree in 1989 from Oakland University. He is a Kelly Global Learning manager for Kelly Services in Troy.

An August wedding is planned in Carleton.

Palazzola-Wines

Cheryl Gates-Beers of Clarkston and Paul Palazzola of Utica announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Palazzola, to Eric Wines, the son of Roger and Jeanette Wines of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Anchor Bay High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is an account executive for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Birmingham.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and the University of Michigan. He is a CAD systems manager at Siemens Automotive in Auburn Hills.

An October wedding is planned at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills.

Kehrer-Fuchs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehrer of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather M., to Robert J. Fuchs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fuchs of Alabama.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a registered nurse at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Ferris State University. He is working in construction with FMG Concrete Cutting in Brighton.

A September wedding is planned at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville.

ANNIVERSARIES

Frye

Family and friends gathered June 19 at the home of Harold and Georgianna Frye to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Married in Belleville on June 25, 1949, the Fryes have lived in the Wayne-Westland area their entire married life.

The party was hosted by their children – David and Maureen Frye of Canton and sons Jonathan and Jason, and Lt. Col. Nancy Frye, who is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Neb.

A special guest at the party was his 96-year-old-mother, Vivian Frye of Wayne.

Lariviere

Robert and Marilyn Lariviere of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a Mass, followed by dinner at Mountain Jack's Steakhouse, hosted by their family.

The couple exchanged vows on July 2, 1949, at St. Luke's Church in Detroit. She is the former Marilyn Whitton.

They have four children – Robert, Donna, Mark and wife Lynn, and Paul and wife Jamie – and four grandchildren.

He has been retired for seven years, after working as a salesman at Federal Products Corp., a precision tool and gauge company, for 45 years. She is a homemaker.

Their interest include golf and family activities.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCERT SERIES
The Westland Cultural Society summer concert series will continue. Remaining dates are Sunday, July 11, July 18, July 25, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. All concerts will be 6 p.m. at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland Performance Pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford, except 6:30 p.m. July 18 at Stottlemeyer Park. Concerts are free, and the Bailey Center is the rain location. Concerts are sponsored by the Westland City Council and feature a variety of musical styles. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

RECORD EXTRACTION
The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan will conduct a Record Extraction workshop Saturday, July 17, at the Family History Center, 7575 N. Hix, Westland. There will be two sessions, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:20-2:30 p.m. Participants will work from records from microfilm, extracting names and villages from naturalization petitions. They will also use the 1880 census records and Polish Parish registers to extract vital records. There is no charge. For information, visit the Web site, http://www.pgsm.org/ or call (810) 247-7891.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets 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.

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 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

BAILEY CENTER POOL
The pool at Westland's Bailey Center is on Ford at Carlson. Regular hours are noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. There is a water slide 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 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, with a disc jockey, pizza and pop. Admission is $1. Swim lessons will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. These are two-week sessions; for information, call (734) 722-7620. Pool prices are $2 for a resident child, $3 for a resident adult, $3 for a nonresident child, $4 for a nonresident adult. Season passes are $50.

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

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 Stottlemyer 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.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

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

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 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.

Good place to be

Reading the summer away: *Summer hours at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, closed Sunday. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford in Westland. The library will close Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. For information, call (734) 326-6123.*

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 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 opens 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 Merriman 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

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

TIGER GAMES
The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering trips to Tiger games this year: 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.

CHOLESTEROL CHECKS
The Westland Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) offers free cholesterol screening for seniors by appointment 10:30-11:30 a.m. beginning Wednesday, July 21. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

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.

BOWLING FUN
The Friendship Center Bowling League is starting again. Orientation will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the conference room at the center, on Newburgh in Westland. Beginners are welcome and substitutes are needed. Bowling will begin 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

DINNER AND SHOW
A trip to dinner and the play "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 CHOIR
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started. The choir meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

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

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a $3 membership fee for residents, $12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, 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 nonmembers. 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 elderly people 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 work in. 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 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. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

MORE DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call (734) 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH
Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, Westland.

MORE BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

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The U.S. – a nation of immigrants with common bonds

HOOKED ON HISTORY

VIRGINIA PARKER

We asked a young man vacationing in the U.S. from the Basque region of Spain, "What have you noticed so far that is most different?"

"Everywhere you go, you see the American flag!" he answered immediately. "You don't see that many flags in my country."

We realized that most of the flags he noticed are up year-round. It's a sign that, despite gripes with our government, our populace has a good feeling about where we live.

If you live long enough, you can develop a perspective about things like this. We recall that patriotism hit an all-time low during the Viet Nam War.

Flags were hardly displayed, military personnel returning from combat received a cold shoulder, veterans were no longer invited to march in parades, and people stopped singing the national anthem when it was played at sporting events.

But patriotism is returning, albeit to a wiser public. It is not because our country has no flaws that we honor our heritage. Rather, we Americans – who certainly don't agree on everything – take pride in our energetic, countrywide debates as we strive to resolve even the most divisive issues.

That doesn't mean the course has always been peaceful. Take the Viet Nam War demonstrations, the mayhem in Waco, the Oklahoma City bombings, and so on. Time and again, though, we, as a nation, have struggled to achieve justice, and when it is not served, we demand changes.

Interesting concept

Of course, "we, as a nation" is a rather interesting concept in the U.S. We are such a mixture, not only of nationalities but of generations within them. To say that we are all descendants of immigrants in not a new thought. However, it is interesting to realize that each naturalized citizen and his or her descendants automatically inherit the history and heritage of our country.

After all, is it any more of a stretch to think that a newly naturalized citizen from, say, Mexico has a connection with the Puritans than it is for more me, whose first American ancestors immigrated here from Ireland in the mid-19th century?

A few years ago, we were guests at the silver wedding anniversary of friends from India. They came here in the 1960s with $8; that was all the money with which they were legally allowed to leave. They worked hard and assisted their relatives both financially and by opening their home to brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews so they could come to this country, too.

Don and I were moved as the couple's relatives, in tribute after tribute, spoke appreciatively about the blessings and opportunities they have in their adopted country – the U.S.

My father, the last immigrant in my line of ancestors, came from Canada. Much to the Canadians' annoyance, we don't seem to think of that as much of a jump. But it was. A veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, he came here after World War II. My mother was American, and he felt opportunities to provide for his family were better here.

Owing his allegiance

My father never stopped loving his native Canada, but he quickly learned to love the U.S., as well. He was adamant that, since this country was providing a good livelihood for his family, he owed it his allegiance.

Furthermore, he had no right, he said, to complain unless he anteed up. And, by golly, he took full advantage. He voted in every election. He complained about politics and politicians. But, as a citizen, he had the right.

So, what do we think on the millennium's last fourth of July – from where does our nation's strength emanate? It is not because we are all alike.

Way back in 1782, a French writer wrote prophetically about the future of our country, which was already a land of diversity. "What then is the American, this new man? Here individuals of all nations are melted into a new race of men, whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world."

The global roles we have played in the 20th century alone, right down to our present intervention with NATO in Kosovo, bear out his vision of 200 years ago.

That's because, despite our differences we possess a national profile. We Americans are an outspoken lot. That's how we find out about injustices and wrongs that both individuals and our government have committed. And when we do, we clamor for accountability and reform.

We do not find issues and crises resolved to everyone's satisfaction. President Clinton's impeachment and the current debate about our role in Kosovo are perfect examples. But, as a nation, we continually labor to improve conditions, and we keep seeking the voice of reason to guide us.

That's our strength – our inheritance from our ancestors; our legacy to our descendants.

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

St. Mary Hospital honors employees' years of service

Long-time employees: *Honored for up to 40 years of service at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia were Deborah Moore, patient accounting (from left), and Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, 30-year employees; Sister Mary Irma, administrative assistant, Sister Mary Modesta, senior vice-president, Sister Mary Frederick of Marybrook Manor and Sister Mary Edward, cancer registry, 40-year employees, and Margaret Becker, pre/post-operative care, a 30-year employee.*

Employees who have worked at St. Mary Hospital since its opening in 1959 were honored at a recent awards banquet held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

More than 130 employees and physicians were recognized at the 14th annual Service Awards Banquet May 26.

Hospital employees were recognized for years of service from 10 through 40 years, based on service through Dec. 31, 1998.

Employees receiving 40-year awards were Sister Mary Modesta, senior vice president; Sister Mary Edward, cancer registry; Sister Mary Frederick, Marybrook Manor; and Sister Mary Irma, administrative assistant.

Receiving a 35-year award was Mary Dubay-Whaling, perioperative services, while 30-year awards were given to Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO; Margaret Becker, registered nurse, pre-post-operative care; Deborah Moore, patient accounting; and Rosemary Wangeman, laboratory.

Those receiving 25-year awards were Diana Beaty, Camille Brick, Carol Ann Carr, Susan Davison, Jean Gabriel, Katherine Galenski, Kathleen Houlihan, Cary Marakovitz, Claudia McClellan, Joseveges Mendoza, Virginia Montesa, Mary Ellen Morris, Mary Skupski, Kathleen Stout and Theresa Underwood.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Jacqueline Allbee, Debra Armhein, Eileen Belknap, Joanne Block, Patricia Burns, Roy Chamblin, James Chiumino, Elizabeth Cornell, Joanne Danczak, Daniel Deary, Eileen Dorough, John Goldsworthy, Carol Graff, Donna Grima, David Karol, Robin Kopack, Colleen La Valley, Patricia Long, Patricia Machniak, Gary Martz, Annamma Mathew, Marcia Nichols, Karen Paison, Mary Pelz, Donald Perrie, Lorna Reid, Catherine Reinke, Barbara Rozinski, Barbara Sapclak, Marie Siegel, Julie Smith, Jo Ann Sopko, Marc Teter, James Tumidanski, Christine Underwood, Lorraine Varlesi, Debra Waddell, Michael Ward, Donna Womack and Dr. Tsen Wood.

The 15-year awardees included Denise Balko, Karen Bedell, Kathryn Borromeo, Mary Curtis, Sharon Cygan, Patricia Czach, Gregory Gallo, Barbara Bulowski, Anna Guziel, Janet Heiob, Josann Iwanka, Marie Kaetz, Phyllis Kennedy, Dr. Daria Kiani, Bernadette Kidwell, Lori Kudirka, Julia Leo, Carol Lucy, Linda MacDonald, Siobhan Mardeusz, Sharon McDonald, Dr. Veda Muthleb, Leslie Perrine, Henny Quinn, Priscilla Roach, Marcelina Socie, Cheryl Southard, Roberta Swierca, Anne Walsh, Gay Wincakowski, Barbara Wysocki and Charlene Zupanik.

And receiving 10-year awards were Amal Abdulhak, Maria Adamick, Mary Lou Anolick, Lourdes Aragones, Jane Bon, Christine Cossin, Carol Curnow, Donna Dombecki, Laurel Edwards, Fatme El-Abdallah, Launa Elliot, Charlotte Epps, Theresa Erchenbrecher, Eva Grzybowski, Sally Hart, Robert Jarosz, Joan Kindred, Dianne Konstal, Winifred Kotcher, Marlene Laerman, Jeanne Long, Betty MacDonald, Anna-Marie Mazzara, Nancy McAnsh, Sister Joyce Marie, Lisa Meldrum, Dawn Miller, Deloris Mixon, Lila Nadolski, Deborah Neubecker, Dr. B. Babu Paidipaty, Mario Pastores, Dr. Mitchell Salhaney, John Schwartz, Patricia Shepard, Lori Slack, Avis Stevenson, Daniel Swiercz, Edith Valenzuela, Deborah Webster and Delores Yurush.

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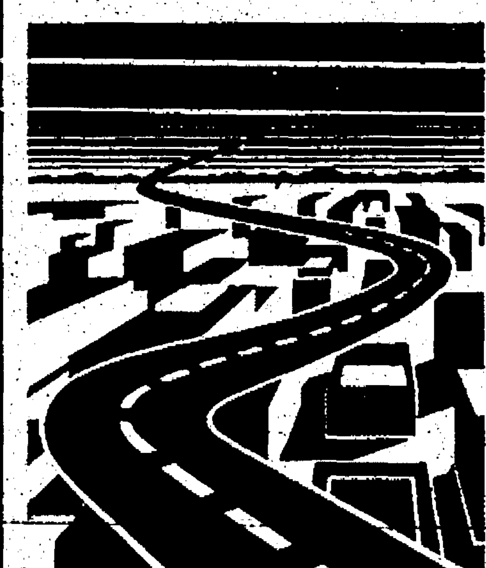

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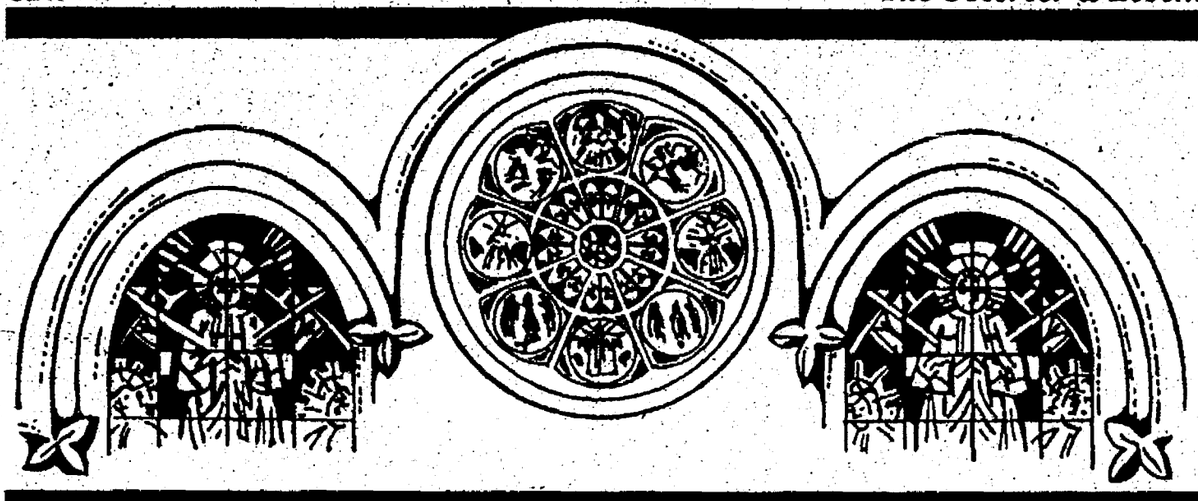

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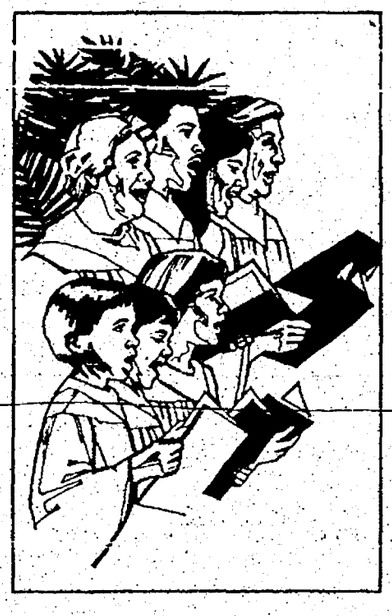

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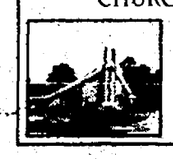
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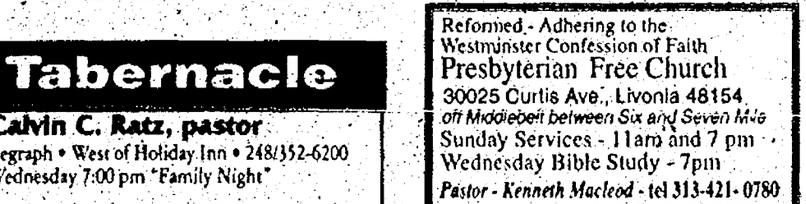

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NEW READERS

At its recent annual business meeting, members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth Margaret Welcher Dendler was elected first reader and Roger Reisdorf second reader. They replace retiring readers Steven Rea and Julia Herrmann.

As first reader, Dendler will also conduct the Wednesday evening meetings which include voluntary sharing of testimonies of God's healing powers by members if the congregation.

