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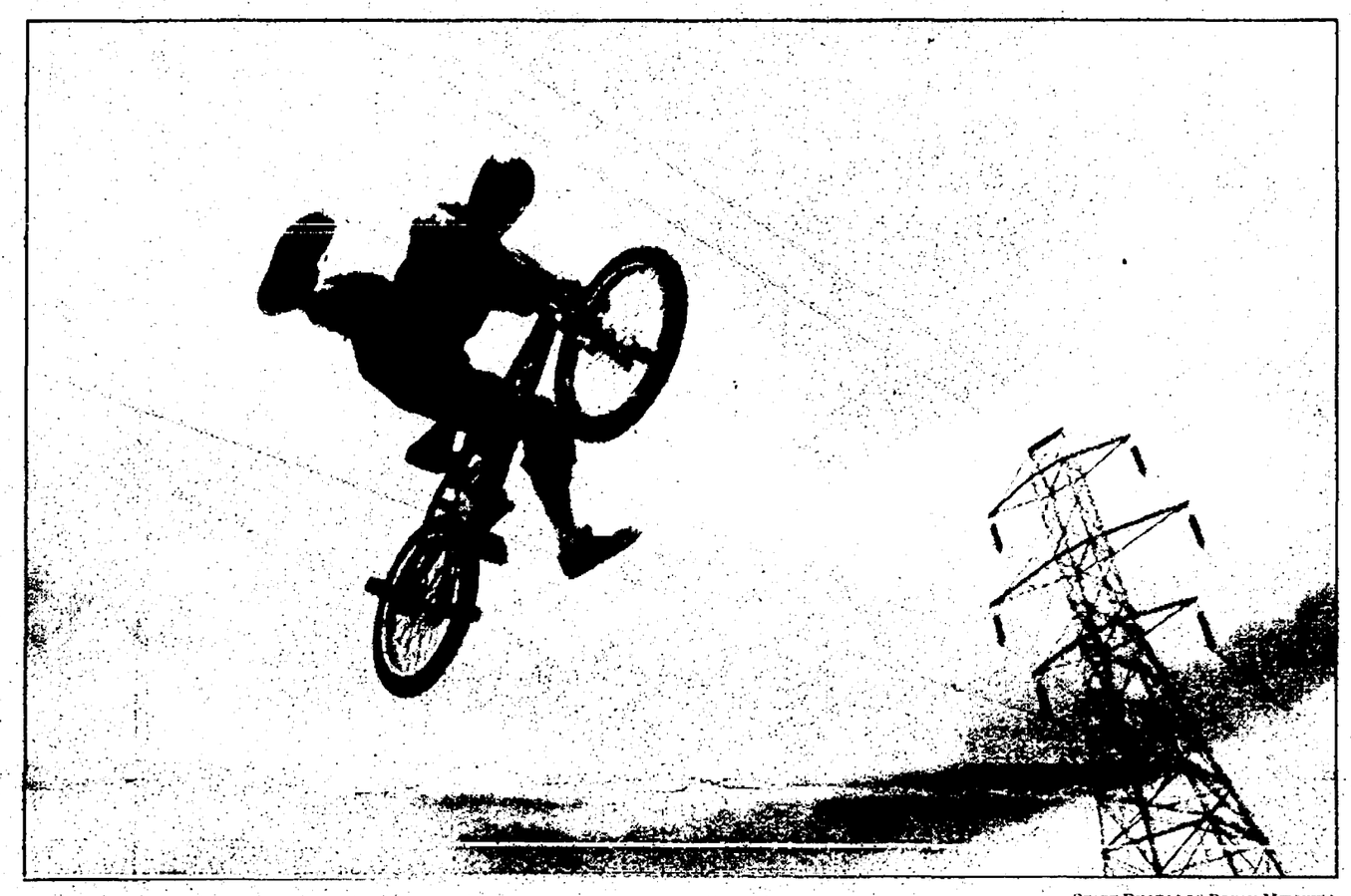

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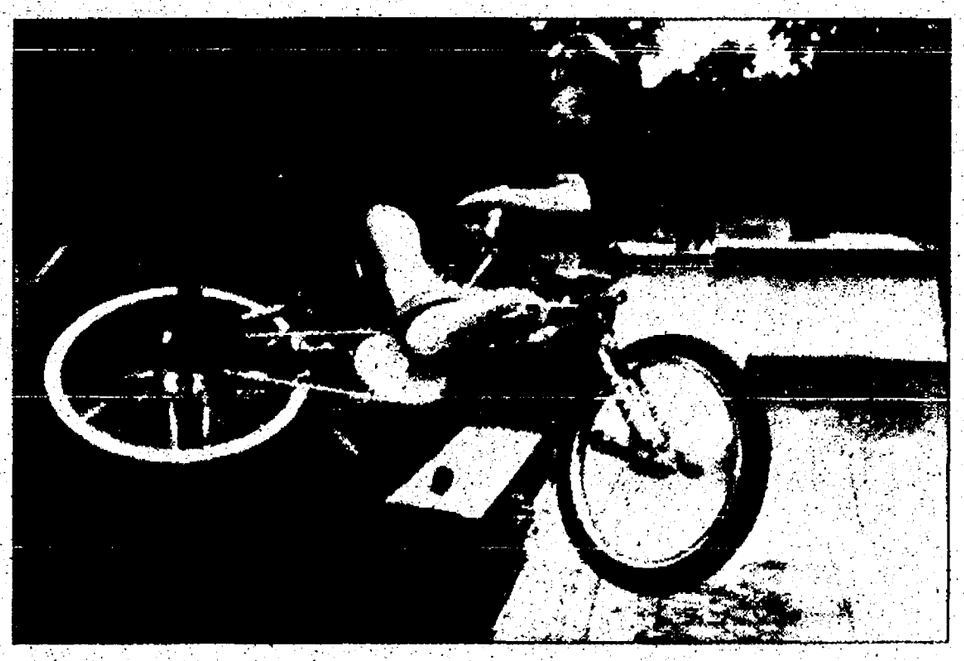

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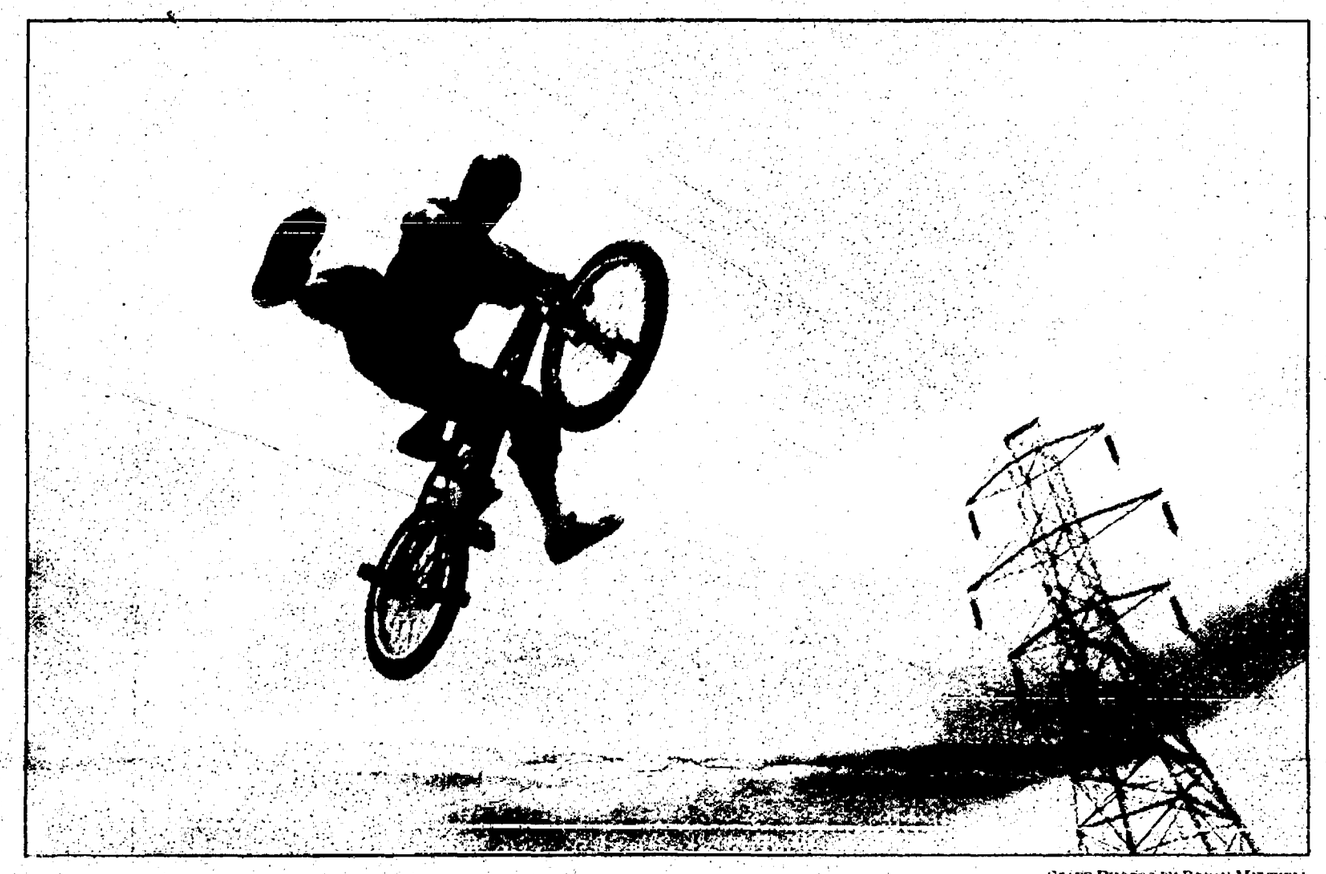

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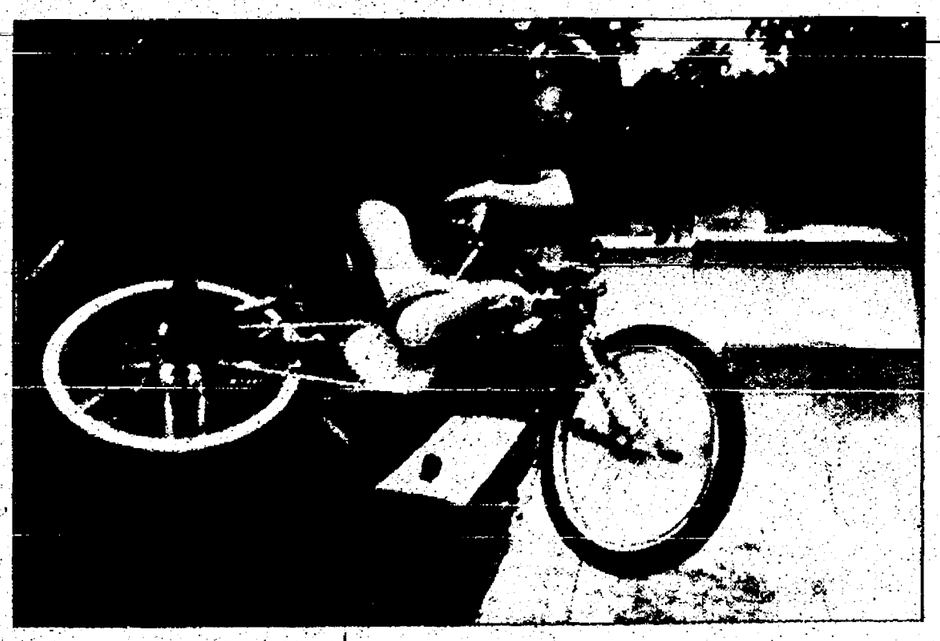

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Some meeting watchers said Baracy's statements on Monday gave the impression that Wayne-Westland, alone, stood to gain from the money.

"This additional $5 million would have allowed us to function normally for another year or two," Baracy said later. "Now we will have to reassess our financial situation, continue to tighten our belt and certainly not expand programs."

But state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, said during a telephone interview Tuesday that Wayne-Westland was only one of several districts that stood to share the $10 million.

"That was not all earmarked for Wayne-Westland," Bennett said.

Even so, he said, "It was something I certainly lobbied for, but ultimately the governor had the right to veto it."

In a July 19 letter to House legislators, Engler said he vetoed the $10 million in special revenue because it violated the intent of Proposal A to provide equitable funding for school districts.

"Every time you give more to one district," Bennett said, "you have to give less to somebody else."

He said the governor and others believed that "it wasn't in the spirit of Proposal A to do that."

Bennett said he managed to get some extra aid for Wayne-Westland in 1998 – but return trips to the money counter haven't been as successful.

Baracy contended that the latest $10 million would've come from a $350 million school aid surplus fund, "and it wouldn't have hurt anybody."

Despite Baracy's concerns about declining finances, he said in June that parents and students shouldn't worry that a new era of massive program cuts is imminent.

Moreover, he said district officials will continue their fight in Lansing for what they consider an unfair school-funding system.

"We will continue to work with our legislators when the next school aid bill comes up," he said. "We will need the help of all our legislators."

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# Gunman *from page A1*

Crime Stoppers tips may result in rewards.

Witnesses standing outside of Ram's Horn told police they first noticed trouble when they saw a masked man jogging behind the restaurant.

The man "hesitated slightly, turning back toward the witnesses (and) making a small-caliber, silver, semi-automatic pistol visible in his waistband when one of the bystanders made a remark about the mask," a police report said.

**■ 'Witnesses told police they saw the man run behind the restaurant and flee northbound on foot, toward Joy Road.'**

The bandit then went inside and committed the robbery as the outdoor witnesses ran for cover.

One Westland police officer brought his police dog to the scene and tried unsuccessfully to find the gunman, searching the area nearby.

# Board *from page A1*

As a school trustee, Eisiminger follows his father, Robert, who served on the Wayne-Westland board in 1965-66.

Six board members interviewed all three candidates Monday before choosing Eisiminger as their seventh colleague.

Under questioning from board members, he said his top three goals will be completing the bond construction projects, improving student test scores and being a "team player."

Despite recent district gains that he labeled "great," Eisiminger said officials still face challenges to reverse negative perceptions.

"I have taken a beating ... trying to persuade (home) buyers to come to Wayne-Westland," he said.

Eisiminger said the district's image declined for 10 or 15 years, "and it hurt us." He said many potential residents aren't aware of a recent upswing.

Board members chose Eisiminger for the seat following two rounds of voting that gradually eliminated Wright and Abbott.

In round one, each board member voted for their two favorite candidates, eliminating Wright after he received the least votes.

In round two, Eisiminger edged out Abbott 4-2. Eisiminger was favored by Monit, McCusker, Martha Pitsenbarger and Robin Moore. Abbott drew support from Teresa Robbins and Ed Turner.

During board interviews, Eisiminger portrayed himself as a loyal district resident who, with wife Keri, is raising three children here: Wayne Memorial High 11th-grader Richard II, Schweitzer Elementary fifth-grader Chelsie and Schweitzer fourth-grader Kyle.

All three board hopefuls confirmed Monday that they would seek election next June if chosen for the board vacancy.

McCusker labeled all three candidates "great."

Abbott described herself as a 1965 Wayne Memorial graduate and an "independent thinker" who wants to repay her community for the successes she has had. She voiced hope for boosting the district's image, and she said she had no personal agenda or plans for higher office.

"The one thing I want to do is serve my community," she said.

Wright portrayed himself as a longtime district activist whose priorities would include improving student test scores, watching finances and seeking equal funding for all students.

"My agenda has always been for the students of this district," he said.

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Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at SS. Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables, phone Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Preregistered tables are $12; at the door $20. Admission is $2 per person or $4 per family.

### Adoption showcase

The Dearborn Animal Shelter will be having an adoption showcase from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 7 at Val-U-Pet (5511 Schaefer, just south of Ford Road)

### Dean's list

Matt Balge, a graduate of Northland College, has been named to the Dean's list for outstanding academic performance. A 1995 graduate of Wayne Memorial he is the son of Carol and David Balge.

He majored in biology and Natural Resources with an emphasis in Wildlife and Fish Ecology.

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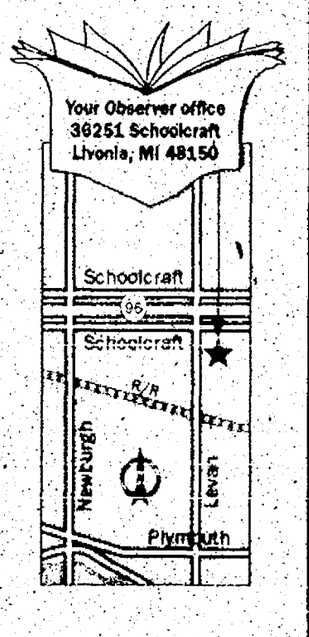


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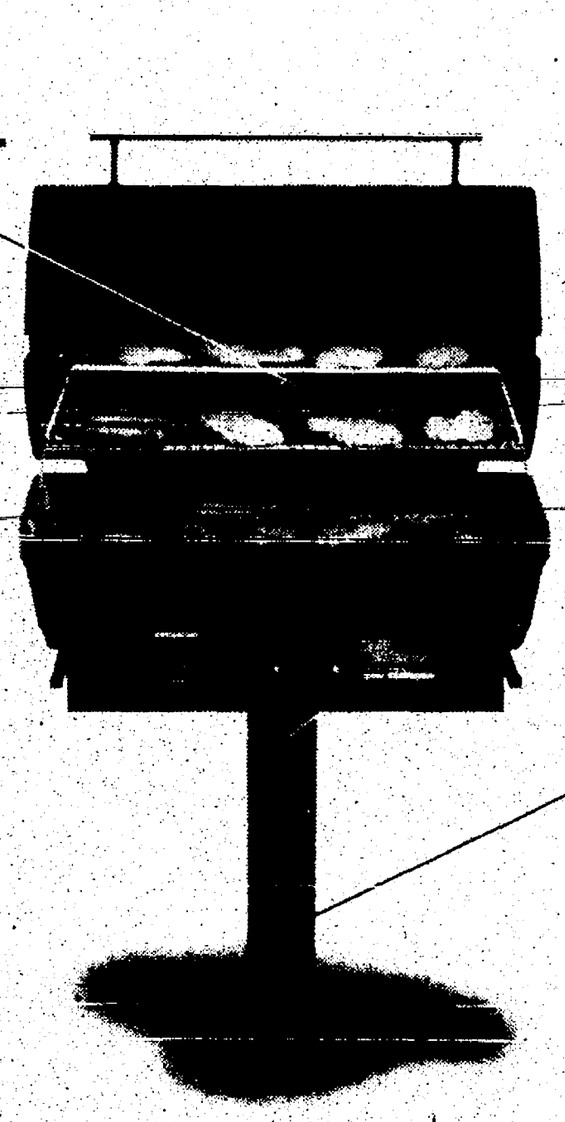

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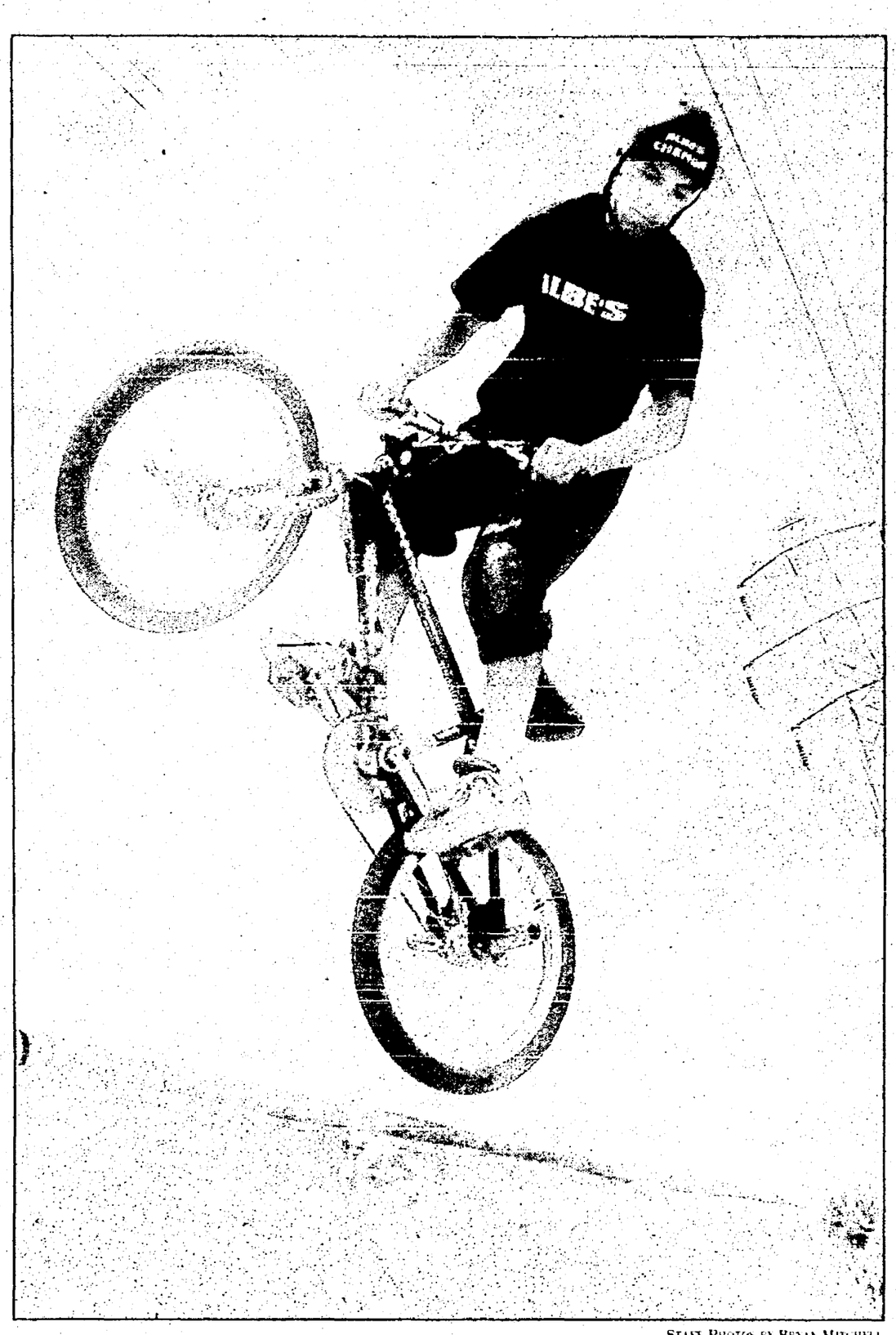
# *The essence of freestyle riding*

**Skill:** *(Above) Jason Suchan, of Westland, is in the midst of a wheel stand as his front tire teeters on the top of what BMX'ers call a "spine." The peak of the spine only measures four inches across. (Right) Chris Hatfield, a friend of Suchan's, performs a peg stall on the top of the 8-foot quarter-peg ramp behind Jason's Westland home.*



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**Landing gear:** *Suchan eyes his landing as he drops off the spin following a wheel stand at the top of the spine.*

# Sketch released of robbery suspect

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Police have released a sketch of a man being sought in connection with the July 15 abduction and armed robbery of an elderly couple.

The suspect was described as a light complexioned black male, 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, and a slim build. He was described as having a small mustache and a little hair on his chin.

The man, who told the victims his name was Mark, was also described as wearing a close-fitting black nylon cap.

"After the story was on the (television) news, someone called and said they saw the suspect at Burger King (in Garden City) at 11 a.m. before the robbery but that hasn't been verified," said Detective Sgt. Michael Lindman.

The couple, Garden City residents in their 70s, were abducted from outside the Kroger Supermarket at Ford and Middlebelt.

The man was in his car reading while his wife was inside the store shopping. The suspect, armed with a short dark revolver, got into the back seat.

The suspect wanted the man's ATM card, Lindman said, but the man didn't have one.

"The suspect had the victim drive away. They stopped at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt and switched places," said Lindman.

With the suspect at the wheel, the men returned to Kroger and picked up the man's wife. The three then went to Bank One at Ford and Garden where the woman cashed a $1,500 check and gave the money to the suspect.

After driving back to Kroger, Lindman said the suspect got out of the vehicle and left on foot. Along with the cash, he also took the man's wedding band with five diamonds and a 15-year service ring from Kroger where the man had worked.

"The suspect was very polite. He hugged the man and shook hands with him when he left," said Lindman.

**■ 'With the suspect at the wheel, the men returned to Kroger and picked up the man's wife. The three then went to Bank One at Ford and Garden where the woman cashed a $1,500 check and gave the money to the suspect.'**

Before leaving, the suspect had written down the man's name and address warning him not to call police. The couple didn't call police, Lindman said, but told Kroger staff about what happened.

"People at Kroger called us. When we contacted the couple they were cooperative," said Lindman.

*Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Garden City Police at 525-8088.*

## OBITUARIES

**ARLENE L. WESTERLUND**

Services for Arlene Westerlund, 79, of Westland were July 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Westerlund was born Feb. 21, 1920, and died July 24 in Garden City. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her sons, Jackie, Dickie (Pat), Vernon and Timothy; daughter, Sharell (Larry) Belville; sister, Mavis Missling; sister-in-law, Delores Polzin; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Westerlund was preceded in death by her husband, Arvid; brother, Russell Polzin.

**ALFRED H. AGGE**

Services for former Westland resident Alfred Agge, 68, of Raisan, Mich. were July 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Agge was born April 10, 1931, in Belleville, Mich. and died July 23 in Adrian, Mich. He was a store manager for a retail tire dealership.

Surviving are his wife, Lorraine of Adrian, Mich.; son, John (Sandy), daughter, Mary (Dr. Jerome) Janda, Annie (Jeffrey) Garbip and Margaret (Scott) Press; brother, William (Thelma) Agge; and eight grandchildren.

**JAMES G. LAUGHLIN**

Services for James G. Laughlin, 62, of Westland were July 24 at Faith Lutheran Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Carr.

Mr. Laughlin was born Aug. 1, 1936, in Highland Park and died July 18 at Mariner Health of Clearwater in Clearwater, Fla.

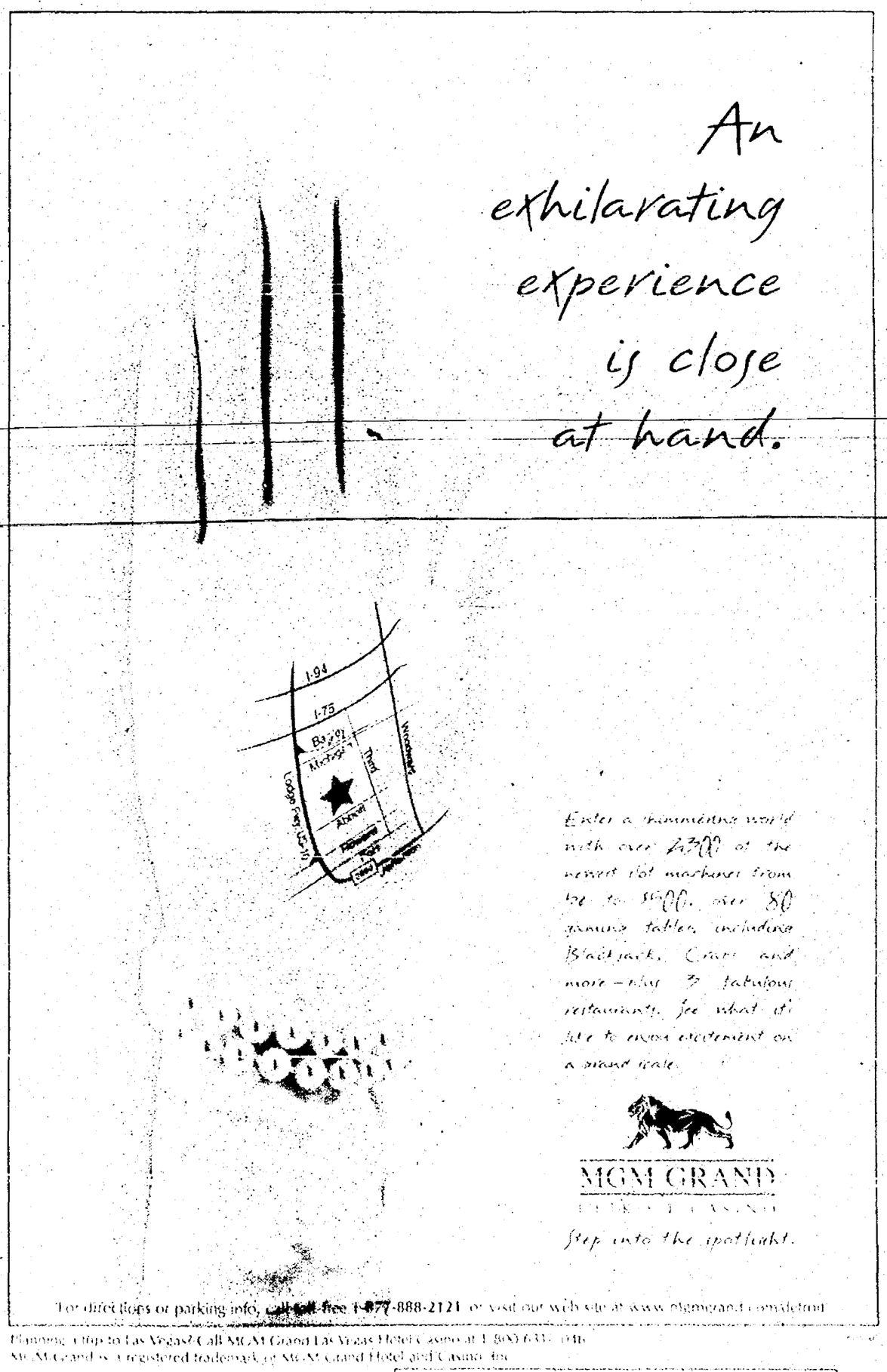
Mr. Laughlin was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn. Surviving are his mother-in-law Florence Geddes; sisters Gale (Kenneth) Pank, and Faith (Laughlin) Kidwell. Also surviving are six nieces and one nephew.

## Suspect *from page A1*

liminary hearing, aimed at determining whether he should stand trial.

Stefanski could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted on the Westland charges.

One of the Novi charges – indecent exposure by a sexually delinquent person – carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, Novi Detective Todd Auger said.



# School receives additional SAFE teacher

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During the coming school year, Cleveland will become the only elementary in the Livonia Public Schools to have more than one Student Assistance Family Education teacher on staff to help students struggling with personal or school-related problems.

Twelve elementaries will have one full-time SAFE teacher; nine elementaries will have just a half-time SAFE teacher.

A shift in the way SAFE teachers are allocated led to adding an extra half-time SAFE teacher to the 570-student Cleveland Elementary, on Cathedral Street, just west of Inkster Road in southeast Livonia.

The addition comes at the expense of Adams Elementary on Lyndon, which will see its SAFE staff drop. Adams SAFE teacher Lynn Ross will now spend half her time at Adams, and half her time at Cleveland, said Paul Derwick, director of elementary instruction. She joins Marion Kocian, the current Cleveland SAFE teacher.

This past school year, the district used Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores and building size to determine where SAFE teachers would be stationed. In 1998-99, there were 12 full-time SAFE teachers and 10 half-time SAFE teachers in the 22 elementaries.

This year's allocation shift came about because of a change in the criteria.

"Cleveland is the neediest school, based on this criteria," Derwick said.

The new criteria dwells less on MEAP scores and more on family income and the number of children in the school who come from non-traditional families, he said.

**LIVONIA**

The sometimes-controversial SAFE program for elementary students has existed in Livonia since 1991. At that time, the district moved many of its psychologists, social workers and special education teachers into this umbrella program, which is based on a nationally acclaimed program called Quest.

In classroom lessons, group sessions or one-on-one counseling, SAFE teachers help students who have personal, school-related, behavioral, social-adjustment or family problems, said Robert Dietiker, director of student services.

"They get support in times of divorce, family illness or death," Dietiker said. "When we intervene early, we get less emotionally impaired kids later on. We saw the special education population growing in Livonia in the 1980s. So we converted psychologists to SAFE teachers. If these students are not helped, they will be unsuccessful learners, adults and parents."

Since its launching in Livonia, critics have said the program takes away from class time for those students who don't need the help.

Others want schools to stick to the basics and leave social problems to outside-the-school psychologists.

The nine elementaries with a half-time SAFE teacher are those schools with fewer students, Derwick said. "Fewer kids means fewer problems," he added.

Parents who object to the program can opt to not have their children participate, Dietiker said. However, very few parents choose that option, he said.

# *State asked to make decision regarding wetlands*

BY RICHARD PEARL
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An environmental activist has asked the state to determine whether the owner of property just west of the Holliday Park Nature Preserve has cleared regulated wetlands.

A wooded section of from nine to 12 acres has been cleared, said Bill Craig, president of the Holliday Park Nature Preserve Association.

The property was cleared by J.A. Bloch & Co., which manages the land for the partnership owning it.

"They left the big trees" but cleared the ground around them, he said.

"The only way the preserve could have grown was into that property," Craig said.

"It's the last piece of property that could have been added" to the 540-acre preserve, he said.

If protected wetlands are involved, "They should have saved some of the natural features. They should have seen if it was regulated" before doing anything.

Craig said he's asked the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to find out if the cleared area is wetlands and if they should have been cleared.

"The MDEQ will be out there checking that," Craig said.

According to state law, no permission was needed to do the clearing, as long as no trees six inches in diameter or larger were cut, said Sue Folsom of the Canton Township engineering department.

A property owner can clear regulated wetlands, she said, but no tree stumps can be removed, no land-filling done and no earth removed from the site.

## Not involved

Burton-Katzman Development Co. of Bingham Farms, the developer of the new Koppernick Corporate Park west of the cleared area, was not involved in it, said company spokesman Chuck DiMaggio. The firm owns only the land west of Commerce Drive, which leads into the development.

The MDEQ office in Livonia could not be reached for comment Friday.

Craig said he "can certainly understand" how Canton Township would want the industrial corridor developed as a tax base.

But "This is prime natural habitat, not one of the corn fields anymore." Craig wants to know if "there any regulated wetlands in there that can be saved?"

Site mitigation may be the next step, he said.

However, mitigation doesn't always work, he said, and "As we lose real wetlands for mitigated ones that don't work, we lose water quality."

Folsom of Canton Township said mitigation will happen only if Bloch seeks to develop the property.

Then, she said, the state will require Bloch to set aside, as a permanent wetlands, more property than the amount cleared.

The Holliday association opposed development in the area because development will ultimately affect "the quality of our river system," Craig said.

## Vernal ponds

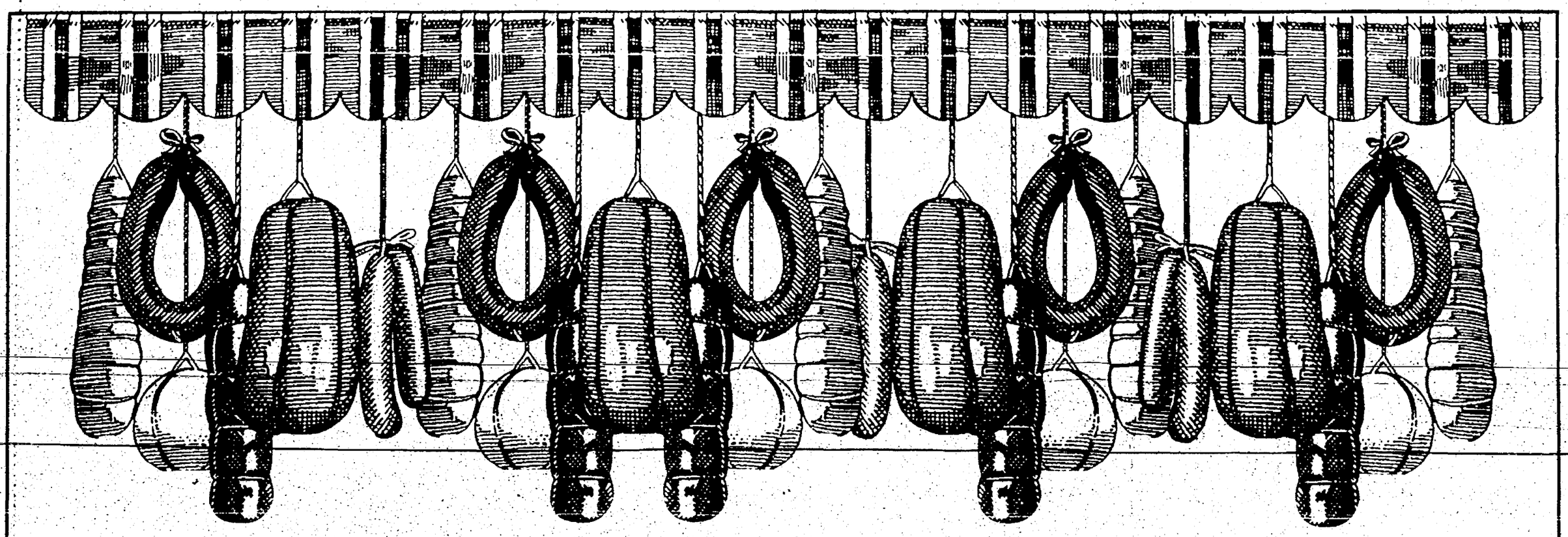
Craig described the area in question as "a complex of vernal ponds" – spring ponds caused by rain and melting snow "which are a value for amphibians and other creatures that need that type of habitat."

He said the loss of wetlands "is an example of the consequences of urban sprawl and the consequences of development.

## Pool party

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**We'll have fun, fun, fun:** *Students at the weekly Teen Night swim and dance party at the Westland Bailey Recreation Center, (top) ham it up for the camera. A group of young men, above, try their hand at the Macarena. The next regularly scheduled party begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3. The theme is "Sports Night." The events run every Tuesday through Aug. 17. Admission is $1. For information call (734) 722-7620.*

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# Reform supporters leery of money's impact on politics

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Joyce Russell believes money wields too much influence in politics.

Campaign fund-raising brings millions to candidates from businesses, special interest groups and unions, and gives them resources to advertise on television and get their message out for several months.

That money can lead to buying influence and makes it harder for lesser known candidates not backed by traditional political machines to be elected because they cannot afford political advertising. It makes Reform Party delegates like Russell wonder why.

"If money is considered freedom of speech, then what freedom do poor people have?" Russell asked. "It shouldn't cost so much for elections. They take too long each year."

Russell of Northville represented the 13th Congressional District, which contains Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland, and part of western Wayne and Washtenaw counties. Russell attended last weekend's convention for the Reform Party in Dearborn.

Reform Party delegates each cite the same issues – Campaign finance reform. The national debt. Term limits.

Matt Abel, a delegate for 11th District, which includes Redford Township and much of Oakland County, believes Congressional members from the two parties do not tell the truth when it comes to discussing the nation's economics.

"All this talk of a surplus is a bunch of hooey," Abel said. "The national debt went up, and they use fictitious accounting when they discuss the debt."

Reform Party members want to balance the budget and pay off the debt, one of the reasons Abel supports the party.

Abel is a former Democrat, but joined the Reform Party because "it is not controlled by the UAW, and it is not controlled by the chamber of commerce," Abel said.

Abel also grew tired of what he called "obfuscation" by government officials. "We need to get our economy back on a strong foundation. We're almost $6 trillion in debt."

Perry Spencer, chair of the Reform Party of Michigan, believes citizens want more control of government through government reforms.

"Campaign finance is being abused," Spencer said. Lobbyists spend absurd amounts of money to buy influence and "shut people out" from the process, Spencer said.

Free trade agreements may have added jobs, but manufacturing jobs are being lost, Spencer said. "What kinds of jobs are we redeveloping? Most are low-paying, service-industry jobs," Spencer said.

The party has been helped by Jesse Ventura's election as governor of Minnesota last year. "It brought us back into the forefront of attention," Spencer said. "Because a third-party candidate can win a major election, everyone has to take us seriously."

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## How Reform stands on major issues

Here is a summary of where the Reform Party stands on issues, according to literature distributed at its national convention in Dearborn last weekend and the group's Web site:

- Social Security: Fulfills the promises of the old system. Phases out the pay-as-you-go system and creates a system of private accounts that are federally supervised, but individually controlled.
- Tax reform: Eliminate the Internal Revenue Service and raise sufficient revenue for government to perform its assigned tasks in a simple and fair fashion;
- Budget: Pass a Balanced Budget Amendment. Pay down the federal debt until the principal balance is zero and American taxpayers no longer have to pay interest on the debt. End corporate welfare and special interest subsidies.
- Campaign finance reform: Vigorously enforce current campaign finance laws. Change the composition of the Elections Commission to include independent and non-partisan representation. Campaigns should include free and equal access to the media resources for all qualified candidates. Outlaw political action committees.
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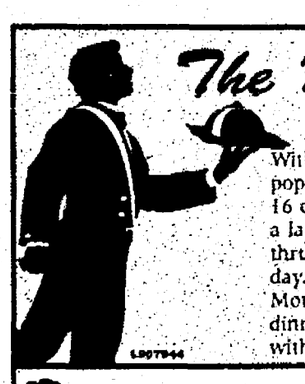

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**Fund-raiser:** *Sister M. Lauriana Gruszcynski of Madonna University and Lawrence B. Avison, the first executive director of the Michigan Colleges Foundation.*

# Madonna vice president honored as fund-raiser

Sister M. Lauriana Gruszcynski, vice president for university advancement at Madonna University, was given at distinguished service award at the Michigan Colleges Foundation's annual meeting on Mackinac Island in June. Sister Lauriana received the award from William Liebold in recognition of 40 years of fund-raising activity.

The Michigan Colleges Foundation, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, was founded in 1949 to raise funds from business and industry to support Michigan's independent liberal arts colleges.

As Sister Lauriana was presented the award, Liebold noted that this year also marked another very special anniversary for the nun, her 60th year in religious life as a Felician Sister.

"We are very proud of Sister Lauriana's commitment on behalf of Michigan Colleges Foundation," said Liebold. "Madonna University has been a member of MCF since 1952 and has played an important role in our success in making a significant impact of the lives of the students served by our 14 member institutions."

In her acceptance, Sister Lauriana expressed gratitude to all those who worked with her over the years, sharing their fund-raising techniques. She attributed her success to the Felician Sisters, especially their foundress, Blessed Mary Angela.

Sister Lauriana's efforts have resulted in the successful completion of major campaigns including a $4.5 million library and classroom addition 1982-1985; a $2.5 million educational development center 1986-87; and a $10 million Investors in Academic Excellence Campaign from 1988-1993.

# Delegates split on choice for chair

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The Reform Party delegate for the 11th Congressional District thought Jack Gargan was a good choice to become the party's national chairman.

"At least the party is no longer perceived as being controlled by Ross Perot," said Matt Abel of West Bloomfield. The 11th District includes Redford Township and much of Oakland County.

Abel and about 350 other delegates convened in Dearborn last weekend as Gargan, a retired financial consultant from Florida, was chosen as chairman on Sunday.

For the delegates and party leaders, the convention in Dearborn was a weekend well spent.

"I think everyone worked hard," said Joyce Russell of Northville. Russell represented the 13th Congressional District, which contains Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth and Westland, and part of western Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

"We had different opinions about who should be chairman," Russell said. "I voted for Pat Benjamin and was disappointed that she didn't win."

Russell liked Benjamin's experience. "I wasn't suspicious of her agenda," Russell said.

But Abel and Perry Spencer, state party chairman, looked forward to Gargan's chairmanship.

Abel said there was "nothing against" Ross Perot, former Reform Party presidential candidate, by the delegates in the choice of Gargan, but Benjamin's support from Perot backers deterred Abel from supporting her.

"I think what's happening is the party is getting its wings," Abel said.

Gargan is a "good face" for the party and getting the message to Americans, Spencer said.

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Russell considers herself an original member of United We Stand and supported Ross Perot's presidential run.

"The media and general public seem to be caught up in celebrities," Russell said. "Jesse got us a lot of publicity when he got elected. During that election we couldn't buy publicity.

"We've had people in the trenches for a long time working all along."

Spencer expects the party will pursue a "grass-roots" approach in seeking support for a Reform Party candidate in the city council race in Ann Arbor.

A former member of the Republican Party, Spencer describes himself as a fiscal conservative. He sought another party when he saw that attempts at campaign finance reform failed.

That's why Spencer and the others seek the Reform Party for the answer and they point to the more than 500 convention-goers in attendance at the convention. "Everybody at the convention attended at their own expense," Spencer said "For them, it was their vacation.

"It tells me that people are serious that reform is needed."

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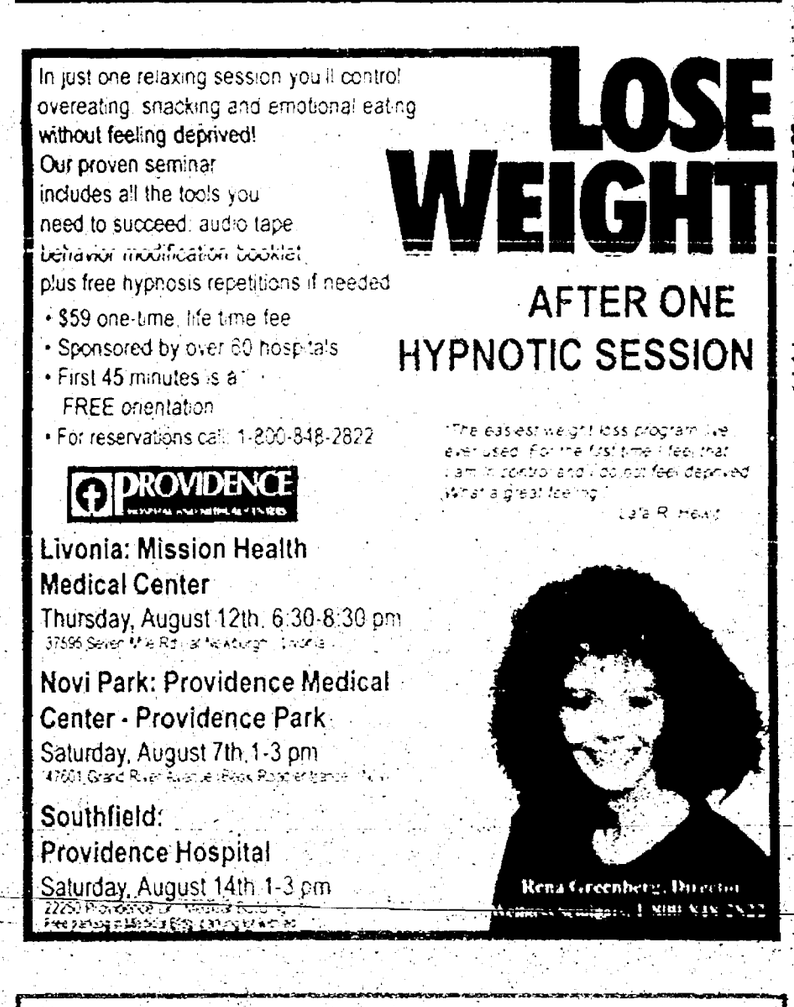


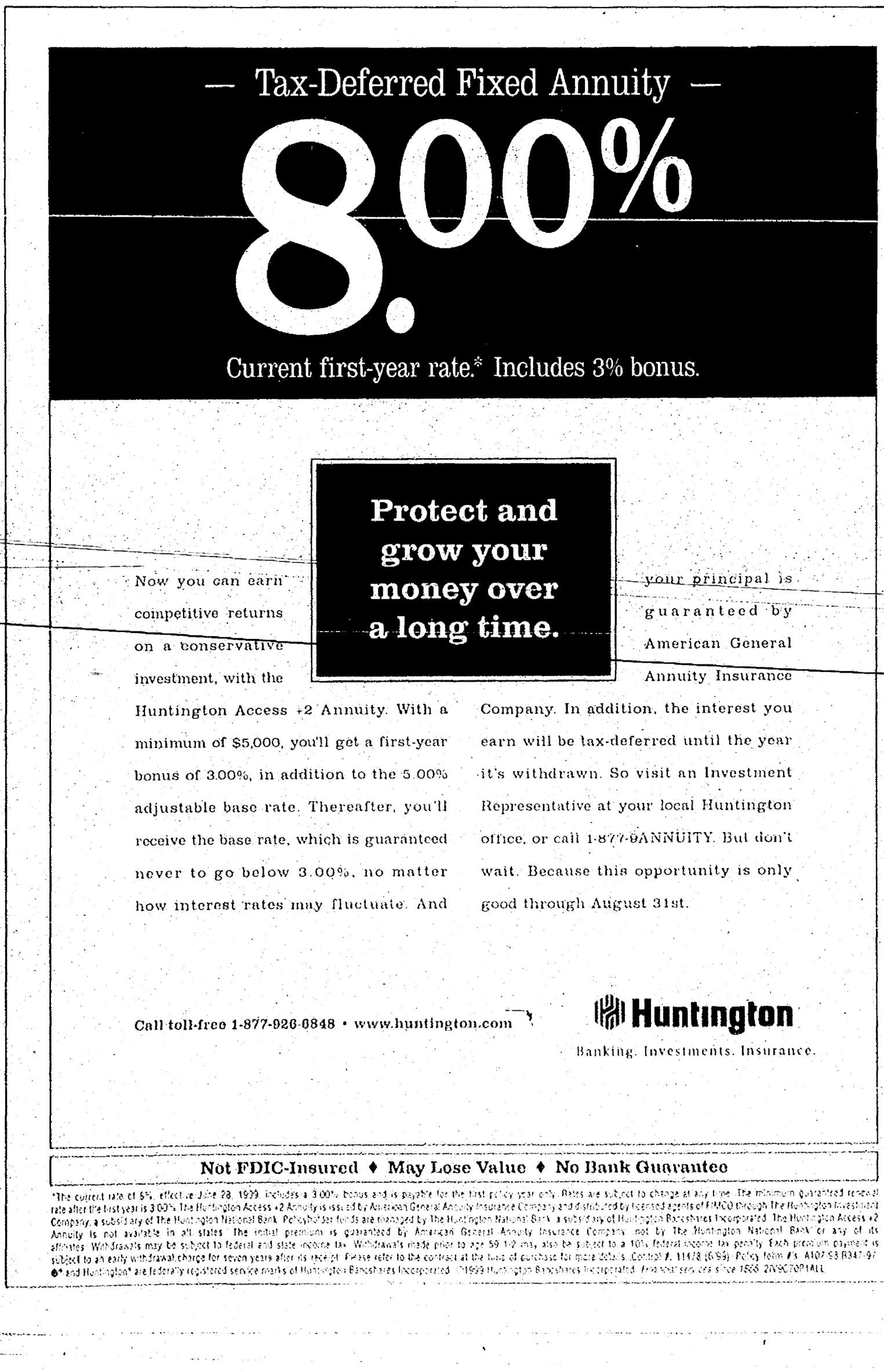

CROSSING PATTERNS

# Northbound I-275 traffic will switch to southbound lanes starting today

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Get ready for The Switch.

About 200,000 motorists who travel I-275 each day can expect to be driving on the new southbound lanes today.

Those four lanes and two shoulders, fresh with new concrete poured this spring and summer, now will handle both northbound and southbound travelers. The northbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction as the freeways four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

The traffic shift also means the $49 million project to repave Michigan's second busiest freeway is nearing its halfway point, just about on schedule to be completed by late October.

"We're pleased with that," said Robin Pannecouk, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Southbound traffic will be switched to three lanes on the southbound side. Large rectangular concrete blocks used to create a barrier wall will be moved from the northbound side of the freeway to the southbound side over the next five days, then the northbound traffic will be crossed over to its three lanes.

That crossover route of northbound I-275 runs just north of the Five Mile overpass to just north of the 10 Mile Road bridge. Like the earlier crossover, motorists can use three lanes of traffic in each direction for travel.

**Other project highlights include:**

- The 7 Mile entrance and exit ramps on the southbound side of I-275 were expected to be reopened, weather permitting, last night (Wednesday).
- The exit ramp from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275 may be opened as early as today, but the construction configuration of lanes on I-275 will allow for only one lane of traffic from I-696 to merge. Motorists from eastbound I-96, 12 Mile Road and M-5 also access southbound I-275 in that area.

THE BIG SWITCH

The Haggerty Connector detour will be closed for modifications for several days. MDOT expects to use the ramp from I-696 and the modified detour to direct traffic to southbound I-275. Motorists should double-check construction signs.

The Haggerty Connector between 12 Mile and 14 Mile will be open the first week of August.

- Lanes will be reduced from two to one on eastbound I-96 to southbound I-275 in Oakland County and westbound I-96 to northbound I-275 in Livonia. M-14 motorists exiting to northbound lanes will not see lane reductions there, but they can expect backups.

Starting in mid-September, interchanges at Six, Seven and Eight Mile will be closed for reconstruction of entrance and exit ramps, but not simultaneously. That means when Six Mile is worked on by contractors, Seven Mile and Eight Mile will remain open.

"They can expect the northbound side to mirror the southbound construction," Pannecouk said.

Bridge repairs on the northbound side will force lane reductions at bridge locations at the interchanges at Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile.

MDOT also was expected to decide within the next few days how traffic from northbound I-275 will be directed to eastbound I-696. "That ramp will be reconstructed, and it will have the same impact on motorists that the ramp (from westbound I-696 to southbound I-275) had when it was reconstructed," Pannecouk said.

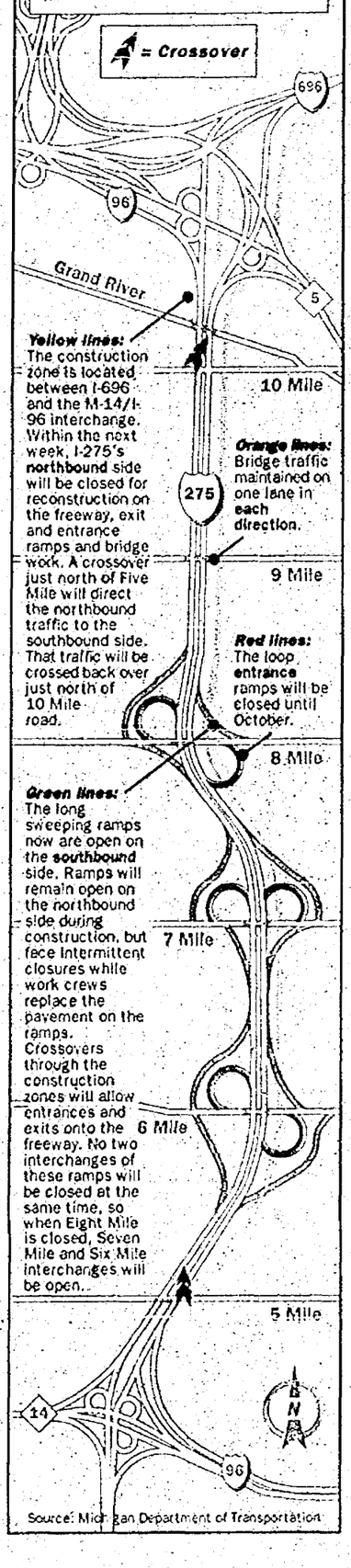
MDOT is looking at temporary routes or short detours for those motorists. "That information should be detailed within the next week," Pannecouk said.

Pannecouk advised motorists to watch the speed limit of 50 miles per hour in the construction zone and read construction signs to aid commuters in getting to their destinations. They should listen for radio updates and read newspaper accounts to keep updated, she added.

"Stay tuned so you aren't surprised by any traffic switches," Pannecouk said.

**I-275 motorist information**

Starting this weekend, I-275 traffic is expected to be switched from the northbound lanes to the six new lanes on the southbound side so the northbound side can be reconstructed. Southbound traffic will be returned to its proper lanes, protective barriers will be moved, then the northbound lanes will be crossed over to the southbound side. That crossover will begin just north of the Five Mile overpass in Livonia and end north of 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Motorists should expect delays through the construction zone and obey speed limits. Construction is expected to last through November.



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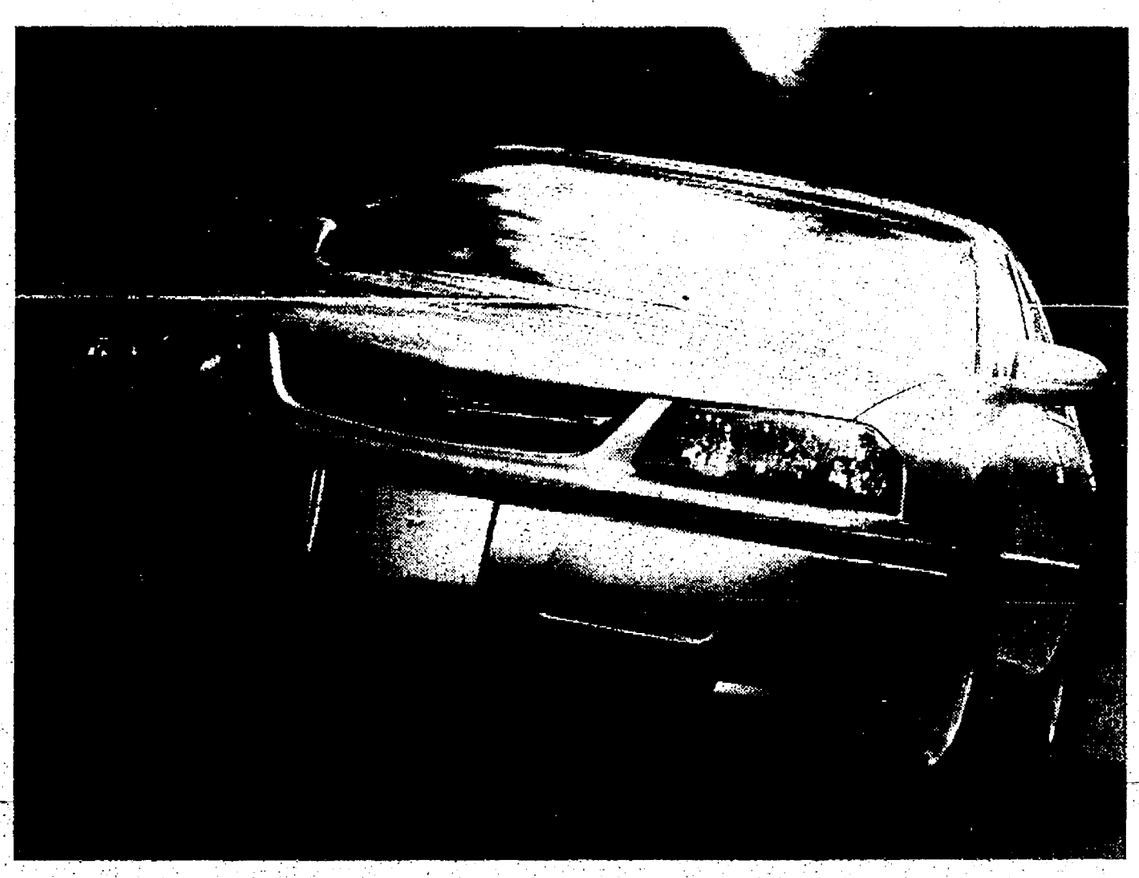

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**Ribbet-ribbet:** *(Far left) Jordan Emery, 8 of Canton looks through his frog mask. (Above) Wayne County Parks counselor Matt Nobel-Richardson of Plymouth reads "The Very Quiet Cricket" to the 1st and 2nd graders at the day camp.*

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**Making a splash:** *Sean Brown, 8 of Canton slides down the water slide created by the Wayne County Parks as part of the Nature/History Day Camps for ages pre-school through sixth grade at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. This week long camp for the 1st and 2nd graders was titled frogs and toads.*

## *Getting close to nature at area Kids Day Camp*

About 80 children ages preschool through sixth grade have attended Kids Day Camp this summer at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Sponsored by Wayne County parks, the program aims at educating youngsters about the environment and helps them learn about nature. Now in its second year, the program is coordinated by parks naturalist Carol Clements.

"We've had twice as many kids this year as last year," Clements said. "We try to get them outdoors and have fun activities through puppets, games and crafts."

Last week children made frog masks and track T-shirts of animals, walked on a bird hike and mammal hike, and studied fossils and sunspots. The youngsters learned about topics ranging from astronomy and constellations, predators and prey, insects, trees and Native American crafts.

The day camp ends this week, but anyone who is interested in sending their children to the camp next summer can contact the parks office next year.

**Buzzing around:** *(Above) Matthew Bernard, 6 1/2 (left) of Northville was dressed as an insect by counselor Matt Noble-Richardson. (At left) Anthony Adamowicz, 7 of Northville paints his insect with glow-in-the-dark paint. "I really like to draw" said the youngster who was wearing a spider shirt.*

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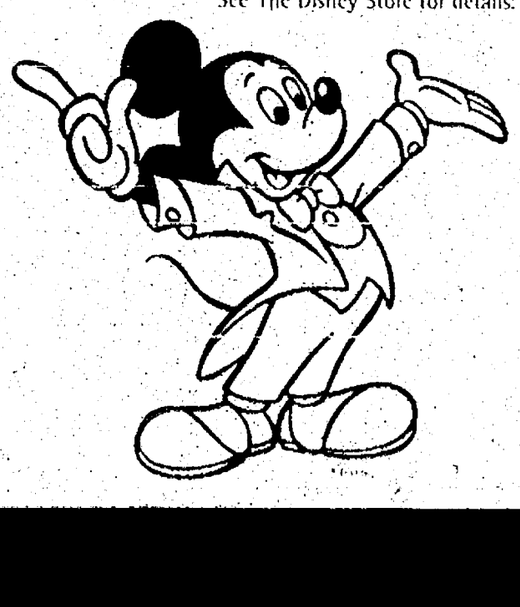

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- Saturday, August 7, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.: Kids' Cookie Decorating at Mrs. Fields Cookies.
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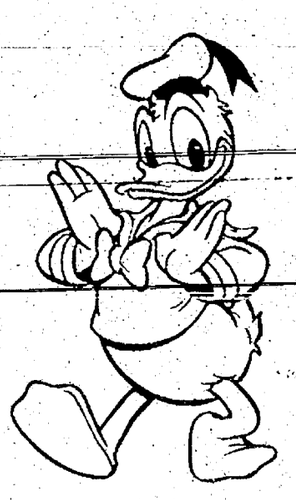

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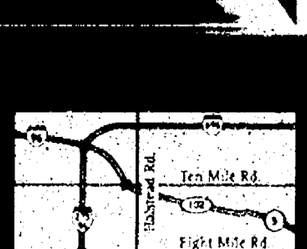


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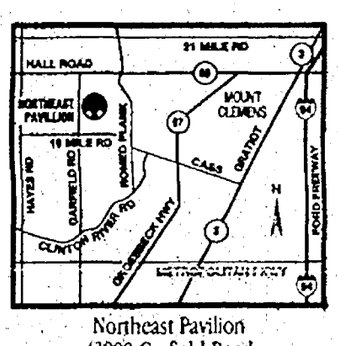


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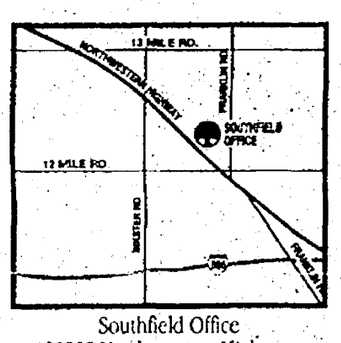


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# Woodward designated a Michigan Heritage Route

DETROIT, July 27 /PRNewswire/ -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has designated Woodward Avenue, rich in history and culture, as a Michigan Heritage Route. A ceremony officially honoring one of Michigan's best known roadways will be held on 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Pleasant Ridge Memorial Park (Woodward Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard).

Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, will host the ceremony. MDOT Director James DeSana will make remarks and reveal the official designation road signs. Representatives from Detroit, Wayne County and Oakland County and communities along Woodward Avenue will also be in attendance.

Oakland and Wayne Counties, in cooperation with SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Woodward Avenue Action Association and 10 Woodward Avenue communities from Detroit to Pontiac, submitted the nomination to MDOT late in 1998.

As a Michigan Heritage Route, a management structure representative of those communities will be put in place to formulate marketing plans, special events and physical improvements for all 28 miles of Woodward.

The Michigan Heritage Route Program was legislatively mandated to identify, protect, enhance and promote the unique scenic, historical and recreational qualities of state roads. Along with the many benefits of preservation and education, a Heritage Route can provide economic benefit by stimulating tourism, attracting business and adding weight to grant applications. Michigan has seven designated routes, with several others pending approval.

"Designation as a Michigan Heritage Route signifies that those living and working within the communities that the corridor encompasses have dedicated themselves to conserving, enhancing and promoting their area as a unique travel destination," noted MDOT Director James DeSana.

"There is no more deserving roadway in the state for a Michigan Heritage Route designation than M-1, Woodward Avenue," said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive. "Symbolically, Woodward Avenue represents a bridge which unites city and suburbs, east and west, north and south."

Calling Woodward Motown's Main Street, Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said, "The Woodward corridor has the region's major cultural, sports and entertainment and educational institutions. It is terrific that communities and organizations from two counties are teaming up to improve an important regional asset."

Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer also cited the avenue's role as a bond for the region. "The designation of Woodward Avenue as a Michigan Heritage Route further enhances the route's rich history and culture, allowing Oakland and Wayne Counties the opportunity to build upon our ongoing regional cooperation," Archer said. "It also serves as a great tool in uniting all communities along the route as we move into the new millennium."

"This honor for Woodward Avenue is a tribute to the efforts of a regional nominating committee that included Oakland and Wayne Counties, the Woodward Avenue Action Association, Zago Architecture and SEMCOG," said SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait.

Included among the corridor communities that officially endorsed the Heritage Route are Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Detroit, Ferndale, Highland Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac and Royal Oak. More than 100 businesses, institutions and neighborhood associations, have endorsed this effort.

# Schoolcraft's child care center accredited

The Schoolcraft College Children's Center program has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, joining only 7 percent of early childhood programs nationwide.

Dorothy Witten, professor of child care and development, said the NAEYC accreditation signifies that every part of the program is excellent.

"We have a top-quality child development curriculum, and I wanted accreditation for our laboratory center," Witten said. The center's goals are to offer a quality practicum for students while providing the best care possible for the young children.

"This is a prestigious accreditation," she said. "There are very few accredited centers in this area. Not many centers seek it because it is so hard to get. It has a lot do with the facility, the caregivers and the training they get and the documentation they keep."

Dorothy Witten

Witten said NAEYC officials examine the facility for safety, the ratio of staff to children and staff training in assessing the center for accreditation. "They look at all of the things that might impact a child's experience at the center," Witten said.

They even look at how toys are stored, whether those are kept at the child's eye level so that they can learn responsibility in taking toys out and putting them away, Witten said.

The accreditation was voluntary, and included a self-study and on-site evaluation. The self-study and site report were sent to Washington, D.C., where NAEYC representatives from all over the country decide on accreditation. The process takes about a year and the facility is accredited for three years.

"This is the first time we have sought this," said Witten. "We waited until we moved into our new facility and got everything in place before we applied.

"It involved a lot of hard work, and we are pleased to have earned it."

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I'm so tired of kissing frogs! Romantic, outgoing, easygoing fun, cute, curvy DWF, 25, mom. Likes movies, dancing, walks, road trips, concerts. Seeking S/DWM, 26-30, N/S, dating/friendship. Frogs need not apply. ☎5062

**LIMITED TIME OFFER**
Fit, fun-loving S/DWF, 40s, 5'4", ash blonde/deep blue, H/W proportionate, no dependents, enjoys travel, walking, dancing, cooking. Seeking affectionate S/DWM, 45-60, who's honest, sincere, easygoing for companionship, possible LTR. ☎4992

**IT'S DIFFICULT...**
to meet and find compatibility. I'm outgoing, friendly, youthful, good-looking, slim, 53 year-old lady, believes that chemistry is necessary. Do you like to laugh, talk, sports, outdoor activities? Opportunity knocks? ☎4987

**NEW BEGINNINGS**
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎3182

**MARRIAGE ANYONE?**
Articulate SWPF, 43, 5'9", brunette designer, enjoys gardening, art shows and my dog. Seeking marriage-minded SWM, 6'+, who is a good person at heart. ☎4986

**EXCEPTIONAL MAN**
Exceptional, independent, very pretty, classy, down-to-earth SF, seeks caring DWPM, 45+, under 6', fit, emotionally/financially secure, with class and knows how to treat women, looking for relationship. ☎4989

**I'M THE ONE FOR YOU**
Caring, sweet, fun SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, blonde/blue, Catholic, N/S, never married, no dependents, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, outdoors. Seeking caring, romantic, honest SWM, 28-38, with similar interests. ☎4727

**BEAUTIFUL & CHARISMATIC**
Intelligent, romantic, witty, affectionate SWPF, 33, 5'6", honey-blonde/brown, slender, many interests. Seeking handsome, very successful, fit, witty, trustworthy, romantic, intelligent SWPM, 35-45, for LTR. ☎4338

**STARTING OVER**
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining out/in, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. ☎4232

**REGISTERED NURSE...**
seeks SDM, 36-48, doctor to share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde/green, great figure, great smile. For possible LTR. ☎4625

**LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK**
If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more! Seeking SM, 35-43, who appreciates children, for wild times, and quiet evenings. ☎3521

**SINCERE & HONEST**
Romantic female, 28, 5'7", 145lbs, loves outdoors, boating, camping, travel. Seeking SWM for relationship, no games. ☎4562

**UNTRADITIONAL FEMALE...**
seeks traditional male SWF, 35, 6', enjoys simple pleasures in life, values family and friends. Seeking secure male, 35-49, close in height, N/Drugs, no heavy drinkers, same interests. ☎4964

**ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE**
Petite DWF, 34, mother of two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. ☎4016

**READY TO RELAX**
Successful, talented workaholic, 29, 5'6", 116lbs, elegant and attractive (many say I have the perfect figure). Looking for more balance and adventure with a charming, intelligent, fun-loving guy. ☎4837

**HERE I AM**
SBF, 25, 5'4", full-figured, seeks honest, caring, sincere, SM, 25+, for companionship, fun times and possible LTR. Only serious need to respond, race open. ☎4815

**SEEKING FRIENDSHIP**
Caring, loving, full-figured woman, 35, never married, seeks sincere, fun-loving male, 25-40, must love movies, sports, dining out, travel. Sense of humor a must. ☎4507

**SPECIAL FRIEND**
SWF, 33, seeks SWM, 35-55, N/S, N/D, who enjoys swimming, movies, dining out, travel, gardening, much more, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4809

**POET SEEKS SAME**
SF, 31, 5'6", 220lbs, bright red/brown, glasses, loves children. Seeking honest, trusting man. ☎4771

**EXOTIC AND EDUCATED**
Educated SBCF, 25, seeks professional, degreed, financially secure male, 25-35, for long drives, dancing, boating, and LTR. Kids ok. ☎4780

**SUMMER LOVE**
Full-figured SF, 38, single parent, seeks well-rounded SBM, 32-40, to spend summer together and hopefully build a lasting relationship. You won't be disappointed. ☎4683

**PATIENT**
Shapely SBPF, 30s, 5'3", loves romance and spontaneity. Seeking SWBM, who believes in God and knows how to romance a lady. ☎4660

**UNIQUE, CREATIVE**
Adventurous, nature spirit, romantic, spiritual, youthful, ecology minded, energetic, SWF, 41, vegetarian, artist, organic gardener, loves art, music, dancing, swimming, animals, pool playing motorcycles. Seeking mechanically inclined N/S. ☎3306

**SOULMATES**
Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", brown/brown, seeks honest down-to-earth, N/S, SWM, 30-38, for movies, dancing, going, fishing, hopefully leading to LTR. ☎4528

**GIVE ME A CALL**
SBF, 30, 5'4", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks BM, 33-43, with similar interests, for dining out, concerts, plays, comedy clubs. ☎4381

**BIG & BEAUTIFUL**
SWF, 35, brunette/green, enjoys the outdoors, camping, talking walks, and sharing quality time with someone special, seeks WM, 34-44, for a possible LTR. Only serious need apply. ☎4464

**FIRST TIME AD!**
Personable, fun-loving SBF, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male companion, 30-35, N/S, with similar qualities and interests. ☎4026

**MODERN MATURITY**
Educated, healthy, slim DJF, 5'6", blonde/blue, loves music, animals, fun conversations, baking tutti fruiti cookies and Dutch dates. Seeking guy who believes in honesty and love, for a relationship. ☎4317

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**
Honest, fun loving widow, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys variety of activities. Seeking sincere, honest monogamous gentleman, 55-65, N/S, for fun and friendship. ☎4990

**COFFEE, TEA, YOU & ME**
Nice, tall, former model, strawberry blonde/blue H/W proportionate, N/S, social drinker easy on the eyes, with lots of TLC to share, seeks quality gentleman, 60+, 6'+, for concerts, theater, conversation, dining, dancing, travel. ☎4319

**LET'S STAND TOGETHER**
Pretty health care professional, financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys biking, dancing, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure SWPM, 45+, friendship, possible LTR. ☎3928

**SUMMER O' FUN**
SWF, 25, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30 for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. ☎4723

**SOUTHERN BELLE**
Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 43, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking gentleman, 30-45. ☎4537

**WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?**
Fun, outgoing SWF, 21, 5'7", 175lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun. Seeking honest, fun, outgoing SWM, 21-30, who loves kids, for LTR. ☎4225