While Christian churches usually have the Bible explained to them by their minister, Mary Baker Eddy's "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" serves that explanatory purpose in Christian Science churches.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, is at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

SINGLE PLACE

Barbara Waltry and Mary Ann Mercieca will talk about stalking and personal protection orders at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The Open Forum will feature "The Book of Questions" with facilitator Tony Valenti. There is a $4 per person charge. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

NEW BEGINNINGS

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

FOURTH OF JULY

The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have a Fourth of July celebration, beginning with a 10:30 a.m. freedom service outside at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. There also will be a barbecue at 12:30 p.m., followed by volleyball, horseshoes and moonwalk at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call (734) 458-7301.

'ON MAIN STREET'

Former president Jimmy Carter will address the importance of exercising faith and forgiveness in daily life as he joins host Dr. Dale Meyer in a special episode of the weekly television talk show, "On Main Streeet."

The episode will feature a discussion of Carter's writings in his best-selling book, "Living Faith." A renowned speaker, author, diplomat and humanitarian, Carter will explain the intricate role faith and forgiveness have played in his personal and political experiences.

The show will air locally at 4 p.m. Monday, July 5, on cable channel 5 in Livonia.

STAINED GLASS

Stained Glass, a senior high singing group of the Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) will present the musical, "Truth Slayers," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square.

The musical, written by Matt Tullos, takes place in two dimensions: one earthly and one demonic.

The earthly setting is The Holy Land, the demonic setting is referred to throughout the musical as the Demon World. It is the interplay of these two realms that creates the tension which the characters (the members of the Westcastle Church Youth Group) must face, with opportunities to choose right from wrong.

For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

FLEA MARKET

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Space costs $20. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

Freedom Celebration: *The Steelers from Nashville, Tenn., will present a gospel concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 4, as part of a Freedom Celebration at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with the musical, "Freedom Isn't Free." The musical is open to the public, and all veterans will be honored with a presentation and special gift. The service will be followed by a dinner and pig roast on the church grounds, and the concert. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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

GRACE BAPTIST

Grace Baptist Church will host its annual Super Summer Youth Activity, sponsored by Neighborhood Bible Time, 6-9 p.m. July 11-16 at the church, 28440 Lyndon, Livonia. The program will offer a safe, fun, exciting environment for young people in first through the 12th grades. There will be games, prizes, stories, refreshments and teaching from the Bible every evening. Neighborhood Bible Time teaches children to honor their homes, their country and God. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-6215.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Livonia Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "The Ultimate Adventure with Jesus," 7-9 p.m. July 12-16 at the church, 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia. Children age 4 through sixth-graders will participate in Bible dramas, crafts, nightly refreshments and a closing program at 7 p.m. July 16. Children can experience the adventures of rock climbing, wind surfing, mountain biking and snow shoeing. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-8743.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST

Newburg United Methodist Church invites children to join its construction crew for "Under Construction" vacation Bible school July 12-16 at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be stories and music, games and crafts for children age 3 through those entering the sixth-grade. Children also learn the trade of Christian service. For registration information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

FAIR HAVEN BAPTIST

Fair Haven Baptist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Ultimate Adventure with Jesus," 7-9 p.m. July 12-17 at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. Children in the first through sixth grades will visit a different site each day. There will be rock climbing, wind surfing, mountain biking, snow shoeing and white water rafting. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-4549.

ST. MATTHEW UM

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure," 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 12-15 at the church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. The cost is $5 per child up to a maximum of $15 per family. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-6038.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Veggie Town, 9:30 a.m. to noon July 12-16 at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Children between the ages of 4-10 will have fun with their favorite "Veggie Tales" characters. During the school, a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. A donation of $7.50 per child (with a $15 flat rate for families with more than one child) is requested. Registration ends July 9. For more information, or to register, call the Church at (734) 422-1470.

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The troupe will give two performances under the big top. The performances are free, however, a free-will offering will be accepted at intermission time.

A special children's matinee, "Tent Troupe Tales," will begin a 2 p.m. and feature a variety of favorite folk tales, stories and songs from around the world. Pre-show activities will start at 1:45 p.m.

The matinee, for preschoolers through elementary-aged children, will include music, dance, pantomime and audience participation with stories from India, Africa, China, Sudan, France and the Middle East.

The evening performance at 8 p.m. will feature the Pulitzer Prize winning comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." The play is light, comic and entertaining, but in a time of family values, it shows love, mutual respect, understanding and concern for family members.

The play, which appeals to the whole family, takes place in the family living room where snakes are collected, ballet steps are practiced, xylophones are played and meals are eaten.

This is the 29th season for Tent Troupe, a group of 31 high school performers from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Springs, Md. In addition to performing, members do all of the setup work and sleep on cots each night. They raise two-thirds of the money needed for the trip before they begin, and the rest comes from free-will offerings.

And even though the hours are terrible – the troupe's day starts at 5 a.m. – and the pay is nothing, there are more applicants for the troupe then there are openings.

For more information, about the performances, call the church at (734) 427-1414.

Real troopers: *Members of Tent Troupe 1999 include Amy Farrar (front row, from left), Erica Fenstermacher, Ryan Martinez, Jenny Moser, Christina Pernia, Matthew Gardiner, Philip Holst (second row, from left) James Gardiner, Aaron Pannebaker, Ximena Levander, Carrie Breslin, Douglas Hogue, Chris McCabe, Brian Walker and Kevin Walker.*

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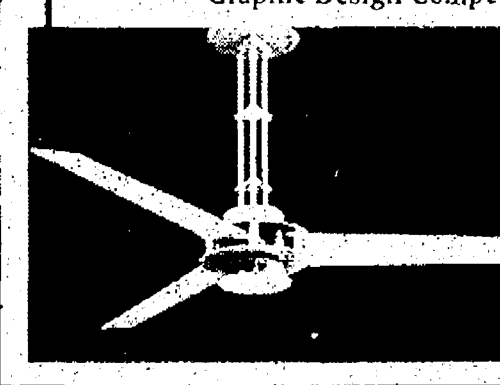

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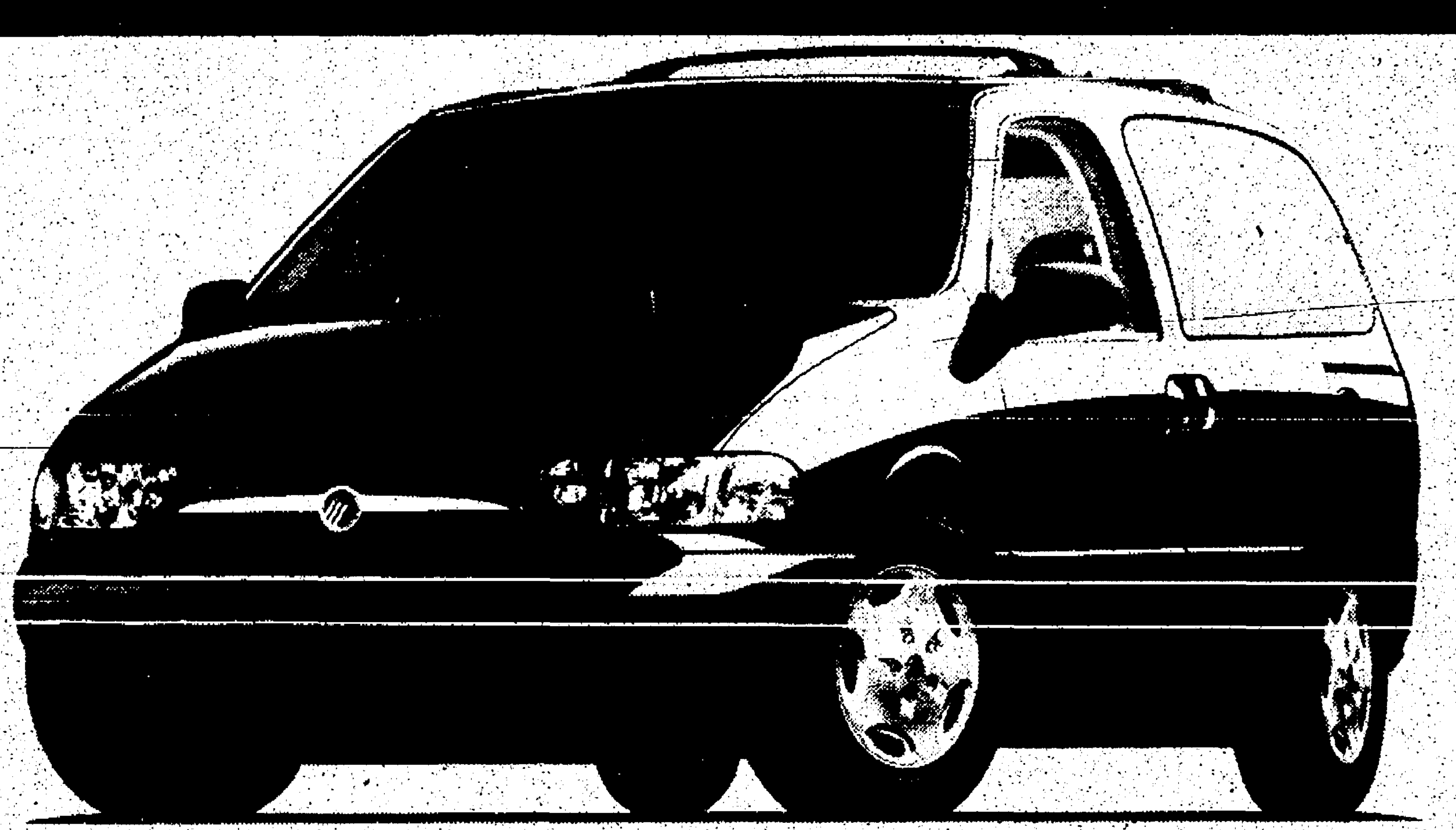

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

East All-Star picks

Five Observerland players have been selected to compete for the East squad in the 19th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game Saturday, July 31 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m.

Heading the list is Nick Brzezinski, a 6-4, 245-pound tight end who helped Redford Catholic Central to a 13-0 record and the state Class AA title, along with 6-1, 165-pound wide receiver Ricky Bryant of state Class A champion Farmington Hills Harrison.

Brzezinski is headed to Duke, while Bryant is ticketed for Ohio State.

Other members of the East team include Redford Thurston's Scott Genord, a 6-2, 210-pound linebacker-fullback bound for Indiana; Westland John Glenn's Reggie Spearmon, a 5-8, 180-pound tailback headed to Grand Valley State; and Livonia Clarenceville's Walter Ragland, a 6-1, 195-pound two-way back who sparked the Trojans to a 7-3 record and their first-ever state Class CC playoff berth.

Tickets, $5 per person, can be ordered through Jim Clawson, 21681 Thorofare, Grosse Ile, Mi. 48138. (Checks, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, should be made out to: MHSFCA.)

SC adds City cage star

Michael Williams, a 6-7 forward from Detroit City High, has committed to play next season for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team, according to coach Carlos Briggs.

Wiliams averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds en route to Class D All-State honors. Williams led the Bears to the Class D state championship game before losing to Muskegon Western Michigan Christian.

Williams, who plays for Team Michigan AAU, recently captured MVP honors in the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association Class C-D All-Star Game held at Flint Powers Catholic.

Williams joins three other SC recruits including Tony Jancevski, a 6-9 center from Plymouth Salem; Dwight Windom, a 6-5 swingman from Dearborn Heights Robichaud; and Oak Park's Robert Brown, a 6-5 transfer from Central Michigan University.

"Michael needs strength, but he's a big man who can shoot the ball and handle the ball very well — he's a wing player," said Briggs.

Last season, Schoolcraft captured its first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament championship.

The Ocelots compiled a 26-5 overall record before being ousted in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 12 title game against Cincinnati State.

Penguins spring champs

The Arctic Pond Penguins of Plymouth Township captured the Bantam AA Metro Spring Shootout Hockey League championship Saturday at Detroit's City Sports Arena by beating Jackson, 6-3.

Chris Stevens, Adam Staber and Ryan Wischmeyer each tallied two goals apiece for the winners.

Scoring a total of 28 goals in five games, the Penguins also defeated the Westside Wildcats (10-1), Livingston (3-0), Plymouth (6-3) and St. Clair Shores (3-0).

Other forwards include Nick Strauch, Josh Young, Ryan Branston, Jon O'Neill, Jamey Messer and Mike Dugan.

Members of the defense, which allowed just seven total goals, include Mike Tryna, Ryan Droze, Tom Saulthrope, Justin Maedel and Patrick Clark.

Goaltending was provided by Rob Thomas and Mike Rini.

The Penguins are coached by Craig O'Neill, Doug Wischmeyer and Don Strauch. The team manager is Sandy Yates. Team supporters include Arctic Pond owners John Stansik and Ken Brandt.

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Ponke turns in top-flight effort

BY DAN O'MEARA
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When the 1999 Observer & Eccentric Golf Tournament was reduced to a one-day event, Andrew Ponke of Farmington Hills was the main beneficiary.

The second day of competition was rained out Sunday, making Ponke, who was leading after 18 holes Saturday, the Championship Flight winner.

The 40-year-old Ponke shot 74 the first day at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia and won the tournament by one stroke over Westland's Jeff Pett.

Ponke's brother, Steve, was two strokes back and tied for third place with Chris Kiehler and Chris Zbanek.

"I kinda wanted to play the second day, even though I won," Andrew Ponke said. "I was ready to play, believe me! I thought I would need to beat 74."

It was to Ponke's benefit in another way, too, because of the rainout. He had a 12:51 p.m. tee time in Howell for a Publinx tournament that afternoon. That event went as scheduled without weather being a factor.

"I would've made it either way," Ponke said, adding he would've been first off the tee early Sunday at Whispering Willows. "I was there at 6 in the morning, but I could see there was standing water on the practice green. I knew it was trouble."

Ponke, who went home and got a few extra hours of sleep before driving to Howell, was close to winning the O&E tournament last year.

O&E GOLF TOURNAMENT

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS
June 26 at Whispering Willows

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Andrew Ponke (Farmington Hills), 74; 2. Jeff Pett (Westland), 75; 3. Chris Kiehler (Livonia), 76; Steve Ponke (Farmington Hills), 76; Chris Zbanek (Farmington Hills), 76; 6. Mike Obidzinski, 77; 7. Alan Menzies, 79; 8. Kevin Furlong, 80; Robert Johnson, 80; 10. Ken Klisz, 81; Chaz Komegay, 81; Alex McCuckie, 81; Mark Stefanick, 81; Jerry Thomas, 81; 15. Paul Rys, 82; 16. Rick Wheeler, 83; 17. Kevin Cavanaugh, 84; 18. Scott Glenn, 86; Tom Higgins, 86; 20. W.P. Worley, 87; 21. Doug Harmala, 88; 22. John Radziszewski, 94.

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Stephen Barker (Livonia), 79; R. Dale Cordes (Union Lake), 79; 3. Andy Kunicz (Livonia), 80; 4. Paul Colucci (Livonia), 81; 5. Fred Emory, 83; Chris Hollman, 83; Bob Viviano, 83; 8. Fred Gunderson, 86; Mike Small, 86; 10. Don Holdin, 88; Lou Laurentius, 88; 12. David Scheuer, 89; 13. Bill Rice, 90; 14. Craig Nehasil, 91; Ken Shively, 91; 16. Robert Elmendorf, 92; 17. Wayne Bonus, 94. **Tiebreaker:** There was a playoff between Barker and Cordes for first place Wednesday evening.

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Jim Newsom (Westland), 86; 2. Dave Mack (Livonia), 87; Don Worthington (Redford), 87; 4. Bill Campbell, 92; 5. Matthew Jurosek, 94; 6. Danny Winegarden, 96; 7. Roger Carver, 100; 8. Matthew O'Neill, 104; Tom Sokoloski, 104; 10. Jay DeOrdio, 107. **Tiebreaker:** There was a playoff between Mack and Worthington for second place Wednesday evening.

He finished one stroke away from being in a playoff for first place, shooting 150 (74-76). He has played in the O&E tournament for the last 15 years, but this is the first time he has won.

Ponke, who considers Whispering Willows his home course, didn't think it was going to happen for him this year either.

"My brother was pushing right behind me," he said. "I thought I'd have to catch him, because he was beating me. At 15 he was plus-2, and I was already at plus-4.

"You just have to be patient on that course. I only hit six drivers all day. You just have to respect the holes on that course."

On the Nos. 11, 12 and 13 holes, it's tempting to use the driver, he added, but Ponke prefers to play it safe and lay up on those holes.