**QUALITY**
Attractive, professional blonde, 40s, medium build, enjoys weekend getaways, adventure. Seeking quality, stable relationship with good looking, honest, financially secure, active, energetic DWPM, 45-55, N/S. ☎3504

**COMPANION & BEST FRIEND**
SWF, 5'4", 135lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll, can be humorless as well as serious. ☎4535

**PLAYING YOUR SONG**
Vivacious, blue eyed, blonde DWF, 45, professional musician, seeks college educated WM, 35-50, N/S, with passion for life for possible LTR. ☎4987

**PASSIONATE BEAUTY**
SWF, 33, 5'6", 125lbs, blonde/green, Vivacious, adventurous, fit and stable, loves life, children, travel and laughter. Seeking handsome, fit S/DWPM, to love, laugh and play with. ☎4802

**ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL**
Gorgeous, down-to-earth SWF, 34, 5'7", 130lbs, blonde/green, seeks financially secure, successful SWM, 40+, for possible LTR. ☎4606

**PASSIONATE & PRETTY**
Petite, well-educated SWPF, 46, slender, blue/blue, N/S, N/D, no children, enjoys golf, intelligent humor, life. Eclectic interests in music, art, entertainment. Seeking handsome, successful, but playful S/DWM, tall, N/S, LTR. ☎4535

**SENSUAL LADY LOVES CHIVALRY**
DWF, young-looking 44, 5'2", 126lbs, strawberry blonde/green, seeks SWM, 40-50, who is fit, attractive, honest and attentive. I enjoy fishing, camping, dancing, concerts, romance, cuddling and holding hands. For LTR. ☎4531

**NO PICKUP TRUCKS...**
for this classy, degreed, attractive, blonde, leggy lady. You're sophisticated 46+, N/S, who likes Pine Knob, Meadowbrook, fine dining, travel. Let's enjoy summer, and wonderful times together. ☎4334

**LOVES LIFE**
Attractive, easygoing, humorous, financially secure DWF 42, mom, tall, slim, N/S, seeks male counterpart 38-45, who enjoys family, outdoors, football, shooting pool, romance, concerts, and more. North Oakland County. ☎4323

**LET'S ENHANCE OUR LIVES**
Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous, petite SWF, 43, long blonde/hazel eyes, N/S, N/D, loves horses, nature, hiking, traveling, the arts, reading, dancing, conversation. Seeking same and more in handsome, intelligent man. ☎4164

**LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE**
Slender DWF, 43, 5'6", blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking fit, outgoing S/DWM, 34-46, 5'10"+, with good sense of humor. Possible LTR. N/S. ☎4076

**LOOKING FOR A HERO**
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 36, 5'7", 128 lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life with. ☎2629

**LET'S GO SAILING**
Conservative, honest, social, caring SWPF, 42, 5'6", brown/blue, N/S, enjoys outdoors, sailing, music, and my children. Seeking honest, caring, SWPM, 42-50, my equal. Let's see what direction the wind takes us. ☎4563

**SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR**
SF, 44, 5'8", medium build, nice personality, smoker, drink socially. Seeking financially secure man, 45-55, in Garden City area, no small children. Enjoy movies, walks, concerts, dining, art, cuddling, affection. ☎5050

**SEXY REDHEAD...**
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids. Believe homebody/animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

**NEW RECRUIT**
Outgoing DWF, 52, 5'6", brown/blue, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dancing, dinners, movies, outdoors or just hanging out. Seeking SM, similar interests, for long/short term romance or just for friendship. ☎3595

**COULD WE...**
have perfect chemistry? If you're a SWPM, 45-57, N/S, fit, not into games, who likes traveling, theater, beach, is honest, intelligent, fun, romantic call this attractive SWPF, young 51. ☎4021

**PRETTY WIDOW**
Slender, tall, intelligent, refined yet fun SF, 54, smoker, seeks an intelligent, tall, classy and confident gentleman, 53-65, for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. ☎4470

**SPARKLERS**
Are you a good-looking, outgoing self-exercised, degreed N/S, who wishes to meet a gorgeous, degreed 5'7", 130lbs, childless, mid-40s lady who loves to read, bike tour, antique and giggle. Let's connect. ☎4956

**A SPECIAL LADY**
5'4", 145lbs, red/green, single mom, seeks SWM, 42-52, who enjoys camping, swimming, reading, movies, dancing. For LTR serious only. ☎4866

**BLUE-EYED BLONDE**
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks tall WM, 45-60, honest, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. ☎4916

**ATTRACTIVE EUROPEAN WOMAN**
European born, refined, loving educated SF, young mid-60s, 5'5", good figure, many interests, seeks caring, intelligent, secure gentleman 67-75, N/S, with sense of humor, for lasting relationship. ☎4234

**SOULMATE AND MORE**
Up-beat, well-traveled, romantic, sensual DF, late 40s, 5'6", 125lbs, ready to share warm moments, laughter, fine arts, and my heart with honest communicative, established classy, SDM, 45+ wonderful you! N/S. ☎4906

**ATTRACTIVE WIDOW**
Educated, financially secure woman, N/S, social drinker, likes home and hearth, travel, theater, movies. Seeking a gentleman in his 60's for friendship first. ☎4838

**BLONDE KNOCKOUT**
Petite educated DWPF, 42, no dependents, looking for someone to rock her world. Seeking educated, honorable, spiritual, decent, financially/emotionally stable WPM, 35-43, who's not afraid of a serious relationship. ☎4901

**NEW BEGINNINGS**
Alive, witty, and still sexy, 46, 5'8", SF, full-figured and happy. Looking for a male that knows what love is about. Call, let's meet. ☎4902

**READY TO TRY AGAIN**
Talkative, friendly, easygoing SWF, 33, N/S, N/D, no dependents, loves animals, movies, walks, camping, picnics, outdoor festivals, art shows, museums. Seeking similar male to share time with. ☎4661

**TIRED OF UNKEPT...**
promises, and fancy lines. I'm nice-looking DWF, mid-50s, with a touch of class, interests include dining at nightclubs, casinos, seasonal events. Do you have old-fashioned values? ☎4906

**THE BEST IS YET TO COME**
Attractive, intelligent DWPF, 49, N/S, affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous, seeks tall, fit, attractive, degreed, energetic, honest SWPM, 45-53, 6'+, N/S, sense of humor. For friendship first, possible LTR. ☎3593

**MAGIC TOUCH**
Gentle on the heart. Cute DWPF, 52, N/S, seeks S/DWPM, N/S, 45-60, 5'10"+, for dancing, warm-weather fun and enjoying life, Livonia area. ☎2534

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**
Down-to-earth SWF, 40, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, enjoys music, dancing, working out, walking and the outdoors. Seeks special SWM who puts God first. If you're that someone special, please call. ☎4800

**THE REAL THING**
SWF, 47, caring, fun-loving, enjoys dancing, dinner, movies. I'm looking for a good friend to share special times with. Be an active SWM, 45-55, with a good sense of humor. ☎4726

**LET'S DO LUNCH**
Healthy SBPF, 55+, with young ideas and high energy level, seeks healthy SBPM, who is sensitive, fiscally-pan-handsome, maybe more in the future. ☎4772

**I CHALLENGE YOU...**
to call this dependent free, smart, challenging DWF, 40s, this shapely brunette desires passionate, intelligent S/DWM, 45-55, for weekend escapes, star gazing, dating. North Oakland county. Please, call again. ☎3746

**ONE MORE TRY**
DWF, 40 years young, 5'7", H/W proportionate, redhead, seeks a taller, sensitive SM, for LTR. ☎4670

**GLAMOROUS BABE**
Educated, charismatic, cultured, professional female, no dependents, seeks educated, successful professional, 40-55, 6'+, who likes fine dining, cultural events, for possible relationship. ☎4622

**LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH...**
Petite SWF, 50, 5'7", brown/brown, enjoys reading, jazz, nature, theatre, and good conversation. Seeking sincere SWM, 48-54, H/W proportionate, to share friendship, life, humor, and happiness. For LTR. ☎4624

**DESIRABLE, HAPPY, HOPEFUL...**
passionate professional SWF, 36, 5'5", 112lbs, loves life, laughter, seeks stable spontaneous S/DWM 38-55, who is open-minded, fit, and sensual. Eventually looking for monogamous involvement. ☎3750

**FRESH START**
Fun-loving, kind, easygoing down-to-earth female, 51, seeks wonderful companion to share life with. ☎4583

**A TOUCH OF JUNGLE FEVER**
Shapely, sensual DWF, late 30s, 5'6", brown hair, seeks physically fit, financially emotionally secure S/DBM, 6'+, for LTR, to grow old with significant other. Spiritual, physical, intellectual connection a must. ☎4538

**PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR**
Successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 53, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. ☎3738

**FRIENDS FIRST**
Attractive SWF, 50 seeks gentleman who demands honesty in a relationship. I'm very caring and fun-loving and enjoy the outdoors, romantic evenings and generally enjoy people. ☎4530

**IS IT TIME?**
Sincere SWPF, 44, enjoys art fairs, flea markets, concerts, hockey. Seeking companionship with SWM, 40-50, with similar interests. ☎4432

**TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO!**
Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, emotionally financially secure, seeks compassionate, honest, similar SWM, for concerts, dining movies, sports, travel or just being together for mutual TLC. Friends first, LTR. ☎4333

**PRETTY FEMME FATALE**
Fun mischievous, kind outgoing PF, interior designer, seeks Ralph Lauren type male, 55-65, in Birmingham area. ☎4079

**VERY ROMANTIC**
Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 49, 5'4", medium build, likes the water up north and Florida. Seeking total gentleman who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman man. ☎4075

**HOPES & DREAMS OF THE FUTURE**
DWF, 38, 5'2", 165lbs, slim/sparkling blue, smoker. Seeking a man who enjoys the outdoors, nature, waterfalls, storms, campfires, travel, festivals, concerts and more. ☎4955

**SEEKING**
Ultra feminine, petite, svelte European blonde with sophisticated tastes seeks highly successful SWM, 50-65, for possible LTR. ☎4912

**SHARE MY LIFE**
Caring, loving widowed WF, 71, 5'3", 140lbs, N/S, seeks male for friendship, companionship, good times together. ☎4966

## men seeking women

**WARRIOR OF LOVE**
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic adventurous open-minded attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SWBF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎4930

**MULDER SEEKS SCULLY**
This never-cigarette-smoking man seeks earthy, female, under 45, who's looking for a lone gunman. Me, 35, 6', wanting extra-terrestrial encounters. ☎5045

**AUTOMOTIVE PROFESSIONAL**
SWM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs, very good-looking, MBA, engineering manager likes slung clothing. Seeking SF 25-36, for LTR. ☎5051

**UNIQUE ATHLETE**
Seeking fun, open female with depth, who's unique, into weightlifting, martial arts. Bi attractive athletic BM, 29, 5'10", 185lbs, good person. ☎5065

**CALL MY LOVE LINE!**
Feel compassion? Charming active SWM, 40s, looking forward to an exciting range of behavior and exploration with a spunky SWF having a capacity for intimacy. ☎4993

**VERY SPECIAL GUY...**
wants to find a needle in the haystack. DWM, 44, 6'3", 200lbs, executive, very good looking, yet nice. Seeking gorgeous professional under 43, N/S, who is honest and nice. ☎4718

**WANTED 90S WOMAN**
Humorous DWM, 36, 5'10", 190lbs, brown/blue, enjoys working out, tennis, outdoors. Seeks intelligent, quick witted confident, attractive S/DWF, 30-40, N/S. For possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎4998

**PROFESSIONAL AND REAL**
Down-to-earth, 32 year-old SWM, I am attractive, exciting, caring and fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! ☎3741

**LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT ONE**
Professional, good-looking SWM, 33, 6'3", in shape, intelligent, funny, humorous, but serious at the right time. Seeking S/DWF, 30-40. ☎4772

**CALLING ALL NATIONS**
Attractive SWM, 34, 6'2", dark/blue, great sense of humor, easygoing, enjoys sports, concerts, movies. Seeking attractive foreign female from any country, age open, no American women, please. ☎4777

**HANDSOME WHITE MALE**
Sincere, easygoing SWM, 41, 5'8", 155lbs, degreed, humorous, seeks trim pretty SWF who enjoys Sunday breakfasts, theater, symphony, art shows, movies, outdoor concerts, travel, out, opera, travel, romance. ☎4721

**LOVE TO LAUGH**
Handsome SWPM, 42, 5'10", muscular, rides a bike, affectionate SWF, social drinker, no dependents, for love, laughter and LTR. Committed monogamous relationship. ☎4714

**SINGLE FATHER**
DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, who enjoys music, travel, dining and romantic, quiet times. Non-area. ☎4321

**WAITING ON A FRIEND...**
to fit my days and nights. SWPM seeks active, in shape SF, 30-ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Non-area. ☎4322

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**
Be a companion to handsome, youthful, educated, amusing dad, 47, 6'2", 210lbs, who enjoys golfing, motorcycles, theater, travel, fine dining. Seeking independent, youthful, attractive, easygoing, professional, 35-47, race open, single moms welcome. ☎4304

**SMILE WITH ME**
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF under 45, N/S for possible LTR. Talk to you soon. ☎2666

**TREASURE UNCLAIMED**
Sensitive, caring, fun-loving, unique, friendly, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-ish, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. ☎9554

**BELIEVE IN LOVE/ROMANCE?**
I want to live it! Italian male, 6, seeks same in attractive, slim SWPF, 35-45, N/S. Happiness awaits us. ☎4953

**ACTIVE, ENGAGING**
SWPM, 41, 5'11", no dependents. Seeks SWF, N/S, to enjoy the arts, bookstores, history, travel, long walks, nature, good conversation, tennis. ☎4313

**ZEST FOR LIFE**
Warm, sensitive, loving, caring what else do you need? DWPM, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, loves barbecues, camping, Cedar Pt., socializing, romantic dinner nights, music, kids, loves everything. Seeking S/DWPF, same interests, LTR. ☎4957

**EASYGOING**
Caring, sensitive DWM, 47, 6'1", 200lbs, enjoys music, sports, warm weather, water, dining, good times. Seeking honest, passionate, caring SWF to spend time with, possible LTR. ☎4965

**WHAT ABOUT ME AND YOU?**
Sincere, honest, kind SWM, 57, 165lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys walks in the park, quiet evenings and movies. Seeking happy-go-lucky, energetic SF, 35-45, with similar interests. ☎5049

**DOWN-TO-EARTH SEEKS ANGEL**
This above-average-looking guy is a down-to-earth, active, financially stable gentleman who is hoping to find a woman to share a lifetime of love, romance, fun and family. ☎4903

**VERY HEALTHY & ATTRACTIVE**
Athletic, honest, romantic, intelligent masculine with soft side WM, 40, lean muscular build, N/S, financially secure, animal lover, seeks honest, attractive, fit, outgoing, fun-loving female, for summer fun, possible LTR. ☎4112

**MEET THIS MAN!**
A flawed creature with aggressive tendencies, a big ego, inability to listen, but good at fishing, hiking, and hitting a ball. Seeking SWF, 35-50. ☎4835

**AWAITING MR. RIGHT?**
A meaningful relationship based on support and understanding? Great! But until then, I'll do just fine. Handsome, mischievous SWM, 43, seeks caring feminine companionship. ☎4834

**BE ADVENTUROUS**
Educated, adventurous DWPM, 46, 5'7", 140lbs, N/S. Seeking similar SWPF, willing to embrace wonder and excitement. Life offers. Must enjoy all types of music, dancing, travel, nights. ☎4326

**STEAK TO SUSHI**
and everything in between! SWPM, 46, intelligent, relaxed. Likes most everything. Seeking SWF, 35-46, interested in most everything. ☎4629

**IMPROVE YOUR IMAGE!**
Be seen with good-looking, healthy, sincere, suburban businessman with active lifestyle. Seeking warm, caring, attractive mid-age lady, for companionship or more. ☎4601

**CONFIDENT**
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, outdoors, rock music, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, with similar interests. ☎9518

**HEART OF GOLD**
Down-to-earth, intelligent passionate, honest, giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves children. Seeking sun, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted, single WAHF, for monogamous LTR, true love. ☎3931

**OUR NEW BEGINNING...**
starts here! DWPM, 43, 5'10", H/W proportionate, N/S, attractive, fun, outgoing, athletic, intelligent, honest, sincere. Seeking female equal with similar qualities, who's looking for that special relationship. I still believe, do you? ☎4713

**COMMUNICATION IS EVERYTHING**
Honest, sincere, romantic DWM, 41, 5'9", 180lbs, 9 year-old son, loves concerts, sports, cooking, traveling, outdoors, more. Seeking DWF, 34-40, with similar interests. Friends first, possible LTR. ☎3922

**IN YOUR EYES...**
I'd find someone special! DWM, 41, 5'9", 180lbs, fit, short-brown/brown, nice guy, enjoys humor, biking, ice-skating, movies, music, art, people watching. Seeking fit SWF to share experiences. ☎4560

**NEW SOULMATE, NEW BEGINNING**
DWM, 44, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, smoker, N/D, N/Drugs, enjoys candlelit dinners, movies, slow dancing, country music, oldies, camping, motorcycles, property investment. Seeking female, race/age open, for best friend, possible LTR. Smoker/social drinker ok. ☎4663

**SEEKING TRUE LOVE**
SWM, 39, 5'8", medium build, seeks S/DF, 33-39, slim/medium build, who enjoys sports, outdoors, reading, movies, going out to dinner. Kids ok. ☎4565

**WINE & ROSES**
Warm, cuddly, semi-retired teddy bear in North Oakland, Canadian, N/S, N/D, no dependents. Seeking a friend and lover to share health, wealth, happiness. ☎4910

**BE MY BUDDY.**
Widower 61, 6', 170lbs, Caucasian, retired, enjoys home projects. Looking for a slender woman who looks forward to the joys of the days to follow. ☎4812

**COMPANION WANTED**
Honest and caring SWM, 65, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys BBQ, traveling. Seeking retired SWAF, 60-64, with similar interests for LTR. ☎4813

**LIVE**
DWM, 26, 5'7", 155lbs, likes to have fun. Seeking S/DWF, 20-28, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎4814

**SEARCHING FOR A HEART**
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering, Caring SWPM, 49, 5'6", brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, employed, available SWPF, 28-42, for trust, friendship, communication, and more. ☎3193

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME**
Professional, financially/emotionally stable, humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys simple things in life, nature, vacations, love. Happiness awaits us from this moment on. ☎4608

**CALL THE SHOT!**
Make the move! An opportunity to escape the "desperate partner" search with this charming, thoughtful, growth-oriented SWM, over 40. Seeking a cute, cuddly, fun lady, under 50. ☎4603

**ULTIMATE MAN**
Romantic, honest, extremely attractive, passionate, sexy SWM, 26, 6', incredible kisser, seeks slender, pretty athletic SWF age unimportant if you like being swept off your feet, give me a call. ☎3919

**HAVING FUN YET?**
Hello? Call this cool, handsome SWM, 42, who seeks a romantic connection with a positive-thinking, enjoyable SWF, 32-47, to tweak the mustache, etc. ☎4619

**BEST OF BOTH WORLDS**
DWPM, 42, 5'8", 170lbs, mechanically inclined, N/S, social drinker. Seeking fit S/DWF who can wear a dress to dinner, or jeans, t-shirt, and tape measure to Home Depot. ☎5043

**ROMANTIC & SPIRITUAL**
Easygoing, humorous West Sider seeks soulmate. Seeking best friend passionate lover to share all times. This SWM, 62, N/S loves golf, movies, holding hands, and truly conversations. ☎5049

**LAKE-FRONT OWNER**
DWM, 44, 6'1", 205lbs, business owner, with kids, who lives on the water seeks SF, 30-44, who is interested in a best friend, kids a plus. ☎4995

**WIDOWER**
CPA, 60, medium build, blond/blue, with varied interests, seeks trim, very attractive, personable lady with whom to share life's offerings. ☎3501

**LOOKING FOR LOVE**
Financially secure SWM, 42, 6', loving out. Seeking simpatican, 34-44, who loves to laugh, and is full of kindness and love. ☎4924

**IT'S NO FUN BEING ALONE**
Caring, passionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", likes ... movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4983

**RUGGED, MUSCULAR...**
tall, clean-cut, degreed, SWM, 40, 6'3", 230lbs, bi-athlete, seeks fun with no dependents, good personality, enjoys most everything. Travel, Las Vegas, road trips, walking. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎4018

**SINCERE**
Tall, honest, loyal DWM, 54, 6'4", with sense of humor, financially secure, N/S, social drinker, slim, in good physical condition, seeks a slender lady, 42-51. For companionship, possible LTR. ☎4330

**HOT COMMODITY**
Affectionate, spontaneous, outgoing, tactful SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎4805

**TURNER SEEKS FONDA**
Nice-looking, well-educated man, 47, 6', trim, into arts, architecture, marketing, music, golf, and keeping a balance in life and work. Needs smart, good-looking, insightful woman with same sense of connection. ☎4769

**A REAL GENTLEMAN**
Kind-hearted SBM, 44, 5'7", 170lbs, medium build, easygoing, knows how to treat a lady with respect & gently. Seeking S/DWF, 35-50, for friendship and fun. ☎4770

**MR. RIGHT**
Attractive SBM, 33, 5'6", 170lbs, good job, car, home/manor, seeks very attractive woman of any race/age. ☎4774

**ROMANTIC GENTLEMAN...**
seeks loving lady with whom to be a soulmate. I'm an educated, down-to-earth, SWM, early 50s, 5'8", and enjoy humor, dancing, nature, travel, home life, sharing your goals and interests. ☎4720

**BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH**
Warm weather, outdoorsy, SJM, 46, 5'9", 162lbs, dark brown/blue, spiritual, sensual, sensitive, enjoys boating, volleyball, art fairs, outdoor cafes, hiking. Seeking soulmate SF, 29-44, sense of humor a plus. ☎3923

**TRAVEL COMPANION WANTED**
Attractive, retired WM, 55, 5'6", 160lbs, seeks SWF, under 50, under 5'6", 130lbs (H/W proportionate). Honest, open-minded, N/S. You name it, I've done it. Westland. ☎4715

**BUSINESS MAN**
Attractive, young-looking DWM, 52, physically fit, financially secure, seeks SWF, 30-45, for partner's LTR. ☎4716

**COOL, SMOOTH, TASTY**
Classic, creative, bold SWM, 45, prefers brief's over boxers. Seeks interesting feminine counterpart, with lots of personality to march into my life. ☎4712

**DREAMS**
I can dream about you if I can't hold you gentle at night. DWM, 48, 5'7", 195lbs, long brown hair, N/S, social drinker, seeks lady, 40-50, performed sumbuds. ☎4170

**ONE GOOD MAN**
SWM, 59, electrician, enjoys getting. Seeking wicked or SWF with no children and good sense, who enjoys travel. ☎4710

**FIRST TIME AD**
DWM, 53, 5'10", 160lbs, graying-out nice hair, sparkling brown eyes, no dependents, N/S, light drinker, employed, homeowner, enjoys movies, reminiscing, going out. Seeking slim, good looking, dark haired woman. ☎4711

**HAVE FUN W/THIS 38, SWPM**
Do you like weekends up north, Lakes? Motorcycles? Mountain biking? Being in shape? Then have fun with this SWPM, 38! You're in your 30s, fit, and you love kids. ☎4020

**LOOKING FOR A SMILE**
Open-minded warm-hearted SPM seeks warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a smile to fill my day, to share lakes, boating, travel, motorcycles and workouts. Now! ☎4320

**MISFITS AND MISADVENTURES?**
Turn-on to this youthful gent, SWM, 46. I can cope with mood swings, peculiarities, etc. Seeking interesting SWF for possible romantic future and meeting the needs of mind, body, and spirit. ☎4709

**HONEST AND REAL**
Slender, funny, intelligent SM, 42, 6', 190lbs. Seeking SF, 35-50, N/S, who is fun to be with, enjoys comedy clubs, coffee houses, jazz clubs, dancing, swimming, backgammon, chess. ☎4474

**ARE YOU TIRED...**
of being lonely, let down by phony ads or broken promises? Are you looking for a new beginning? SM seeks SWF, 25-35, who enjoys canoeing, camping, good conversation. No games. ☎4680

**FINE ARTS, NO SPORTS**
Are you a slender SWPF, 29-36, no dependents, who's into the art scene, good restaurants, architecture, and film? I'd like to meet you! Me? Good-looking, financially secure, SWPM, 33. ☎4823

**LONELY HEART**
Seeking someone, 40-47, who likes bowling, biking, walking, and anything else. I like kids and dogs. ☎4621

**LET'S SHARE**
Honest, spiritual, financially secure, open DWM, young 60s, 6', 200lbs, N/S... N/D. Summers Michigan, Winters South. Seeks lady to share fine arts, travel, dance, possible LTR. There's no time like today. ☎4328

**LOVE'S LIFES FORCE**
I'm not easy, but I'm a charming SWM, thrives on the past on of love and its deeper manifestations. Seeking fun-loving SWF, over 40, with a dream to fulfill. ☎4618

**I GOT THE FEVER**
Attractive SWM, 34, 6'2", great sense of humor, enjoys sports, concerts, movies. Seeking attractive Latin/Hispanic/Puerto Rican female, age open, for relationship. ☎4719

## Sports Partners

**WORKOUT WITH ME**
SBM, 27, looking for SF for workout partner to get in shape. ☎4816

**TENNIS ANYONE?**
SAF searching for a tennis partner. Farmington area. ☎4908

**LET'S GET IN SHAPE!**
BF seeks female workout partner, 25+, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills and Pontiac areas. ☎4693

**WORK OUT WITH ME**
DBF looking for a workout partner to get in shape. Give me a call. ☎4627


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**SHORT & SWEET**
Pretty, passionate, smart DWF, 44, seeks attractive, smart, humorous, no games SWM, 38+, N/S for highly romantic fun, one-on-one relationship that could develop into something meaning'l. ☎4466

**PARTNER NEEDED**
Sports enthusiast needs partner for tennis, golf, volleyball, dances, dinner, more. SPF, 48, medium build, never married, no dependents, seeks tall SPM, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship first. ☎4468

**SPECIAL LADY**
DWPF, 52, comfortable in jeans or formal, seeks quality caring male, 47-57, N/

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## COP CALLS

Police were called to Garden City Hospital Monday after security reported that a patient had tried to punch a doctor. The doctor wasn't seeking to press charges but hospital security wanted to make sure the man left the property.

The Westland man told officers he was waiting for a ride and then walked along Maplewood. Officers said he began walking in the street trying to get a vehicle to stop and was causing drivers to swerve to avoid him.

The man refused to get out of the street and began trying to hit the officers as they attempted to arrest him.

One officer reported being kicked in the knee and shin before a chemical spray was used.

Once at the police station, the officer said the man began having a conversation with a wall and a bench. The Psychiatric Intervention Center in Westland was contacted and it was learned that a mental commitment petition had been received regarding the man. He was cited for assaulting an officer, interfering and impeding traffic.

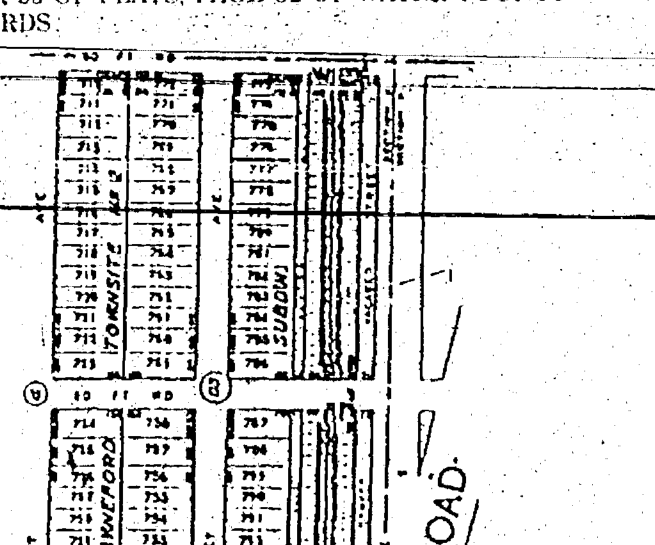
### CITY OF WESTLAND
### ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-12

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE 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 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; AND 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-4 district classification where R-5 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

LOT 748 INCLUDING N. ½ OF VACATED ALLEY OF KIRKE NEAL CO. WAYNEFORD TOWNSITE NO. 2 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE S.E. ¼ OF SEC. 8 AND PART OF S.W. ¼ OF S.W. ¼ OF SEC. 9, T.2S., R.9E., NANKIN TWP. (NOW CITY OF WESTLAND) WAYNE CO., MICH. AS RECORDED IN LIBER 63 OF PLATS, PAGE 32 OF WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS:




**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.

ON MOTION OF BARNS, SUPPORTED BY GRIFFIN.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS,
Westland City Clerk

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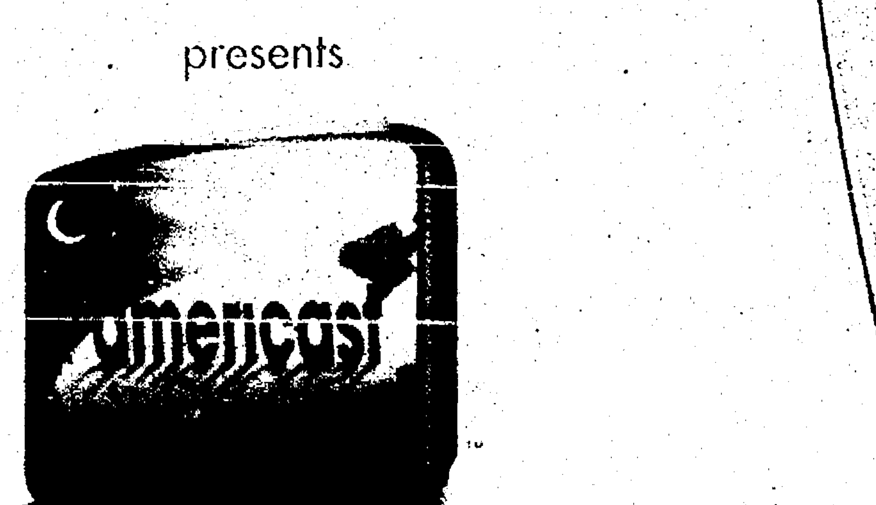

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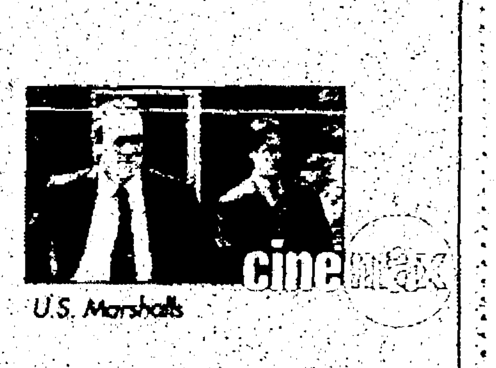
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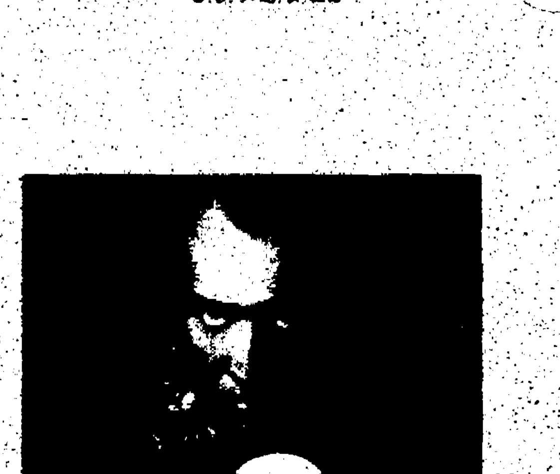

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# OPINION

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# Down to business

## Board needs to regroup, focus

Monday's selection of Richard Eisiminger as Wayne-Westland school board appointee ends – we hope – a game of musical chairs that has been played recently between the school board and the Westland City Council. Now it's time for this school board – and people who really want to serve on it – to get to work.

Board members chose Eisiminger over board hopefuls Diane Abbott and Marshall Wright. Some board watchers will be pleased, others disappointed. To be sure, all three candidates had plenty to offer when interviewed Monday evening.

All too often, our local school board seems like a springboard for people who have aspirations for other offices. There's nothing inherently wrong with political ambition, but right now Wayne-Westland needs some selfless board members who will put this district first.

David Cox recently left the school board for a Westland City Council appointment after serving three years of a four-year school board term. He returned to the place where his heart was, anyway; he had served a two-year council term until voters ousted him in 1995.

In all, four council members are former school board members. See a pattern?

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The Wayne-Westland school board has some pressing problems. To name two, it has a budget surplus that's expected to drop from $14 million to $5.6 million in the next year, and student test scores aren't improving nearly enough. Building renovations are moving along, but the focus must be on quality programs in those schools.

New school board President Robin Moore and her six colleagues need to show some real leadership as they face these challenges.

Otherwise the school board could begin to gain a reputation as an elected body where political careers got started – and education of children took a back seat.

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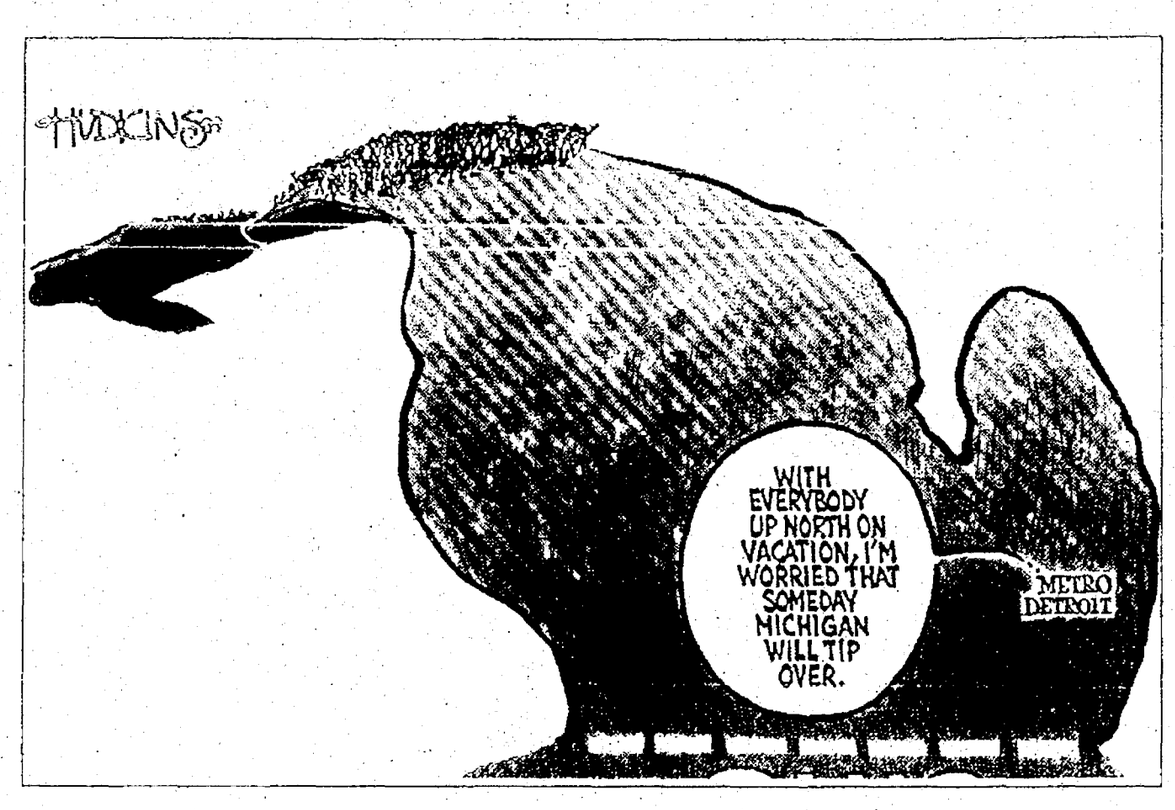


## LETTERS

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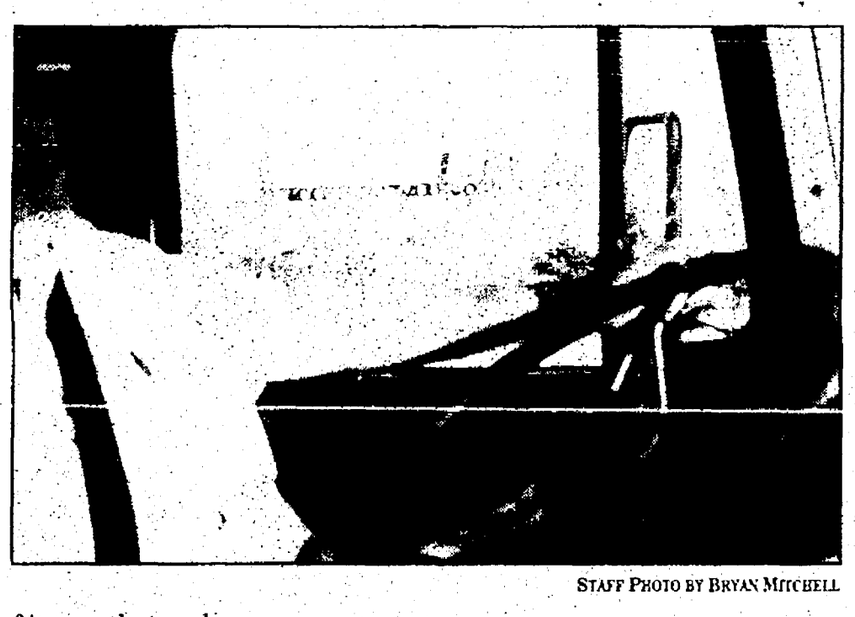
# Sharing the road takes patience

When it comes to a clash between a passenger vehicle and heavy-duty truck, you know which side is going to win.