"Those are short par-4s," he said. "You can get birdies, but you also can get double-bogeys real easily."

Ponke managed to win despite a bad day of putting. He three-putted three holes, including the 18th.

"I thought that was going to cost me," he said. "I was thinking I'd have to win it the next day. I didn't think I had won it by any means."

If Ponke had to cite a key shot he made, it was his tee shot on No. 15, a long par-3. Using a nine wood, he put the ball on the front of the green and two-putted.

"You can get a six or an eight real easy if you don't hit your shot," he said. "I just wanted to keep one in play."

Ponke, who is employed as a bartender at Bullwinkle's Bar and Grill in Redford, has a work schedule that suits his golf game. He can play golf during the day before he goes to work in the evening.

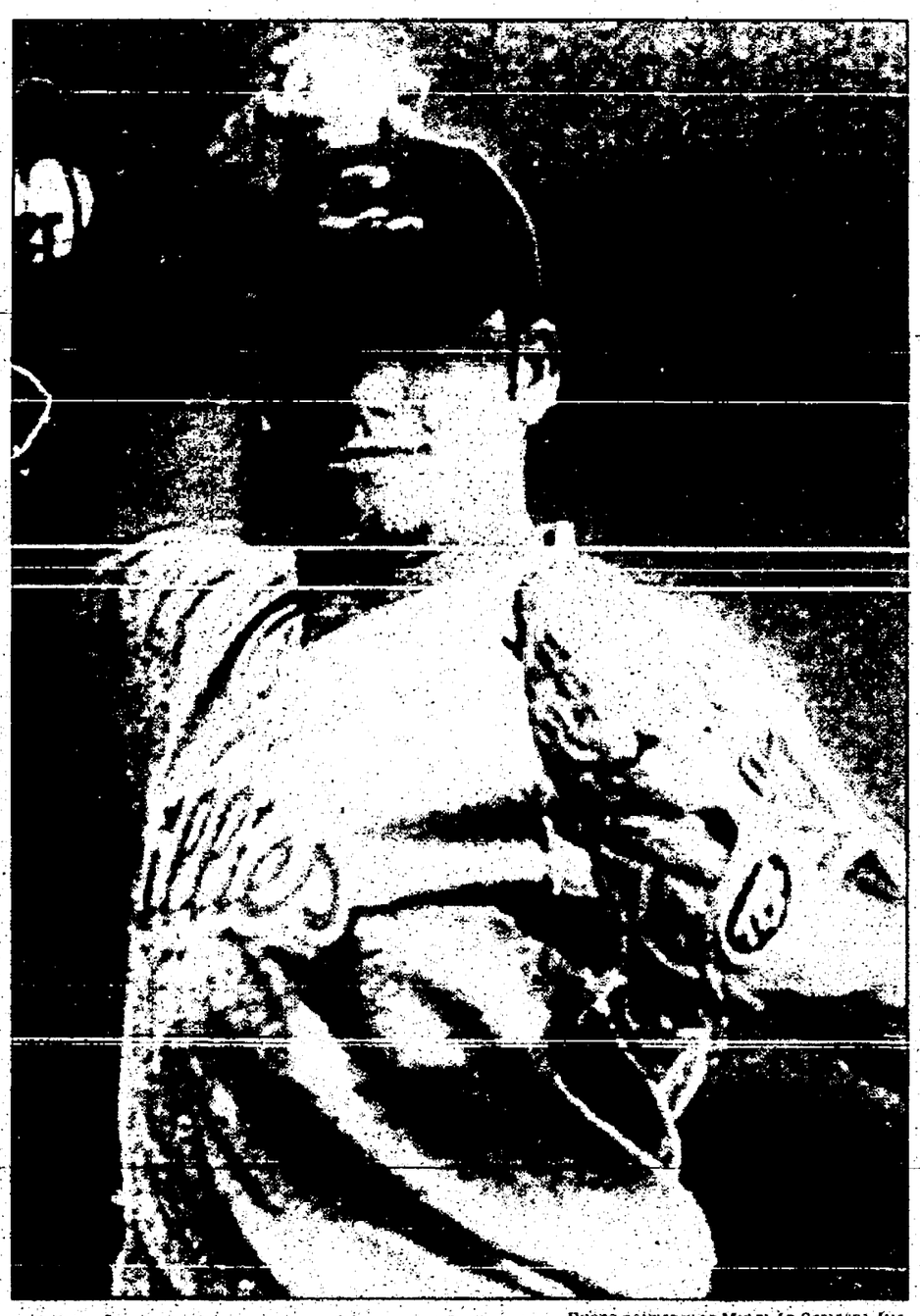
"It gives me the opportunity to keep playing golf," he said. "I'll play nine holes a day, 18 on Thursdays. I try to stay away from weekends, because it's so slow. The only time I play on weekends is in tournaments. The whole summer is geared around (golf)."

Ponke played baseball at Farmington High School and in Little League before that. He didn't take up golf until he was 23. He played softball, too, but got tired of that.

"I wish I had started earlier, but I don't think I had the patience for golf when I was younger," he said. "You have to be very patient in that game."

Ponke received a $170 gift certificate and trophy for winning; Pett received a $120 gift certificate and trophy as the runner-up. Kiehler and Zbanek each received $80 gift certificates.

There was a playoff Wednesday evening between Stephen Barker of Livonia and R. Dale Cordes of Union Lake to determine the First Flight winner and runner-up. Jim Newsom of Westland was the Second Flight champion.



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On the mend: *Livonia Churchill and Eastern Michigan University product Mark Rutherford, who plays in the Phillies' minor league chain, is back throwing after undergoing shoulder surgery.*

Itching to get back: Rutherford anxious

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
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BASEBALL

Mark Rutherford is getting the itch.

Not from the Nov. 20 surgery to tighten up his shoulder, but from the desire to make up for time he feels is passing him by.

At the age of 24.

Rutherford, a former standout at Livonia Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University, makes his second start of the season Monday for Clearwater of the high Class A Florida State League.

The same league where he made the All-Star team last season as he went 8-5 with a 2.65 ERA for the Philadelphia Phillies' farm team. In 119 innings, covering 18 starts, Rutherford allowed 94 hits while striking out 70 and walking only 20.

In pro ball, if your innings, hits and strikeouts are all in the same neighborhood, you're building a nice house.

But in pro ball, if you tread the same step twice you're not making progress toward the top.

"I don't really agree with (pitching in) Clearwater," the Eastern Michigan right-hander said. "I've told them I've already done all I can do in the Florida State League.

"I'm facing boys right now. I want to face the men in Double-A (at Reading). That's the way I feel.

"Sure, they're going to get some hits off me here. But I still should dominate. I feel I'm ready for the next step.

"They've told me they want at least three starts (here), so they can see if my arm's going to bounce back.

"I've had a little bit of trouble in my elbow, but nothing to stop my throwing. Which I've heard happens a lot once you've had shoulder surgery."

Rutherford had his shoulder surgery because of irritation he felt during the season. It was examined and found to be loose. So he was sent to Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala., for surgery to tighten it up.

"In the long run," Rutherford said, "I would have torn my labrum if I had kept throwing."

The labrum is a small lubricating muscle in the shoulder.

Spring training was a complete washing for Rutherford. He missed all of it.

But when Philadelphia started its extended spring training for rookies and players who would begin the year in short-season ball after the draft, Rutherford began building up the strength in his shoulder.

First came long-toss, then throwing off the mound, then throwing up to 100 pitches per session off the mound, the pitching batting practice and pitching in extended spring training games.

Then came another minor setback — a pulled hamstring muscle which put him out of action for two weeks.

He returned to training for more work and then pitched two innings for Clearwater, followed by a five-inning start where he left with a 4-2 lead (after registering four strikeouts, while allowing a homer and double).

"It felt great," he said. "I felt like my normal self. I was even throwing a cou-

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NHL Blues take goalie in 7th round

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HOCKEY

With Grant Fuhr soon headed for retirement, the St. Louis Blues were in the market for a future goaltender.

And during the seventh round of Saturday's National Hockey League draft held at the Fleet Center in Boston, Livonian Phil Osaer put on the Blues jersey and shook NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman's hand as the 203rd pick overall.

"It was one of the most painful experiences you can have — until they call your name," said Osaer, who played his freshman year at Ferris State. "But it was the best feelings I've ever had when you walk up to that podium. It was fun."

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound Osaer had attracted interest of NHL scouts after playing his senior year of high school with Waterloo (Ia.) of the U.S. Hockey League, a Junior A circuit. (He attended Redford Catholic Central for three years before graduating from Waterloo West High.)

"I spoke with a few scouts and I was told by Central Scouting Services I was going to get drafted," said Osaer, who was the 13th goalie taken and the first by the Blues in two years. "I talked with a few teams, but I don't ever recall speaking with anybody from St. Louis."

Osaer's parents, Mark and Nancy, who live in Europe, along with his sister Michele and New York-based advisor Jordan Newman (who represents the Flyers' John Vanbiesbrouck), all shared in the special moment.

Osaer, the nephew of Livonia native and University of Maryland head football coach Ron Vanderlinden, is 99 percent sure he'll be back in the nets for his sophomore season at Ferris State "unless something drastic happens."

As a freshman he saw limited playing time until late in the season when he donned the pads in a series against Michigan State, including a 2-1 victory, followed by a brief two-game stint in the Central Collegiate Hockey League playoffs against Ohio State.

"I had a tough go of it as an 18-year-old both physically and mentally," Osaer said. "It took me until Christmas to really get adjusted. The life was different, living in dorms and having all kinds of freedom for the first time in your life."

It became a quick maturation process for Osaer, who appeared in nine games (398 total minutes) for the Bulldogs, posting a 2-2 record. He had a goals-

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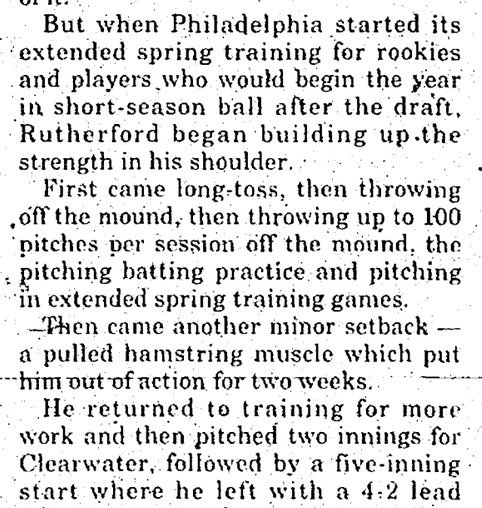

Phil Osaer-Ferris State
Drafted by St. Louis Blues

1999 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Canton garners 4 positions

There's something to be said for being a target all year long and living to talk about it.

Plymouth Canton's softball team entered the season as the squad everyone else wanted to beat.

And left it with a 30-4 record, which means few did.

Which is a credit to Coach Jim Arnold and his staff and is a primary reason the Chiefs' boss has been honored as Observerland Coach of the Year.

Canton surprised a few folks in 1998 with a nice run at the state championship, reaching Battle Creek but falling short of the title.

This season, opponents were shooting at the Chiefs all season long.

And while Canton didn't duplicate its tournament run of the season before, losing in the district finals, it still concluded a year which must be regarded as successful by most standards.

Four of Arnold's players were All-Area selections — pitcher Gretchen Hudson, first baseman Liz Elsner plus outfielders Melissa Brown and Rebecca Mize — and formed the core of the squad which withstood the assaults of opponents 30 times.

Early on Arnold recognized that a successful team must work even harder to remain successful and passed that along to his team. His seniors prodded the underclassmen into maintaining the team work ethic, resulting in another fine season.

Introducing the 1999 All-Observer girls softball team.

FIRST TEAM

Gretchen Hudson, pitcher, Ply. Canton: Hudson pitched for the Chiefs' varsity team for four seasons and made the All-State team in 1998. This season the right-hander allowed only 10 runs in 24 games, going undefeated in 15 decisions. Her earned run average was a miniscule 0.49.

Hudson worked 100 innings and struck out 134 batters, allowing just 36 hits and walking only 12. She hit only one batter and threw only two wild pitches.

As a fielder, Hudson posted a nifty .988 percentage. She made two errors and had 29 assists.

As a hitter, Hudson ranked second on the highly regarded Canton softball team, posting a .413 batting average.

She went 19-for-46 and drove in 11 runs. Her on-base percentage was .427 and her slugging average was .479.

Ali Ault, pitcher, F.H. Harrison: Ault was Harrison's primary pitcher for four years and capped an outstanding career by leading the Hawks to a 20-6 record and a share of the WLAA Western Division title this year.

Ault's record was 13-5 as a senior, with four of the losses occurring in extra innings. She had 122 strikeouts with only 11 walks (three intentional) in 119⅔ innings. Her earned run average was an impressive 0.82.

During her career, she pitched 481⅓ innings and had a 42-29 record, 414 strikeouts, 201 walks and a 1.48 ERA.

Ault could swing the bat, too. She was one of Harrison's top hitters this year, batting .372 with five doubles, four triples, one home run and 15 RBI. She also led the team with a .577 slugging percentage and scored 15 runs.

She had a school-record 17 career doubles in addition to a .341 batting average and .462 slugging percentage.

"The first half of this year she put us on her back (and carried the team) while everyone else was learning a new position," coach Mike Teachman said. "We were never behind by more than two runs all year, and that had a lot to do with our pitching.

"She had complete control on the mound, but her fielding was overlooked. She was good on the bunt; very seldom did anyone hit one her. And she did a nice job at second base (when she wasn't pitching).

"Ali was our leading power hitter. She has a tremendously quick bat, and she's really strong for a girl who doesn't look strong."

Erin Carson, catcher, F.H. Mercy: The All-Catholic backstop played a major role in the Marlins reaching the league championship game and winning a district title for the second year in a row.

Carson batted .462 with 55 hits in 119 chances; her extra-base hits included four doubles and three triples. Batting second in the order, Carson was on base 61 percent of the time, scored 30 runs and had 11 RBI.

Defensively, she threw out 27 of 33 runners attempting to steal, and she had 28 assists, six errors and a .974 fielding percentage.

"Erin is a coach's dream; she's tough, competitive, a coach's player," coach Jack Falvo said, recalling a game last year when Carson was hit on the hand by consecutive pitches while catching.

"I said, 'Erin, I'm going to take you out. We have a lead and there are only two outs left,' and she said, 'No, you're not.'

"She's everything a coach could ask for. I tell my assistant coaches 'Enjoy it because we only have her for one more year.'"

Liz Elsner, first base, Ply. Canton: Elsner was the Chiefs' big hitter the last couple of seasons and because of that opponents pitched her more carefully than ever her senior season. Still, Elsner led Canton's batters with a .418 batting average and hit the only home run the Chiefs had all season.

She drove in a team-best 20 runs. Her total of 12 walks tied for second on the team and she struck out just once all season.

Elsner also stole 11 bases to rank among the team leaders.

In the field, Elsner posted a .991 fielding percentage. She made just two errors all season.

Elsner went 33-for-79 with 10 doubles and three triples plus her home run. She also scored 15 times.

Her on-base percentage was .475 and her slugging average was .630.

Coach Jim Arnold noted Elsner "is a true leader" who compiled a 4.00 grade point average. She was a team captain and also played volleyball and tennis.

Tera Morrill, first baseman, Liv. Franklin: The left-handed junior batted .352 (38 for 108) with four doubles and a triple.

The Patriots' leadoff hitter also scored 23 runs with on on-base percentage of .465. She also stole 27 of 32 bases.

Defensively, Morrill had 226 putouts with 10 assists and 10 errors for a .959 fielding percentage.

This season Morrill earned her eighth varsity letter overall and her third in softball. She has been selected tri-captain for next season.

"Tera is an outstanding softball player because she works hard, accepts feedback, sets goals and sees 'opportunity' as a challenge," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "She is a first-class young lady."

Samantha Crews, infielder, Westland Glenn: The junior shortstop, a first-team All-WLAA selection, had a standout season hitting .530 (44 for 83) with 10 doubles, three triples, four homers and 25 RBI.

Crews fanned only six times all year.

"With 'Sam' you can always expect something to happen offensively and defensively," Glenn coach Karen Olack said. "She would always start or continue something. She was aggressive all the time and you could always count on her.

"Defensively, Samantha has a wide range. She's very consistent and has a great arm. She made some great diving stops."