So it only makes sense that those of us driving puny, two-axle vehicles ought to take notice and listen when the Michigan Truck Safety Commission, which represents the people who drive huge, multi-axle trucks, puts out some suggestions to help us share the road better.



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There's a convergence of issues that make things more difficult for all drivers these days. First, there are more cars and more trucks on the road today than ever before due to a number of reasons, including the predominance of on-time delivery of goods.

And, there's been a record amount of road construction in Michigan this summer that makes drivers more frustrated with the slowdowns. Toss in a little hot weather, mix thoroughly and you'll get a local commute more nightmarish, perhaps, than ever before.

Given those factors, the timing of the MTSC effort to boost safety awareness couldn't be better.

The tips are relatively basic. Many are things we learned – or should have learned – back in driver's training. These suggestions include:

■ Trucks make wide turns; hang back a little while they swing out for a turn.

■ Merge and go with the flow when getting onto a freeway. Blend safely into traffic by picking an opening, adjusting your speed and merging.

■ Watch out for a truck's blind spot – it's big. Blind spots include the back of the truck, along the trailer and cab of the passenger side, and on the driver's side outside the rearview mirror. A big key: If you can't see the truck driver in his/her mirror, the trucker probably cannot see you.

■ Remember, these trucks are very heavy. One 18-wheeler our reporter rode aboard was able to handle 80,000 pounds or 40 tons of auto parts. Obviously, that kind of heft requires plenty of time to get up to freeway speed and, more importantly, plenty of time to stop.

Many of us say we're good drivers and it's the other guy who can't handle the wheel properly. And we all complain when we get behind or next to those big rigs; we grouse about how they drive and many times they're risky drivers too.

Facts, however, show that most of the time there are serious crashes, it's the passenger vehicle's fault. In fatal accidents, 7 of every 10 times it's the car that causes the crash, according to MTSC figures.

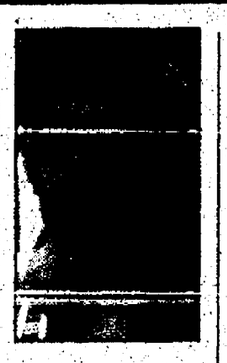
When it comes to cars and trucks sharing the road, size matters. Smart car drivers will remember these tips next time they see that big rig in their rear-view mirrors.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**

**With "The Haunting" No. 1 at the box office last weekend, we want to know – what's the scariest movie you've ever seen?**

*We asked this question at the Westland Public Library.*



"The remake of 'The Thing' with Kurt Russell."

**Jennifer Brent**
*Westland*

"Fear." (And, no, it's not 'Cape Fear.')

**Jennifer Fletcher**
*Westland*

"The Silence of the Lambs."

**Jessica Brent**
*Westland*

"Carrie."

**Pamela Johnson**
*visiting Westland*

## Critical words

City Hall and the lackeys thereof don't believe the city's new motto: Westland — the place to be. Apparently, it's not the place to be. Apparently Canton or Inkster or Garden City or Detroit are the places to be. All of a sudden Westland must be transformed to other places, a "world class" city, maybe?

Except for a few major destructive incidents and poor planning, the masses of the people have been satisfied for 30-40 years. When did the idea change? What and who changed it?

Further, who didn't maintain the buildings for which the taxpayers footed the bills and continue to operate? What people at city hall have ignored their civic duties and responsibilities as overseers of the taxpayers' properties and assets? The city hall compound is filled with employees and elected representatives. Which of them are not doing their jobs to protect the interests of the citizens?

It's time for major changes all right. But not into new city buildings, but rather changes of those whose were entrusted by the voters to complete civic duties, but instead promoted their own selfish desires and pals.

Elections are term limits in action! September can't come soon enough.

**Beatrice Scalise**
**Westland**

## Clear millennium mud

I just saw the ad in the Livonia Observer "Give him your opinion four ways for Sunday." Here it is. It occurs to me that there is a great misconception out in the public domain, that is forever compounded by the media and the press. Nothing earthshaking, mind you, but to me somewhat amusing, because it seems to be a typical case of someone saying something obviously wrong on the face of it, and then it is repeated until pure inertia (or critical mass) take over and give it a life of its own.

What am I talking about? Well, nothing other than the change of this old millennium to the new one, the new century, the new decade. I think it started with the Y2K computer problem, or Y2K bug. Then it was called the millennium bug, which , of course it was NOT. Then couples found it wonderful to have a baby on the first day of the new millennium, and they tried to figure out when to conceive their Millennium Offspring. And everywhere can you hear on TV and radio advertising about "... as we approach the new millennium. blah, blah, blah..."

Now we start getting into the money and even the religious aspects of the change to the new millennium (Doomsday at the change to the new millennium). The truth is, our calendar was introduced in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII to take care of some of the slippage that took place because of inaccuracies of the previous calendar, because the Julian calendar created three leap years too many in every period of 385 years. So, with the help of astronomer Christopher Clavius this was corrected, and the new calendar became the Gregorian. On Oct. 4, 1582 (Julian) a switch was made by cutting out the days until October 15, thus October 4th was followed by October 15 in that year. From now on leap years occur in years exactly divisible by 4, except that years ending with "00" must be divisible by 400 to be leap years. Thus 1900 was no leap year, but 2000 will be. There is one more important detail you and your readers should be aware of: The calendar starts with year 1 AD, preceded by year 1 B.C. THERE NEVER WAS A YEAR "0".

That means, if you can count, that a decade, century and millennium having 10, 100 and 1,000 years respectively, each begins with a "1" at the end, and the last number at the end of each must be a "0". SO, THE PRESENT (second) MILLENNIUM WILL END ON DEC. 31, 2000 AND THE NEW ONE (third) WILL START ON January 1, 2001.

Even the famous Peter Jennings wrote in the introduction to his book "The Century": "..This century began on January 1, 1901 and will end on December 31, 1999..." Well he had beginning right, but he ran out of numbers before he came to 100 (once he ran out of fingers and toes?). Those who are confused are obviously in good and prestigious company.

Is it a big deal? No, probably not. And that's why I have a good chuckle about the whole affair, whenever I hear or read about it in anticipation of what various people are going to say/do for an encore when January 1, 2001 really arrives.

**Fritz Sanders**
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# A car is on fire, call 911, be smart about safety

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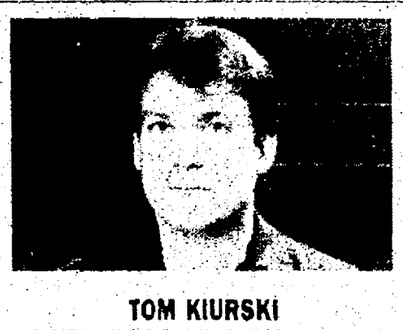

TOM KIURSKI

A car is burning. You see it up ahead, traffic slowing as drivers approach the flaming vehicle, spewing a thick black column of smoke toward the sky. You drive by it, fascinated by the flames dancing out from around the windows and hood. The amount of smoke being produced and sent upward is astounding. It doesn't appear that anyone is inside the car. You feel a slight relief, although you aren't sure what you would have done if someone were in the car. You ask yourself, "What if the car burning was yours?" You look at the road in front of you and continue on, not giving it another thought as you turn up your car radio.

Vehicle fires are common in the United States. They happen so frequently that they are barely noticed by passers-by. However, vehicle fires are a significant element of the U.S. fire problem. Considering that one out of every five reported fires involve motor vehicles, and that nearly 700 people die and more than 3,000 people are injured each year from vehicle fires, we must plan our actions accordingly. By analyzing the data we have on vehicle fires, we can gain knowledge that may keep you safer if the next burning vehicle you come in contact with is yours.

Vehicle fires produce high heat levels and toxic gases. The heat can be in excess of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, with flames shooting as high as 10 feet. While all fires give off deadly gases that can impair judgment before they kill you, planning your actions in advance can help you perform better when the emergency arises.

If you are driving and notice the visible smoke and accompanying smell, stop on the side of the road as soon as safely possible. Park the car, set the parking brake, and turn off the ignition. If the ignition is left on, the fuel pump may continue to pump fuel to the fire. GET OUT OF THE CAR!

Don't waste time investigating light amounts of smoke yourself. Smoke contains carbon monoxide, a potentially deadly gas that confuses its victims before making them sleepy prior to unconsciousness and death. Although car explosions are very rare, fire can spread rapidly. It is safest to get yourself and all others out of and away from the vehicle. Parts of the vehicle can burst because of heat, shooting debris great distances. Bumper and hatchback door struts, two-piece tire rims, magnesium wheels, drive shafts, grease seals, axle and engine parts all can become lethal shrapnel.

Once you are a safe distance away from the vehicle, call the local fire department and tell them the location of the vehicle that is on fire. Remain away from the vehicle, and do not attempt to re-enter the vehicle to retrieve property. If the fire is under the hood or trunk, do not attempt to open them. The increased air available to the fire could cause it to grow, and you may burn your hands while attempting to open these areas by contacting hot objects.

If a portable fire extinguisher is available that is rated for use on Class "B" and Class "C" fires, it can be used to attempt to extinguish the fire. If a fire extinguisher is not available, do not attempt to fight the fire. As long as the fire department has been notified, they will be at the scene shortly to extinguish the fire. You don't have the equipment and training that firefighters have to fight the fire. Be careful, motor vehicle fires can be dangerous!

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# Congress drops the ball on health care ... again

MIKE MALOTT

In the last few years I served as editor of The Novi News, I began to notice a disturbing trend – we were writing stories with increasing frequency about fund-raising events for people with terminal illnesses.

How sad, I thought. In this day and age when health insurance is so common, some folks still have to go out on the stump to get the cash they need to keep from dying. I was even more disturbed when I began to realize that in most of these cases, the patients actually had health insurance.

As I continued to observe, it became clear there were two typical causes for this need to raise money. One was to cover costs incidental to the treatment expenses. For example, a patient might be flying to a clinic out of state and air fare and hotel rooms for relatives caused the additional cost burden.

Fair enough, I concluded. Insurance can't be expected to cover such costs.

The second common cause really bothered me, however. The doctor determined the patient needed a drug not yet fully approved by the Federal Drug Administration and therefore still considered experimental. Insurance companies most often won't pay for experimental drugs.

While modern science is spinning out new treatments for all manner of ailments at a truly dazzling rate, the FDA still requires the most arduous testing of new drugs to be found anywhere in the world. And it should.

But typically, by the time pharmaceutical companies reach the point of submitting a "protocol," the outline of the final study, to the FDA, drug manufacturers have done quite a bit of preliminary testing. The last bit of research is done on humans to track the drug's effectiveness and discover all the potential side effects.

Doctors keep an eye on such research and it is not unusual for them to conclude that some new wonder drug is the last best hope for their patient. The patient can get the drug, by participating in the study, but insurance companies usually won't pick up the tab.

Somehow, that seems almost criminal to me _ that a patient for whom insurance premiums have been paid, who needs a drug that has been developed to the point its is being given to humans should have to face bankruptcy – or resort to fund-raisers – to pay for it.

So I was extremely disappointed when Congress recently turned down a proposal to require health maintenance organizations to pay for experimental drugs. It was one of a number of HMO reforms rejected by federal lawmakers. Also on the list were proposals to allow doctors to make the final call on what treatments a patient needs, rather than the HMO, and eliminating HMOs' immunity from lawsuits.

Frankly, I've never understood why HMOs should not have legal liability for their actions. We all understand that things can go wrong on the operating table when we consent to surgery, but that has not led to any immunity for doctors from malpractice suits.

Now that Congress has dropped the ball, it's time for the second string to take the field. If any HMO reforms are likely to be enacted, it will be the state Legislature that does the job. It has had to do it before.

When Congress rejected President Clinton's national health care plan several years back, it was the state legislatures that had to take over. In one year alone, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, state lawmakers across the country proposed some 26,000 health care reform bills and turned 3,400 of them into law. Much of the national plan was adopted in many states.

Dennis Denno, spokesman for the Michigan Democrats, is mad about Congress' most recent failure to act and pointed the finger directly at Republican Sen. Spencer Abraham for his no vote on the bills. Congress could have taken care of the issue for the entire country. But he agrees now it's up state lawmakers.

State Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, said she believes the final call on a patient's treatment should be the doctor's, not the HMO's. And she agrees it is up to the state to do the job.

It's just one more instance in which the state is left to do a job the feds should have taken care of.

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# *Disillusioned voters find alternative*

PHILIP POWER

A national political convention took place in Michigan over the weekend. No, it wasn't the Republicans crowning George W. Bush as their presidential nominee. Nor was it the Democrats, vibrating (slowly) to the electric personalities of Al Gore and Bill Bradley. It was the Reform Party, in convention duly assembled at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

Now before you either snigger or condemn the Reform Party to the overcrowded graveyard of American third parties, consider this.

■ What political party's platform called for and achieved the most substantive political reform in the last 10 years? The Reform Party's plank on term limits.

■ What third party rose virtually overnight to full-blown national exposure over just two presidential elections? The Reform Party, led by billionaire Ross Perot.

■ What political party attracted 336,000 Michigan votes for its presidential candidate in the 1996 election? The Reform Party, with Ross Perot its candidate for president.

For folks in Michigan, the Reform Party ought to have a lot of appeal as an alternative to either of the mainstream parties.

To the left are the Democrats, dominated in general by organized labor and in particular by the United Auto Workers and its president, Steve Yokich, and his chief of staff, Paul Massaron.

The scope of domination was laid out for all to see last week when Frank Garrison, the longtime head of the Michigan State AFL-CIO and one of the few independent thinkers in the party hierarchy, announced his "retirement." The feud between Garrison and Yokich-Massaron has been an ill kept secret for years. We now know who has the votes.

Also powerful in the Michigan Democratic Party are Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and the various political factions in Detroit, as well as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara. Excepting followers of McNamara, a practical politician of the old school and a centrist, there's not much room at the Democratic inn for moderates, "Milliken Democrat" suburbanites, or business and professional people.

On the right are the Republicans, now dominated by Gov. John Engler, a colossus whose reign has obscured the vicious split between relatively practical "Main Street" Republicans and the rabidly rigid social conservatives.

Don't kid yourselves. All may be sweetness and light on the surface; Republicans regardless of ilk are panting to recapture the White House and George W. seems the most likely guy to do it. But underneath the politics of compassionate expediency lurk a bunch of savage ideologues whose past track record demonstrates spectacular efficiency in driving away most moderate folks.

So a party that includes this on its platform – "We shall seek to reform our electoral, lobbying and campaign practices to ensure that our elected government officials and our candidates owe their allegiance and remain accountable to the people whom they are elected to serve rather than other influence-seeking agencies" – should be very attractive to a lot of middle-of-the-road Michigan voters.

Of course, the Reform Party arose as the compound of widespread voter frustration with both major parties, generously greased with Mr. Perot's money and ego. I doubt any other person in America could have created a party that got itself on the ballot in most states literally from scratch.

Over the weekend, the Reform Party had to address in convention its own personality struggle for leadership between Perot and Minnesota governor and former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura. Now that the issue has been, ahem, pinned down, the reformers will have to go forward under the cloud that, "a vote for the Reform Party is like a vote for none of the above," in the words of Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

It's all very sad. Since the election last year, many, many people have told me they feel they have no home in either major political party. The prospects for either Democrats or Republicans reaching out to ordinary, middle-of-the-road people seem slim. And the Reform Party has limited itself to offering us a billionaire with short man's disease and a TV entertainer.

Winston Churchill was right. Democracy is the worst system of government, except when compared to any other.

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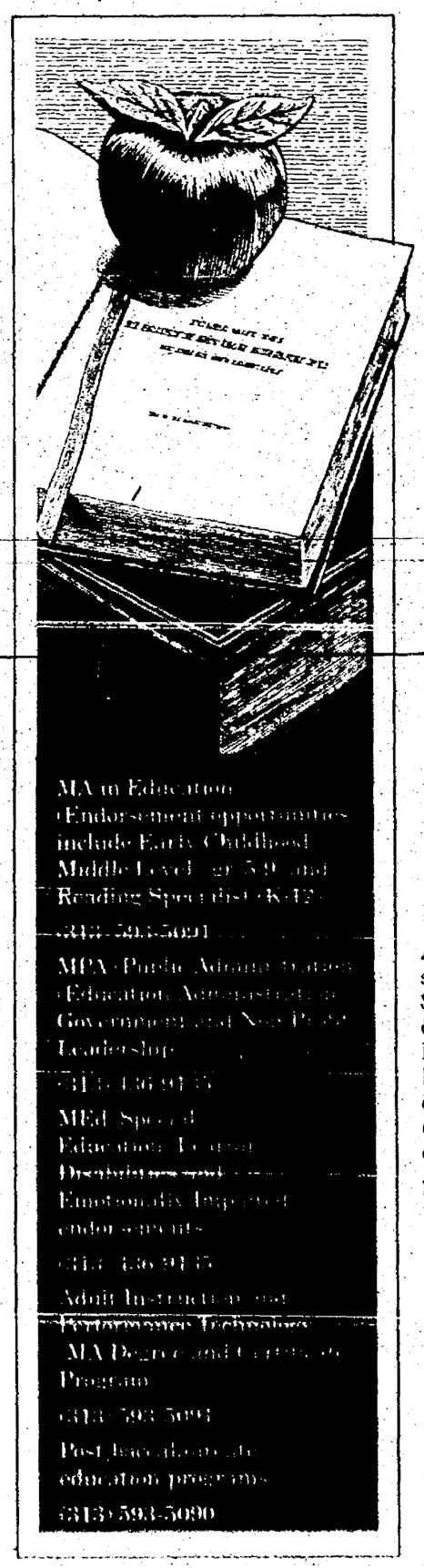

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# Fast-thinking airport employee cited for heroic on-the-job rescue

**Life saver:** *Greg Wing, left, shows his medal and citation received for his rescue of Peter Hartner, right, from an electric cable.*

An airport operations agent at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport received honors and praise on Thursday for actions he took June 29 to save the life of a Detroit Edison worker.

Gregory Wing of Belleville received a Distinguished Medal and a Citation of Valor on Thursday from County Executive Edward McNamara for removing a live 7000-volt electric cable from Peter Hartner at the airport on June 29.

That evening Wing escorted Hartner out to the approach end of one of Metro's runways to inspect several cable boxes, damaged by a lightning strike the night before.

Before beginning repairs, Hartner removed a yellow "hot stick" from his vehicle and laid it on the ground near the work area. (A "hot stick" is an insulated pole used to move live power lines.)

After believing he had isolated the burned-out circuit, Hartner told Wing the transformer was grounded so repairs could begin. Unaware of an alternate feed to the transformer, Hartner began to work. But when he made contact with the conductor, he was severely shocked, and fell to the ground with the live 7,000-volt cable resting on his body.

"I said, "God, forgive me for all I've done,' and reached for the wire," said Wing. The eight-year Metro Airport employee quickly grabbed the "hot stick" from the ground and pushed the live cable from Hartner's body.

Wing then checked Hartner, who was slipping in and out of consciousness and used his radio to call for emergency assistance. Hartner suffered two contact burns where the wire brushed against his body.

"Greg Wing's heroic deed saved Peter Hartner's life," said Charlie Sherrill, director of airport operations.

McNamara said Wing also visited the Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center that evening to see how Hartner was doing.

"His heroic and humanitarian efforts serve as an example for us all, and it gives me great pleasure to bestow upon Greg this honor. We are lucky to have him as part of our team."

# *Ventriloquist entertains at park*

Children of all ages can experience a full evening of entertainment which includes a ventriloquist and movie, on Friday, July 30, at Bell Creek Park in Redford.

Ventriloquist Richard Paul will perform at 7:30 p.m., and the Disney animated feature movie, "Mulan," will be shown at dusk.

Paul is an author, member of the National Speaker's Association and the International Ventriloquist Association.

"Mulan" will appear outdoor on a 300-foot projection screen with stereo sound. The movie tells the story of a young, high-spirited Chinese girl who learns that her aged father has been called into service to fight the invading Mongols.

The Summer Family Entertainment Series of free movies, musical and children's performances in the outdoors was made possible through the parks property tax. This event has been co-sponsored through the Redford Parks and Recreation Department.

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COMMON SENSORS

JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

## *Kids' views: some things to consider*

The land mines for kids are out there. Make no mistake about it. This columnist has highlighted several of them, including drugs/alcohol, sex, violence and a need to fit in.

But as we wring our hands with worry about the next generation, I am relieved to see that not all the children share our concerns.

In a new poll by Nickelodeon and Time magazine, more than 1,100 kids age 6-14 expressed some thoughts that, frankly, surprised me.

As Claudia Wallis sums up in her July 5 Time story, "What emerges loud and clear from the study is that kids are very happy to be kids and they don't view the world as the nasty place their parents perceive it to be."

These kids, instead of worrying about guns, crime and violence, are more concerned with the simpler aspects of childhood: being bossed around, homework, being grounded and chores.

The scariest proposition they could conjure up about their future was to envision themselves as president of the United States.

When asked if they would rather be Microsoft founder Bill Gates or President Bill Clinton, 67 percent responded positively for Gates. When asked if they would even consider being president at all, 62 percent said no.

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But along with remarks that could have mirrored children from the '50s, there were some answers that we as parents may want to ponder.

For instance, when asked what age they thought premarital sex was appropriate, the kids' average answer was 23 years old. When parents were asked the same question, the answer was 18 years old.

Another question asked kids and adults was how much respect they thought adults have for kids. Some 79 percent of the kids thought adults have "some" or "a lot" of respect for children.

In contrast, 94 percent of adults answered the same way. When the kids were asked if they felt that adults had no respect for children, a solid 5 percent agreed.

Could it be that adults send a mixed message by assuring children they have respect for them, but don't act like it?

One last surprising response that should tell us something about what every child needs came when they were asked if they would like to spend more time with their parents.

As expected, the *little* kids agreed they would like to spend more time with their parents, but even 60 percent of the kids ages 12-14 agreed.

Maybe that's the most significant piece of information we can take from this survey: spending time with children builds a connectedness like nothing else.

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### Here's her football favorite

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Take a look:** *Surrounded by her collection of stuffed koala bears, Ashly Butkowski shows off the John Elway Upper Deck football trading card that she drew for the company's "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest. Her drawing was one of 30 included in a subset of Upper Deck's 1999 MVP footballs card set.*

# *Drawing puts her in Upper Deck*

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As Ashly Butkowski puts it, she's been drawing ever since she could hold a crayon, and the refrigerator in her Westland home is her art gallery.

Magnets hold up her free-hand drawings of a lobster, a fish and a computer-aided sketch of her dad, Richard, sitting on the couch, eating "Air Crisps."

There's also a spot for her first published piece, a crayon sketch of John Elway. Ashley wishes she'd included a few more details, but no matter. The crayon drawing of the Denver Broncos quarterback was just what Upper Deck wanted for a football trading card.

"I wish I had put a nose on him," said Ashly, fingering the trading card that's available as a subset card in Upper Deck's 1999 MVP football set.

"And there's no helmet," said her mother, Karen. "She didn't even look at pictures of him, she drew it from memory. She does all of her pictures like that. She's our little artist."

It was her father who happened on the contest last summer. A trading card collector since he was a child, he found a blank card, announcing the "Draw Your Own Trading Card" contest, in a pack he bought last year.

He asked Ashly is she wanted to enter, and the 7 1/2-year-old responded with and "I guess so."

"She drew it the next day," said Karen. "She did while sitting in front of the TV. It only took her about an hour."

### Mission to draw

The contest ran August through October of last year, and entrants were given the mission of drawing, painting or otherwise creating their vision of a collector's Upper Deck NFL MVP football trading card, featuring their favorite player.

The Carlsbad, Calif.-based company received 3,000 entries in three age groups – 5-8 years, 9-14 years and 15 years and older) and selected 10 winners in each group, based on their creativity, overall presentation and athlete likeness.

"The amount of entries we received was overwhelming," said Lisa Vipond, football brand manager for Upper Deck. "We evaluated some true-to-life renditions from collectors ranging in age from 6 to 55. The entrants showed their passion for trading cards and football in general."

The winning cards are inserted into packs as an additional card within the NFL MVP football set. The insert ratio is one card in every six.

A third grader at Grant Elementary School in Livonia, Ashly entered the contest with a positive attitude – "I knew I would win." Living in Detroit Lions country, she opted to draw John Elway because of her Dad.

"When Dad watches the Broncos with me ... well, I watch it with my Dad ... he's like my favorite player out of all of them," she said.

"My husband's been a huge Broncos fan since he was a little kid," added Karen.

The family had expected the contest winners would be announced at the end of the 1998 season, but heard nothing. It wasn't until April, that the letter came from Upper Deck.

"It was a nice surprise," said Karen, who told her daughter about it when she picked her up at school. "When we found out, it had been so long that we couldn't remember what it looked like, only that it had a goal post.

"Ashly enters a lot of things and is fairly lucky, but this one took skill."

Even her sister, Jennifer, 13 1/2, calls her sister lucky and considers her contest success to be "cool," Karen added.

### For her 'fans'

In addition to having her drawing appearing on the Upper Deck card, the youngster received an Upper Deck baseball cap, sticker and 25 cards to give to her "fans."

She also heard from Elway on Monday. Selected as the MVP of Super Bowl XXXIII, Elway sent her an autographed picture and a note, saying "Way to go, Ashly, and best wishes."

Her collector father has already checked out the value of the card. Because of the limited number of cards and her choice of John Elway, Ashly's card

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# Women face challenge fulfilling God's call

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Karen C. Lewis' marketing career had been a successful one. She admits she enjoyed money. She went on expensive vacations and purchased designer clothing for herself and her family.

But all that changed. After her son was born with an autoimmune disorder, her family was felled by a string of medical emergencies. Lewis was diagnosed with lupus and her daughter with juvenile diabetes. During that time of struggle, she realized one thing: she wanted to be a priest.

"I have what I call a 'Gotcha Bird.' God has this little invisible bird on my shoulder and it'll go, 'Gotcha,' " the boisterous Lewis explained. "God is always active with us, but we don't pay attention and listen. Once we stop and listen, which for me took many crises, God goes 'Gotcha' and tells you want you need to hear.

"Unfortunately, our God doesn't use a telephone, telegram, post office or e-mail, so it makes it a little bit harder to figure out what God wants you to do."

His message for Lewis was an ordained ministry. Her answer was "no way."

"I like money, I like my weekends off," she said. "I'm not real big on the church, in terms of what you have to do. I really said I'm not good enough. But I said, OK, I will go ahead and think about it."

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

**New career:** *Karen Lewis is among a growing number of women who are accepting the call to serve as ordained ministers. The assistant rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, she feels comfortable in her work, but some people are uncomfortable with the idea of female clergy.*

Lewis thought about it and went through the seven-year ordination process, that included leaving behind her husband and three children to study for a year in Illinois. Since August 1995, she has served as assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The process wasn't as easy as that. While she felt comfortable as a clergy member, others called it awkward or just plain wrong. Lewis, however, takes it all in stride.

"I've had my tastes of discrimination," she said. "I've had people refuse to receive communion from me. I've had people request a male to do funerals and not a female. I've been called names. I've been told I can't do what I do because Jesus chose men to be apostles and I don't have the right anatomical parts.

"My response is, I have yet to see a man use that part of his anatomy at an altar or in any part of their priesthood. As soon as they start using that in their priesthood, then I'm out because I don't qualify. I had one priest tell me that I don't need to make the same salary as him because my husband has a good job.

"Discrimination is alive and well against women clergy. I pray that for my children's generation, it's going to be different."

### Increasing numbers

The number of female clergy is growing. When the Rev. Sharon L. Janot attended seminary in the early to mid-

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## CRAFTS CALENDAR

*Listings for the Crafts Calendar 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, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or by e-mail at smason@oe.homecomm.net. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.*

**ABUNDANT LIFE**
Abundant Life Church is hosting an outdoor craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 31 at the church, 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. There will be crafts, cake walk, games, white elephant sale, refreshments and more. Tables are still available at $20 for a 6-foot table. For more information, call Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046 or Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-8062.

**ST. ELIZABETH**
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church is looking for crafters for its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. To register, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880

**ST. DAMIAN**
Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

**ST. THEODORE**
St. Theodore Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is $20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**
Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is $25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is $70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**
The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs $60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**
Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space – 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-by-8-foot table – is $50 for one day and $90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional $5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603.

**ST. EDITH**
Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is $40 for a 10-by-8-foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

## Clergy *from page B1*

1980s, probably less than 10 percent of the ordained clergy was women. But now, she believes, the "number is certainly over 10 percent."

And there's a large group of them in the western Wayne County area.

Janot pastors at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford; Diana Goudie and her husband, Bob, share duties at Aldersgate United Methodist Church; the Rev. Carla Thompson Powell has pastoral duties at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia; and the Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson has been at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia since 1988.

But, Lewis points out, most female ministers tend to be "assistants."

"Most of the women clergy in this area are assistants. Very few are rectors or pastors of large churches," she said. "They're usually assistants or associates. They're not the lead pastor. That's discrimination."

Unfortunately, her bumpy road is one that is well traveled. Goudie has had a few rough moments in her career. While she was pastoring at a church near Milan, an older man in her church insisted that women should not preach.

"I just continued to love him, surround him, be nice to him and so forth," she said. "When he went to the hospital, I was there for his surgery. By the end, he got so he thought my prayers were OK. I just continued to be who I was. I continued to work hard at my sermons to preach good sermons and people heard that."

Now with her husband at her side, things are a bit easier for Goudie.

"We have a male and a female as equals; it's a wonderful model for people," she said. "What happens is if somebody identifies easier to a woman they come to me. If they identify easier with a male, they go to Bob. It's been wonderful. They not only accepted my femaleness, they've also accepted the equality between the two of us."

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**One, two:** *Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia is the Rev. Carla Thompson Powell's first call; however, it is the second time the church has had a female minister.*

### The first hurdle

Upon graduating from Evangelical Lutheran Church of America seminary in 1987, Good Shepherd's Janot was first concerned about getting a "call," or an assignment to a church.

"As a woman, there's always that first hurdle in serving in congregations; that's a prevalent experience," Janot said. "When I was ordained, we started looking at 'Can you get a first call? Can you get a second call? How do women continue to take on leadership roles in the church beyond first calls or small congregations?"

Timothy Lutheran is Powell's first call. In high school, an acquaintance told her she would make a great pastor. She admitted that she just humored the woman and laughed. Powell wanted to study psychology. She didn't think she was the right one for the pastoral job. That soon changed.

"As some of my friends became pastors, I realized pastors are human beings and there are different personalities and different styles," she said. "There's not one way of being a pastor. So that kind of opened me up to be willing to follow the call that I felt but didn't feel like I could fulfill.

"Eventually, I went to seminary. I thought I would only be able to be an associate pastor working with a senior pastor in such and such setting. I didn't think I'd ever be on my own as a solo pastor."

As the second female pastor at Timothy, she hasn't encountered the same type of discrimination as her peers.

"One thing they did need to remember that I think is important for many congregations is that not all women pastors are alike," said Powell, whose husband is a pastor and between calls. "They had one and assumed that I would be very similar to her and I'm not. She and I have very different personalities, different styles, very different priorities.

"It's important for people to remember just because we're women, it doesn't mean we all think and act the same."

But, she does point out that women bring a unique perspective to the church.

"We've been able to think about incorporating the whole family, to think about welcoming children in worship," she said. "I think it's a great gift just to have different types of people serving as pastors. It reminds us that God is not a white male, 55 years old. That even when people draw pictures of God, they draw a white guy.

"God is so much broader than that. Having women pastors, pastors of color, reminds us that there's something broader about God, something wider about God's love than just one gender, one ethnicity, and one age."

# *Sears looks for fashion-smart kids*

Hey, kids. Do you think you have what it takes to reign as the Sears BizWiz Style Expert?

If you do, log on to FreeZone.com beginning Thursday, Aug. 5, to enter the Sears BizWiz Style Contest and take a chance at becoming Sears first-ever kids fashion consultant.

Kids will be able to display their wardrobe wizardry by raiding a room full of clothes and putting together an outfit that expresses their individuality and creativity.

After making a very hip selection, the up-and-coming designers will express their personal style in a paragraph or rhyme, as well as predict the two coolest fashion trends for spring 2000.

The grand prize winner – to be selected by an MTV stylist – will receive an iMac computer and one for a friend, $1,000 in "fun money" and a trip to New York City for a day (family included) where he or she will be a consultant, deciding on Sears' spring line. Nine runners-up will win a $500 Sears gift card.

So hop on the Internet and go to http:// freezone. com/ sears, but be sure to wait until Aug. 5 or you may just hit a road block.

## Football *from page B1*

will sell at $7, according to one price guide.

Not one to rest on her laurels, Ashly would like to do similar cards, especially for hockey. That way she could draw her" good buddy," former Detroit Red Wing Slava Fetisov.

The youngster has been writing to Fetisov ever since he was injured in a car accident following the Wings' Stanley Cup victory in 1997. When ever he's around, Richard and Karen take her to see him.

"He remembers her from the first time they met," said Karen. "She asked him for a hug. And he remembers that. Every time he sees her, he says, "Come here, I know what you want.'

"She writes to him; he doesn't write back, but he lets her know he's gotten all of her cards and letters."

But after the note from Elway, Ashly may add him to her "pen pal" list.

"I was excited and surprised to get it and I think I'll write him," she said.

Read Taste on Sunday

**CITY OF WESTLAND**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Tuesday, August 3, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | V.I.N. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1989 | Mazda | 626 4 Dr. | Blue | JM1GD2229K1701176 |
| 1986 | Ford | Tempo 2 Dr. | Blue | 1FABP22X7GK118819 |
| 1994 | Mercury | Topaz 2 Dr. | Gray | 1MEPM31X1RK643201 |
| 1988 | Ford | Mustang | Blue | 1FABP41A4JF297667 |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1989 | Ford | Escort | Blue | 1FAPP9197KW167232 |
| 1985 | Olds | Delta 88 2 Dr. | Blue | 1G3BN37YOF9071713 |
| 1985 | Ford | Pickup F150 | Gray | 2FTDF15Y4FCA55525 |
| 1977 | Ford | T-Bird | Gray | 7G87S317469 |
| 1983 | AMC | Eagle 2 Dr. | Black | 2CCCK5306DB720556 |
| 1985 | Mercury | Cougar 2 Dr. | White | 1MEBP92FOFH632242 |
| 1985 | Olds | Cutlass 2 Dr. | Blue | 1G3AM27E9FG400905 |
| 1989 | Pontiac | Grand Prix 2 Dr. | Blue | 1G2FJ14T8KF307406 |
| 1985 | Ford | Tempo 4 Dr. | Red | 2FABP22X5GB258202 |
| 1990 | Ford | Taurus 4 Dr. | White | 1FACP50U0LG194359 |
| 1989 | Dodge | Ram Van | Blue | 2B5WB35Z8KK382592 |
| 1986 | Ford | Taurus 4 Dr. | White | 1FABP29U8GG212786 |

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.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**
**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before August 11, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following:

**Excavator**

Please direct questions pertaining to the bid specifications to Ted Williams, Sr., at the Department of Public Service at (734) 467-3243. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bid packages may be obtained through the Purchasing Department.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No: 661-081199
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**To the Qualified and Registered Electors of GARDEN CITY CITY - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Notice is hereby given that a CITY PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Location:

| Precinct | Location/Address |
|---|---|
| 001 | FARMINGTON SCHOOL<br>33411 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 002 | LOG CABIN<br>200 LOG CABIN DRIVE, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 003 | LATHERS SCHOOL<br>28351 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 004 | LATHERS SCHOOL<br>28351 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 005 | MEMORIAL SCHOOL<br>30001 MARQUETTE, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 006 | GARDEN CITY JR. HIGH<br>1851 RADCLIFF, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 007 | MAPLEWOOD CENTER<br>31735 MAPLEWOOD, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 008 | HENRY RUFF SCHOOL<br>30300 MAPLEWOOD, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 009 | CIVIC CENTER<br>6000 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, GARDEN CITY 48135 |
| 010 | DOUGLAS SCHOOL<br>6400 HARTEL, GARDEN CITY 48135 |

for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

**MAYOR**

Jim Barker
Joanne S. Dodge
Ronald Showalter

All polling place are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, AUGUST 2, 1999, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on AUGUST 3, 1999; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trail. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, JULY 31, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

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**WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL**
**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**
**MTG NO 14-7/19/99**

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barns, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott
162: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 7/6/99
- Approved renewal of 10 bond plates for Taxi-Town, Inc
- Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-1, Budget Carry Forward
- Approved bid - Exhaust removal system for Fire Dept to Hastings Air-Energy, amt $33,946
- Approved purchase of 2 unmarked vehicles for Police Dept from Red Holman Pontiac total purchase price, $39,911.75
- Adopted lot split resolution splitting lots #21 & #22a, Luttermoser Estate Sub
- Adopted lot split resolution splitting lots #190 & #192, Cadillac Park Sub
- Adopted Ordinance 248-A-12, rezoning from single family residential to vehicle service, Kirke Neal Co.'s Wayneford Townsite Sub #2 & ½ adjacent vacated alley, N. of Ford, W of Wayne Rd

163: Approved vehicle purchase for Fire Dept from Dick Scott Dodge, amt $27,169
164: Granted request from David & Connie Evens to split lot #609C of Supervisor's Nankin Plat #12
165: Approved recommendation of Administration to accept bids for purchase of listed parcels of property & payment to City of bid amount & $320 processing fee
166: Approved resolution to amend the Appointed Officials' Pay Plan to include Assessor in Pay Grade 1
167: Approved first amendment to 1998-2000 Cable Television Professional Services Contract with Abbott Communications, Inc to increase salaries
168: Approved Check List - $800, 110.28 & Prepaid - $1,575,020.06
Mtg adjourned at 8:31 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

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

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**
**NOTICE TO 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 1999. 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 of 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 29, 1999.