Crews was also voted All-District in Division I.

Samantha McComb, infielder, N. Farmington: McComb starred at shortstop for the second year in a row and was a key contributor at the plate for the Raiders.

She batted .453 with 43 hits, which included eight doubles, three triples and five home runs. She also had 37 RBI and scored 40 runs. She was on base 67 percent of the time.

With the glove, McComb had a .957 fielding percentage, 62 putouts and 95 assists.

"She's the ultimate player, a coach's dream," North coach Dave Grubaker said. "She leads by example and she can be a Division I softball player; I have no doubt in my mind. She has the strength, size, power and arm; she's a very heads-up ballplayer.

"She's the kind of player you can build a team around. She had very good numbers last year, and all she did was improve on those numbers. I'm looking forward to two more years of her anchoring my defense and offense."

Sara Thiesmeyer, infielder, Liv. Ladywood: The senior is headed to play next season for Eastern Michigan University.

In 32 games, the third baseman-shortstop batted .450 (45 for 100) with 26 runs and 32 RBI. She fanned only nine times.

Other offensive statistics include slugging percentage (.700) and on-base (.517). She also swiped six of seven bases.

Defensively, Thiesmeyer had 97 assists and 55 putouts with 22 errors (.874 fielding percentage).

"Sara is a legitimate player and has been our most solid and consistent performer all year," Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said.

Melissa Brown, outfielder, Ply. Canton: Brown was the center fielder for the Chiefs, hitting .366.

Defensively, she didn't make an error all season, recording 20 putouts and getting three assists.

Offensively, her slugging average was .401 and her on-base percentage .437, good for someone second in the batting order. Brown went 26-for-71 and walked 12 times. Four of her hits went for doubles and she drove in 17 runs, second on the team to cleanup hitter Elsner.

Brown scored 22 runs and had five sacrifice hits while leading the team with 24 stolen bases.

Katina Vitanis, outfielder, F.H. Harri-

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1999 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers

Gretchen Hudson, Sr., Ply. Canton

Ali Ault, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison

Catchers

Erin Carson, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy

First Basemen

Liz Elsner, Sr., Ply. Canton

Tera Morrill, Jr., Livonia Franklin

Infielders

Samantha Crews, Jr., Westland Glenn

Samantha McComb, Soph., N. Farmington

Sara Thiesmeyer, Sr., Liv. Ladywood

Outfielders

Melissa Brown, Sr., Ply. Canton

Katina Vitanis, Jr., Farm. Hills Harrison

Becky Mize, senior, Ply. Canton

Dana Falvo, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy

At Large

Sarah Talbot, Sr., Garden City

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jim Arnold, Ply. Canton

SECOND TEAM

Pitcher

Amanda Sutton, Jr., Ply. Salem

Catchers

Chrissy King, Soph., N. Farmington

Kristen Derwich, Sr., Liv. Churchill

Kelly Young, Sr., Liv. Franklin

Stephanie Crews, Fr., Westland Glenn

Infielders

Lauren Monterey, Soph., F.H. Mercy

Katie Kelly, Soph., Ply. Salem

Lauren Ouellette, Soph., N. Farmington

Christina Kiessel, Soph., Ply. Canton

Paula McKernan, Jr., Ply. Canton

Christine Fones, Jr., Liv. Churchill

Julie Stoll, Jr., Red. Thurston

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Outfielders

Kristin Brown, Sr., Farmington

Kelly Taylor, Soph., Farm. Hills Harrison

Debbie Christensen, Sr., Redford Union

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1st team All-Area selections

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Coach of the Year

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to consider:

1. An ordinance to amend Section 2 of the Airport Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 91-466, to establish the Airport as a department of County government, and to amend Section 3 of the Airport Ordinance as amended by Ordinance No. 91-892 to establish the divisions of Airport administration, and to except the directors and assistant directors of divisions from the Classified Service. (99-66-012)
2. An ordinance to amend the Wayne County Code to create and establish the powers and duties of a Department of Jobs and Economic Development and its divisions, and to except division and assistant division directors from the Classified Service. (99-66-013)
3. An ordinance to amend the Wayne County Code to create and establish the powers and duties of a Department of Environment and its divisions, and to except division and assistant division directors from the Classified Service. (99-66-014)
4. An ordinance to amend the Wayne County Code to create and establish the powers and duties of a Department of Community Justice and its divisions, and to except division and assistant division directors from the Classified Service. (99-66-015)
5. An ordinance to amend the Wayne County Code to create and establish the powers and duties of a Department of Information Technology and its divisions, and to except division and assistant division directors from Classified Service. (99-66-016)

The hearing will be held:

Thursday, July 1, 1999 – 10:00 a.m.
Wayne County Community College
Downriver Campus, Multipurpose Room (E126)
21000 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan

Copies of the proposed resolution may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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against average of 1.61 with a .947 save percentage.

"There was the strength factor and I was just a wide-eyed kid," Osaer said. "I was by far the youngest player on the team. The average age on our team was 21.9 years.

"I was being humbled coming over from juniors and it took time to get over being in awe of teams like Michigan and Michigan State. It was definitely a long learning process."

Osaer, who turned 19 this year, is expected to battle for the starting job next season with Vince Owen.

"Vince is an excellent goalie, but at worst it's a earnable spot," Osaer said. "My coach (Bob Daniels) said we'll probably split the time down the middle next year, but I know I'm going to have to work 30 times harder to earn a spot."

During the 1994-95 season, Osaer played for Redford CC, which reached the regional final before losing to rival Birmingham Brother Rice.

He went on to play the next two years for two Little Caesars amateur teams, Bantam and Midget Major before heading to Iowa.

"Waterloo was probably the best experience of my life," Osaer said. "We were like the Red Wings of that town. We'd draw almost 3,500 a game in a town of about 90,000. The coaches were spectacular and it was an outstanding year."

This summer Osaer is living with his grandparents in Livonia and playing in the Metro Summer Hockey League.

"That's a fun league and actually playing in it is a blast," he said. "It's pure enjoyment, a good deal and pretty good competition."

The Blues, meanwhile, retain the rights to Osaer throughout his collegiate career and the following two seasons after he turns pro.

Meanwhile, backup Blues goaltender Roman Turek is also in the midst of negotiating a contract with St. Louis.

"Two or three years down the road may be my time," Osaer said. "But for now I'll have to see how things happen in my college career."

Whalers Zepp, Surma drafted

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League had two players taken in Saturday's NHL draft.

Back-up goaltender Rob Zepp, the OHL's Scholar-Athlete of the Year who attended Plymouth Christian Academy, was taken 99th overall and in the fourth round by the expansion Atlanta Thrashers.

The 6-foot, 180-pound Zepp played in 31 games this season for Plymouth with a 2.74 goals-against average and an .897 save percentage. He was ranked sixth (among goalies) going into the draft by Central Scouting.

Also, left winger Damian Surma of the Whalers was taken in the sixth round, 176th overall by the Carolina Hurricanes.

Lightning pitchers tame Lasers in pair

The Plymouth Lightning had the Livonia Lasers' number Tuesday.

The numbers in the first game were 5-1 while the second contest figures were 3-0 as the Lasers swept a Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League doubleheader from the Lightning.

Amanda Sutton scattered three hits, struck out four and walked one in six innings of the first game at Livonia Franklin's field.

Tara Muchow took the loss despite fanning 11 over six innings. She also walked just one and hit two batters for the Lasers (0-2).

Kerstin Marshall had two hits and drove in a run for the Lasers while Dawn Allen's two-run single in the fifth was the big blow for the Lightning.

In the second game, Liz Dekarske allowed just one hit — a Jamie Linden triple in the first — but kept her from reaching the plate. She struck out 10 and walked one in her seven innings of work.

Muchow took the loss despite allowing just one hit herself, a fifth-inning single by Mandy Bilkie. She walked seven, however, and struck out four.

•**LANCERS 11-13, THUNDER 1-3:** The Livonia Lancers took care of the Thunder behind the thunderous hitting of Ann Marie Starasinich and Patty Kolinski.

Shelly Moross doled out two hits in the first game, striking out four and walking only one in the five innings she pitched.

Starasinich and Kolinski led the hitting attack with a single, triple and three RBI plus a double and two RBI, respectively. Kelly Toner and Courtney Wilmering each had a hit and an RBI for the Lancers.

Dawn Rani pitched the second game win for the Lancers, surviving eight walks by striking out five and allowing just two hits over six innings in the 13-3 victory.

Kolinski paced hitters with two hits and an RBI while Starasinich contributed a triple and 2 RBI. Cathy Day had a hit and drove in a run for the Lancers.

Catcher Stephanie Salinas threw out five would-be base stealers in the two games. Rebecca Marello and Becky Debelifo had a base hit each. The Lancers now have a 4-2 record.

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son: Vitanis played shortstop until Ari Ault was able to play again and then moved to center field where she also excelled defensively. She had just one error all season at two demanding positions.

Offensively, the switch-hitting Vitanis was the leadoff batter and the player to whom the Hawks looked to get things started.

She led the team with stolen bases (23) and runs scored (27) while collecting 32 hits. Vitanis had an on-base percentage of .612 and batting average of .368. She added five RBI.

"She makes opposing good players look bad, because they know, when she hits the ball, they have to rush to try to get her out," Teachman said. "She's the one other teams set their defenses for, and it still doesn't work.

"The area she made tremendous improvement in the last year was her fielding. When Ari came back from her injury, we put Katina where she's naturally good.

"An overlooked part of her game is her sliding ability. She has all the slides. She slides quickly and evasively. She puts constant pressure on the other team."

Rebecca Mize, outfielder, Ply. Canton: Mize batted .348 for the Chiefs, hitting out of the sixth slot in the batting order.

The right fielder made just one error all season and recorded 11 assists while making 15 putouts.

Mize went 23-for-66 with one double. She stole eight bases, walked four times and struck out only six times all season.

Mize had two sacrifices and a slugging average of .361. She had five RBI and her on-base percentage was .378.

Dana Falvo, outfielder, F.H. Mercy: Falvo is a three-year varsity player and two-year starter who helped the Marlins post a 23-15 record.

As the leadoff batter, she hit .407, was on base 50 percent of the time, drew 15 walks, scored 20 runs and had eight RBI.

But the most impressive part of Falvo's game is her play in center field. She had an amazing 17 assists, throwing out 11 runners at home plate, as well as three each at second and third bases. Falvo made just three errors and had 46 putouts.

"The reason she's able to do that is she charges the ball so aggressively and comes up throwing," said her coach and father, Jack Falvo. "She reads the play extremely well. Her break on the ball is extremely good.

"Although she's only 5 feet tall, she does have a very good arm. (Other teams) see this little thing in center field, but she can throw.

"Dana is the kind of player who keeps things loose in practice, but the bigger the game the more competitive she is and the better she gets. She'll do whatever it takes to win. Her biggest asset is her knowledge of the game."

Sarah Talbot, senior, Garden City: A versatile player, Talbot has been courted by some NCAA Division I softball teams. She plans on attending college but is undecided on whether to continue her athletic career.

A second-team All-Observer choice as a shortstop her junior year, Talbot was the Cougars' No. 1 pitcher out of necessity this year. She performed as if it was her main position, pitching consistently well throughout the year, though it's not reflected in the Cougars' 16-17 overall record.

She also was the Cougars' top hitter, batting .341 (31-for-91), with 18 RBI, 17 runs scored, 10 doubles and one triple, batting in the No. 3 slot.

A three-year varsity starter, Talbot also was a standout on the Cougars' basketball and volleyball teams.

"She's certainly one of the finest defensive players we've ever had and in my 15 years at Garden City she's without a doubt one of the top five athletes I've coached," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "She's got power and speed. She was relegated into the starting pitching role and she pitched far, far better than our record indicated.

"She was the victim of several one-run losses and they weren't of the 7-6 variety. We lost seven games by scores of 2-1, won a couple by the same margin. She kept us in every ballgame."

Goalies get into offensive mode

It's rare, but goalies do get an assist on a goal once in a while.

But two goalies on the same team? And three in the same game?

That might be a first for the high-flying Metro Summer Hockey League.

Goalies Brandon Hothem and Lanny Jardine each registered an assist Tuesday as their Lakers defeated the host Broncos, 9-7, in a MSHL game at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Broncos' goalie Rick Marnon was credited with an assist on a third-period goal. He went the distance for the Broncos while Jardine relieved Hothem at 7:20 of the second period.

The other big offensive stars for the Lakers were two-goal scorers Mike Vigilante, Eric Dolesh and Brian Jardine. Scot Curtin, Nick Jardine and Ron Lowrie each scored once.

Curtin had five assists, Eric Dolesh and Brian Jardine three each, Vigilante two and Scot Dolesh and Matt Frick one apiece.

Kyle McNeilance had a hat trick for the Broncos, Steve Sharp had two goals and Nick Smyth and Nick Field one each. Assist leaders were Field with three, Tony Keshishian and Scott Kale one each.

•**WOLVERINES 10, SPARTANS 7:** Eric Hawkins and Ryan Ward each had a hat trick Tuesday to lead the Wolverines to their victory at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Marc O'Keefe, Varujan Arman, Dan Trainor and Keith Rowe added the other goals for the winners. Krikor Arman had four assists, Chris Morelli and Brad Feiler two apiece and eight players had one each — O'Keefe, Dan Trainor, Bill Trainor, Hawkins, Ward, John Gallagher, Jim Wheaton and goalie Mike O'Keefe.

The Spartans got goals from seven different scorers — Jason Lawmaster, Jack McCoy, John Brodhun, Nick Lawarne, Craig Peiser, Adam Krug and Dave Street. Assists went to Pete Mazzoni, Dave Seiiin, McCoy, Joe Kustra, Krug and Street.

Eric Pagel started in goal for the Spartans and was replaced at 7:59 of the second period by Tom McNeil. Mike O'Keefe went the distance in goal for the Wolverines.

•**BULLDOGS 6, BRONCOS 2:** St. Louis Blues seventh-round draft choice Phil Osaer made 25 saves Monday to lead the Bulldogs past the Broncos at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Osaer, who just completed his freshman year at Ferris State, went all the way in the nets.

Kevin Swider, another Ferris State player, led the offense with three goals and one assist.

Matt Grant, Jason Basile and Eric Bratcher scored the other Bulldog goals, while Nick Martens had two assists.

Kyle McNellance and Mike Mattila each scored goals for the Broncos.

•**LAKERS 12, WILDCATS 6:** Lake Superior State's Mike Vigilante scored five goals and added two assists Tuesday to propel the Lakers past the Wildcats in the first game of double-header at the Cultural Center.

Brian Jardine contributed three goals and two assists. Nick Jardine added a goal and three assists.

Scot Curtin collected four assists, while Chris Libett and Matt Frick each had a goal and assist.

Lanny Jardine and Brandon Hothem shared the Lakers' net-minding duties.

Sean Kass paced the Wildcats with four goals, while Daryl Schimmelpfenneg and Mike Swistak had the other goals. Brent Bessey chipped in with three assists, while Kevin Bushey added two.

METRO SUMMER HOCKEY

•**WOLVERINES 11, BULLDOGS 3:** Livonia's Marc O'Keefe, who played for Plymouth Midget AA, scored four times Sunday in the Wolverines' rout of the Bulldogs at the PCC.

Jim Wheaton added two goals and three assists, while Brad Feiler had two goals and one assist.

Other offensive standouts for the Wolves included Krikor Arman, three assists; Keith Rowe, one goal and two assists; Erik Hawkins, one goal and three assists.

Goaltender Thomas Monnier went all the way in the nets for the Wolves.

Eric Bratcher scored twice for the Bulldogs. Brian Halas added a goal and one assist, while Brad Yonemura contributed two assists.

•**LAKERS 5, SPARTANS 5:** Chris Libett's goal with just two seconds remaining gave the Lakers the tie Sunday night against the Spartans at PCC.

Eric Dolesh and ~~Jeremy Majszak~~ led the Lakers with two goals apiece. Brian Jardine added two assists.

Jack McCoy led the Spartans with two goals, while Jason Lawmaster (Belleville Bulls), Jake Wiegand and Joe Kustra each contributed a goal.

•**BRONCOS 6, WILDCATS 4:** In the first game Sunday at PCC, Nick Field of the Des Moines Buccaneers scored the game-winner with 6:08 remaining and Kyle McNellance, who had two goals, added an empty netter to give the Broncos the victory.

Field also had two assists, while Joe Jones, Jame Crank and Nick Smyth had the other Bronco goals.

Goaltenders Will Hamek and Rick Marnon combined for the victory.

Tad Patterson led the Wildcats with a pair of goals, while Jeremy Motz and Kevin Bushey tallied the other two.

Dan Dobrowski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats.

•**RECORDS:** The Huskies are the only team with a perfect record in the early going, posting two victories in as many games. In a virtual tie for first are the Bulldogs, 3-1, while the Lakers have a 3-2 record. The Broncos, Wolverines and Spartans are all 2-2. The Wildcats are still looking for their first victory after three games.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

DAVEY SENT DOWN

Right-hander Tom Davey (Canton) was optioned to the minors Monday by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Davey, in his rookie season with the Blue Jays, was sent down so starter Chris Carpenter could be activated from the disabled list.

Davey was doing a good job in relief for Toronto but the fact he had options and was lower on the seniority list undoubtedly were a factor in his demotion.

He had a 4.70 ERA in 29 appearances, an ERA typically spiked by a couple of bad outings. He had a 1-1 record and one save.

In 44 innings, Davey struck out 42 batters and walked 46. Opponents were batting .241 off him.

JUNIOR GOLF DIVOTS

•Livonia Stevenson incoming sophomore Scott Wolfe fired a 73 to tie for first-place honors in the Boys 14-15 age division in a field of 51 players at Power-Bilt Junior Tour tournament Monday at the 6,600-yard Bay City Country Club.

Wolfe was awarded second place after falling in a sudden death playoff.

•Talk about hot golfers.

Westland's Evan Chall, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Churchill, shot a sizzling 72, but settled for a fifth place tie in the Boys 16-18 age division Monday in the Power-Bilt event in Bay City.

Jim Chestnut of Grand Blanc took medalist honors with a 68 followed by Dominic Vitale, Commerce Township, 69; Andrew Klein, Bloomfield Hills, 70; Nigel Ajwryliw, Muskegon, 71; Chall and Larry Sterling of Shelby Township, 72 each.

JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a series of golf lessons for youths ages 7-18 on Wednesdays July 14-21 and Thursdays July 15-22 at the Pheasant Run Golf Course practice facility.

Registration runs through Friday, July 9 at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

There is no residency requirement.

Classes will be divided by age groups and by skill levels within each age group. The $50 lesson fee includes instruction from PGA professionals, range balls, T-shirt and certificate of completion.

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Vardar III Under-11 boys soccer team won three tournaments during the spring season, including the Avon Lake Father's Day Invitational Tournament, which was most recent.

Vardar also captured the Florida Countryside International Soccer Tournament in April and the USA Continental Alliance Cup Tournament in Erie, Pa. over Memorial Day weekend.

These championships complement the team's first-place standing in the Major Youth Soccer League spring and fall seasons.

Coached by Les Neal, team members include: Gary Basin, Matthew Sczepanski, David Anderson, Pranav Lohitsa, Mike Rosenbergh, Jake Gordon, Zachary Reyes, B.J. Still, Jesse Henderson, Eric James, John Schaefer, Pete Leonhard, Philip Lawrence, Mike Palmieri and Scott Wlosek.

Guest players for the Father's Day Tourney included Ian Krispin, Andy Chun, Brian Chandler and Danny Pichler.

YOUTH SOCCER RUNNER-UP

The Livonia Rockets, an under-15 boys team, recently finished second in the Solstice Summer Soccer Tournament in Traverse City, falling to T.C. Alliance, 4-0, in the under-16 division.

Members of the Rockets include: Mikel Facchini, Michael Forbes, Kevin King, Jr., Gregory Lappetito, Eric Long, Ethan Lube, Christopher Mazzara, Derek Mireles, Kevin Mireles, Matt Nelson, Austin Pernia, John Petrosky, Andrew Thompson, Brian Zeni and goalkeeper Erik Maillard.

The Rockets, who captured the under-16 division in May at the Warren Youth Soccer Tournament, are coached by Kevin Maillard, Michael Mireles and John Lappetito.

SOCCER PLAYERS WANTED

•Spots are still available for under-12 players interested in playing for the Vardar III boys soccer team.

Players interested should contact Les Neal at (248) 446-2030.

•The Canton under-13 boys select team, competing in the Little Caesars division, is seeking a goalkeeper (must be born between Aug. 1, 1986 through July 31, 1987).

For more information, call (734) 454-9072.

SOCCER COACH WANTED

Redford Catholic Central is seeking a freshman boys soccer coach for the upcoming season.

If interested, call varsity coach Dana Orsucci at (313) 534-0660, Ext. 146.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL LESSONS

Specialized instructors including Aaron Kniper (Montreal Expos), Chris Newell (former pro), Donna McDaniel (Oakland University coach) will be giving individual and group baseball and softball lessons at the Sports Academy, 22515 Heslip Drive, Novi.

The Sports Academy provides indoor batting cages and mounds.

For lesson times, call (248) 380-0800, Ext. 105.

ROLLER HOCKEY CLINIC

Skatin' Station II is hosting a Roller Hockey clinic for coaches Aug. 1 and for players Aug. 2-3.

The Aug. 1 coaches clinic is free to all active Skatin' Station II and Rollerama II coaches. It runs from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The player clinic Aug. 2-3 costs $120 per player and includes three nights of on-rink instruction and one day of off-rink instruction.

Instructors include Team USA Coach Dave Fromm plus team members Terri Shook and Rick Parnell.

Instructional sessions run 90 minutes each and are limited to 35 players.

The 8-and-under age group session runs from 4-5:50 p.m.; 9-11 from 5:30-7 p.m.; another 9-11 group goes from 7-8:30 p.m.; and the 12-15 age group is from 8:30-10 p.m.

For more information call the Skatin' Station II at (734) 459-6401.

OLDSMOBILE SCRAMBLE

Thunder Bay Golf Resort will host the state's largest Oldsmobile Scramble, a four-person scramble tournament, on Aug. 28.

Each entrant into the handicapped event receives a dozen golf balls, 18 holes of golf and dinner.

There are winning teams in the low gross and low net categories.

Prizes include a 1999 General Motors vehicle for a hole-in-one, graphite drivers and Odyssey putters.

Winning teams advance to the state competition in September, where each team adds a PGA member and competes in a five-person format.

State winners advance to the Nationals at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., where teams are joined by a PGA Tour player in a six-person format.

Thunder Bay Resort is offering a 3-day/2-night weekend package for $210/person. The Scramble and dinner is available for $50.

For more information or reservations, call Thunder Bay Resort

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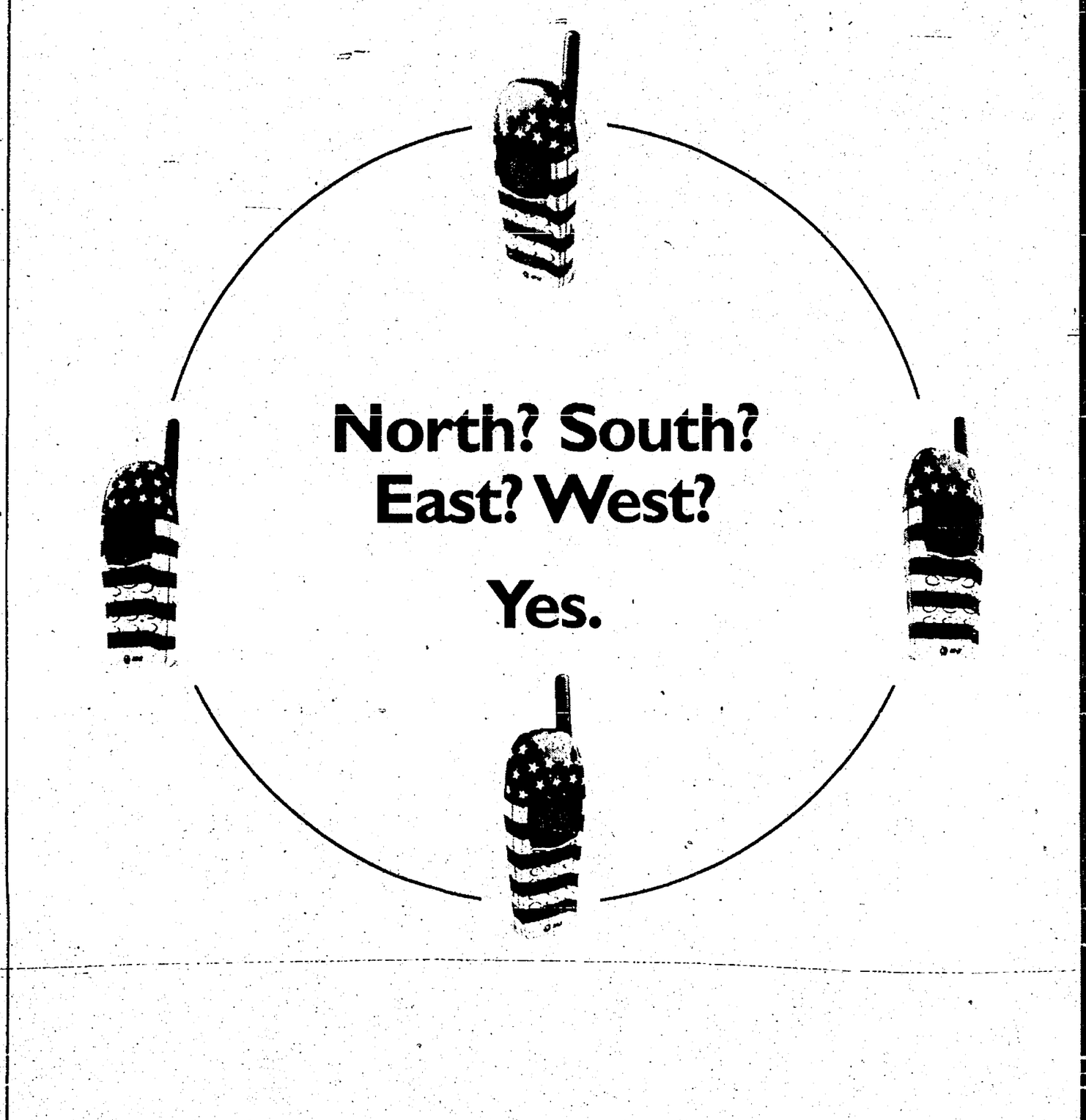

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SANDLOT BASEBALL

Livonia Adray surprises Rams in Metro test, 3-0

The Michigan Lake Area Rams are tied for first place in the Adray Metro Baseball Association, at least in terms of points, despite losing their last two games.

The Rams fell to 10-9 with a 3-0 loss on Sunday to Livonia Adray, the circuit's surprise team. The loss came two days after the Rams lost a 5-1 decision to Livonia Decision Consultants Inc.

The Rams have 18 points, the same as second-place DCI, which has played four fewer games to date (8-5-2). Adray is 7-12 (14 points) and Hines Park is in last place at 3-11-1 (seven points).

In the loss to DCI, Tom Gallus (Eastern Michigan University) suffered the loss, allowing 10 hits and one walk with three strikeouts over 4⅔ innings.

Jason Popham (Grand Rapids Junior College) was the winning pitcher, throwing a two-hitter. Joel Halliday (Redford Union) collected both of the Rams' hits.

Casey Johnson scored the Rams' lone run in the seventh without the benefit of a hit. Two walks, an error and a hit batter accounted for the run.

Troy Bergman (Michigan State) and Rick Goulet (MSU) had two hits each for DCI.

Adray's Joe DeLisle threw a one-hitter in the 3-0 win over the Rams on Sunday. Ben Rush (Hillsdale College) recorded the lone hit.

Phil Kommer (EMU) was the losing pitcher, allowing five hits over six innings.

Livonia Travel 15 wins, then falls

Livonia Travel 15, a 16-and-under Mantle division team, is 6-3 in the Little Caesars Open League.

On June 22, Livonia Travel 15 fell to the Detroit Police Athletic League at Ford Field, 5-3.

On June 21, Livonia Travel 15 scored a 12-2 win over host Dearborn Heights Annapolis as pitcher Eddie Conz raised his record to 3-0 on the year with the win over Annapolis.

Leading hitters for Livonia Travel 15 in the two games included Billy Marsack, 4-for-8 with three RBI; J.T. Haelterman, 5-for-9 with one RBI; Jake Viane, 2-for-6 with three RBI; Jeff Niemiec, 3-for-5 with two RBI and Steve Celeskey, 2-for-5 with an RBI.

Marsack attends Livonia Stevenson, while Haelterman, Viane, Niemiec, Celeskey and Conz all attend Redford Catholic Central.

YOUTH ROUNDUP

Rams runner-up in Battle Creek

The Michigan Lake Area Rams 10-under Willie Mays travel team took second place at the Mayor's Invitational Tournament in Battle Creek.

The Rams had a 5-1 record, losing in the championship game to the Saline Hornets, 11-8. Four of the five Rams' wins ended by mercy rule. Their five wins came by a combined score of 64-11.

Members of the team include Jonathon Cervenak, Drew Davenport, Jonathon Falvo (Farmington Hills), Sean Falvo (Redford), Dwayne Henderson, Brandon Malinowski (Farmington Hills), Steve McCollum (Farmington Hills), Evan Morris (Farmington Hills), Nick Plinka (Redford), Ross Tashjian (Farmington Hills), Tom Whiting (Farmington Hills) and Ben Vaughn (Plymouth Township).

The coaches are Nick Falvo and Mark Falvo.

The Rams are 22-5 overall, 15-3 in the Little Caesars League.

WaCo Wolves 3rd in Danville, Ill.

The WaCo Wolves, a 10-and-under baseball team, finished third by winning four of five games in last weekend's McDonald's Super Series regional in Danville, Ill.

The Wolves started tourney play with a 16-5 mercy rule win over the New Lenox (Ill.) Hawks as Toby Matchulat was the winning pitcher.

Alex Cowert was the winner in the second game for WaCo in a 14-3 mercy rule victory over Lake Zurich (Ill.) Lightning.

Anthony Savone and Matchulat combined on the pitching victory in a 10-9 triumph over Team Illinois, while J.J. Pierce, William Lewis and Grant Lawrence combined to hurl the Wolves past the Danville Flames, 17-3.

WaCo was eliminated by McDonald's in the semifinals, 10-8.

Top hitters during the weekend included Nathan King, Mike Broughton, Jordan Szpaichler and James Telfer. Savone clubbed a solo homer over the fence.

The Wolves, now 35-4 overall and 20-2 in tournament play, return to action this weekend in Sylvania, Ohio.

Solid defense was provided by Aaron Dolkowski, Nick Storini, Billy Hardin and Josh Brewer.

Rutherford from page C1

ple of miles per hour harder than I did last year."

There's that itch, though.

The feeling he should be up a step to Double-A Reading (Pa.) of the Eastern League. With some of his teammates from last season.

"They've got me down here," he said. "It could be for the rest of the year. Or they could move me up to Reading. I don't know and they're not telling me.

"It's very frustrating. It impedes my progress through the organization. It's tough watching guys move ahead of me, that I know I'm better than, or have done better than. I'm just getting skipped over, it seems like.

"I can't afford any more setbacks."

Spoken like a true 'Young Man In A Hurry.'

Rutherford put his idle time last winter to good use, though. He finished up his classroom work on his Parks & Recreation degree from EMU. Now all he needs is 15 hours of practical time and he's ready for the real world — should he ever need to work in it.

But while the Phillies' image is one of an organization on the way up, the view isn't quite that way for insider Rutherford. He isn't totally happy with his situation and wouldn't mind a change.

Philadelphia made wholesale changes in its organizational structure last season, sacking the farm director and field instructor among others.

"So all the new guys will be looking at me for the first time," said Rutherford. "They don't know what I can do, except for the reports they've read.

"They said the reports are good, but they still haven't seen me."

They will, though.

And what they might see is a pitcher with a better understanding of his craft. Someone who can appreciate that at least he has an itch to scratch.

Bulls prove to be spoilers in boiler-land

Farmington's Charlie Avery pitched the Michigan Bulls to a 6-5 victory Sunday in the championship game of the Blue Storm Invitational Tournament in West Lafayette, Ind.

Avery started and went 4⅔ innings as the Bulls defeated the Norwood (Ill.) Blues in the final of the prestigious Connie Mack event, which took place on the campus of Purdue University.