City of Westland
Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

APPENDIX A

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| 001-99-0027-000 | 032-02-0536-000 | 047-02-0001-001 | 070-01-0027-001 | 083-03-0199-000 |
| 001-99-0028-000 | 032-02-0537-000 | 048-01-0044-000 | 070-01-0028-001 | 083-03-0219-000 |
| 001-99-0049-000 | 032-02-0538-000 | 048-01-0075-302 | 070-01-0029-001 | 083-03-0236-000 |
| 001-99-0066-000 | 032-02-0539-000 | 049-04-0949-003 | 070-01-0039-302 | 083-03-0238-000 |
| 003-04-0006-002 | 032-02-0562-300 | 051-99-0057-002 | 073-01-0001-000 | 083-03-0245-000 |
| 004-01-0088-000 | 032-02-0581-000 | 051-99-0058-000 | 073-01-0021-000 | 083-03-0246-000 |
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| 007-01-0581-002 | 032-03-0822-000 | 052-99-0022 000 | 074-06-1213-003 | 084-01-0012-000 |
| 007-01-0581-004 | 032-03-0827-000 | 052-99-0028-001 | 078-01-0032-001 | 084-01-0021-000 |
| 007-01-0581-005 | 032-99-0007-001 | 052-99-0030-001 | 078-01-0032-002 | 084-01-0024-000 |
| 007-01-0585-001 | 033-01-0027-300 | 054-99-0011-002 | 081-99-0021-703 | 084-01-0034-000 |
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| 021-99 0001-710 | 035-99-0002-000 | 062-01-0166-004 | 082-99-0016 000 | 084-01-0094-000 |
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# WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

## Johnson-Belleperche

Dina Marie Belleperche and John Benjamin Johnson were married May 28 at the St. Genevieve Parish in Livonia by the Rev. Rudy Piro.

The bride is the daughter of Marshall and Janet Belleperche of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Gerry Johnson, also of Livonia.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson high School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Alltel Supply in Livonia. The groom is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. Self-employed, he also attended UM-Dearborn.

Lisa Belleperche served as maid of honor with Jena Belleperche and Rachel Hoffmeyer as bridesmaids.

Peter Harwood-Stamper served as best man with Tom Mulder and Karl Smathers as groomsmen.

A reception was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Following a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., they are making their home in Livonia.

## Anquetil-Rice

Anthony and Marlene Cosgro, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marlette Helene, to Scott Douglas Rice, the son of William and Cathy Linn of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and attended Oakland Community College. She has a real estate license and is employed with Lormax Stern Development Inc. in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. in California for five years and attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a journeyman electrician for Valassis Communications in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

## Miles-Sedlar

Thomas and Judith Miles of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Ann, to Terry Allen Sedlar, the son of Lori Sedlar of Springport, Mich., and Terry W. Sedlar of Bath, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at Oakwood Hospital.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Springport High School and a 1996 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. He is a fourth-grade teacher with the Van Dyke Public Schools.

An August wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

## Baab-Bevill

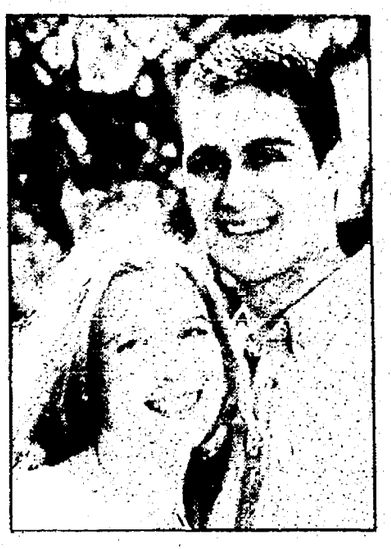
Kenneth and Linda Baab of Flint announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Marie, to Thomas Brian Bevill, the son of William Bevill of Canton and the late Virginia Bevill.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of arts degree in education and a graduate of Indiana University with a master of arts degree in speech and hearing sciences. She is employed at Sinai-Grace Hospital as a speech and language pathologist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing. He is employed as a manufacturer's representative at Canton Services.

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

## Rice-Bowser



Bev Rice of Livonia and Tom and Lucille Rice of Peoria, Ariz. announce the engagement of their daughter, Chantelle S. to Scott M. Bowser, the son of Earl and Kay Bowser of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed by Macrosoft in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed by Arthur Anderson LLP in Detroit.

A November wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

## DeSempelaere-Waldman

Marcel and Florence DeSempelaere announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Scott Harris Waldman of South Riding, Va., the son of Sandra R. Waldman of Boca Raton, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is an internal consultant for American Management Systems Inc.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Parkcrest High School and a 1995 graduate of Shippensberg College. He is a systems developer for American Management Systems Inc.

A September wedding is planned at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

## Black-Crofts

Elizabeth Annie Crofts and Patrick Ryan Black were married April 24 at Mount Timpanogos Latter Day Saints Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland. The groom is the son of Richard and Glenda Black of Portland, Conn.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of John Glenn High School. She will graduate this year from Brigham Young University with a bachelor

s degree in recreational management.

The groom is majoring in computer science at Brigham Young University. He is employed at XACT Ware Information System in Orem, Utah.

The bride asked Tammie Campbell to be her maid of honor with Martha Crofts, Mary Crofts and Heather Crofts as bridesmaids.

The couple received guests at receptions in Orem, Utah, Westland and Portland, Conn. They are making their home in Orem.

## Crofts-Johnson

Preston and Marilyn Crofts of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Johanna, to Mark Richard Johnson of Burkburnett, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School and is studying nursing at Brigham Young University.

Her fiancé is a1995 graduate of Burkburnett High School and is studying accounting at Brigham Young University. He is employed as a project supervisor at Marketing Ally.

A July wedding is planned at the Latter Day Saints Temple in Vernal, Utah.

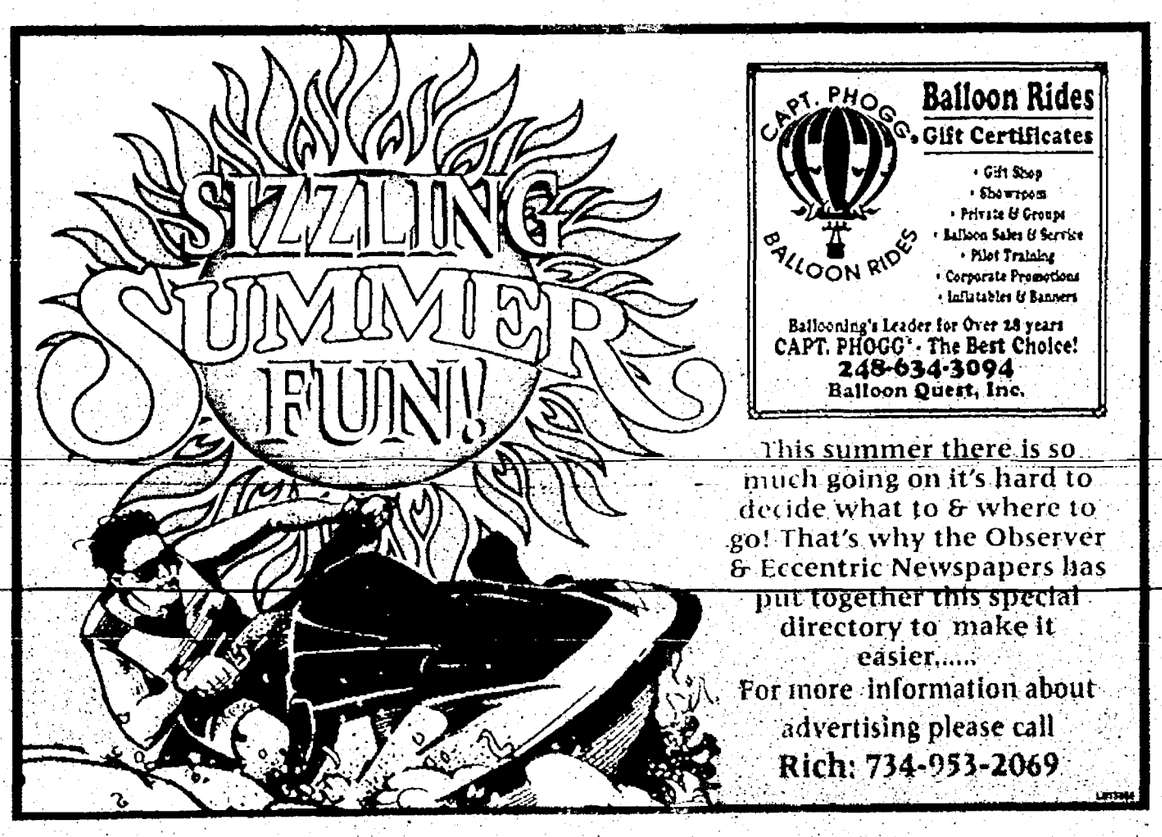
## Weckerle-Luna

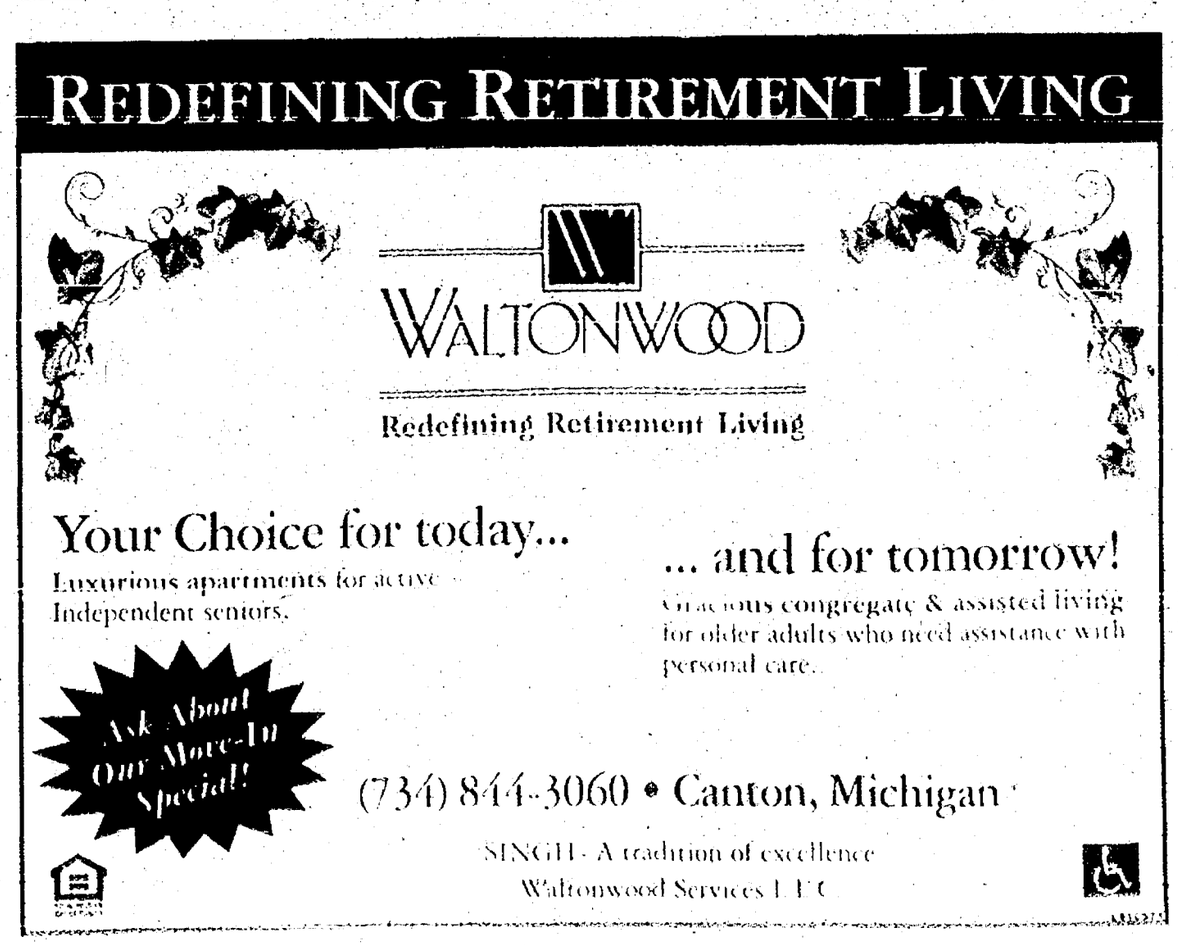
Frank and Mary Rose Weckerle of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne, to Michael Luna, the son of Ron and Ruth Luna of San Antonio, Texas.

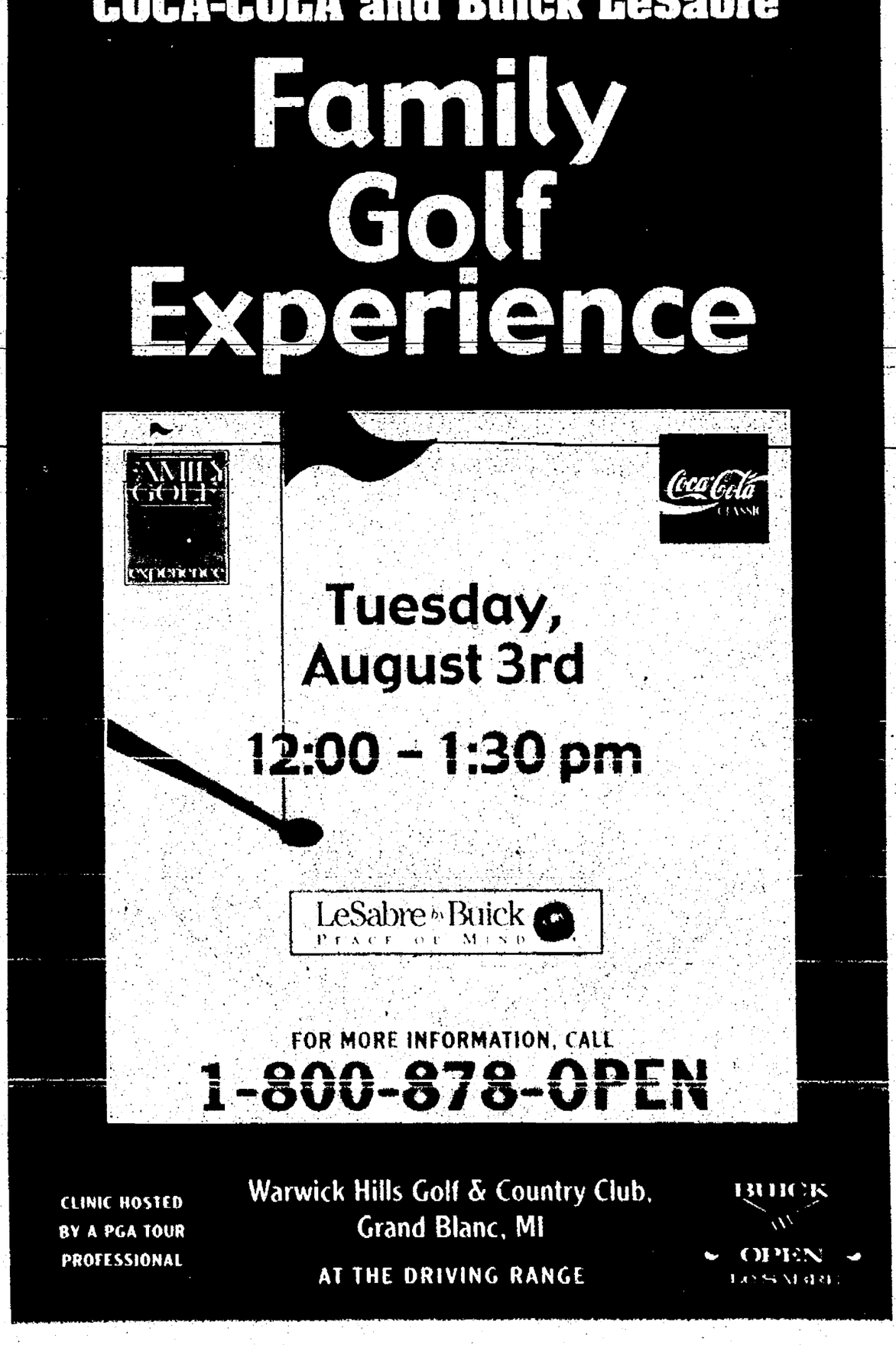
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Siena Heights College. She is employed as a purchasing agent for the Marriott Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed as a certified public accountant for BDO Seidman in Troy.

A September wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

# CALENDAR

## YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**EGG PAINTING**
A Ukrainian egg painting workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Westland Historical Museum. The class will be limited to 12 people, and is designed for school age children and adults. All materials will be provided. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road. Call (734) 326-1110.

**CHILD I.D. FINGERPRINTING**
Art Van Furniture in collaboration with AAA of Michigan will provide free child I.D. fingerprinting from 12-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at the Westland Art Van store, 8300 Wayne Road, (734) 425-9600.

**CONCERT SERIES**
Remaining dates for the Westland Cultural Society summer concert series are Sundays, 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. 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.

## 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. Friends also holds 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-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes 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.

**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.

## Lazy days of summer

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

**Big splash:** *Adrian Krauss, 6, of Westland prepares for a splash down in the community pool at the Bailey Recreation Center on Ford road. (Right) Sisters Gabrielle, 3, and Angela, 9, Czarniowski of Westland sway back and forth in a tire swing trying to beat the humidity last week.*

## 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.

**WINDSOR RACEWAY TRIP**
A trip to Windsor Raceway is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4. Price 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.

**TIGER GAME**
The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering a trip to a Tiger game this year: Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is $25 a person. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Game begins 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.

**NURSING HOME CARE**
A seminar on "Nursing Home Care and Your Rights" will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh in Westland. The Friendship Center is presenting the seminar, which will feature Nida Donar of Citizens for Better Care as guest speaker. To sign up, stop at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632. Refreshments will be served.

**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, 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 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 Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. 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. Call (734) 995-4110.

## 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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# New staff helps Trinity prepare for 21st century

Trinity Presbyterian Church is ready to minister to needs in the new millennium by expanding its staff.

Joining the staff are Phil Woods, teen and young adult ministry, Tim McCracken, Christian education ministry to children, Joyce Preston, music ministries, Gordon Bleich, chancel choir director, and Daniel Weidman, assistant to senior Pastor Dr. William C. Moore.

Weidman, a graduate of William Tynsdale College, is attending Michigan Theological Seminary. He will direct Trinity's contemporary worship service, targeted to those who have little church background.

He also will focus on small-group development, a ministry aimed at giving those church members not living near their extended families a place to connect and build supportive relationships.

Church officials project that, by 2000, more than 90 percent of Trinity's adult members will not live near their extended families.

With the teen years expected to become more turbulent, Woods, who is studying at Reformed Theological Seminary, believes that a strong, dynamic youth ministry can make a significant difference in a teenager's life.

Woods, a graduate of Liberty University, is implementing an holistic philosophy of youth ministry by helping young people to grow in their relationship with God, reaching out to other youth and getting all teens to participate in service projects.

In addition, a mentoring program directed by Woods offers to connect church youth with older adults who can help them discuss and deal with issues in their lives.

McCracken, a graduate of Columbia Bible College and Seminary, knows that today's children are exposed to more change, violence and unrest than ever before.

Under Trinity's "Tomorrowland Ministries" umbrella, he is trying to mobilize resources, such as Sunday morning music and biblical instruction, Wednesday night life-skills training, camp and retreat outings and the annual summer vacation Bible school, that will help them grow into healthy adults.

Preston, in overseeing Trinity's music ministries, is coordinating music for the church's three Sunday morning worship services and also planning musical events appealing to the larger community.

Trinity offers a praise worship service at 8 a.m. Sundays, a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and a traditional worship service at 11 a.m. at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Preston has an undergraduate degree in piano performance and a master's degree in music literature from Eastern Michigan University.

She is planning a series of concerts and special focus services, such as the Pilgrim Thanksgiving Eve Service and Trinity's Christmas Eve services.

**New staffers:** *Facing the challenge of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in the 21st century are Gordon Bleich (from left), Joyce Preston, Daniel Weidman, Timothy McCracken, and Philip Woods.*

Bleich, who directs a music program at an elementary school in West Bloomfield has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in music education from Oakland University.

For more information, call Trinity Presbyterian Church at (734) 459-9550.

# *First Congregational welcomes Rev. Joy*

When the Rev. Robert Joy speaks from the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Wayne on Sunday, Aug. 1, the congregation will listen ... listen to his first sermon as the new senior pastor.

Joy, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., has a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Edinboro (Pa.) University where he majored in psychology and minored in philosophy. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary and received his master of divinity degree in 1991.

"Earlier in my life, I worked as a building contractor with my father. I still see myself as a builder working for my Father."

Joy believes open-mindedness between God's people is indispensable and that tolerance and respect for the opinions of others set the stage for "the Holy Spirit to create peace and progress within a fellowship."

"I enjoy the interchange of ideas and believe God will guide us to the truth," he added.

He also believes that God's grace is "overwhelming and unstoppable."

Married, Joy and his wife, the former Juliann Dagg of Redford Township, have two children. He also has a son by a previous marriage.

His wife has a bachelor of arts degree in religion from Hope College and a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She enjoys vacation Bible school and red Kool-Aid.

The First Congregational Church is at 2 Town Square, Wayne. Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. For more information, call the church at (734)729-7550.


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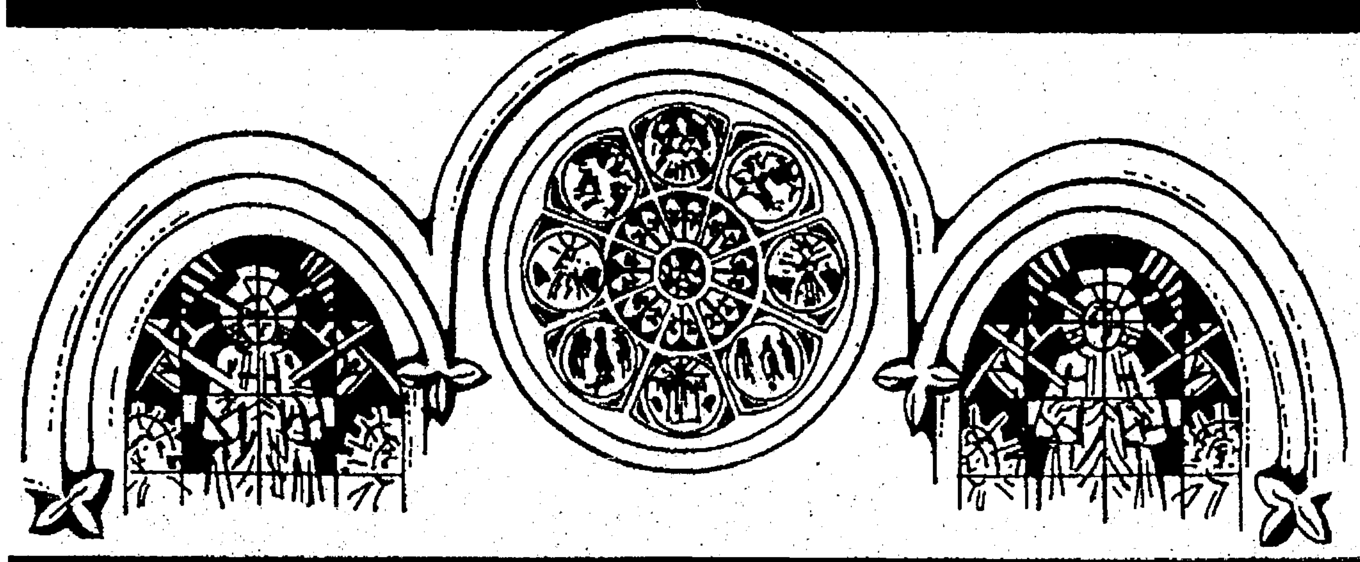

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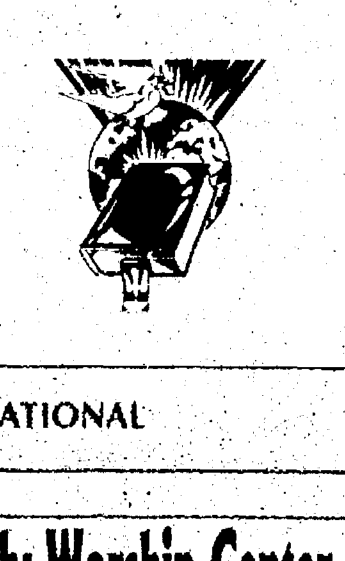

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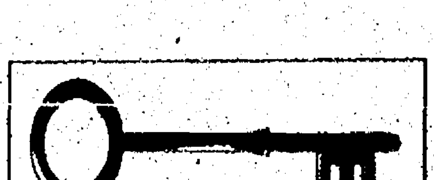

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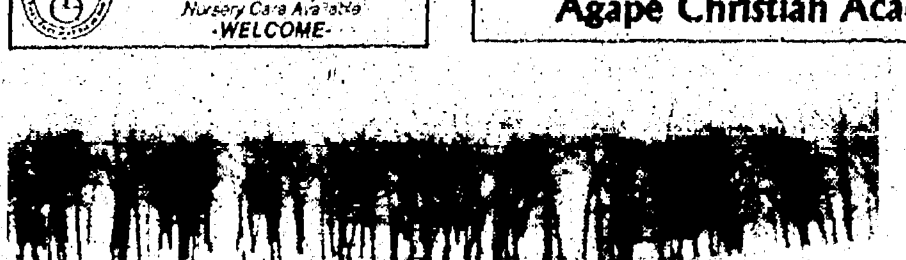

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## RELIGIOUS NEWS

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**VOICE OF PRAISE**

Voice of Praise will present a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glennwood, Wayne. The group of 12 singers from the Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., will perform traditional, gospel, old-time gospel, contemporary and a capella music. The group is directed by David Dale, minister of music at the Lexington church. The concert is free of charge. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-7410.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

St. Anne Catholic Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the church, 23310 Joy Road, Redford. For more information, Call (313) 534-2121.

**SINGLE PLACE**

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet for dinner at McVee's Restaurant on Telegraph Road in Southfield at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, then attend a Bethany Together Dance at 8 p.m. at Divine Providence Church , Nine Mile and Beech Daly roads, Southfield. Dinner reservations can be made by calling John Shewell at (248) 471-4828. Participants are responsible for the cost of dinner as well as $8 for the dance.

Single Place Presents will have Carol Chambers and a panel discuss "What Men Wish Women Knew" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The Open Forum, also at 7:30 p.m., will feature Sandy Baumann discussing "Dating Turn Offs." The cost is $4.

Single Place also will have a divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Aug. 19-Sept. 30 at the church and the five-week series, "Getting It Right the Next Time" with Jacque Martin-Downs and Lynn Vaughn, 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 26-Sept. 23. The divorce recovery workshop costs $30, while "Getting It Right" costs $40 for the complete series.

For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Charli Johnston will discuss "Healing through Journaling" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, 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.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Hall, West Chicago at Inkster Road in Redford. The $8 charge includes refreshments. Proper casual attire required.

The group also meets at 10 a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. Sundays for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

For more information, call Colleen at (734) 729-7912 or Diane at (734) 971-4553.

**SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a brunch at noon Sunday, Aug. 8, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. A concert will follow, featuring the voices of cantor David Gutman and Ida Kogan. Donations are $12 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, call Elaine Gittleman at (248) 544-0674.

**FOUNDER TO SPEAK**

The founder of the Jews for Jesus evangelistic agency, Moishe Rosen, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, Canton, and at 6 p.m. Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church, 36125 Glenwood, Wayne.

Rosen was age 21 when he and his wife Cecil, who also is Jewish, came to a personal relationship with God through Y'shua. Four years later, he was ordained to the ministry and in the late 1960s, developed a form of evangelistic literature, called broadsides, pamphlets that use humorous illustrations and eye-catching themes to make a statement about Jesus as the Messiah.

Jews for Jesus use music and drama in a Jewish style with a Christian message to make the point that being Jewish and believing in Jesus go hand in hand.

For more information, call Calvary Baptist Church at (734) 455-0022 or the First Baptist Church at (734) 721-7410.

**RAINBOW FESTIVAL**

St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail. There will be a fish/pierogi dinner of Aug. 20, Polish dinner on Aug. 21 and pork chop dinner on Aug. 22. Also featured will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing to the Dyna Dukes, Duane Malinowski, Misty Blues and Polish Kid and Co. For more information, call the church at (313) 561-1977.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

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**ROSEDALE GARDENS**

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 9:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-6 at the church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Each day, children will sing songs, play team building games, nibble treats from Treasure Treats, visit a rain forest, dig into Bible adventures and create Craft Cave creatures to take home and play with. One day, children will join the Disciple Peter walking on water and another day be thrown onto a prison ship with the Apostle Paul. Each day will conclude with a Treasure Time finale to celebrate what they have learned. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0494.

**CLARENCEVILLE UM**

Clarenceville United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 8:45 a.m. to noon Aug. 2-5 at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Children ages four and older will use their talents to serve God the King while enjoying Bible stories, crafts, games and music. There also will be a Royal Regalia Feast and Program, featuring dinner, music, skits and all of the fanfare of medieval times, on Aug. 8. (Reservations are required.) For more information, call the church at (248) 474-3444.

**TIMOTHY LUTHERAN**

Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "The Great Bibleland Dig," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 4, 11 and 18, at the church 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the program for those age 2 through adults. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

**CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR**

Church of the Savior, Reformed Church in America, will have its vacation Bible school for children in pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 2-6 at the church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. The theme will be "A Jungle Journey," and there will be a review at 7 p.m. Aug. 5 and picnic for participants and their families 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 6. The deadline for registering is July 26. For more information, call (248) 888-8480 or (734) 464-1062.

**ALDERSGATE UM**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Son Castle Faire, 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13 at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend a castle adventure set in merry old England. Throughout the week, they'll discover and develop their abilities and talents to serve God and others. To register, call the church at (313) 937-3170.

**WARREN ROAD FM**

The Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 9-13, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 458-7301.


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**A rose is a rose:** *Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County members Kay Diggs (behind bush) and Sally Randall (left) were joined by Hasi Cislo and Schoolcraft College employees Susan Adams, admissions secretary, and Julie Tobin in planting a Zonta International rose bush on campus.*

# Zonta gives roses to community

Three special rose bushes are blooming at Greenmead Historical Village, Schoolcraft College and Livonia City Hall, thanks to the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County.

Planting the bushes was the club's first activity of the club year. The Zonta international rose (Harflow) is among the earliest to flower, creating a flamboyant display of glowing amber blooms until summer's end.

For decades a yellow rose has been a symbol of Zonta International, a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women locally and globally.

Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center is one of the recipients of money the club gives each year to improve the status of women locally. Zonta of Northwest Wayne County has donated more than $25,000 to the center since the club's inception.

The club's two main fund-raisers are its fashion show and pre-holidays Koeze Nuts sale.

Officers for the 1999-2000 club year are Sally Randall of Botsford Hospital as president, Dorothy Murphy of Henry Ford Community College as vice-president, Evelyn Shuput, a Livonia Public Schools retiree, as secretary, and Kay Diggs, a Henry Ford Community College retiree, as treasurer.

## NEW VOICES

**James** and **Kelly McAllister** of Canton announce the birth of **Joseph Patrick** April 6 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He has a brother, John James, 3½. Grandparents are George and Linda Riley of Westland and John and Mary McAllister of Plymouth. Great-grandmother is Evelyne Harrington of Plymouth.

**John** and **Lauren Hosko** announce the birth of **Stephanie Lauren** April 20 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a brother, Alex, 3. Grandparents are Larry and Diane Roslinski of Plymouth and Robert and Therese Hosko of Warren. Great-grandparents are Frank and Jean Kijek of Detroit and Sophie Roslinski of Roseville.

**Larry** and **Andrea Walkuski** of Livonia announce the birth of **Alex Michael** April 7. He joins two brothers, Peter and Lukas. Grandparents are Peter and Doreen Walkuski of Livonia, Elizabeth Vollmer, Bill Muldovan and Rene and Lise Broeders of Windsor.

**Gary** and **Sue Brda** of Westland announce the birth of **Jared Allen** March 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Valerie, 6, and Jamie, 3. Grandparents are Billy and Janet Chambers of Gladwin, Joan Brda-Ruhl of Somerdale, N.J., and the late James Allen Brda.

**Ronald** and **Denise Parko** of Livonia announce the birth of **Victoria Denise** April 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She joins a sister, Rene Lynn. Grandparents are Patricia Parko of Livonia and Dennis and Dorothy Richard of West Bloomfield.

**John Flanagan** and **Madonna Hurley** of Garden City announce the birth of **Koryn Gabriel Flanagan** March 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Stephen Pierce, 12. Grandparents are John and Shirley Flanagan and Tom and Ruth Hurley, all of Canton.

**Alex** and **Catherine Ealovega** of Canton announce the birth of **Alison Grace** Feb. 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Eric Stephen Ealovega, 2½. Grandparents are Andrei and Barbara Ealovega of Canton, John and Irene Sarkisian of Canton and Gary and Jeanette Bishop of Adrian. Great-grandparents are Russ and Lavern Kolar of Texas and Ethyl Rhodes of Washington.

**Walter** and **Michele Helsel Jr.** of Redford announce the birth of **Carleen Ann-Denise** March 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Jean Brown and John and Virginia Collins.

**Chris** and **Camaro Moreno** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **Jacob Christopher** April 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Zachary. Grandparents are Ron and Brenda Clark and Rick and Pauline Moreno, all of Westland.

**Darlene M. Davis** of Westland announces the birth of **Jacob Matthew** March 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Joshua Michael, 2½, and Amber, 1. Grandparents are Sharon Hargrave of Detroit and Charles M. Hargrave Sr. of Westland.

**Andrea and Joseph Craigie** announce the birth of **Olivia Anne** on April 3 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Craigie of California and Richard and Cathy Prince of Garden City.


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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Ocelot harriers signed

Schoolcraft College women's cross country coach Nancy Gavoor announced the signing of seven student-athletes to letters for the 1999-2000 season.

Among those who will run this fall for the Lady Ocelots include Dawn Daniels (Wayne Memorial), Kristin Switalski (Redford Union), Jenny Furlong (Livonia Franklin), Mandi Davis (Garden City), Katie Chonacas (Livonia Churchill), Lydia Ewald (Dearborn Fordson) and Lindsay Patra (Detroit Redford).

### Area golf divots

•Westland's Matt Wiley was second after shooting an opening-round 2-under par 70 Monday in the 44th annual Michigan Publinx Golf Association state four-day match-play tournament at Bedford Valley and Stonehedge golf courses.

Larry Vander Bie of Holland led the 278-player field with a 3-under 69.

•Recent Westland John Glenn High graduate Chris Tompkins shot 69-75 to earn one of three state qualifying berths in the Western Open, July 12-16, at Treetops near Gaylord.