Avery, who turned a 6-5 lead over to reliever Mike Barnett of Farmington Hills, scattered six hits, walked two, hit two and struck out three.

Ross Patterson, also of Farmington Hills and a Barnett teammate at North Farmington, hit a two-run single in the top of the fifth inning to give the Bulls a 6-2 lead.

Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) and Takeshi Saito (West Bloomfield) had two hits each, and Leonard Wallace (Detroit Chadsey) drove in a run with a bunt single.

The Bulls began the tournament Friday with a 10-6 win over the Huntington Patriots from West Virginia.

Kevin Tomasaitis (Plymouth Canton) pitched the first five innings to earn the victory. Mike Higgins (Walled Lake Central) relieved him, but Tomasaitis returned to get the last two outs.

Patterson was 3-for-3 with three RBI and Mitch Maier (Novi) 2-for-3 with three RBI. Adam Fazio (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) was 3-for-4 and had one RBI.

Barnett tossed a three-hitter later Friday as the Bulls defeated the Rochester (Mich.) Yankees, 4-1. He struck out four and walked three.

Patterson had the big hit with a bases-loaded triple. Fazio was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

In the first of two games Saturday, the Bulls edged the Illinois Sox, 5-4, scoring five runs early and holding on to win.

Saito pitched 6⅓ innings before Avery came on to earn a save. Saito allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one.

Lightle and Maier, who hit a solo home run, were 2-for-3 with two RBI apiece.

The Bulls drilled the Columbus (Ohio) Cobras in their fourth game, 15-8. Patterson was a key player again with three hits, including a pair of doubles, and five RBI.

Kevin Lantzy (OLSM) was 4-for-4 with two RBI and Lightle 3-for-5. Marc Flancbaum (West Bloomfield) hit a two-run double; Fazio and Gino Lollio, a University of Michigan recruit from Cape Coral, Fla., added two hits each.

A.J. Rowe (Novi) pitched the first two innings before retiring due to a sore shoulder. Wallace worked the next three, and Saito, Tomasaitis and Lantzy took a turn on the mound.

"I didn't know how we would do when we went down there," Bulls coach Jim Ferguson said. "I didn't know if we'd be .500 or go home early.

"I think we played very, very well, and the team really came together. We executed and played as a unit."

Fazio, Flancbaum and Patterson made the all-tournament team. Brian Lindstrom (Walled Lake Central) is another member of the Bulls team. The other coaches are Larry Swistak and Dan Avery.

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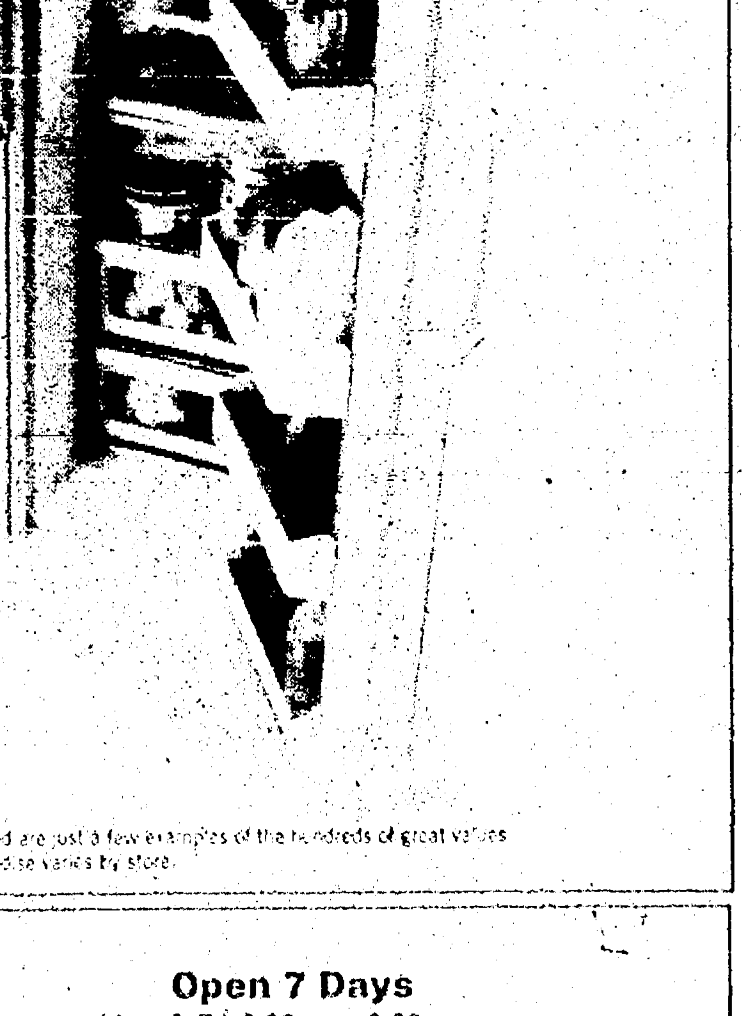

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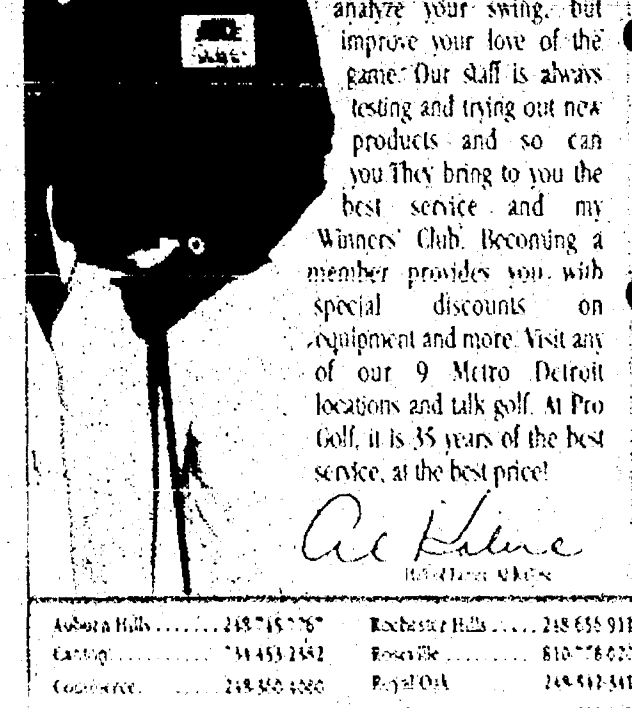

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

The Isley Brothers perform with special guests Kool & The Gang, 8 p.m. at Chene Park Riverside Amphitheater, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. Tickets $45, $35 and $25, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611 for information.

SATURDAY

Visit the Primate House at the Detroit Zoo to see one of the zoo's newest family members, a Japanese snow monkey born on May 10. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is $7.50 adults; $5.50 senior citizens age 62 and older and students; $4.50 children ages 2 to 12. The zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

The Neville Brothers perform songs off their latest CD, "Valence Street," 8 p.m. at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets are $25 pavilion, $15.50 lawn. Little Feat opens the show at 8 p.m. Fireworks follow the Neville Brothers' set. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com for more information.

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A FLAVORFUL BLEND OF MUSIC AND FOOD

TasteFest

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Kim Henson is in an unenviable position. As the director of entertainment for the Comerica Michigan Tastefest, she has the job of making sure the musical acts mesh with the tastes of the 250,000 people who pour into the New Center Area on July 4 weekend.

But the Nashville-based Henson handles it gracefully and diplomatically.

"With the festival and the talent buying, we're certainly targeting that audience that's likely to come down and enjoy restaurants, enjoy a little nightlife; work, or live in this Detroit market."

At the same time, she has to please older adults, children, and those who rarely go to or fear Detroit.

"We also realize we're great family entertainment. We want to bring the young people with kids. We have a Cuban orchestra coming in that'll do salsa."

"You always want to make sure that you're being sensitive to changes in the market and who you're serving," said Henson, who also books the Clio Amphitheatre near Flint.

TasteFest – which runs Thursday-Monday, July 1-5, in Detroit's New Center Area – celebrates its 11th anniversary with 75 free stage performances and 35 restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties.

The list of headliners reads like a buffet of hip groups. Grammy nominees Fastball kick off the event on July 1, followed by David Clayton-Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears (July 2), jazz singers The Rippingtons (July 3), salsa group Adalberto Alvarez Y Su Son (July 3), the R&B act The Dramatics (July 4), the ska band Reel Big Fish (July 4), blues singer Susan Tedeschi (July 5), and the Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (July 5).

Henson explained that there are no opening acts so the crowd will circulate among the restaurant stands while walking from stage to stage.

Alvarez's performance will be his first in the United States.

"He's a very predominate and well-

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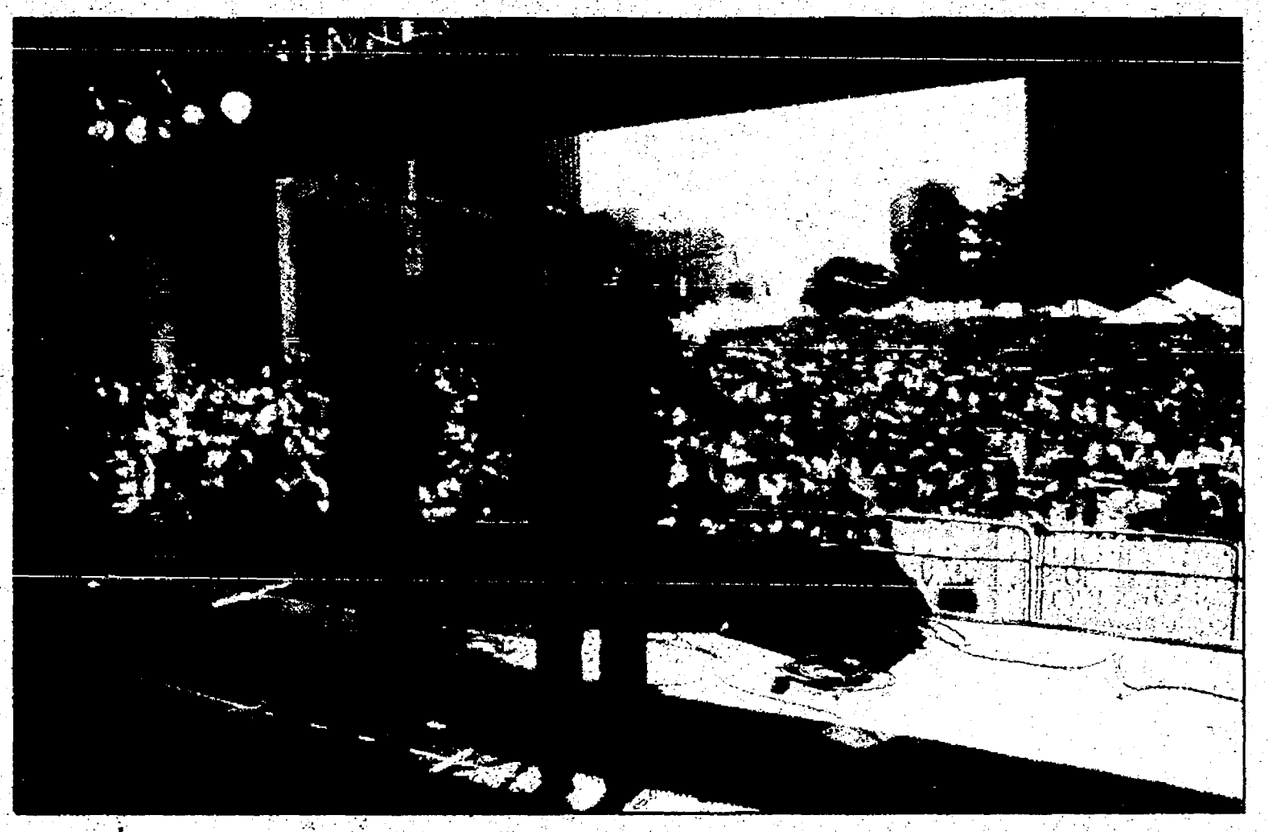

Headliners: *The Beatles tribute group "1964: The Tribute" (top photo), the local rock/pop band Brilliant (above) and the ska band Reel Big Fish (below).*

Comerica Michigan Tastefest

The annual festival of food and music runs July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. The festival features a lineup of free national and local entertainment on three stages, a children's stage and activity area, and more than 35 Michigan restaurants selling "tastes" of their specialties. Culinary and ice-carving demonstrations, and other free activities are also offered.

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FRIDAY, JULY 2:
Blood Sweat and Tears featuring **David Clayton-Thomas**, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Adalberto Alvarez Y Su Son, a 12-piece Cuban Salsa Orchestra, 3 p.m. and **The Rippingtons** featuring **Russ Freeman**, with the **Craig Chaquico Band**, and special guest **Paul Taylor**, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
The Dramatics, 3 p.m. and **Reel Big Fish**, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
"1964 The Tribute" – Beatles Tribute Show, 2 p.m. and **Susan Tedeschi**, 4 p.m.

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THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Deborah Chenault with **David Lee Trio**, noon and 1:15 p.m., **Original Moon**, 4:30 p.m., and the **"Phat Jazz Jam"** featuring **The Edge** with **Althea Rene** and **Lenny Price**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2:
The Articles, noon and 1:15 p.m., **Sheila Landis** and **Rick Matle**, 4:30 p.m., and **Orquestra Sensacional**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
"Sisters In Jazz" featuring **Marion Haden, Gayelynne McKinney, Ellen Rowe** and **Sheila Landis**, noon, **David Myles** and **Mylestones**, 2 p.m., **Tuxedo Junction**, 4:30 p.m. and **Randy Scott**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Cass Tech High School/Midnight Jazz Combo, noon, **"Bakers Keyboard Piano Reunion"** featuring the **JazzMasters, Teddy Harris, Alma Smith** and **Charles Boles**, 2 p.m., **Pamela Wise** and the **Afro-Cuban All Stars**, 4:30 p.m., and **Kimmie Horne**, 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Tim Bowman, 1 p.m., **"Battle of the Horns"** featuring **Dwight Adams, George Benson** and **Rayse Biggs**, 3:30 p.m., and **Modern Tribe** with **Gwen** and **Charles Scales**, 6 p.m.

NESTLE ICE CREAM STAGE
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THURSDAY, JULY 1:
Brilliant, 5:30 p.m., and **The Twistin' Tarantulas**, 8 p.m.

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Soul Clique, 5:30 p.m. and **Mudpuppy**, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Universal Xpression, noon, **Al Hill** and the **Love Butlers**, 3 p.m., **Hellbenders**, 5:30 p.m., and **The Butler Twins** featuring **Cathy Davis**, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
Starlight Drifters, noon, **Bonne Temps Roulle**, 3 p.m., **Mystery Train** featuring **Jim McCarty** and **Willie D. Warren**, 5:30 p.m., and **PsyFunk**, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5:
Thornetta Davis and **Black Beauty**, 12:30 p.m., **Reverbmen** featuring **James Wallin', Jeff Fowlkes, Greasy Carlisi** and **Bobby East**, 3 p.m., **Immunity**, 5:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JULY 3:
Eugene Clark, 1 p.m., **Gary Rosen** 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and **Storyteller Ivory Williams**, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4:
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MONDAY, JULY 6:
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MUSIC

'Musical gravity' brings J. Geils Band together for reunion tour

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Seventeen years ago, ego clashes, attitudes and animosity put the brakes on the rock super group J. Geils Band. Harmonica player "Magic" Dick Salwitz says "musical gravity" brought the band back together for this summer's reunion tour.

But Seth Justman, keyboardist, said all it took was a couple of phone calls.

"There was a manager by the name of John Baruck, who manages REO Speedwagon, who called each of us on the phone and said, 'I have a very simple proposition. Why don't you guys get together, rehearse your show and go on the road for like a month and don't worry about making records. Don't do anything, just play the songs you used to play and get together and have a good time and see how it all feels,'" Justman recalled.

WHO: J. Geils Band

WHAT: Perform with special guests Toots and The Maytals

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14.

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

HOW: Tickets are $37.50 pavilion, $20 lawn for the July 14 show. The holiday weekend shows are sold out. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com

"The whole idea that it was such a simple kind of approach, I think, appealed to everyone. Amazingly enough, our schedules all coincided during this time period. Everyone just decided, hey, it sounds like a good time."

A good time, indeed – especially to Detroiters. The J. Geils Band is playing 18 shows in 13 cities. Three of those shows are at Pine Knob – 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, and Wednesday, July 14. The holiday weekend shows are sold out.

"The shows in Detroit should be amazing," Justman explained. "We consider that like the Mecca of rock 'n' roll – no question about it. We consider it our home. We know so many people

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Reunited: *J. Geils performs two sold-out shows Saturday-Sunday, July 3-4, at Pine Knob. Tickets are still available for the Wednesday, July 14, show.*

TasteFest *from page E1*

known Cuban composer who hasn't gotten out of Cuba because of what's gone on over the last 20-some years in Cuba. This is his first time out of the country," Henson explained.

"It's a great vehicle to showcase this kind of music. Everybody, I think, will enjoy it. We have the groups like Fastball, which will be a lot of fun. They're contemporary," she said.

"Reel Big Fish has been big with the college scene. I think that is perfect for TasteFest because that's the kind of roots music everybody feels like they relate to. You don't have to know any of the songs. You're going to enjoy the music."

Reel Big Fish's drummer, Carlos de la Garza, said that's the philosophy of the band.

"We're here to entertain. That's what their duty is. We try to be funny and entertaining," said de la Garza, whose video for "Sell Out" was among the best of 1989.

Bands looking to play TasteFest should be entertaining and possess integrity, Henson explained.

"When we're buying for the TasteFest, we try to buy groups with a great deal of integrity. In a nostalgic sense, we want to bring in groups that are kind of icons in their format," she said mentioning the Dramatics.

Locally, besides the Dramatics, that means The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1998 Band of the Year Mudpuppy, former Band of the Year the Twistin' Tarantulas, who is celebrating the release of a new CD,

■ Mudpuppy singer Paul Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, said he 'always has fun' at TasteFest

and award-winning blues/soul singer Thornetta Davis.

Mudpuppy singer Paul Randolph, a Southfield High School graduate, said he "always has fun" at TasteFest.

"We were knocked out by the audience response. A lot of those people show up to the gigs and have bought product. That's what it's all about. Just when you think the audiences aren't the way they used to be, they surprise you," he said.

The jazz stage will house "perennial favorites" Gwen and Charles Scales, Tim Bowman, Kimmie Horne and David Myles.

"We have our perennial favorites and it's because they work. They just work and you can't overthink it," Henson said.

Sometimes, Henson admitted, she has the urge to mix it up a bit.

"I just feel like I need to redecorate sometimes and I want to move the couch. (Then) I realize that it works and the people love it. These performers have done a great job at really maintaining a strong part of the marketshare in Detroit."

"But there's so much outstanding talent in Detroit that it's never hard to program the stages. The sad thing is, I don't have enough stage space. There's so much talent that deserves to play that kind of event."

A local newcomer this year is Brilliant, a Ferndale-based pop band that recently released the single "Tell Me"/ "The Weight of Your Words," both of which mix elements of alternative rock, Brit pop and techno.

The band includes keyboardist Dan Denton, a systems administrator in the South Redford School District, along with fretless bassist Steve Vilnius, the nephew of Latin pop star Jose Feliciano, and singer Steve Cooley.

"I really enjoyed them. They have that techno pop thing going. This is the demo I was talking about that would come down – those who are living and working in this market. They definitely have that sound going on," she said.

Music aside, Henson's main goal for TasteFest is to pull people back into the city of Detroit "to see what's going on" and to "keep it light."

"We are an entertainment venue so we try to keep it light. The bands should be suited for a performing arts environment. It's an outdoor street festival. It should be big and have a lot of energy but shouldn't be too serious."

Tour *from page E1*

there. Detroit has been so receptive to us since the early days – Cinderella Ballroom."

"We played everywhere there and it's always been such a great experience for us. We're anxious to come back and really lay out a great show."

Justman and Salwitz have found that reuniting with former band members Peter Wolf, J. Geils and Danny Klein has given them a newfound appreciation for the band's music. Drummer Stephen Jo Bladd is sitting out the tour and is replaced by The Rollins Band's drummer Sim Cain.

"The most part I think has been, for me, rediscovering our music. Having been away from it for so long, there's kind of a renewal and a growth that I think has happened for each of us musically," Salwitz explained.

"To go back and refresh ourselves with classic rock music, for me, has been a really interesting thing. I'm finding that I'm actually liking it now more than I ever have before."

■ 'This is a J. Geils Band show, and it's really about that. It's about the body of work we created through the years, and that's what we're gonna focus on'

Seth Justman
Keyboardist

Justman called it "a really exciting moment in our careers."

On tour, the set will be exclusively J. Geils Band material.

"That was part of our agreement to do this thing to begin with. We wanted to keep our arrangement as simple as possible. The time factor is one element of it, material is another," Salwitz explained.

"Also, this is a J. Geils Band show and it's really about that," Justman added. "It's about the body of work we created through the years and that's what we're gonna focus on."

So far there are no plans to record new material.

"We're just taking it one day at a time. The plate is pretty full right now with rehearsals and getting the show together. We'll see what the future may bring. We're not closing any doors. We're not looking forward and we're not looking back," Justman explained.

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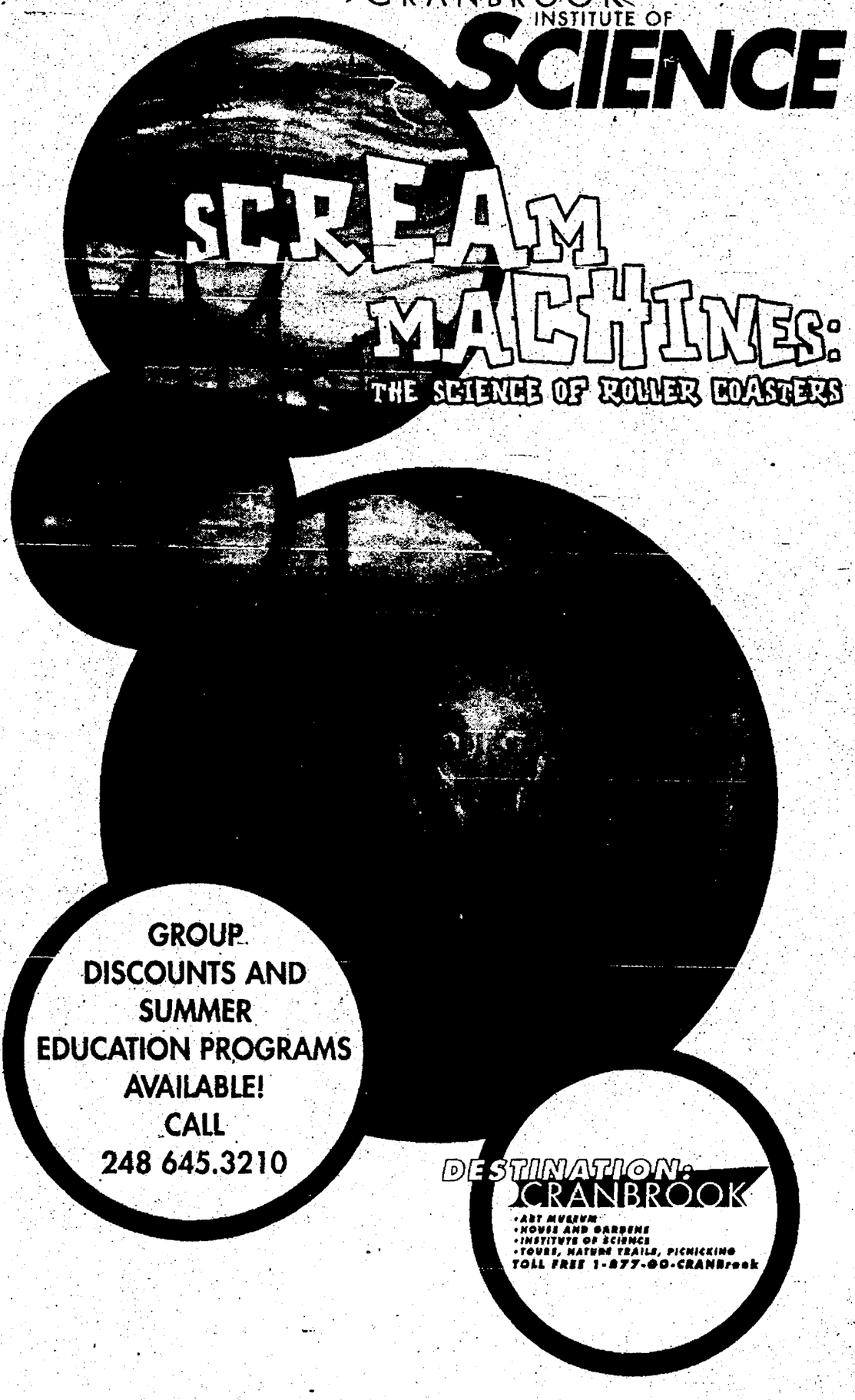

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C-Note enjoying success of first hit, breaking into Latin market

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For Jose "Brody" Martinez of C-Note, working with hit songwriter Diane Warren was quite the aviary experience.

"She has this bird she sits on your shoulder. ... The bird is really mean. It won't let you touch it. Only Diane can touch it. She put the bird by the phone when the phone was ringing. When one of the producers (Guy Roche) tried to answer the phone and the bird kept stabbing him with his beak," Martinez, 24, said with a laugh.

"It's a pretty bird but nobody can touch it."

Two Warren-penned songs appear on C-Note's debut album "Different Kind of Love" (Epic) – "Tell Me Where It Hurts," and "One Night Only," originally recorded by Luther Vandross.

"It was a great, great experience. I was kind of intimidated because she's Diane Warren because she's a Grammy. Every song she writes is just about gold."

After awhile, Martinez began to feel comfortable with her.

"She'll eat Doritos with you. She sits down there and she'll chill with you," said Martinez, one of four vocalists in C-Note.

The Orlando, Fla.,-based C-Note is enjoying the success of its first hit, "Wait Till I Get Home," written and produced by veteran hip-hop hitmakers Full Force, and samples Hall and Oates.

Besides mainstream success, C-Note is breaking into the Latin market, which, thanks to performers like Ricky Martin, has burst onto Top 40 charts.

Three-quarters of C-Note is of Latin heritage. Martinez was born in the United States, and fellow singer Raul Molina was reared in the Dominican Republic. David "D'Lo" Perez's parents are from Cuba and Puerto Rico. C-Note is rounded out by Andrew "Dru" Rogers.

"Being here, growing up in the States, we listen to all the urban music, all the R&B, all the hip-hop, all the pop, the rap. There's all sorts of music here in the States."

"When I go back home, we listen to the music of our country. It's about time music like this came around."

Martinez grew up in Orlando, Fla., but spent a year in Clinton Township living with an aunt who fell ill. When Martinez was a child, his father pushed him to become a baseball player. Eventually, Martinez, 1993 graduate of Chippewa Valley High School, made his way into music.

C-Note falls into the "boy group" category that also includes 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys. But Ceci Kurzman, VP of worldwide marketing at Epic Records, thinks differently.

"First and foremost, we don't see them as a boy group, but as a very talented vocal group. It just so happens that they're good looking," Kurzman told Billboard magazine.

Either way, C-Note is set to open for Brandy during her tour, which makes a stop at Joe Louis Arena on Friday, July 2.

"What I like about it is the tour's more soulful in a vocal way. Brandy's total R&B but also a big-time cross-over star. Silk is a big-time R&B act. For us to be put in there and be respected for our vocals, that's something I'm really looking forward to."

C-Note along with Silk and 702 open for Brandy, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets are $28, $38 and $48. Call (313) 983-6600 or visit www.ticketmaster.com for more information.

Imperial Teen

For Imperial Teen founder Roddy Bottum, touring with Courtney Love and Hole was like being a part of a traveling circus.

"It's as entertaining as a circus. Well, Hole are really great. There's not like any clowns or tigers," explained Bottum, the former keyboardist for Faith No More.

Imperial Teen's latest album, "What is Not to Love" (London) was released in February and carries a 1960s pop sensibility. Witty and catchy, there's a lot to love on the band's sophomore effort.

When asked if he prefers the majestic sounds of Faith No More, or the lo-fi feel of Imperial Teen, Bottum answered, "Well, let's just stick with Imperial Teen."

"I think our first record was a little bit lo-fi," he said of Imperial Teen.

"This one we spent a little more time with. The first record we just sort of jumped in the studio and recorded a bunch of songs that we just learned how to play. This one we took a lot of time with it – like months. We took a lot of time in the studio, refining the sound, experimenting, having a good time."

Bottum explained that the quick turnaround time of 1996's "Seasick" is reflective of the "theme of the last record."

"We were at a point in all of our individual artistry where we had just sort of learned all the instruments we were playing. We were writing songs together for the first time. We wrote the songs really fast. It just was where we were going with that record. It was just a very novice approach. We were pushing the point that you don't need to spend a lot of money, or be hyper proficient to write good, passionate pop songs. That was sort of the theme that came into the first record."

"We're not really there anymore. We've been playing together for close to five years. We known each other really well. We play together really well so we're not gonna stick to some lo-fi pretend charade," he said before adding "that just rolled of my tongue, didn't it?"

Imperial Teen and Owsley open for Fountains of Wayne 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit www.961melt.com for more information.

Misc.

The Cult's concert at the Viper Room on Hollywood's Sunset Strip is available on demand through July 23 at www.mp3.com/thecult The Web cast includes songs like "Wild Flower" and "Love Removal Machine."

The Cult, lead by frontman Ian Astbury and guitarist Billy Duffy, are performing together for the first time in four years. The Cult reunion also includes drummer Matt Sorum, formerly of Guns 'N Roses, and bassist Martyn LeNoble, formerly of Porno for Pyros. The Cult plays Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Thursday, July 29. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.961melt.com

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10:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (swing)

BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA
With BR5-49, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $29.50 pavilion, $15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

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

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
Auditions for 18 women, ages 20's to 50's, and one girl, ages 12-14, for Clare Booth Luce's fast-paced comedy "The Women," 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at the Farmington Players barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 553-4506

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Auditions for chorus members for 1999-2000 season for "Tosca," "Peter Grimes," "Werther," and "The Barber of Seville," prepare to sing two memorized arias, one in English, bring sheet music. (313) 961-3500, ext. 3237 to schedule audition.