Tompkins also finished fifth with 73-73 at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop at Treetops.

Other area scorers included Tony Fotiu, Livonia Franklin, 79-75, and Adam Wilson, Plymouth Salem, 81-74.

•Scott Wolfe, an incoming sophomore at Livonia Stevenson, lost in a sudden death playoff for first place after shooting 76 in a field of 68 for Boys 14-15 at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop July 26 at Mystic Creek in Milford.

### Cards ace in Maine

Bruce Meininger, 33, of Livonia, made his vacation a memorable one by scoring an ace on the 153-yard, No. 8 hole July 6 at Hillcrest Golf Club in Millinochet, Me.

Meininger, using an 9-iron, overcame rain to record his first ace in a best-ball format witnessed by his wife Julie, along with his aunt and uncle, Ann and Ernie Santerre, both of Maine.

### Youth soccer selection

Melissa Dobbyn, an eight-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, has been selected to the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Region II Girls Olympic Development Program Team in her age group.

Dobby was selected by regional and national coaches at the regional camp in DeKalb, Ill. where the top 19 players from each of the 14 midwest states competed for pool team selection. Only 30 players were selected in each age division.

Dobbyn is a member of the Michigan Hawks Premier Soccer Club.

### Canton hoop tryouts

Team tryouts for the Plymouth Canton girls basketball team will be at 9 a.m. (varsity), 11 a.m. (junior varsity) and noon (freshman), Monday, Aug. 16 at the Canton gymnasium.

All tryout participants must have a sports physical by the first practice. Any physical taken on or after April 15, 1999 is good for the 1999-2000 school year.

For more information, call coach Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or athletic director Sue Heinzman at (734) 416-2925.

### Hoop coaches wanted

Birmingham Brother Rice High School is seeking a varsity assistant, junior varsity and freshman boys basketball coach for the upcoming season.

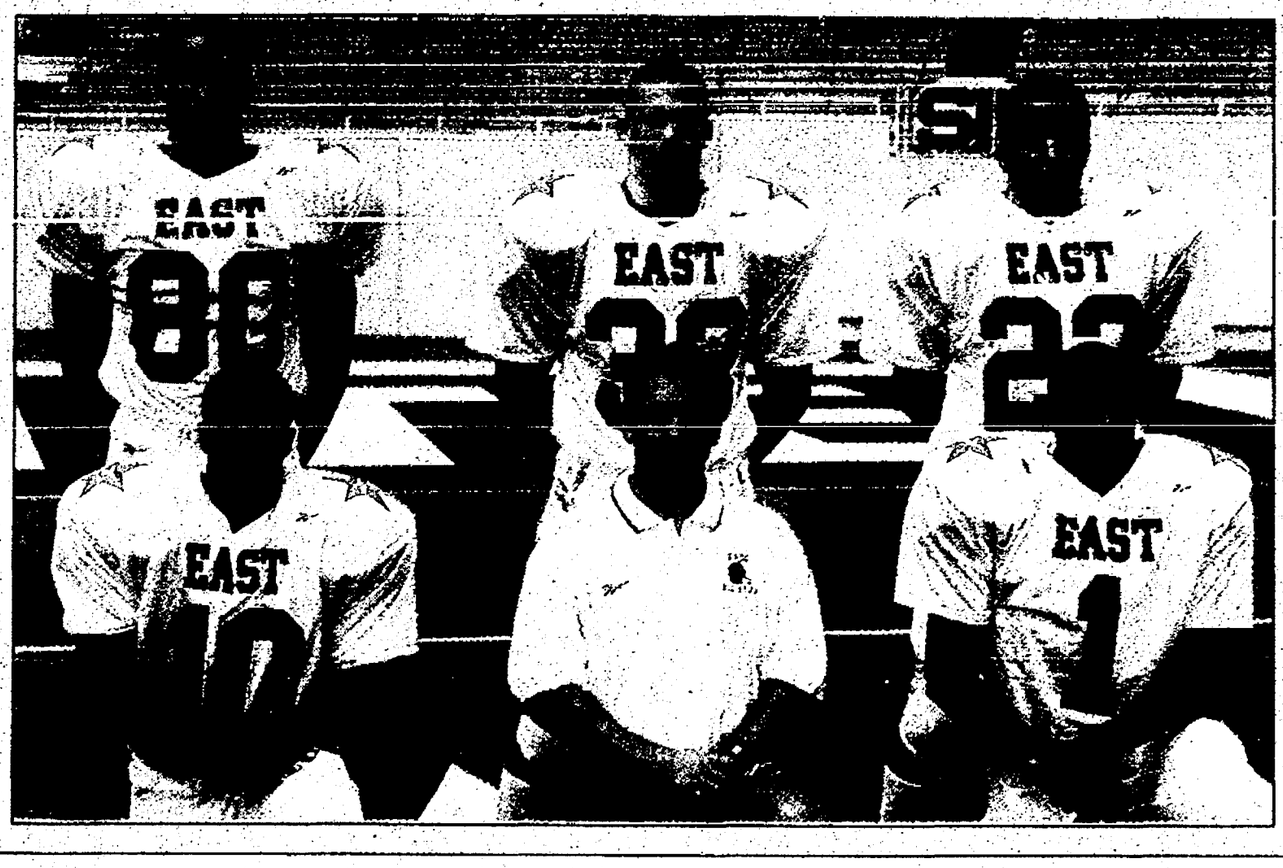
If interested, candidates should send a resume to: Donald J. MacAloon, 180 Oakland Avenue, Suite 260, Birmingham, Mi. 48009; or fax a resume to (248) 646-2641.

### Fall league baseball

High School varsity players are needed for a fall league team which begins play Saturday, Aug. 14.

All-Star players from the team will also be eligible to participate in weekend wooden bat tournaments.

For more information, call coach Kevin Tardivi at (248) 443-0113 or coach Jim O'Donnell at (248) 641-3792 (between 7-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday).



### Grid stars on parade

**East contingent:** *Observerland is well-represented at Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star game. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. Suiting up for the East team (top row, clockwise from left) is Redford Catholic Central tight end Nick Brzezinski (Duke), Redford Thurston linebacker Scott Gerlord (Indiana), Livonia Clarenceville back Walter Hagland (Adrian College), Westland John Glenn tailback Reggie Spearmon (Grand Valley State), now Clarenceville varsity football coach Greg Hudkins and Farmington Hills Harrison wide receiver Ricky Bryant (Ohio State). Tickets are $7 per person at the gate. The East leads the series, 10-8.*

# Madonna recruiting class stellar

## *Haeger adds top talent*

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**BASEBALL**

Greg Haeger doesn't act like he hit the lottery, but the fourth-year Madonna University baseball coach likes his odds for the future.

With six regulars to replace from a 25-24-1 team, Haeger went out and tapped into abundant pool of talent right in his own backyard — Observerland.

Chris Woodruff
Redford CC

He has signed five first-team All-Observer players, along with a pair of second-teamers and another off Redford Catholic Central's 38-1 Division I state championship squad.

"We'll have a new team next year," Haeger said. "We lost some pretty good starters who have been here the last three or four years.

"But we were able to bring in some good local kids who will compete for starting jobs right away.

"I've got some competitors and that's what I wanted."

First-team All-Area players who will don the Madonna uniform next season include Redford Union pitcher-outfielder Joel Halliday, Redford Catholic Central catcher Chris Woodruff, Livonia Churchill first baseman Eric Lightle, Westland John Glenn pitcher-first baseman Dale Hayes and Livonia Stevenson third baseman-pitcher Roy Rabe.

Second-team All-Area picks soon-to-be Crusaders include pitcher-outfielder Mark Cole of Redford CC and catcher-first baseman Joe Rizzi of Plymouth Salem.

Second baseman Mario D'Herin of CC is also in the fold along with outfielders Chris Radu (Riverview) and Gary Linzell (Belleville).

Madonna has also picked up University of Detroit Mercy left-handed hurler Randy Palmer (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), who will be a sophomore transfer.

"This year we had the (scholarship) money to bring in quite a few players," Haeger said.

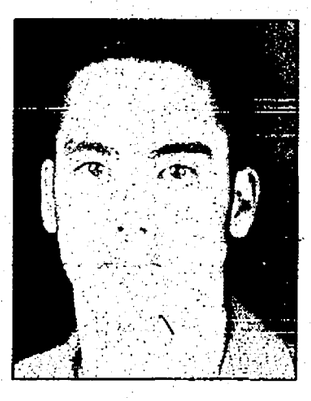
Halliday, who helped RU to a 24-5 overall record, and Hayes, who clouted an upper deck shot to right field at Tiger Stadium in the East-West All-Star game, both hit left-handed, but are right-handed throwers.

As a pitcher, Halliday was 9-2 and hit .348. Hayes batted .442 with 33 RBI and was 7-4 on the mound.

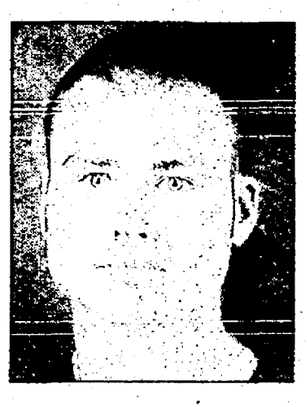
"Joel is a good athlete who played second, the outfield and pitched for RU," Haeger said. "He's a good hitter and has hit well in the Collegiate (summer) league. He has good potential as a pitcher. He throws in the mid-80s (MPH).

"Dale is a good left-handed hitter with power. Right now he throws in the low-80s. Right now he's 6-feet-3 and weighs only 170, but once he gets stronger he'll increase his velocity."

Roy Rabe
Livonia Stevenson



Dale Hayes
Westland John Glenn



Eric Lightle
Livonia Churchill

Lightle led Churchill, which captured its first district title in over 20 years, with a .490 average. He had six homers and 37 RBI.

"Like Hayes, Lightle is a big kid, 6-3, 6-4, who is a worker and has power," Haeger said. "He has good power potential."

Haeger, who led CC to the 1987 state Class A title before going on to Michigan and the Detroit Tigers' minor league system, also grabbed three players off Shamrocks' roster.

Woodruff, a 225-pound catcher, could be the steal of the class. He batted .440 with 40 RBI.

"He has a chance to start right away," the Madonna coach said. "He has a lot of power in a home run friendly park. He could be an impact player right away."

Cole, meanwhile, is a left-handed thrower who plays the outfield.

"He didn't pitch a lot for CC, but he has a good breaking ball," Haeger said. "He also has a good heart and is a good competitor. He also gets his hacks up there at the plate."

D'Herin, a right-handed hitter, was an unsung player on CC's state championship team. He provides leadership qualities.

"Mario has great hands and good foot quickness," Haeger said. "He's a good control hitter. He's very vocal and shows a lot of energy on the field."

Rabe, who helped Stevenson win division and district crowns, is a late addition to the Madonna recruiting class.

He originally committed to Oakland University, but got caught in a coaching change before making a decision to play at Saginaw Valley State. But early in the summer, Rabe had another change of heart.

He holds several Stevenson career offensive marks. This season he batted .523 with four homers and 35 RBI. As a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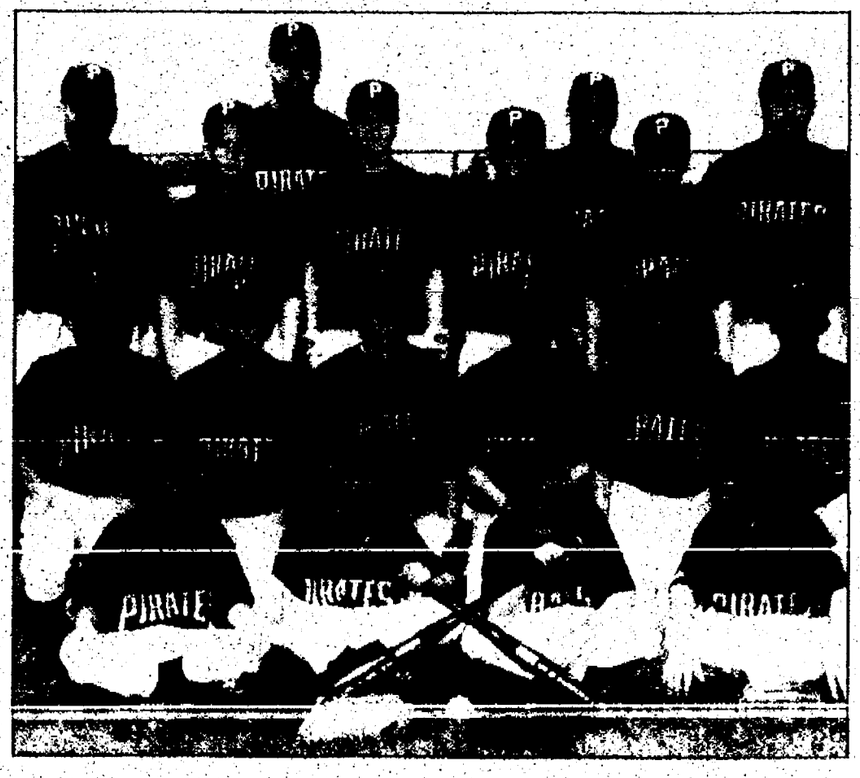
### Bronco busters



**Divisional champions:** *The Pirates, sporting a 13-1 record, captured the Wayne Baseball Association Bronco Division (ages 11-12) title thanks to the efforts of (front row, from left) Charles Cook, Justin Koshorek, Mike Hajduk, Adam Beyer; (second row, from left) Matt Barnier, Andrew Kaleto, Clint Cottenham, Dinnes McGill, Tony Colosimo, TeJay O'Connel; (third row, from left) Danny Cover, Drew Lakatos, Ross Maciasz, Alex Lickliter; (fourth row, from left) assistant coaches Eric Buchanan, Jason Bobby, Aaron Bates and manager Jeremy Bobby.*

# Wayne County Twisters win season opener, 10-0

## *Defense corrals Stallions*

**FOOTBALL**

The Wayne County Twisters survived the sweltering heat Saturday afternoon to win its Lake Shore Semi-Professional Football League opener over the Fremont (Ohio) Stallions, 10-0 at Academy of Detroit School in Inkster.

The stingy Twister defense held the Stallions to minus-37 yards total offense. Wayne County had six sacks and stopped nine Stallion running plays behind the line of scrimmage.

Lamar Spalding (Canton) scored the game's only touchdown in the first quarter on a 16-yard around end. Chuck Petitpas booted the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Petitpas added a 41 yard field goal late in the second half to give the Twisters a 10-point cushion.

Offensively, Damon Frendo (Garden City) moved from his defensive back spot to lead the Twisters in rushing with 53 yards in six carries.

He will be joined in the backfield by Spalding, Eddie Trent (Westland), Aaron Williams (Detroit), Freddy Ricks (Wayne), Corey McClelland (Inkster), Damon Green (Southfield) and Billy Starr (Ypsilanti).

"Our major concern is our offensive unit," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said. "We know his squad has the material and our coaching staff is making every effort to evaluate new squad members' talents under game conditions.

"This always takes time and can be both beneficial and hazardous. But it must and will be done regardless of the consequences."

The Twisters hit the road the next two Saturdays.

On July 31, they will take on the archrival Motor City Cougars in a 1 p.m. start at Inkster High. On Aug. 7, they travel to Macomb, Ohio to face the Black Swamp Patriots.

They will return to Academy of Detroit (old Cherry Hill High School) to make the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m.

"With the strength of our league improving, we may suffer a defeat or two along the way," Brothers said. "But, I do not believe we will reach our full potential until we're three to five games into our schedule.

"Making this happen rests on the shoulders of Jason Hagelthorn (Westland) and his abl, staff."

## METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE

# Season down to nitty-gritty

Sean Kass pumped in six goals and added one assist, while teammate Brent Thomas and Shaun Harrington recorded four goals and two assists apiece to lead the third-place Wildcats to an 18-6 first-round Metro Summer Hockey League playoff win Tuesday over the Spartans at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Wildcats advance to the semifinals at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Cultural Center to face the second-place Huskies.

The championship game is at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Other offensive standouts for the Wildcats included Mike Swistak, one goal and four assists; Paola Decina and Vic Decina, one goal and two assists each; Darrin Silvester and Daryl Schimmelpfenneg, one goal each.

Dan Dobrowski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats.

Westland's Jason Lawmaster of Ontario Hockey League playoff champion Belleville led the Spartans with four goals and one assist. Mike Porter chipped in with two goals and two assists, while Redford Union hockey coach Pete Mazzoni, Chris Powroznik and Jake Wiegand contributed two assists each.

**•LAKERS 9, BRONCOS 4:** The Lakers advanced to Wednesday's semifinal against the first-place Bulldogs with a 4-0 third-period run Tuesday to subdue the Broncos at PCC.

Nick Jardine led the winners with four goals and one assist. Matt Frick added two goals and one assist, while Brian Sutherland and Mike Vigilante each tallied a goal.

Ron Lowrie and Scott Dolesh each had two assists.

Greg Poupard, Kyle McNeilance, Joe Jones and Mike Mattila scored for the Broncos. Nick Field and Baron Becker each recorded three assists.

Lanny Jardine and Brandon Hothem shared time in goal for the Lakers, while Rick Marnon and Will Hamele split duties for the Broncos.

**•BULLDOGS 22, WOLVERINES 7:** The first-place Bulldogs opened the playoffs Monday at PCC behind Jason Basile's three goals and nine assists.

Matt Grant and Kevin Swider each added three goals and four assists for the Bulldogs, who broke it open with an 11-2 third-period surge.

Other offensive standouts for the Bulldogs included Brad Yonemura (two goals, five assists), Corey Swider (three goals, two assists), Adam Krug (two goals, three assists), Troy Milam (two goals, three assists), Brian Halas (hat trick) and Matt Prater (one goal).

St. Louis Blues draftee Phil Osaer went all the way in goal for the winners.

Jim Wheaton led the Wolverines with three goals and one assist. Jeremy Majszak added two goals and two assists, while Ryan Ward had a goal and three assists. Matt Krupa and collected three assists, while John Gallagher had a goal and assist.

**•HUSKIES 8, LAKERS 8:** In the MSHL's final regular season game Sunday at the Cultural Center, Phil Pietila's goal from Glen Pietila with just five seconds left gave the Huskies the tie against the Lakers.

Phil Pietila finished with two goals and two assists. Jim Tudor added two goals, while John Pietila, Dwight Helminen and Frank Bourbonais each added one.

Bourbonais and Keith Pietila each contributed two assists.

Eric Dolesh led the Laker with two goal and three assists. Mike Vigilante contributed two goals and two assists. Other goals went to Tony Ferrero, Matt Frick and Scot Curtin.

Brian Jardine and Vigilante each had two assists.

Goaltenders J.J. Weaks (Huskies) and Lanny Jardine (Lakers) each went all the way in nets.

**•WILDCATS 24, WOLVERINES 9:** The Wildcats wrapped up third place by bombarding the Wolverines in the middle game Sunday at the Cultural Center.

It was 14-7 after two periods as the Wildcats went on a 10-2 scoring run in the final period.

The Wildcats' Sean Kass wrapped up the MSHL scoring title with a goal and 14 assists. He finished with 61 points.

Vic Decina contributed 10 goals and two assists, while Brent Thomas had six goals and one assist. Darrin Silvester chipped in with three goals and five assists, while Mike Swistak had one goal and four assists. Paul Khawam and Tad Patterson added the other Wildcat goals.

Ryan Ward (five goals, two assists), Brad Wolfe (two goals, four assists) and Eric Hawkins (two goals, three assists) led the Wolverines.

Dan Dobrowski went all the way in goal for the Wildcats, while Thomas Monnier and Mike O'Keefe split time in the nets for the Wolverines.

**•SPARTANS 10, BRONCOS 7:** Joe Kustra's hat trick Sunday and two goals each from Nick Lewarne, Jason Lawmaster and Jack McCoy carried the Spartans past the Broncos in the first game Sunday at the PCC.

Mike Porter contributed four assists, while Lawmaster, McCoy and Pete Mazzoni each added two. Jack Wiegand also had a goal for the Spartans.

Kyle McNeilance had three goals for the Broncos, while Nick Smyth contributed two goals and two assists. Baron Becker recorded four assists.

Tom McNeil and Eric Pagel split time in the Spartan nets, while Will Hamele and Rick Marnon took turns for the Broncos.

**METRO SUMMER HOCKEY**
**FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bulldogs | 8 | 2 | 1 | 17 |
| Huskies | 7 | 4 | 1 | 15 |
| Wildcats | 6 | 5 | 0 | 12 |
| Lakers | 5 | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| Broncos | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| Spartans | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Wolverines | 3 | 8 | 0 | 6 |

**FINAL LEADING SCORERS**

| Name (team) | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sean Kass (Wildcats) | 30 | 31 | 61 |
| Kevin Swider (Bulldogs) | 31 | 18 | 49 |
| Eric Bratcher (Bulldogs) | 18 | 28 | 46 |
| Darrin Silvester (Wildcats) | 12 | 28 | 40 |
| John Pietila (Huskies) | 19 | 18 | 37 |
| Phil Pietila (Huskies) | 19 | 17 | 36 |
| Jim Tudor (Huskies) | 21 | 13 | 34 |
| Dwight Helminen (Huskies) | 13 | 20 | 33 |
| Brian Jardine (Lakers) | 15 | 18 | 33 |
| Vic Decina (Wildcats) | 14 | 17 | 31 |
| Corey Swider (Bulldogs) | 15 | 15 | 30 |
| Brent Thomas (Wildcats) | 20 | 10 | 30 |
| K. McNeilance (Broncos) | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| Eric Hawkins (Wolverines) | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| Eric Dolesh (Lakers) | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| Ben Blackwood (Huskies) | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| Nick Smyth (Broncos) | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| Glen Pietila (Huskies) | 8 | 17 | 25 |
| Ryan Ward (Wolverines) | 16 | 8 | 24 |
| J. Lawmaster (Spartans) | 12 | 11 | 23 |

**LEADING GOALTENDERS**

| Name (team) | GA | Avg. |
|---|---|---|
| Phil Osaer (Bulldogs) | 18 | 4.00 |
| Rick Marnon (Broncos) | 37 | 5.26 |
| J.J. Weaks (Huskies) | 25 | 5.55 |
| Brandon Hothem (Lakers) | 28 | 5.74 |
| Will Hamele (Spartans) | 26 | 5.84 |
| Ted Martens (Bulldogs) | 28 | 6.23 |
| Lanny Jardine (Lakers) | 41 | 7.20 |
| Dan Dobrowski (Wildcats) | 46 | 7.58 |

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### SALEM CHEERLEADING CAMP

The Plymouth Salem High School cheerleaders will host a camp for girls ages 6-13 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Salem gymnasium.

The $30 cost includes clinic, lunch, Salem water bottle and T-shirt.

All participants will be invited to cheery at a Salem High home game.

To register, call Sue at (734) 459-8327.

### OCC VOLLEYBALL COACH WANTED

Oakland Community College is seeking qualified candidates for an immediate opening as women's head volleyball coach.

The team is based out of the Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford.

If you are interested, contact OCC Athletic Director Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155. The volleyball season runs from August to mid November.

### PREP COACHES WANTED

•Farmington Public Schools is seeking applicants for the positions of varsity, junior varsity and ninth grade girls basketball coaches for the fall of 1999.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest with any pertinent information to Brian Swinehart, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, 32789 West Ten Mile, Farmington, MI 48336.

Swinehart can be reached by phone at (248) 489-3352. His office fax number is (248) 489-3418.

•Redford Catholic Central is seeking a freshman boys soccer coach for the upcoming season. Interested persons should call varsity coach Dana Orsucci at (313) 534-0660, Ext. 146.

### VIPERS IN-LINE TOURNEY

The Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League will host Blade Raid '99, an in-line hockey tournament Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1, at the Palace of Auburn Hills parking lot.

Games will consist of four-on-four roller hockey (including goaltender). Teams area guaranteed a minimum of three games in the round-robin format. The squads with the best records advance to the playoffs with the top three finishers in each division receiving awards. All participants will also receive tickets to the Vipers' 1999-2000 homer opener and an official Blade '99 T-shirt.

For more information, call the Oakland County Parks office or tournament director Don Rossman at (248) 377-8637.

### SUMMER HOCKEY PROGRAMS

The Suburban Training Center of Farmington Hills offers a full slate of summer skating and hockey programs.

The offerings include Rise and Shine 4-on-4, an adult morning league ($100 per player); 3-on-3 Summer Challenge, a one-day event for youth players ($200 per team); Learn To Skate for ages 3 and up with instruction in proper skating technique ($80 per skater); Learn To Play Hockey for beginning players (ages 4-6) ($80 per player), Summer Skills and Conditioning, organized conditioning skates to prepare house-level players for evaluation ($12 per session); Pop-In Hockey Practice, open ice time for players to work on their skills ($8 per session; and Shooting Range, open ice time two afternoons a week to practice shooting skills ($6 per session).

For more information or to enroll in a program, call the Suburban Training Center at (248) 888-1400.

### ROCKERS SUMMER CAMPS

The Detroit Rockers will stage a pair of summer soccer camps (ages 6-16) Aug. 2-6 at Bicentennial Park in Livonia.

The camps will be directed by Rockers coach and goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty. Appearances will also be made by Rockers Neil Gilbert, Randy Prescott, Droo Callahan and Tim Ernst.

A total of 20 half-day, week-long camps throughout the metro Detroit area are currently available for $99.

A full-day, week-long session is also offered July 12-16 at Franklin Racquet Club. Half-day camps are $119 and full-day are $189 for all registrations received after May 15.

All campers will receive an official size-5 Kendis ball, camp T-shirt and one free 1999-200 Rockers VIP season ticket pass. For more information, call (313) 396-7070.

### OAKLAND CC WANTS ATHLETES

The Oakland Community College men's and women's cross country teams, the women's volleyball team and the women's tennis team are looking for athletes to compete in the 1999-2000 school year.

All athletes must be full time students at OCC during the fall semester.

OCC students interested in competing should call either cross country coach Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155, volleyball coach Mike Lindstrom at (248) 363-1904 or tennis coach Kim Jackson at (248) 360-3159.

## Recruits *from page C1*

pitcher he went 7-5 his senior year.

"I just love his competitiveness," Haeger said. "As your third baseman he's a kid you want on the field because he wants to win."

"And he has some power."

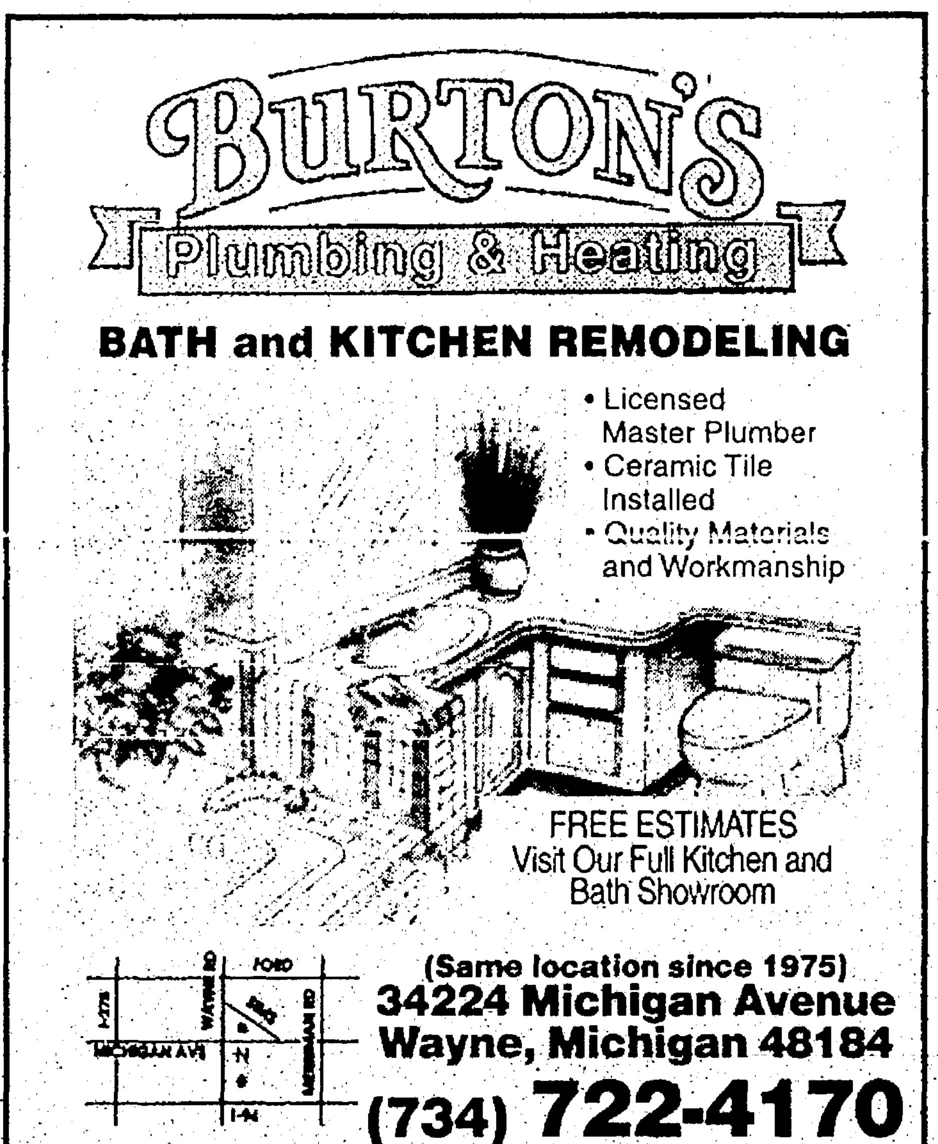
Rizzi, hampered this spring after undergoing knee surgery, made All-Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"He's the same kind of kid as Woodruff, only he's coming from the left side," Haeger said. "He's a big, thick kid who can also play first.

"And like Woodruff he'll need more work defensively."

Haeger is also looking forward to the return of pitcher Mitch Jabczenski, who did not play last year to concentrate on working toward a degree in education.

"He was one of our best his sophomore year and right now he's playing in a wood bat league in New York," Haeger said. "Right now our team looks like it can go two-deep just about everywhere. And most of the good kids our from our area."



# Danielwicz MVP in All-Star

■ INCREDIBLE

Beth Danielewicz was named the most valuable player of the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League's varsity all-star game Saturday after leading the Blue team to a 10-2 victory over the Red.

Danielewicz, who plays for the Farmington Hills Diamonds, was the winning pitcher, tossing a no-hitter through four scoreless innings while striking out seven.

She also was 2-for-3 with the bat and scored a run in the midsummer classic at Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

Becky Mitchell (Livonia Lancers) and Amelia Araiza (Diamonds) also had two hits apiece for the Blues.

Christine Fones (Livonia Knights) and Mitchell batted in two runs each; Kathy Rospierski (Lancers) and Sheila Gillies (Knights) had one RBI apiece. Courtney Wilmering (Lancers) and Araiza scored two runs each.

Amanda Sutton and Shae Potocki of the Plymouth Lightning scored first-inning runs to give the Red team a 2-1 lead, but the Blue took the lead for good with two runs in the fourth.

Sutton and Jamie Linden (Livonia Lasers) hit triples in the first inning. Linden's three-base hit scored Sutton with the Red's first run.

Other members of the Blue team were Sallie Kuratko, Carly George, Meghan Misiak and Kathleen Schram of the Knights; Alyssa Stanbridge of the Diamonds; Kristen Barnes of the Lancers; Jenille Brown and Megan Coultas of the Canton Cobras.

The Red roster included Jessica Chapman, Dawn Allen, Marnie Jones and Jacqui Slobodnick of the Lightning; Nicole Zabkiewicz, Jeanette Bertrand, Amy Sandrick and Kerstin Marshall of the Lasers; Kelley Hutchins, Amanda Jankowski and Kim Giller of the Livonia Cyclones; Ellen Doughty of the Farmington Hills Hornets; and Janeese Chapman of the Plymouth Thunder.

The Blue all-stars were coached by Dana Hardwidge of the Knights, and the Red squad was coached by Bonnie Sutherland of the Lightning.

Andrea Alberty was named the MVP of the Incredible JV all-star game after driving in the winning run in the seventh inning to give the Blue an 8-7 win over the Red.

Stephanie Day and Lisa DeRoche had two hits apiece to lead the Blue. Day also had two RBI, DeRoche and Liz Malek one each.

Rachael Koernke batted in two runs for the Red; Renae Ritz and Colleen Badger had one RBI apiece.

The players on the Blue team were Megan Wilkinson, Kim Baldoni, Kristine Tomey, Mindy Mitchell, Sue Malonis and Alberty of the White Sox; Malek, Shawn Fallon, Kristin Grewe, Sara Robak and Day of the Red Sox; Jackie D'Agostino and Kelly Batterman of the Wings; Amanda Morrill and DeRoche of the Ladybugs.

The Red team consisted of Maria Palmer, Lauren Mydlowski, Sara Sakowski, Erin Agemy, Carly Tracey and Megan Myers of the Mustangs; Ellen Hector, Kate Rhodes, Amy Schiffman, Koernke and Taryn Charrette of the Broncos; Katie Michniak, Ritz and Natalie Krieger of the Gators; Badger and Nicole Zamitt of the Rangers.

The Blue all-stars were coached by Amollio Salinas, and the Red team was coached by Ken Mydlowski.

## Playing up a Storm

**State runner-up:** *The Canton Storm recently reached the final of the USSSA Girls 14-and-under slow-pitch softball state championship (July 14-16 in Commerce Township) before losing to host Robeson Brothers Splash. Home runs by Melissa Horste and Rebecca Rourk gave the Storm a 14-8 semifinal win over the Clinton Valley Cougars. The second-place finish capped a six-tournament summer for the Storm including an appearance in the Smoky Baker All-American Girls Slow-pitch NIT (Fourth of July weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio). Other members of the Storm include: Jackie Jacek, Susan Woodard, Samantha White, Stephanie Gallison, Stephanie Sobick, Kelly Ebers, Heidi McCroskey, Brook Posler, Maggie Tudor, Amy Geick, Lauren Esser, Kim Diedrich and Francie Barbero. The Storm are coached by Dave Rourk, Bruce Horste and Mike Sobick.*

# Compuware heads to Charlotte

■ FAST-PITCH

Following a pair of second-place finishes in state tournaments, the Compuware 15-year-old girls softball team won the Brighton Classic last weekend by defeating NFWB-Ultimate Precision in the final, 6-1.

Immediately following its victory, Compuware left for Charlotte, N.C., to battle more than 200 teams from across the country for the NSA national championship.

Compuware was second in the USSSA state tournament July 17-18 at Canton Softball Center.

In three pool-play contests, Compuware topped Western Michigan Elite (9-0), Finesse (6-2) and Bay City Classic (9-5).

Sarah Pierce (Clinton Township) banged a triple, three doubles and a single during pool play, and teammate Jenny Lyon racked up seven RBI.

In the next round, Compuware struck down the Downriver Travel Lightning, 13-4. Aimee House (East Lansing) had two hits and two RBI.

Continuing its streak, Compuware beat the Downriver Blast, 7-1. Denise Haus (Lincoln Park), Jessica Kish (Lincoln Park) and Meghan Young knocked in two runs each to move Compuware into the semifinals.

River City Riptide took a 4-1 lead into the sixth inning and appeared ready to extend its winning streak against Compuware, but the 15s came back in the bottom of the inning.

Singles by Danielle Weber (Canton) and Kish preceded a two-run double by Young. Pierce followed with a single to tie the score. Laura Bell (Walled Lake) and Haus also contributed hits to complete a five-run inning and secure a 6-4 victory.

Compuware suffered its only loss in the final, losing to the Kalamazoo Rage, 7-1. Rage pitchers, featuring Kenya Coates, no-hit Compuware, striking out nine.

Compuware pitcher Kristi Marszalec (West Bloomfield) batted the heat and the Rage's big hitters in her seventh consecutive game of the weekend.

The 15s also were runners-up the previous weekend (July 10-11) in the NSA 16-and-under state tournament at Softball City.

Marszalec struck out eight as Compuware defeated the Mount Pleasant Drillers, 1-0. Weber knocked in the only run, scoring Bell with two out in the seventh inning.

Compuware came from behind in the next game to defeat the Riptide in extra innings, 7-6. The winning rally included a three-run homer by Danielle Haus (Lincoln Park) and a game-winning solo homer by Kish.

Lindsey Akers (Lincoln Park) contributed two RBI. Meghan Misiak (Livonia) earned the pitching victory, striking out six.

River City gained avenged by winning the second of three games, 7-1. In the championship contest, the Riptide edged Compuware, 2-1, but the second-place finish gave the 15s a berth in the NSA World Series.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# Johnstown-bound

## Livonia DCI return to AAABA Nationals

Load up the charter bus, Decision Consultants, Inc. of the Adray Metro Baseball Association will be making a return trip to Johnstown, Pa. (Aug. 9-14)) for the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament.