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

STAGECRAFTERS
Auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 7:30 p.m. (registration begins 6:30 p.m.) Friday and Monday, July 9 and 12, also casting non-pit musicians/actors who can play violin/fiddle, electric/string bass, electric/acoustic guitar, flute/recorder and hand percussion, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Sept. 17-19, 23-26 and 30, and Oct. 1-3 and 8-10. (248) 541-4832

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS
Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. $100, $75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR PERFORMERS
Workshop with Walk & Squawk's artistic directors Erika Block and Hilary Ramsden and Lavinia Moyer and Angela De Castro, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, July 12-17 ($180); also theater camp for teenagers July 19-23 ($100), at the Walk & Squawk Performance Project, 122 East Mosley, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-0407

JAZZ

MARCUS BELGRAVE QUINTET
8:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $10 in advance, $15 at the door. (313) 576-5111

TASILIMAH BEY
8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

GARY BLUMER TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

BILL HEID TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555; 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays, Northern Lakes Seafood Company's Tavern Bar, 475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 646-7900 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

"JAZZSTAGE" SERIES
Presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Marcus Belgrave Quintet, 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 9; Wendell Harrison Quintet, 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, and Teddy Harris Jr. Quintet, 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $10 advance, $15. (313) 576-5111

MACK JAZZ TRIO
9 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

SHEILA LANDIS/RICK MATLE TRIO
4:30-6 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the Michigan Tastefest; Firday, July 9 at Borders Books and Music, Rochester; Rick Matle plays bluesy jazz Friday, July 16 at Borders Books and Music, Dearborn; Sheila Landis joins Wendell Harrison 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, July 16 along with Gary Schunk and Ralphe Armstrong, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit; Sheila Landis with Dave Taylor Trio and Rick Matle 9:30 p.m. Sunday, July 18 at the Michigan Jazz Festival at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

PHILIPPE LEJEUNE
8 p.m. Friday, July 9, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. $25, $15, $10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guitarist Steve Carryer, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. $5 cover waived with dinner, and $5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

SHAHIDA NURULLAH QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

SCHUNK/STARR/DRYDEN
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, July 8, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540

LOUIS SMITH QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 2, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (trumpet/piano/bass/drums)

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION
6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

13 WAYS
Fred Hersch, piano, Michael Moore, alto sax/clarinet and Gerry Hemingway, drums, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. $25, $15, $10 general. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

PAMELA WISE AND THE AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS
8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

WORLD MUSIC

BEENIE MAN
With Tanto Metro and Devonte, all backed by The Shocking Vibes Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (reggae)

CHEFTAINS
8 p.m. Friday, July 9, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. $17.50-$29.50. (616) 276-6230 (Celtic)

RON CODEN
9 p.m. Friday, July 9, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

IMMIGRANT SUNS
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (Eastern European)

JO NAR
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (reggae)

ODD ENOUGH
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

POISON DART
With Kirky-C, Redman and Bobby, DJ Chino, and Killa, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, July 4, Victory I Social Club, 15775 James Couzens, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 836-8686 (dancehall)

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

TIM GARRICK
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk)

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk)

GORDON LIGHTFOOT
With Steve Iott, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. $24.50 pavilion, $12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

DONNA DEMEYER AND MARC MAURUS
7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 8, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

CLARK IVERSON AND RISHIKAVI RAGHUDAS
7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 1, as part of the Plymouth Poets' seventh annual Summer Celebration of Poetry at Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, at Harvey Street, Plymouth. (734) 459-7319

"POET IN RESIDENCE"
Rod Rheinhart, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Sunday, July 1 (Kellogg Park), at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCE PARTY
8-11 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the K of C Msg. Hunt Hall, 7080 Garling, Warren Avenue and Evergreen, Dearborn Hghts. $5, $3 for dance lessons with Shirley Blair at 7 p.m.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
No events July 1-3; Billy Ray Bauer, Robert Mac and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Saturday, July 8-10 ($10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Bryan McCree and Jason Douglas, Thursday-Sunday, July 1-3, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays ($12), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SOUPY SALES
7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road, Farmington. $25. (248) 473-7777

SECOND CITY
at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

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MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. $3, $2 seniors age 62 and older and students, $1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 26 ($10); Thursdays to Sept. 30 a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional $10; gardens open through Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday ($5), at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m. through Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, and The Glancy Trains, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $4.50 adults, $2.25 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger. (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 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week. "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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
Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and 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

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily (except July 4-5) through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors age 62 and over, $4 children ages 5-12. Luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
"The Third Root: Africans in Mexico" artists reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 9, continues to Aug. 22, at the museum, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. $5, $3 for children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

A.F.I.
With 88 Fingers Louie and S Minus, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 4, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $7. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

THE B-52'S
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $28.50 pavilion, $15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop)

BAD COMPANY
Featuring Paul Rodgers, Mick Ralphs, Simon Kirke and Boz Burrell, with special guest David Lee Roth, 8 p.m. Friday, July 9, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. $25, $35, $45. (313) 983-6606 (rock)

BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS
9 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Michael's on the River, 28828 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock. Free. 21 and older. (734) 782-1401; 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 or http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/bluebite/page1.html (blues)

FRANK BLACK AND THE CATHOLICS
8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, 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 (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Spinfist, Smack, Downfault and Ink, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE MOON BOYS
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
10:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

JOEY BOWEN
9 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

BOY SETS FIRE
6 p.m. Friday, July 9, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $6 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (emo-core)

BRANDY
With Silk, 702, and C-Note, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. $28, $38 and $48. All ages. Tyrese is off the bill. (313) 983-6600 or http://www.ticketmaster.com

FOXY BROWN
8 p.m. Monday, July 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $22.50 in advance, $25 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT (hip-hop)

SCOTT CAMPBELL
8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Borders Book's and Music, 3924 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (pop/rock)

TERRI CLARK
With Tony Phillips, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. $26 reserved, $21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country)

COWBOY JUNKIES
8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (alternative rock)

BOB DYLAN
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $25, tickets on sale only at St. Andrew's box office. Cash only. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

Holiday concert: *The punk rock group Face to Face performs an all-ages show at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 4, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are $10. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com. Face to Face – from left, guitarist/backing vocalist Chad Yaro, vocalist/guitarist Trever Keith, drummer Pete Parada, and bassist/backing vocalist Scott Shiflett – releases "Ignorance is Bliss" (Lady Luck/Beyond) on July 27.*

EL TOPO
With Voda, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (rock)

FACE TO FACE
4 p.m. Sunday, July 4, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 (rock).

LARRY GARNER
9 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

J. GEILS BAND
With Peter Wolf, Seth Justman, J. Geils, Danny Klein and Magic Dick, and special guests Toots and The Maytals, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 2-3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $37.50 pavilion, $20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

THE GHETTO BILMIES
With The Dopes and Frisbee, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (funny rock)

GORDON BENNETT
7 p.m. Thursdays in July, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

KERRY GRANT
9 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (rock)

GROOVIE GHOULIES
With Teenage Frames and Unfriendlys, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

GRR
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

THE HIGH ROLLERS
With The Burning Sensations, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (rock)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 10 p.m. Friday, July 2, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (boogie piano)

ISLEY BROTHERS
With Kool and the Gang, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater St., Detroit. $25, $35 and $45. All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B/soul)

JOAN JETT AND THE BLACKHEARTS
7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $15 pavilion, $10 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

MIKE KING
8:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic rock)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Daddy Longlegs, 8 p.m. Friday, July 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (funk/reggae)

KULA SHAKER
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, originally scheduled at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, now moved to the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $10 in advance, $13 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT/(248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (psychedelic alt rock)

MAZINGA
With Culture Bandits and The Ruiners, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (rock)

MEW
9 p.m. Friday, July 2, 313 Jac, above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 886-7860 or http://www.staticrecords.com/313jac (eclectic)

MONK
With Harbinger's Mile and Tucker, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com or http://www.harbingersmile.com (roots rock)

JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY
With Lee Roy Parnell and Montgomery Gentry, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $27.50 pavilion, $12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

MUDPUPPY FEATURING PAUL RANDOLPH
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 9-10, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9675; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 3, Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. Free. 21 and older. (248) 398-1000 (R&B)

NEVILLE BROTHERS
With Little Feat, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 4, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com; 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen. $17.50-$32.50. (616) 276-6230 (R&B)

ORBITAL
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MOVIES

New 'Tarzan' an all-around crowd pleaser

BY ANNIE LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

It's hard to imagine that the studio that produced such unforgettable classics such as "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King" could outdo itself — but it has with the release of Disney's newest animated offering "Tarzan." This first rate film, a breathtaking spectacle of creativity, is an all around crowd pleaser. Why?

After 47 movie adaptations based on the Edgar Rice Burroughs classic "Tarzan of the Apes," this telling is original, compelling, humorous, touching .... need I go on?

After Tarzan's parents are killed by a predatory leopard, the gorilla Kala (Glenn Close) adopts the orphaned boy even though he is clearly "different."

Tarzan (Tony Goldwyn), in Disneyesque fashion, grows amidst the primates frolicking and befriending an array of colorful sidekicks, among them, Terk (Rosie O'Donnell) and Tantor (Wayne Knight). Likeable and funny in any guise, O'Donnell wins our hearts as Tarzan's self-proclaimed "best friend."

Civilization rears its head into the idyllic jungle, where Tarzan, finally stumbles on his own kind, a group of explorers eager to

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observe gorillas in their native habitat. Among them is the spunky wonderfully wrought Jane (Minnie Driver) who predictably becomes the Eve to Tarzan's Adam. She observes and teaches this apeman who straddles two worlds — the question being "which one will he choose?"

With "Tarzan," Disney introduces us to a step up from the old animation with "deep canvas" which give a 3-D sweep to Tarzan's vine swinging and acrobatics. The audience is drawn into the action as he surfs through the air with roller coaster-like effects.

Stumbling upon the accouterments of civilization at the explorers' camp, the gorillas create their own kind of music an imaginative and joyous celebration of sound. Phil Collins' songs are destined for Oscar competition most notably "You'll Be in My Heart."

There are few movies in recent memory that have left me feeling so satisfied and entertained as this straight A production of "Tarzan."

Annie Lehmann is a freelance writer and West Bloomfield resident. David Lehmann is her son.

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Animated feature: *After a close encounter with some angry baboons, Tarzan and Jane take a moment to get to know one another in this scene from "Tarzan."*

Animated film not an ordinary cartoon

DAVID LEHMANN
SPECIAL WRITER

With an excellent cast and great music "Tarzan" is sure to be a top hit for Disney. This is no ordinary cartoon. The animation is so rich in colors, details, and sounds that it seems real.

Most of the cast members matched there characters especially Rosie O'Donnell as Tarzan's friend Terk. She was

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bubbly, funny, outgoing and talkative like the real Rosie. Five-year-old Tarzan is brave and willing to grow up to be the best ape ever, but when he meets explorers, he realizes that he is really a man.

The movie is very emotional at times like when Kala (Glenn Close), his adoptive mother, takes him to the hut where his parents were killed; when his adoptive father is killed and when Tarzan, holding his hand against Jane's, realizes he is human.

The music by Phil Collins is great and clicks in perfectly with the story.

From a nine-year-old's point of view — I would absolutely recommend "Tarzan."

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"In the arts, it gets more complicated. A work may be commercially viable but panned by critics. Favorable reviews may not lead to public interest. Or, in some cases, critical and public acclaim may come, but the artist loathes the project because it strayed from the vision or purpose.

I've heard a number of independent filmmakers define success with a simple equation. Done equals success. It is an industry in which every project is filled with obstacles to completion. Where do you turn when the temptation to abandon production is at its peak? The answer may be a local support group for filmmakers.

No, it's not one of those twelve step deals. Although, given the challenges of the profession, maybe such a program should be available. The Detroit Filmmakers Coalition is a six-year-old non-profit organization that serves as a center for independent producers.

Chris McElroy, a segment producer for Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, takes viewers inside a classroom of budding filmmakers in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 4. He's also a member of the group.

"The Coalition is a central connection for those who want to produce a film. For someone just getting started, there's training available. A work-in-progress may need equipment and technical support. For completed films, the organization presents periodic screenings," says McElroy.

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Segment producer

Even after funding is secured for a project, which often is the largest hurdle, the sheer complexities of filmmaking inevitably lead to production obstacles. That's when the organization's resources can help keep the project afloat.

With all the things that can go wrong, what type of person accepts such a challenge?

"We have teenage students in our classrooms receiving training right alongside people in their fifties," said McElroy. "It's a good mix of people who share a dream."

McElroy is one person who believes the completion of an independent film is, in itself, a success story. As a case in point, he praised the work of two women from Detroit who didn't allow their inexperience to stand in the way of their first film project.

Maazo Mengiste and Nicole Sylvester used the resources of the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition to develop the skills to write, produce and direct a short film titled "The Stop."

It wasn't that long ago that it may have been necessary to head for Chicago or New York to realize the dream of making a film because of well-established film cooperatives in those cities. More information about the Detroit organization is available by calling (313) 255-0098 or on the Web at thedfc@juno.com.

Maybe there is a common way to define success in all professions. In the arts or other industries, the most interesting and successful people are those who appreciate the completion of a project because it gives them the opportunity to start something new.

By the way, this column is done. Until next week, of course.

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DINING

Local restaurants offer 'Taste' of their specialties at fest

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Get ready! You're invited to a sizzling, summer-in-the- city celebration. The party, the 11th Comerica Michigan TasteFest, takes place this weekend in Detroit's New Center area. You'll be treated to lively stage performances, family- friendly activities and fabulous food.

Bring your appetite. More than 150 taste-sized dishes will be served by metro Detroit restaurants and food vendors.

If you're looking for American fare with an Asian blend of herbs and spices, wander by The Orchid Cafe booth.

"One of our most popular items is the whitefish and French fries," said Donald Nguyen, co-owner of the Troy-based eatery. This is the third year the restaurant has participated in TasteFest.

"We will also offer barbecued chicken wings, fried shrimp, eggplant stuffed with chicken and chicken fried rice," said Nguyen. Tasters can purchase a sample or a full meal.

Love those tangy, fall-off-the-bone pork ribs? Then perhaps you might want to check out the Ginopolis Restaurant's booth.

"Our ribs are basically a rib that is cut and trimmed before it is cooked," said Randy Williams, spokesperson for the restaurant in West Bloomfield . "They are all meat."

Samples of ribs, rib dinners (with a side of coleslaw and roll), pulled-pork and pulled-chicken sandwiches, and a chicken Italian sausage sandwich served with green peppers and onions will be available.

The Pasta Stop, a Farmington eatery, received their first invitation to participate in this year's festival.

"My wife, Margaret, and I went to the TasteFest last year," says Roger Ratkowski, owner. "It was a really nice event."

Sample sizes of meatballs and spinach ravioli will be served. "All our products are made from scratch," said Ratkowski. "Our ravioli is a signature item with our house tomato sauce."

Other Pasta Stop selections include meatball subs and a pasta salad with fresh-cut vegetables, tossed in a home-made raspberry vinaigrette.

Save space for some yummy desserts!

Jill Wise of West Bloomfield's Strawberry Patch says: "I'll be serving hand-dipped, chocolate-covered strawberries. Also, we'll have strawberry shortcake sundaes with ice cream, whipped cream and nuts."

For the chocolate-lovers in the group, Wise offers a delectable brownie sundae, made with a scope of vanilla ice cream, drizzled with hot fudge, and then topped with nuts and whipped cream.

"Our desserts are an excellent ending to a wonderful day," says Wise, who will be participating for the third year.

As you meander around the festival, soaking up the sounds of jazz, pop and blues tunes, be sure to taste some of the other dining delights. Alligator medallions, sweet potato cheesecake, fried mushrooms, Scottish sherry trifle, grape leaves with rice and lemon sauce and a variety of thirst- quenching beverages await you.

TasteFest Participants

Here's a list of TasteFest food vendors: The Almond Hut, American Coney Classics, Atwater Block Brewery, Aw Shucks, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Bangkok Cuisine, Beale Street Blues, Bert's Jazz Market Place, East Franklin & Steve's Soul Food, Fun Foods (Lemonade & Smoothies), Ginapolis' Restaurants, Harmonie Garden Cafe, Hokkaido, Hunter House Hamburger, JA-DA, Juan's Hacienda, Kola's Food Factory, Mackinac Island Fudge, Mario's, Olympian Cafe, Minnies Cakes, The Orchid Cafe, Original Buscemi's, Peacock, Papa Romano's, Pasta Stop, Savino Sorbet, Strawberry Patch, Stroh's Ice Cream, Sunrise Sunset, Sweet Water Tavern, Sweet Potato Sensations, Under the Eagle, Wood's Seafood Saloon and 736 Java.

What: Comerica Michigan TasteFest

Where: New Center area, West Grand Boulevard, between Woodward Ave. and the Lodge Freeway (M-10), adjacent to the General Motors and Fisher Buildings

When: 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4; 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, July 5

Cost: No admission fee for stage shows. For food and beverages, purchase "taste" tickets for $5 at ticket booths located throughout the festival. TasteFest tickets are not refundable. Free parking is offered after 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and all day Saturday through Monday. Preferred parking for $2 is available adjacent to the festival - watch for signs.

Information: Call the TasteFest hot line at (313) 927-1000 or check out the Web site: www.tastefest.org.

Backdrop: *The GM world headquarters building looms in the background as TasteFest cooks prepare ribs. The event opens today.*

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Send items for consideration on the Dining page 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

It's summer, and we're looking for suggestions for restaurants to feature. If you have a garden, or an interesting outdoor setting, let us know. Also, be sure to tell us about anniversaries, menu changes, and specials.

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New restaurant, 42087 Ford Road, (between Haggerty and Lilley Road in the Sears Shopping Plaza). Menu features American and Middle Eastern dishes, fresh juices, espresso and cappuccino. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 981-7000 for information.

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Slip away to the Islands at Fusion, 34555 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills for a Caribbean feast beginning with cocktails and music at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 7 and July 8, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is $39.95 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. Call (248) 489-8854 for reservations/information.

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The Observer & Eccentric editorial staff recommends:

■ **Akasaka Japanese Restaurant**, 37152 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh), (734) 462-2630 — Very good Japanese food. Prices are very reasonable.

■ **Little Italy**, 227 Hutton, Northville, (248) 348-0575 — Excellent Italian food. The table under the stairwell is the most romantic table in the city. It's a great place for an anniversary, proposal, or whatever.

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