Last year DCI finished 4-2, reaching the semifinal of the winner's bracket before being defeated twice by the eventual champion Washington Senators, 19-8 and 11-1.

Coach Mike George's squad opened tourney play with wins over Philadelphia (9-8), Schenectady, N.Y. (13-11) and Brooklyn, N.Y. (9-8).

DCI qualified for the second straight year by finishing in first place in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro with a 15-8-2 record.

It's pretty much whole new squad from a year ago with only three players returning

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL**

— pitcher Tim Miller (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State), Ryan Kravetz (West Bloomfield) and Matt White (University of Detroit Mercy).

Four players from Michigan State are on the roster including Troy Bergman (son of former Tiger Dave), Chris McCuistion, Don Watchowski, Dave Strunk.

Representing Eastern Michigan are Dan Hyott and Greg Anglin. Oakland University players include Mike Bennion, Eric Hardin and Adam Sokoll.

Zach Cornwell (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Mike Gates play for CMU.

Two players come by way of Grand Rapids Junior College Rick Court and Jason Popham).

Rounding out the squad is Matt Pike (Siena Heights) and Andie Maki (Grand Valley State).

"Hitting-wise, we just have a solid group of guys," DCI manager Mike George said. "The pitching has been phenomenal, probably our strongest point.

"We have bunch of guys who really get along well. We don't do statistics. The only stats that matter to me is winning league.

"We got out to 6-0-2 start and didn't hurt us any."

George will take a 20-man roster to Johnstown.

He added two pitchers from the second-place Michigan Lake Area Rams — Shawn Morrison, a left-hander from Western Michigan, and Tom Gallus, a right-hander from EMU.

# WaCo finishes 53-7

**YOUTH BASEBALL**

The 10-and-under WaCo Wolves capped off a 53-7 season by finishing 13th out of 41 teams in the AAA division of the USSSA World Series last weekend at the Arc Park complex in Fort Worth, Tex.

The Mariners of Georgia eliminated the Wolves on Saturday in the finalist round of the double-elimination tournament, 17-1.

Pitcher Anthony Savone (Redford) recorded three tournament wins for the Wolves while Toby Matchulat (Redford) was the starter in two of the victories.

Alex Cowart (Dearborn) and James Telfer (Saline) each batted .666 to lead the Wolves offensively. Savone had a team-high 12 hits for the six games, while Telfer had an on-base percentage of .800.

Nathan King (Livonia) added eight hits and a .500 average, while Savone added eight RBI and a .466 average.

Nick Stortini (Redford), Billy Hardin (Dearborn Heights) and Jordan Szapichler (Farmington) all had on-base averages close to .500.

The Wolves dropped their opener, 14-11, to the Texas Diamond Backs despite erupting for six runs in the opening inning as five players contributed hits during the surge.

Hardin and Will Lewis (Detroit) both sacrificed in runs, while Savone cleared the fence in the fourth inning to give the Wolves a momentary 9-8 lead.

The Diamond Backs scored six runs in the final two innings to earn the victory.

Cowart scored three runs and had three hits in a losing cause.

The Wolves rebounded in the second round to be the Kansas Mariners, 14-6, as Cowart (4-for-4), King (3-for-3) and Szpaichler (two hits) paced the offense.

Savone, who went the distance, was the winning pitcher, while Grant Lawrence (Livonia) provided steady glove work.

The Wolves won their second straight game and remained alive in the tournament with a 10-9 victory.

Matchulat pitched four solid innings before giving way to Cowart and Savone. Stopper J.J. Pierce (Westland) fanned the final batter with two men on.

Joshua Brewer (Plymouth) contributed a key sacrifice bunt in the victory.

Pinkerton, Ohio then pinned a 13-1 loss on the Wolves as Stortini, Cowart and Savone collected the only hits against a hard-throwing left-hander.

Pierce and Lewis handled the pitching chores.

The Wolves then stayed alive by defeating the Lone Star Bandits of Texas, 15-1, as Telfer had three hits and five RBI. Hardin and Mike Broughton (Westland) each drew two walks and scored a pair of runs.

Pitchers Matchulast and Savone combined for the victory, setting the stage for a meeting with the Georgia Mariners.

Once again a flame-throwing left-hander handcuffed the six of the 12 batters he faced with strikeouts.

Telfer had the lone hit, while Aaron Dolkowski (Livonia) was the team's defensive standout.

### Detroit Braves advance

The Detroit Braves, a 12-and-under Little Caesars Travel League baseball team won the American Amateur Baseball Congress regional Saturday in Oregon, Ohio with a 6-0 record, including a pair of victories against the Midland, Ohio Redskins.

The Braves now advance to the AABC World Series in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

# 16-and-under Rams win district

The Michigan Lake Area Rams scored 74 runs in five games last weekend to win a 16-and-under district championship at Plymouth Canton-Salem high schools.

The Rams were led by Mark Lundquist of West Bloomfield who had nine hits, including three home runs, and 17 RBI in the American Amateur Baseball Congress tournament.

Lake Area opened with a 19-0 rout of Jackson. In succeeding games, the Rams defeated the Michigan Knights of Macomb County 14-9, Livonia Travel 16-2, the South Farmington Blues 16-1 and Adrian 9-8.

Kevin Entsminger (Canton) was the winning pitcher against Livonia and Adrian, allowing three hits, striking out nine and walking two in 4 2/3 innings. His earned run average was 1.50.

Lundquist, Mark Downer (Pinckney) and Thomas Larson (Novi) won one game each.

The team's leading hitter was Garrett Ignasiak (Waterford), who played in only three games but batted .667.

Josh Odom (Livonia) hit .538, Lundquist and Scott Miller (Farmington Hills) .500 and Entsminger .462. Brandon Siemens (Riverview), Joe Ruggiero (Livonia) and Anthony Coratti (Novi) batted .429 and Larson .427.

Entsminger and Ruggiero had eight RBI apiece, Odom seven and Larson six. Charlie Haeger (Plymouth) also hit a home run. Miller scored a team-high 11 runs, Odom 10 and Dan Wilson (Livonia) nine.

For the season, Lundquist is hitting .427 with 67 hits in 157 at-bats, 18 doubles, three triples, nine home runs and 73 RBI. He leads the team in each of those categories.

Ruggiero has a .369 batting average, Odom .348, Larson .330, Wilson .316, and Haeger .299. Odom has five homers and 35 RBI, Siemens 30 RBI and Ignasiak three homers. Eight players have between 23 and 29 RBI.

In the pitching department, Ruggiero is 8-0 with 30 strikeouts and eight walks in 43 2/3 innings with a 2.56 ERA.

Lundquist is 7-1, Haeger 5-0, Larson 4-0, Entsminger 7-4 and Wilson 4-1. Lundquist leads the team with 62 2/3 innings, 40 strikeouts and 1.45 ERA. Larson has a 1.62 ERA.

Coratti, Entsminger and Haeger attend Redford Catholic Central High School; Ignasiak, Lundquist and Miller, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Larson, University of Detroit-Jesuit; Odom, Livonia Churchill; Ruggiero, Livonia Franklin; and Wilson, Livonia Stevenson.


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# RU grad named president of Lightning

**PRO HOCKEY**

Ron Campbell, a 1974 Redford Union graduate, has been named president of the Tampa Bay Lightning, a recent expansion team in the National Hockey League.

Campbell's title also extends to the Ice Palace, the arena the Lightning calls home. Campbell immediately assumes responsibility of the day to day operation of all departments within the Lightning organization.

He retains his title as Executive Vice-President of Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills. Tom Wilson, president of PS & E, is Chief Executive Officer and Governor of the Lightning. Campbell serves as the team's Alternative Governor.

"Ron is the obvious choice to head our operation in Tampa," said Wilson, who will remain actively involved with the Lightning. "Since day one, when we originally considered the purchase, Ron has been our most integral and involved manager. Without him we would have never acquired the Lightning. He studied the team, the arena, their histories and all their financial aspects. He helped negotiate the purchase and now we believe he should oversee the organization.

"He knows the organization better than anyone and I have complete confidence in his abilities to be an effective leader in its turnaround while also assuring that we become a significant contributing member of the Tampa Bay community."

The top financial executive at Palace Sports and Entertainment for the past 15 years, Campbell was hired by Guardian Industries, Lightning owner William Davidson's flagship corporation, in 1981.

He joined the Pistons' organization in 1984 when he was hired to oversee all financial aspects of the team.

His role with the Pistons-Palace organization continued to evolve when the company opened The Palace of Auburn Hills in 1988 as he also took on all administrative and organizational responsibilities for the arena as well.

Additionally, Campbell worked closely with the team's basketball staff for more than a decade, reporting to the team President and General Manager on league policy issues, primarily involving the NBA's Salary Cap and Collective Bargaining Agreement, while assisting in player personnel issues.

## Playoff champions

**Orioles finish strong:** *The 12-year-old Livonia Orioles, captured the Pee Wee Majors two-round city tournament July 10 with a one-run victory over the Royals in the championship and a 19-6 triumph over the Eagles. Members of the Orioles, coached by Scott Murray and Phil Adkins, include Ben Adams, Sean Adkins, Chris Barczuk, Bobby Billotto, Joe Dugan, Brandon Mishowski, Jamie Murray, Matt Robinson, Ricky Snyder, John Thomas, Alan Tyler, Justin Smith and Shane Vine. The Orioles completed their Livonia season with a 12-4 record.*

**JOE DUMARS MENTADENT TENNIS**

# Frenchman Leconte 1st

## *Tops Bahrami in singles final*

Fourth-seeded Henri Leconte captured the singles title at the $150,000 Mentadent Joe Dumars Champions senior tennis tournament in Bloomfield Hills.

Leconte outlasted second-seeded Mansour Bahrami in Sunday's final at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), enabling Leconte to vault into fifth place in the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit's Masters Point Standings.

Leconte, who lost to Bahrami in the finals of the season-opening Delta Air Lines ATP Senior Tour of Champions in Doha, Qatar, earned $40,000 in first-place prize money and picked up his second singles title on the Worldwide Senior Tennis Circuit.

"It was a great win," Leconte said. "Mansour played well, but I felt really good about the way I played. It was tough in the heat, but I think I had a good week of tennis."

Leconte's success at the BOH was limited to singles play, however, as he and Johan Kriek teamed up Sunday in the doubles final to post a 6-4, 6-3 victory over local qualifiers Armand Molino and Ed Nagel.

Molino and Nagel, pros from The Sports Club of West Bloomfield who played in the doubles tournament after winning a qualifier at the Rochester Hills Tennis & Swim Club, reached the championship match with Saturday's thrilling 2-7, 7-6 (7-1), 12-10 triumph over Peter Fleming and Tim Wilkison, two of the tour's top doubles players and the top-seeded doubles team in the tournament.

Molino and Nagel trailed 4-1 during the second set and later overcame a 10-9 deficit in the deciding Champions tiebreaker.

Earlier on Saturday, Molino and Nagel defeated senior circuit pros Mel Purcell and Eddie Dibbs, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5).

Saturday's semifinal singles matches featured a 4-6, 6-4, 13-11 win by Leconte over Kriek, while Bahrami downed Sweden's Mats Wilander, 6-3, 1-6, 10-8.

## Canton Braves capture playoff championship against Tigers

The 10-and-under Braves recently caged the Tigers, 10-6, to capture the Canton Community Junior Baseball Association boys 10-and-under World Series championship.

The finished the season with a 16-4 record.

Dan Ryan and Charles Page are the coaches, assisted by Scott Gordinier and Andy Campbell.

Team members of the Braves include Jeremy Krueger, Nick Ryan, Maxwell Vaughn, Keith Campbell, Bryant Powers, Brian Hale, Devin Moss, Dan Gordinier, Jason O'Guinn, Steve Paye, Nick Rapson and Caleb Larner.

## Blues seize Series berth

The South Farmington 10-year-old Blues earned a trip to the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series by winning the East Central regional championship July 21-25 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The double-elimination World Series will pit nine regional winners from the United States and Puerto Rico in competition starting today in Olive Branch, Miss. The Blues open against the Memphis Tigers tonight.

In sweeping the regional opposition, South Farmington defeated Kendalville (Ind.) 12-2, Dublin (Ohio) 2-1, Wallen (Ind.) 11-4 and the Michigan Rams 14-6. To clinch the title, the Blues again defeated Dublin, the Ohio state champs, 12-8.

Complete-game pitching victories were recorded by Zak Kozuchowski, Josh Rebandt, Brian Nobie and Jeff Gorecki.

The efforts by other Blues players were led by center fielder Harvey Martin and infielders Stephen Doty, Brooks Tuyn and Andy Lentz.

In the title game, the Blues overcame a two-run deficit with a six-run rally ignited by Paul Greenwood and aided by key hits from Martin, Doty, Gorecki, Kevin Raftery and Jon Castine.

The Blues have an impressive 48-9 record entering the World Series.


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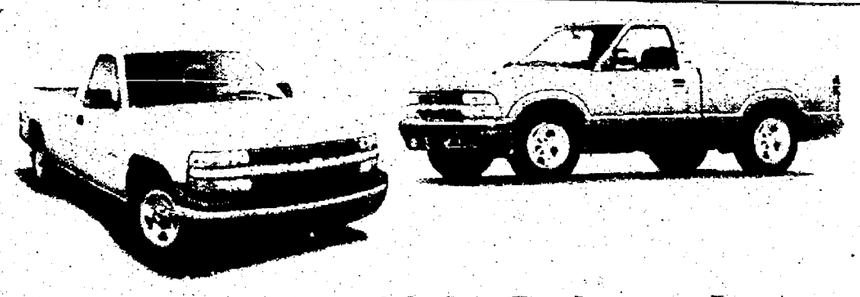

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# Canton anglers rule Lake St. Clair bass classic

A couple area bass fishing teams have been experiencing tremendous success lately on local waters here in southeastern Michigan.

Darren Lear and Ken Rosbury, both of Canton, opened the bass season last month on Lake St. Clair with a victory in the Motor City Charity Bass Classic. Fishing Yamamoto grubs and tubes in 12 feet of water, the duo combined to catch an eight-fish limit that weighed 34.8 pounds.

"That was an unofficial Lake St. Clair record," Rosbury said. "We caught two big ones that weighed 5.2 pounds and 5.4 pounds and we also won big fish honors for the tournament."

Rosbury said the fish were in a transition period and were found in a post-spawn staging area

The following day, the dynamic duo teamed up once again and placed second in the Tri-State Bass Super Team Tournament, also held on Lake St. Clair. They caught another limit that weighed 26.5 pounds and pocketed $4,500 for their efforts.

Two weeks later, Lear competed in the Forrest Wood Open, the sixth stop of the 1999 Wal-Mart FLW Tour. Of 166 professional anglers Lear managed a 21st-place finish with a two-day total of 29.8 pounds.

Two weeks ago the Lear/Rosbury team was at it again and had two more victories over the weekend. On Saturday, they won the Angler's Choice Tournament on Lake Erie with a five-fish limit that tipped the scale at 21.7 pounds. The following day they topped the chart in an Oakland Bass Masters Tournament on Lake St. Clair with an eight-fish limit that weighed 27.7 pounds.

"We're fishing some areas that a lot of other people aren't," said Rosbury. "We've been fishing out there for a long, long time and all the hard work is finally starting to pay of."

## Ladies find a little luck

Another local tandem having a great summer of fishing fun is Canton's Mary Ashteneau and Troy's Jeni Harless.

Two weeks ago they teamed up to win the Bustin' Lip Tournament on Lobdell Lake with a five-fish limit that weighed 22.2 pounds.

"That's a tremendous weight for that lake," said Ashteneau, a former qualifier for the National Bass'n Gals Classic Star. "We went out at 5 a.m. and hadn't fished for five minutes and caught one close to five pounds. We had all our fish by 7 a.m. and only culled one fish after that."

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The first fish they caught turned out to weigh 4.5 pounds and earned Ashteneau and Harless big fish honors for the tournament.

Ashteneau said they were fishing in eight feet of water with Berkley spider grubs.

The same pattern paid off last weekend as Ashteneau and Harless joined forces to win the Hooksetters Bass Association tournament on Lobdell Lake. This time they landed a seven-fish limit that weighed 15.71 pounds. They pocketed $245 for winning the first tournament and $1,000 for winning the second.

"We found one deep hole along a little weed bed and they were coming up there to feed," Ashteneau said. "I can't wait until August 29 because Oakland Bass Masters has another tournament out there and we plan to fish that one, too."

## BASSMASTER on tap

Rochester's Art Ferguson is currently in New Orleans competing in the prestigious BASSMASTER Classic, which runs Thursday through Sunday, July 29-31, on the Mississippi River delta.

Ferguson fished in the Classic one other time, in 1990. He earned a berth in this year's tournament by winning the Northern Division championship in the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. Federation National Championships earlier this year.

*(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)*

# Recreation Equipment Inc. hosts kayaking, canoe clinics

The staff of Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville are hosting free clinics for those with interests in kayaking and canoeing.

•A kayaking skills and safety course will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington Park's East Boat Launch. There will be a variety of perception kayaks available to demo. Prepare to get wet.

•Paddling camping essentials will be covered at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety.

•REI staff member Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an Ultra-light Backpacking exhibit at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI.

In order to complete his journey in a limited amount of time, pack weight had to be kept to a minimum. Duluk will provide a gear list of his 20-pound pack and discuss the mental and physical preparation for such a journey.

REI is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads just west of I-275. The address is 17559 Haggerty.

For more information call (248) 347-2100.

# OUTDOOR CALENDAR

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## ARCHERY

**BROACHED LEAGUE**
A nine-week broached league begins Thursday, Aug. 5, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

**TUNS 3D SHOOT**
Ted Nugget Unites Sportsmen of America Area B will hold its annual 3D shoot and family picnic on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. The event features free beginner instruction, novelty shoots, games for the kids and a yard sale. Entry fee is $8 and kids age 11 and under will shoot free. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds from the event benefit Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids. Call (248) 627-8172 or (810) 254-2493 for more information.

**3D SHOOT**
Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

**MORE 3D**
Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

**LIVONIA RANGE**
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

**JUNIOR ARCHERS**
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

## SEASON/DATES

**FALL TURKEY SEASON**
Application deadline for the fall wild turkey seasons is Aug. 1. Call (517) 373-1263 for more information.

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

**TOP BASS**
Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Sunday, July 31, on Sanford Lake. Registration is $60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information. The final stop on the Top Bass Tournament Trail is Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

**OAKLAND BASS MASTERS**
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 8, on Orchard Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake, and Sept. 26 on Lakeville Lake.

**METRO BASS 'N GALS**
Metro Bass 'N Gals will hold the Linda Carruthers Memorial, a two-person team open bass tournament, on Sunday, Aug. 15, on Lake St. Clair. Call Mary Ashteneau at (313) 981-3367 to register and for more information.

## CLASSES/ CLINICS

**SAILING LESSONS**
Beginner and would-be sailors can get free, hands-on sailing lessons during a special program offered by the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club. Lessons begin at noon Saturday, July 31, at Stony Creek Metropark. Call (248) 625-6197 for more information.

**KAYAKING SKILLS**
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a kayaking skills and safety course beginning at noon Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington Metropark's East Boat Launch. There will be a variety of perception kayaks available to demo. Prepare to get wet. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**HUNTER EDUCATION**
Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will offer a hunter safety Aug. 9-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 to register and for more information.

**PADDLE CAMPING ESSENTIALS**
Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a class on the basics of paddling camping beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL CLINIC**
Tri-County Michigan Duck Hunter's Association and the Bay City State Recreation Area are co-hosting the fourth annual Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Call (517) 667-0717 for more information.

**WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC**
The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

**ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING**
Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultra-light backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**MORE HUNTER EDUCATION**
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering several hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Aug. 28-29, Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313)532-0285 to register and for more information.

**FLY FISHING SCHOOL**
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

**FLY TYING**
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

**MORE FLY TYING**
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

**CLIMBING CLASS**
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

## ACTIVITIES

**FISHING DERBY**
Get hooked on fishing during a fishing derby, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Orion Township Parks and Recreation. Activities include several contests such as dry casting, smallest fish, largest fish, ugliest fish, best fishing hat and biggest frog. Activities begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Call (248) 391-0304 for more information.

**WATERLOO HIKE**
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at the Waterloo State Recreation Area beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Call Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370 for more information.

**HERITAGE PARK**
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore Heritage Park in Farmington Hills during this program, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Call Tom LaFramboise at (734) 464-7899 for more information.

**BALD MOUNTAIN HIKE**
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a five-mile hike at Bald Mountain State Recreation Area beginning at noon on Sunday, Aug. 22. Call Dan Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.

## CLUBS

**CLINTON VALLEY BASS**
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

**FOUR SEASONS**
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

**FISHING BUDDIES**
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

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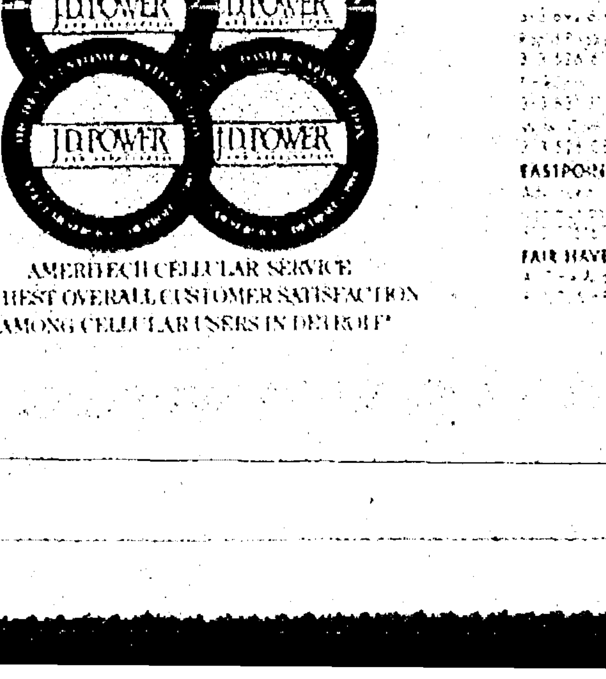


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**BASS ASSOCIATION**
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**SOLAR**
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**FLY TYING**
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

## SHOOTING RANGES

**BALD MOUNTAIN**
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

**NATURE CLUB**
Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Independence Oaks. The club will also meet Aug. 28.

## STATE PARKS

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

**SUMMER EVENING STROLL**
Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

**BEETLES AND BUTTERFLIES**
Learn the differences between beetles and butterflies and why both are important during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Proud Lake.

**ANIMAL TRACKS**
Learn about animal tracks then make tracks on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Highland.

**FISHING IN THE PARKS**
Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday's, through August 10, at Island Lake, Metamora-Hadley and Pontiac Lake recreation areas.

**GARDEN HERBS**
A discussion on how to use and grow various kitchen herbs begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Maybury.

**FARM STORIES**
Listen to a short story about crows then join in a fun activity during this program, which begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at Maybury.

**FISHING FOR BEGINNERS**
Learn the basics of fishing during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Highland.

**BATS OF MICHIGAN**
Learn all about bats during this slide presentation, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury.

**NATURE FOLKLORE**
Take a look at nature from a different angle and learn about legends and folklore during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at Maybury.

## METROPARKS

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**1999 PERMITS**
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are $15 ($8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are $18 ($9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**THE BEAR FACTS**
Learn all about black bears during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Indian Springs.

**GOOD BUG, BAD BUG**
A naturalist-led hike to learn how insects affect us begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Kensington.

**HABITAT HODGEPODGE**
A naturalist-led hike in search of various habitats in the park begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington.


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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY

*Chicago appears with the Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets $35.25 pavilion, $18.75 lawn. Call (248) 377-0100.*

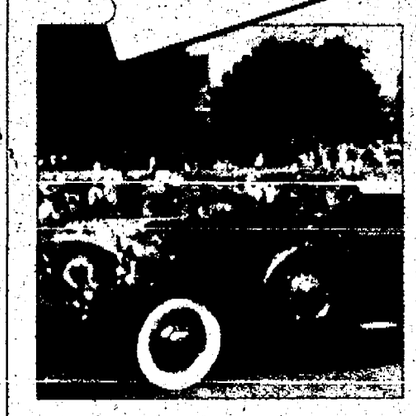
### SATURDAY

*The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "The Planets" 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Pre-concert lecture, "Cosmic Inspiration," 7 p.m. Tickets $8 to $50, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or (248) 645-6666.*

### SUNDAY

*Janet Ginis stars in "Belles," Mark Dunn's drama in two acts, presented by SRO Productions, 2 p.m. at the City of Southfield's historic park, the Burgh on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road. Tickets $8 general admission, $7 seniors and children. Call (248) 827-0701 for information.*

### HOT TICKET



**Hot Tix:** *If you love classic cars, plan to attend the 21st annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d' Elegance 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Over 250 vintage automobiles will be on display. Tickets $20 adults, $10 children ages 13-17, no charge for children under age 12. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.*

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# *Polar bears to dive into Arctic Ring*

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ashley Feel turned away from the polar bear exhibit at the Detroit Zoo to ask no one in particular if that's where they're building the Arctic Ring of Life?

The 11-year old Bloomfield Hills girl knows all about the new home being built for the polar bears and can't wait for the exhibit to open in May of 2000.

The $13 million dollar naturalized habitat will take the place of the rocky landscape and the pool with the big purple ball in it. An interactive facility for polar bears, seals and people, the nearly four acre space will be the world's largest polar bear exhibit when completed. Until then, the bears continue to lumber along the craggy terrain just in time for their 2 p.m. feeding.

"I love polar bears," said Feel. "Polar bears are my most favorite animal in the whole wide world. I love them because they're cute, they're white and they swim."

### Polar bear mania

The giant plush polar bear and cub on Ron Kagan's couch are a dead giveaway to the zoo director's current love affair. He "first began to think about reinventing the polar bear exhibit more than four years ago." In addition to the polar bears and seals, other cast members will include arctic foxes, snowy owls, lemmings, and a little frog that turns into an ice cube each winter and then thaws in spring and hops away.

"When you have a dream you have a dream. It's evolved," said Kagan. "It has this incredible 70 foot see-through tunnel. Diving and swimming polar bears and seals, who will be separated by a transparent barrier, will be all around you. There will be real icebergs. It's very elaborate with ice all around. There will be massive amounts of artificial ice and ice flows, and viewing galleries with entrances with icicles dripping water."

Kagan expects a few bruised polar bear noses initially. Ever since the African wild dogs were brought in earlier this year from Honolulu and placed next to the zebras, the dogs occasionally try to chase the black and white striped beasts. So Kagan expects the bears to dive after the seals a few times before realizing the barrier is there.

"We're following the bears migratory path. They follow the seals," said Kagan. "Humans understand stories. We're telling the story of the arctic for visitors. It's a story of a trek to the North Pole."

Visitors will enter into an Inuit village complete with art then follow a trail from the tundra to the open sea to pack ice to an underwater gallery and through the 70 foot acrylic tunnel to an exploration station on top of which is a huge ice making machine. Blocks of ice, weighing hundreds of pounds, will

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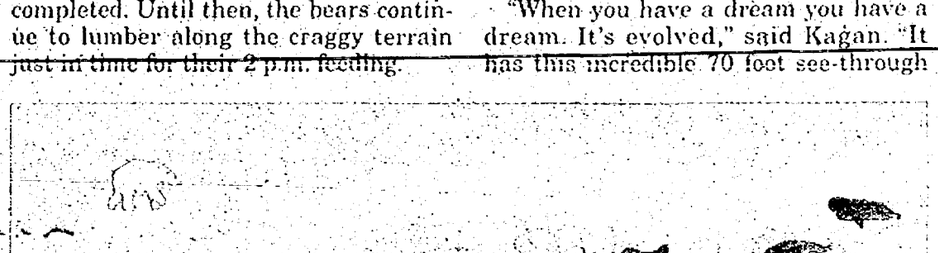
**The Detroit Zoo**

**WHERE:** 8450 W. Ten Mile Road at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, (248) 398-0903.

**HOURS:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 6 p.m. Sundays, until 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 1.

**ADMISSION:** $7.50 adults, $5.50 seniors/students, $4.50 children ages 2-12. Parking is $3 for cars/vans.

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## FESTIVAL

### 150th Annual Highland Games

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 7. Gates open 8:30 a.m., closing ceremonies 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at 8 Mile Road, Livonia.

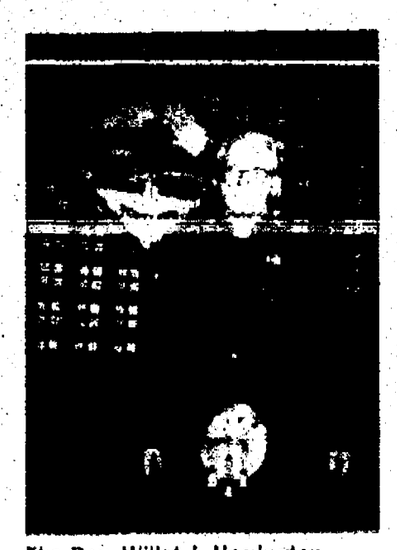
**ADMISSION:** $10 at the gate, $8 in advance. Patron tickets $35 (individual), $60 (couple) or $100 (family of four), call (313) 886-4703. Information available online at www.highlandgames.com

**PARKING:** Patron, handicapped and limited general parking in the main lot at Greenmead off Newburgh Road. There is a $5 charge for non patron parking in the Main Lot, which is expected to be full by 10 a.m.

**SHUTTLE:** General parking in the Shuttle Lot at Schoolcraft College, south of 7 Mile Road on Haggerty Road, and at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on 6 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road. There is no charge for parking in these lots, and complimentary shuttle busses will run every 5 to 10 minutes throughout the day beginning at 8:30 a.m. The buses are handicap accessible and will drop off and pick up passengers at the main gate of the Greenmead.

■ **SPECIAL EVENT:** Old-fashioned Ceilidh (kale-ee) – 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, just north of 7 Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are $10 in advance, call (248) 593-5064.

## St. Andrew's Society hosts Highland Games



The Rev. Willet J. Herrington

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Curt McAllister of Lake Orion was always conscious of his Scottish roots, but he didn't do much digging around until an aunt began doing genealogical research.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS INSIDE

Scottish on both his mother and father's side, McAllister is looking forward to attending the Highland Games for the first time on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit, a group formed on Nov. 30, 1849 by 35 Scottish immigrants to "help those less fortunate and promote Scottish heritage," the games have been held in metro Detroit for the past 150 years. Detroit's Highland Games is the longest running festival of its kind in North America.

Proceeds from the games are used to fund gift-giving throughout the year.

Think of the games as a showcase of all things Scottish music, dance, history, and food. The games will feature three stages of entertainers including 20 bagpipe bands.

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# Bears *from page E1*

replace the 20-40 pound blocks that are now given to the polar bears. The blocks, some with fished packed in them, allow them to have fun while they're getting their food.

### Let bears be bears

Scott Carter believes one of the most important aspects of the exhibit is that the Arctic Ring of Life mimics a bear's natural habitat. As curator of mammals, Carter is lending his knowledge of bears to accomplish just that because "most polar bear exhibits are too small." The old habitat, which consists mainly of rocks and a pool, will soon be a larger space filled with plants similar to those found in their natural environment.

"We want to build a visitor experience so people could see the polar bears in a more realistic environment, to give them a more realistic idea of where the bears come from," said Carter. "We want to provide the opportunity for polar bears to act the way they would in the wild, for a polar bear to act like a bear, so people will know what a polar bear is. The new habitat will have a summer tundra with flowers and grasses and an open pool as well as an open sea area with snow and ice. Most people don't think of bears in summer walking around flowers."

The new environment will also have a lot of built-in cubby holes to hide foods.

"They'll find smells which are very interesting to a bear. Bears spend plenty of time just smelling," said Carter. "Like most bears, they need to be kept stimulated. Lots of times they sleep, like all bears. They're very intelligent. They like things that are a challenge, things that they have to figure out."

Kagan is working with the architecture firm Jones & Jones of Seattle to make sure the polar bears are happy in their new home, but it's been a challenge.

"It's certainly not easy bringing people and animals together in a way that works," said Kagan. "We try to recreate nature and bring people into it in a way that's interesting. As far as the animals, you have to understand animals. Polar bears love to swim. They love sunbathing. They like to roll around in sand and the dirt and they like to walk a lot."

Kagan is making sure the zoo's five polar bears have space to do all three. Plus, double that for five new bears when the exhibit is complete.

"The Sacramento Zoo is sending a bear this fall. They heard we're doing this. They're limited there and felt their polar bear should be in a better place. We also alerted Canadian authorities that if there are some orphan bears they need to place, we have room."

### For kids only

Along with the sleeping lions and 47-year-old Rudy, the oldest rhinoceros in captivity, Kagan thinks the polar bear habitat and the $6 million National Amphibian Conservation Center scheduled to open in December will intrigue children. He's proud of the fact the Detroit Zoo is tailoring their plans to children as well as the animals and adults. The prairie dog exhibit, opened May 19, incorporates three acrylic bubbles so children can view colony members close up. A sign leading to the bubbles warns 'No adults allowed.'

Brendan Muster, who was visiting the prairie dogs with his mother Debra, thought "they were cute."

"We have a pass so we come all the time," added Debra Muster who grew up in Troy and now lives in Sterling Heights. "They love the train and visiting all the animals."

Kagan couldn't be happier when he hears the complimentary comments of families like the Musters. He's hoping the grizzly bears will be just as content when they move into the existing polar bear quarters. The grizzlies will fish from a running stream stocked with trout.

"We're beginning to do more and more elements that are just for kids," said Kagan. "We're affecting people's attitudes about nature. One of the ways you can do that is by letting them fall in love. By taking them out into nature, you obviously want them to care for something. This is not about display. It's about how do we save the animals and how do we create a bond between animals and people. To see the river otters swimming under water, how could you not be impressed and care about Michigan wetlands?"

**Concerts in the Park**
**Where:** In the grassy area, just inside the front gate of the Detroit Zoo.
**When:** 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays
**Admission:** Included with regular Zoo admission. In the event of bad weather, concerts will be canceled. Visitors may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. Refreshments available for purchase.
**Schedule**
- Aug. 4 — Bones of Contention (blues)
- Aug. 11 — Alberta Adams with R.J.'s Blues Crew
- Aug. 18 — Black Beauty & Thornetta Davis (blues)
- Aug. 25 — The Blackman/Arnold Quartet (jazz)


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# Games *from page E1*

pipers, drummers, and over 200 Highland dancers.

"There will be a clan tent at the games," said McAllister who recently joined the St. Andrews Society. "They'll have books of crests and there will be people there who can help you learn more about your Scottish heritage.

You can buy a set of bagpipes from one of the vendors, some fern cakes (Scottish tea cookies), Celtic crafts and gifts.

This year, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Highland Games, the St. Andrew's Society is hosting an old-fashioned ceilidh (kale-ee), 7:30-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Scottish humorist Jeremy Bell will perform at the party which offers dancing and music.

At the games, Kirk Pauley of Farmington Hills will compete in the 16-pound hammer toss and other tests of strength. Pauley has won Detroit's heavy athletics title for the past four years. This year's competition includes Ryan Vierra, three-time defending world champion, and five-time Canadian champion Harry McDonald who pulled the 387-ton ship, HMS Bounty, 25 meters in just over a minute and a half.

Lauren Miller, 19, a student at Oakland University in Rochester Hills, is among the dancers competing in the Highland Dance Championships. Last year she took second place at the national finals. Her sister, Jennifer, 21, is the two-time defending national champion in the premier division and touring with the "Fire and Grace" dance troupe in California, a Scottish version of the popular "Riverdance." She's coming home to compete at this year's games.

Highland Games grew out of rustic clan gatherings held in Scotland as early as the 11th century. When Scots immigrated to the U.S. and Canada they brought the tradition Highland Games with them.

"Young men would show off, show how far they could throw a hammer, and the youngsters would show off their dancing," said the Rev. Willet J. Herrington of Garden City, chaplain for the St. Andrew's Society.

"It's a real nice, fun get-together. I see a lot of my friends, those who are Scottish and those who wish they were Scottish. I bless the clans in the afternoon at the ceremony, and get to wear my kilt."

The St. Andrew's Society recently opened its new headquarters at the Cranbrook Centre in Southfield. Society members will be use the suite of offices for meetings and an archive for memorabilia and records.

Local dancers who will be competing at the games include, Amy Calmes, Ceileigh Sturgeon of Canton; Caitlin Campbell, Erin Welsh, Plymouth; Brittney Patterson, Jamie Schittaro, Livonia; Jacklyn Hay, Becca Southern, Hope Drexel, Lindsay Corbets, Rochester Hills; Christina Hugo, Rochester; Samantha Szwak, West Bloomfield; Holly Dorger, Bloomfield Hills, and Brianna Kwasky of Farmington.

**Highland Games — Schedule of Events**
**8:30 a.m.** — Gates open for the public
**9 a.m.** — Competitions begin, piping, Highland dance, heavy athletics
**Noon** — Welcoming ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, parade of the clans
**6 p.m.** — Closing ceremonies, includes massed pipes and drums, major competitive awards
**Throughout the day** — Scottish arts and entertainment, children's events, vendors of Scottish goods.


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SCREEN SCENE

# TV channel encourages kids to use their 'Noggin'

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The next time someone tells you to use your "noggin" turn on the computer, and type www.noggin.com

You'll be connected to a place where kids can really use their "noggins" to learn new and interesting things.

Noggin, described as "the new thinking channel for kids from Nickelodeon and the Children's Television Workshop," began airing July 15 on Comcast Cable's Channel 44 in Garden City. Comcast was the first cable company in Michigan to offer the program.

"From time to time we like to beef up our channel line-up," said Fred Eaton, area manager for public affairs for Comcast Cable. "It's family friendly, very high quality programs. They don't duplicate PBS, but the programming is of the same sort. We think that it's important for young people to have a channel they can watch to learn something and be entertained with something besides violence and shoot-'em-up."

The commercial-free station airs 24-hours a day and is targeted to children ages 2-12. Programs for preschoolers air 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the afternoon, Noggin offers programming for kids ages 6-12. Adults can tune in to watch the late night lineup of classic educational programs with nostalgic appeal.

Featured programs include the best from the libraries of Nickelodeon and the Children's Television Workshop — "Blues Clues," "Allegra's Window," "Sesame Street," and "The Electric Company."

Noggin's mission, explains general manager Tom Ascheim, is to "serve kids' natural urge to learn by offering them a place to learn — on television and online — where learning is driven by them. Our slogan, 'What Sparks You?' celebrates kids' natural excitement for learning by asking kids themselves to help shape the network's agenda and steer its content."

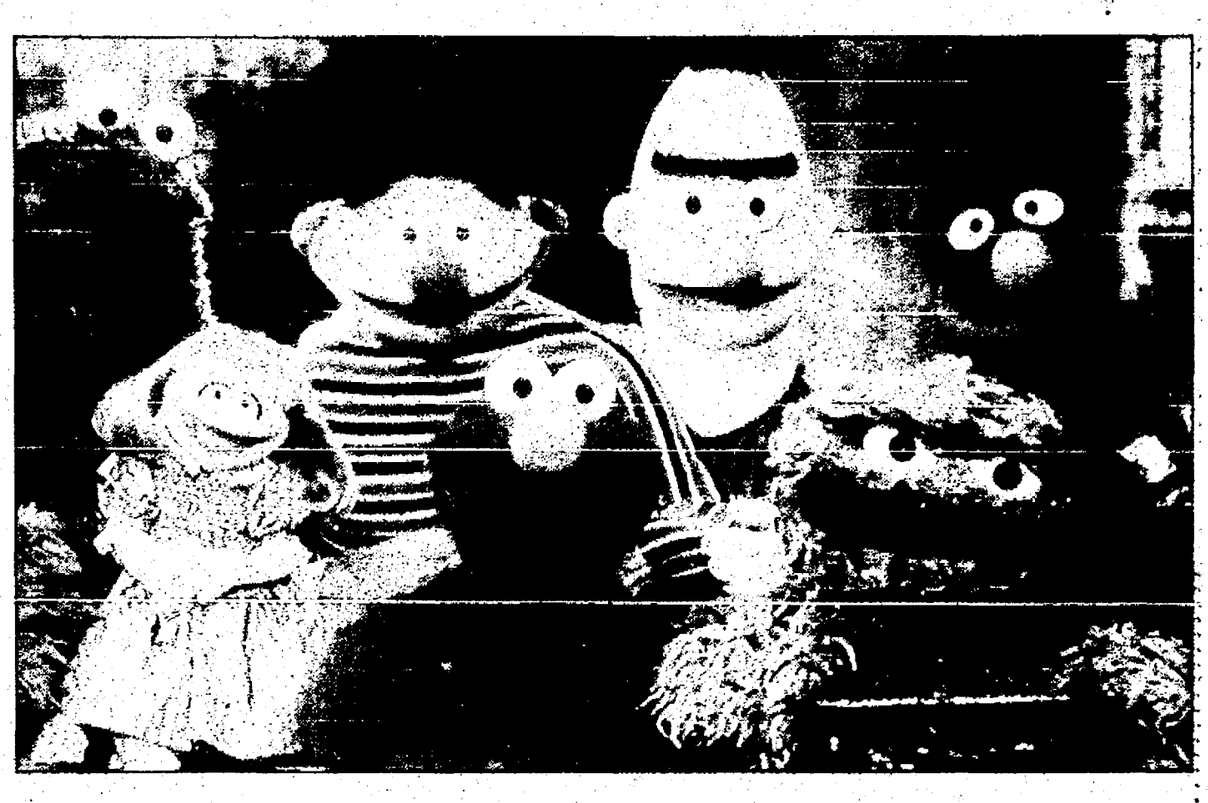
Nicole of Troy was logged in to Noggin on Friday morning. She was playing "Nog It!" a game where children can help create a whole new language called "Nogginese." Words visitors create are incorporated into a quiz for the future.

Kids who visit Noggin on the Web can play games, ask questions, contribute stories, poems, ideas and suggestions.

"The Internet is a fast way to reach a lot of people," said Ascheim. "You get ridiculously rapid response. We want kids to feel like they're in charge of their own learning. We are listening to them to work for them."

Shortly after its February launch, Noggin.com recorded 21,000 visits to the site. By the end of June the number had grown to 830,000.

Noggin is expanding it's TV viewing audience as well. "We'd like to be a broadly distributed network," said Ascheim. "Comcast is the first analog (basic) cable company to broadcast the channel. You're breaking new ground for us."



**Tune in:** *"Sesame Street" is just one of the many popular programs that airs on Noggin.*

# Jewish Ensemble Theatre announces season line-up

Season tickets are now available for Jewish Ensemble Theatre's millennium season. JET performs in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Rd. (corner of Maple & Drake) in West Bloomfield. Season tickets range from $50 for matinee previews to $88 for Saturday night performances in the regular run.

Individual tickets are $15-$25, based on the performance. Discounts are available for seniors, students and groups. Ample free parking is also available. The theater is handicap accessible. For information, visit the Web site at http://comnet.org/jet. To purchase tickets, call (248) 788-2900.

"The Immigrant," by Mark Harelik, will be performed Oct. 6 through Nov. 7. It is a true story about two Eastern European Jews who immigrate to a small Texas town in 1909. Inspired by his grandmother's photo album, Harelik tells the story of two out of the thousands of Jewish immigrants who ended up in the American Southwest through an immigrant resettlement program.

"The Prisoner of Second Avenue," by Neil Simon, will be presented Dec. 22 through Jan. 23. The play was written in the 1970s, but it is surprisingly and hysterically timeless. Neil Simon's comedy touches on serious subjects such a urban angst and mental breakdown, yet is full of snappy two-liners and determined to send you out feeling good. Simon captures the hell of modern city life, while maintaining his signature tickle of the funny bone.

Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass" is being performed March 24 through April 19. A woman is stricken with a mysterious illness that prevents her from walking soon after reading about Kristallnacht in the newspaper. It's 1938 and her husband is the only Jew in an otherwise exclusively WASP real estate firm. Her doctor is an eminent scientist, but even with ample resources and the best medical care nothing seems to work. "Broken Glass" is a powerful work by Miller dealing with relationships, hope and what it means to be a Jew.

The final show of the season will be "The Day We Met" by Kitty Dubin, May 24 through June 25. "The Day We Met" is a new comedy work that had a very successful premier at JET's Festival in 1998. This play consists of a series of vignettes dealing with modern relationships seen with the playwright's special insight and humor, tied together through the theme of first meetings. Characters young and old, male and female, give a clear and funny off-beat view of the human condition.

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**PERFORMANCE NETWORK**
RAH/KIVA Productions presents the hilarious "Strange Love and Unusual Sex," 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Aug. 5-7 and 12-14, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 8 and 15, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor. $12, $9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

### OPERA

**THE IRISH TENORS**
With The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. $45 and $27.50 reserved. Seniors 62 and older, and groups of 15 or more receive $3 off $27.50 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com; special autograph signing 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at Harmony House Farmington Hills, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, south of 14 Mile. (248) 626-4533

### COMMUNITY THEATER

**AVON PLAYERS**
"The Flowering Young Belle of St. Petersburg" or (Stop Acting You're Killing Me), a musical murder mystery by Andrew Lark, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. $10, available at box office on day of performance. Proceeds benefit the Avon Players Building Fund. (248) 608-9077

**SRO PRODUCTIONS**
"Belles," July 30-Aug. 15, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Historic Park "The Burgh," northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. $8, $7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

### DINNER THEATER

**DAVE & BUSTER'S**
Mystery Dinner Theater production of "A Friendly Game of Death," 8 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 14, at northeast corner of M-59 and M-53, Utica. $32.95. (810) 930-1515

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**MARQUIS THEATRE**
"Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 3 to Sept. 26. 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, Aug. 3-6, 10-13 and 17-20; 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. $6. (248) 349-8110

**NOVI THEATRES**
"Beauty & The Beast," Friday-Sunday, July 30-31 and Aug. 1, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. $8, $7 advance. (248) 347-0400

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS**
"Schoolhouse Rock," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. $2, $4, $5. (313) 535-8962

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS**
Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

**JAZZ AND ALL THAT POETRY**
Featuring Jah Meets Jesus with Marc Maurus, M.L. Liebler and The Magic Poetry Trio, Spoke, Ann Holdreith, Faruq Z. Bey, Jim Bralif, and Juxtaposition with Cindi St. germain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. $10. (313) 831-1250

**LIVONIA WOODCARVERS SHOW**
Features more than 100 carvers, also supplies and books, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena, 33841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. $1, $ per family. (734) 421-8310

**MICHIGAN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**
Featuring performances of "Hamlet" and "Twelfth Night," Thursday-Sunday, July 29-Aug. 1, and Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 5-8, in Jackson. $12, $8 ages 12 and younger, (517) 788-5032 or http://www.michshakefest.org or thebard@michshakefest.org

**PUB CRAWL**
Along Woodward Ave. in Ferndale, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, meet at corner of W. Breckenridge and Woodward in the city lot behind First Federal. $3, proceeds to benefit charity works of Friends And Neighbors of Ferndale. (248) 545-1435/(248) 584-4767

**REDFORD THEATRE**
Film "Red River," with guest organists Lance Luce and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 6, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Aug. 7, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. $2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

**SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Clawson Legion Hall, 655 Main St., between 13 and 14 Mile Road. $5, $20 readings. (248) 528-2610

**SWEET ADELINES REUNION**
The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International invites past members to a 40th anniversary and reunion party, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Gino's Surf Banquet Center, 37400 East Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. $25. Great Lakes Chorus was formerly called the Macomb County Chapter, Utica-Rochester Chapter and The Charmonizers. (810) 790-0008/(810) 566-5965

### BENEFITS

**CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS**
6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

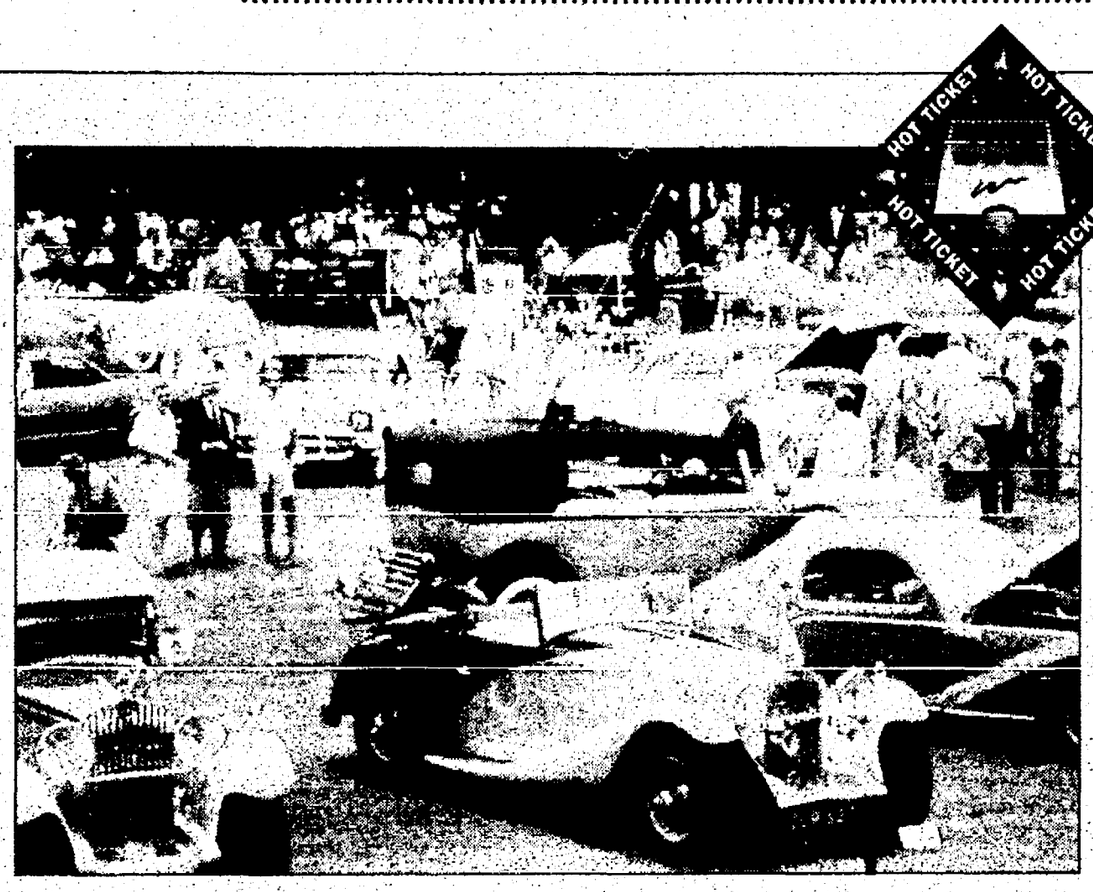
**BARBEQUE & BREW AT THE ZOO**
6-10 p.m. Friday, July 30, Australian-themed outback party including cookout, entertainment by Blue Moon Boys presented by the Wild Thing Society, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Detroit. $15, to benefit the Detroit Zoo's tree kangaroos. (248) 541-5717

**RIDGEDALE PLAYERS**
Garage Sale and Car Wash, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the playhouse,, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. To benefit Ridgedale Players' Scholarship Fund. To donate items or for questions, (248) 988-7049

**ROARING 20'S CELEBRATION**
11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Omni Detroit Hotel, 1000 River Place. To benefit Variety- The Children's Charity. (248) 855-6777

### FAMILY EVENTS

**BARBIE FASHION DOLL SHOW**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. $5, $2 ages 4-12, (734) 455-2110




**Classic cars:** *Plan to attend the 21st annual Meadow Brook Hall Concours d' Elegance 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. More than 250 vintage automobiles will be on display. Tickets $20 adults, $10 children ages 13-17, no charge for children younger than 12. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.*

**BEN SPITZER**
Juggler and magician, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. $4, $3 children. City residents receive $1 off. (734) 455-6620

### FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

**BLUE PIGS CONCERT**
The Detroit Police Band plays noon Friday, July 30, in the Garden Atrium of the Southfield Town Center, 4400 Town Center.

**CLOCK CONCERTS**
One Flight Up, 7:30 Friday, July 30, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

**CONCERTS ON THE COURT**
Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association. (248) 952-5533

**CONCERTS ON THE LAWN**
Black Market's reggae and Caribbean rhythms 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1; Robert Penn performs blues music, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive north of 10 Mile. (248) 424-9022

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK**
Bones of Contention, 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Detroit Zoo, northwest corner of Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission. (248) 398-0903 (blues)

**GAZEBO CONCERTS**
Sheila Landis Quarter, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Burgh Historical Park, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, east of Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 424-9022

**"IN THE PARK"**
Imperial Swing Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Shain Park, Birmingham.

**"MUSIC IN THE PARK"**
Noon Wednesday, Aug. 4, Spoon Man, in Kellogg Park, Main Street, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. In case of rain, concert will be held in The Gathering next to the Penn Theater. (734) 416-4ART

**"MUSIC UNDER THE STARS"**
Bob Durant Band (Big Band sound) 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29; Guy Lewis and the Chautauqua Express, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Wilson Barn, Middlebelt and W. Chicago, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

**OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
Johnny Awesome Band, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Addison Oaks County Park. (acoustic rock)

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All Thumbs People & Puppets, Dragon tales, stories, songs, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward. www.imaginationtheatre.com

**URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON QUINTET**
Featuring George Benson and Don Swindell, 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, in Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

**WESTLAND CULTURAL SOCIETY**
Phil Gram Combo, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Westland Library Performance Pavilion, behind Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road, between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Free. In case of rain, concerts will be held inside Bailey Recreation Center. (734) 722-7620/(734) 522-3918 (swing and jazz)

### CLASSICAL

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"Symphonic Blockbusters" with fireworks and conductor David Alan Miller, 8 p.m. Friday, July 30; "The Planets" with astronomic projections, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31; "Tchaikovsky Spectacular," with fireworks, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 (tickets also available as part of the Overtures singles BBQ beginning at 6 p.m., $40), all at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. $13-$50. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

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The pianist performs the works of Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev, Scriabin and Mussorgsky, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

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"Big Band Bash" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. $13-$50. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitsymphony.com

**JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN**
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

**THE STARLIGHT DRIFTERS**
10:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (western swing)

### AUDITIONS

**BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND**
Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages to begin rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

**B.W. PRODUCTIONS**
Auditions for male and females for musical/comedy gospel stage play, no past experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided. (313) 865-2375

**EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE**
Summer dance day camp for boys and girls who have completed grades 1-6, Aug. 2-13; also intensive master classes in advanced ballet and pointe with Iacob Lascu 10 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 16-20, at the EDE Center for Dance, 1541 Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850

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Auditions for six men and five women for Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song," 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1 and 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. (248) 889-1152

**MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY**
Auditions for 1999-2000 season 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, bring one teacher recommendation from current dance school and $15 registration fee, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 334-1300

**ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**
"You Know I Can't Hear When the Water Is Running" by Robert Anderson, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 4-5, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. (248) 435-9866

**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

**SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS**
Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for sessions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. $100, $75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

**UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY**
Auditions for male and female dancers ages 4-14 (under five-feet) for "The Harlem Nutcracker" by Donald Byrd, 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21 (registration at 10 a.m.), at 1526 Broadway, corner of Madison and John R, Detroit. For performances Wednesday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Detroit Opera House. (734) 615-0122

**U.S. COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL**
Open call for comedians to showcase their routines later in the day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. Finalists perform at 8 p.m. in concert open to the public. (248) 542-9900

### JAZZ

**MARCUS BELGRAVE**
6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

**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)

**SONNY FORTUNE**
Sets at 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. $15, includes all three sets. (734) 662-8310

**GEM JAZZ TRIO**
6 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

**TEDDY HARRIS JR. QUINTET**
8:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $10 in advance, $15 at the door. (313) 576-5111

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With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

**MARLA JACKSON QUARTET**
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

**JAZODITY**
10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (funk rock)

**JAZZHEAD**
9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

**DEZZIE MCCULLERS**
6 p.m. Saturay, July 31, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

**DEE DEE MCNEIL**
6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Gem and Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 963-9800

**SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO**
9 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 7 and 14, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

**GARY SCHUNK TRIO**
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 29, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**LOUIS SMITH QUARTET**
8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at 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

**TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO**
8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

**PAUL VENTIMIGLIA QUINTET**
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/ bass/ drums/ guitar/vocals)

**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

**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

**"AFRICAN RHYTHMS SUMMER FESTIVAL"**
With Congolese singer Sam Mangwana and jazz pianist Abdullah Ibrahim, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, and Ladysmith Black Mambazo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $15-$25 (box seats $40) (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitsymphony.com

**RON CODEN**
9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

**THE DISTRACTIONS**
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135 (Irish)

**IMMUNITY**
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 30, Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Free. 21 and older. (734) 449-0040 (reggae)

**JO NAB**
9 p.m. Friday, July 30, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

**GERARD SMITH**
9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Dick O'Dow's, 160 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-1135

**THIRD COAST REGGAE**
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

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**JAN KRIST**
9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic folk rock)

## POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

**ARNA CAREY BARR**
With Marble Brown, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 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

**M.L. LIEBLER**
Children's workshop, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, and adult's workshop 7 p.m. Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, at the Redford Township Public Library, 15159 Norborne. (313) 538-4257

**"POET IN RESIDENCE"**
Rod Rheinhart, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 453-0750 for specific events and programs.

## DANCE

**MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET COMPANY**
Master class taught by former Bolshoi soloist and teacher Luba Gulyaeva for dancers of an intermediate or advanced level, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Geiger Classic Ballet Academy, 782 Denison Ct., Bloomfield Hills. $15. (248) 334-1300

**MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE**
8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. $4 member, $5 guest. (734) 422-3298

**TERPSICHORE'S KITCHEN**
"Summer Dances," a showcase of the best choreographic and dance talent in the Ann Arbor area, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, (2 1/2 blocks west of Main St.) Ann Arbor. $12, $9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

## COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**
Paul Venier and Alyce Faye, Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31 ($10); Steve Brewer, Emery Emery and Chrissy Burnes, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 5-7 ($12), 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**
Mike Bonner through Sunday, Aug. 1, also appearing Bam Bam; Ross Amicucci Wednesday-Sunday, Aug. 4-8 with Horace Sanders, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

**SECOND CITY**
"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## 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. 27 ($10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional $10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday ($5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, 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 continues through Sunday, Aug. 8, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**
"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 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

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM**
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

**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**
"Celebration of Emancipation" Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-8; "Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), 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 30 to Aug. 4) 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

## POPULAR MUSIC

**DAVIE ALLEN AND THE ARROWS**
Backed by The Silencers, with Knoxville Girls, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

**APPLES IN STEREO**
With Beulah, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (roots rock)

**JOHNNY AWESOME BAND**
8 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Old Hickory, 7071 Bennett Lake Road, Fenton. (810) 735-7630 (acoustic rock)

**BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS**
9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

**BLACK BEAUTY**
Featuring Thornetta Davis, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**BLUE OYSTER CULT AND NAZARETH**
With Survivor, 7 p.m. Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $22.50 pavilion, $12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

**BLUE ROSE**
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Fritt's Pub, 77 N. Main St., Mount Clemens. Free. 21 and older. (810) 469-0878 or http://www.bluerose.iuma.com or blueroseband@hotmail.com (blues)

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**
9:30 p.m. Ford Road Bar & Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609. (blues)

**BUSTER'S BLUES BAND**
10 p.m. Friday, July 23, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (blues)

**CALLIN MARVIN**
7 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Hazel Park Raceway, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. Free. 21 and older. (248) 398-1000 (rock)

**CHER**
Cher's scheduled concert for July 23 at The Palace of Auburn Hills was postponed due to a flu virus. Fans should retain their tickets as they will be honored at the rescheduled date in September which will be announced next week. This announcement will in no way affect Cher's show at The Palace 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 currently on sale. (248) 377-0100.

**CHICAGO**
With the Doobie Brothers, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $35.25 pavilion, $18.75 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

**COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS**
With Country Teasers, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $8. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

**THE CULT**
With New American Shame, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. $27.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**THE DONNAS**
With Delta 72 and The Crumbs, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $8. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

**BIG DOG AND THE WOOFERS**
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, The Alibi, 33500 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 478-2010 or http://www.freeyellow.com/members2/bluebite/page1.html (blues)

**FLETCHER PRATT**
With Cloud Car, 9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $7. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700; With Neptune, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 313 Jac, above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 886-7860 or http://www.staticrecords.com/313jac (alternapop)

**G. LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE**
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (bluesy funk/alternapop)

**THE GATHERING**
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (rock)

**GORDON BENNETT**
7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

**LAURYN HILL**
With The Roots, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $55 pavilion, $25 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (R&B/soul/hip-hop)

**HOTHOUSE FLOWERS**
8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (Irish rock)

**KUNG FU DIESEL**
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rockabilly)

**AIMEE MANN**
7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 (pop)

**JOHN MAYALL & THE BLUESBREAKERS**
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $20. (248) 335-8100. (blues)

**JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN**
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Fox & Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**MIKE MORGAN AND CRAWL**
Celebrate new release, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. No charge. (248) 543-4300.

**MINISTRY**
7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $25 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**MR. BUNGLE**
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (rock)

**'N SYNC**
With Jordan Knight and Five, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac. $32.50. All ages. (248) 456-1600 (pop)

**NILE**
8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com (death metal)

**SKINLAB**
9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666. (heavy metal)

**STEVE KING AND THE DITTILIES**
7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, as part of Troy Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concerts at the Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 524-3484 (classic rock)

**STEVE MILLER BAND**
With George Thorogood and The Destroyers, and Curtis Salgado 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 5-6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $37.50 pavilion, $21.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

**RON PRINCE AND HARDTIME**
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

**SMOKEY ROBINSON**
7:30 p.m Sunday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $25 pavilion, $15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (soul)

**ROXANNE**
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600 (acoustic modern rock)

**KIM SIMMONS AND SAVOY BROWN**
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $13 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues/rock)

**"SOCIAL CHAOS TOUR"**
Featuring D.R.I., UK Subs, The Business, T.S.O.L., L.E.S. Stitches, Sloppy Seconds, Ganggreen, Dr. Know, One Way System, Vibrators, Anti-Heroes, Vice Squad, D.O.A., Chelsea, Murphy's Law, Gutterpunx, Clone Defects, Trash Brats, The Skraps and Moloko Plus, 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. $20 in advance, $23 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT/(248) 335-9497 or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

**SUN MESSENGERS**
9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B)

**SUN 209**
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)

**TANGERINE TROUSERS**
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, at Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

**TAPROOT**
With Workhorse and Redline, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (acoustic rock)

**THE TRAGICALLY HIP**
7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $25 pavilion, $15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**THE VERVE PIPE**
9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 5-6, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. $17.50 in advance, $20 day of show. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (alternapop)

**"VIRGINIA SLIMS DUELING DIVAS CONTEST"**
With Sister Seed, Packaged Bliss and Merry Bomb, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.blindpigmusic.com (acoustic rock)

**RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES**
9 p.m. Friday, July 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 31, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 or http://www.rockindaddys.com (blues)

**BARRY WHITE**
With Earth, Wind & Fire, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. $60, $45, $30 and $20. (248) 645-6666

## CLUB NIGHTS

**ALVIN'S**
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit, $5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

**ARBOR BREWING COMPANY**
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays in June at the restaurant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com

**BLIND PIG**
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. 19 and older; "Solar" night DJ Craig Gonzalez, Chuck Hampton and Stacey Pullen, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. $8. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.intuit-solar.com or http://www.blindpigmusic.com

**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET**
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

**GOLD DOLLAR**
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com

**THE GROOVE ROOM**
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com

**LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB**
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

**MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER**
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free; "Work Release." Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour and bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. $6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

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MOVIES

# Funny 'Drop Dead Gorgeous' doesn't miss a trick

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" is, so far, the drop dead funniest film of the summer. And for all the right reasons.

No big-budget special effects covering up a lack of substance, no high school fascination with bodily functions and fluids, no obscenity-filled animation sucking in kids and unwary parents. "Drop Dead Gorgeous," a send-up of small-town beauty contests, is one reason we go to the movies: to laugh our heads off and feel good about it later. You will.

The film is a "mockumentary" along the lines of Rob Reiner's breakthrough "This Is Spinal Tap." It's not done often because it calls for a writer and a director who understand how a documentary is shot in the first place, how to craft a film-within-a-film and how to let the absolutely serious play out to become the absolutely hilarious.

Writer Lona Williams ("The Drew Carey Show"), who was an actual beauty queen, and first-time director Michael Patrick Jann (creator of MTV's "The State") have put it together brilliantly. They've avoided the trap of making a funny five-minute "Saturday Night Live" sketch into an unfunny feature-length film ("A Night At the Roxbury," et. al). "Drop Dead Gorgeous" never drops the crown on the runway.

Come with their documentary film crew to Mount Rose, home of Minnesota's oldest living Lutheran (actually deceased, but no one's taken down the billboard). They're there to follow the contestants during the days leading up to the Sarah Rose Miss Teen America Pageant preliminaries — a really big deal up there in small-town Minnesota.

Let's meet the two leading hopefuls. There's Becky (Denise Richards), whose mother (Kirstie Alley) was a winner years before and is this year's pageant director. Becky was born and bred to win this contest, but how far will mom go to make it happen? Then there's Amber (Kirsten Dunst), a trailer-park princess who practices her tap-dancing while putting makeup on corpses at the local mortuary ("We're real busy this time of year - hunting season.").

Amber, so perfectly Midwestern blonde and perky, wants only to make it big like Diane Sawyer. She tells her off-camera interviewer, "Guys get outta Mount Rose all the time for hockey scholarships... and prison. But the pageant's kinda my only chance." Amber's mom (Ellen Barkin, in a remarkable departure from her steamy seductress roles) becomes the victim of Amber's ambitions, but an exploding beer can fused to her hand is apparently a small price to pay.

Sabotage is everywhere. Stage lights fall, costumes disappear, threshers blow up. Someone has turned to the dark side, that's for sure, and the fix seems to be in. Who will succeed the reigning Queen, who's now an in-patient at the local hospital's Anorexia Ward?

"Drop Dead Gorgeous" doesn't miss a trick. The awful talent competition (including dog impressions and a reading from "Soylent Green"), the cheesy choreography, the lame small-town judges are all skewered royally, although the portrayal of one judge as mentally impaired crosses the line.

Think nothing like the back-stabbing pictured in this picture really happens? Two words: Tonya Harding.

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**Comedy:** *Mindy Sterling (left), Kirstie Alley, Denise Richards and Sam McMurray star in "Drop Dead Gorgeous."*

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Group of researchers working on a cure for cancer using materials from genetically enhanced sharks becomes stranded on a damaged and sinking marine research facility. There, they are menaced by the sharks they have created, which now surround them with deadly intent. Stars Samuel Jackson.

**"THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT"**
Horror film about three college students, who in 1994 hiked into Maryland's Black Hills Forest to shoot a documentary film on a local legend, and were never heard from again.

**"RUNAWAY BRIDE"**
Romantic comedy of a woman who has left three grooms at the altar, and the cynical reporter who writes a scathing article about her. Stars Julia Roberts, Richard Gere, Joan Cusack.

*Schedule to open Friday, Aug. 6*

**"THE THREE SEASONS"**
Exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A drama of four tales woven together of the new Vietnam, each told from the perspective of those who suddenly find themselves to be expatriates in their own country. Stars Harvey Keitel.

**"MYSTERY MEN"**
Comedy based on the Dark Horse comic of a motley collection of would-be superheroes who must save a city from the villainous Casanova Frankenstein.

**"THE SIXTH SENSE"**
Chilling psychological thriller about an 8-year-old boy who is haunted by a dark secret: he is visited by ghosts. Stars Bruce Willis.

**"THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR"**
Romantic thriller about a millionaire playboy who steals a painting from a well-guarded museum and his fiery romance with a female insurance investigator who is on to his game. Stars Pierce Brosnan.

**"THE IRON GATE"**
A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a 9-year-old boy named Hogarth. Animated feature.

**"THE DINNER GAME"**
Exclusively at the Landmark Maple Theatre. Pierre Brochant (Thierry Lhermitte) is a French publisher who faces his greatest challenge. He's supposed to find a guest to bring to a dinner sponsored by his friends, wealthy and obnoxious yuppies engaged in a never-ending game of oneupsmanship.

*Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 13*

**"BROKEDOWN PALACE"**
Two high school girls set off on a dream trip to Thailand following their graduation. The dream turns to a nightmare when they are accused of drug trafficking and sentenced to 33 years in a Thai prison until an expatriate American lawyer comes to their aid. Stars Claire Daines.

*Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 20*

**"MICKEY BLUE EYES"**
*Romantic comedy about an English art dealer in New York who falls in love with the daughter of a Mafia boss. To win her hand, he embarks on a mission to thwart the Mob, but quickly finds himself laundering money and masquerading as the notorious mobster "Mickey blue Eyes." Stars Hugh Grant, James Caan.*

**"LOVE STINKS"**
An un-romantic comedy in which boy meets girl, boy gets girl..and then can't get rid of her no matter how hard he tries. Stars French Stewart, Bridgette Wilson.

**"TEACHING MRS. TINGLE"**
Three students have decided that the meanest teacher ever needs to be taught a lesson. Now they're in over their heads with 48 hours to get out of an impossible situation. Stars Helen Mirren.

*Scheduled to open Wednesday, Aug. 25*

**"IN TOO DEEP"**
A police detective goes deep undercover to get a notorious gangster. But in his quest, he risks losing himself. Stars Omar Epps.

*Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 3*

**"BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE"**
Lively romp of love and lust with some very surprising results. Stars Wendy Crewson.

**"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE"**
Story about a young man's coming of age when he's packed off to prep school crashing into a parked police car. Stars Alec Baldwin.

*Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 10*

**"WHITE BOYS"**
A funny, honest and searing look at white wanna-be gangstas in the heartland, and at America's youth struggling to find their place in a multicultural society. Stars Danny Hoch who also wrote the screenplay with director Marc Levin, Richard Stratton and Garth Belcon.

*Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 1*

**"NEXT TO YOU"**
A teenage girl and boy who have grown up next door to one another have never made a love connection. But when long-time friends and neighbors gather for their high school's centennial celebration, they realize they were meant for each other all along. Stars Melissa Joan Hurt and Stephen Collins.

*Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 15*

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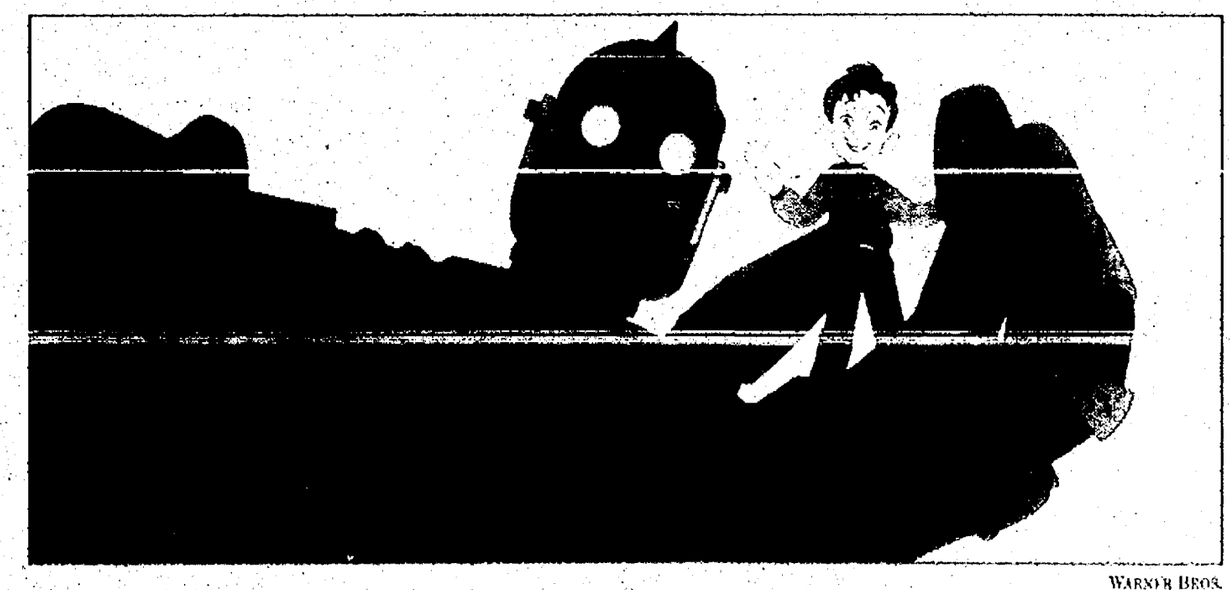

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**Animated feature:** *The Iron Giant (voiced by Vin Diesel) and Hogarth (voiced by Eli Marienthal) in a scene from "The Iron Giant" opening Aug. 6 at metro Detroit movie theaters.*

# Have some fun before summer slips away

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

Remember that sinking feeling you got as a kid when the month of August was approaching? The complaint went something like this: "School's about to start and I haven't had enough fun."

It was a comment that parents usually reacted to with a roll of the eyes, a lengthy reminder of your recent summer vacation activities, and a verbal overview of what it was like to work for a living. As a kid, that approach may have provided an important lesson on the value of free time, which there was less of due to the well-meaning lecture.

As an adult, you realize that no one is immune from the "summer's almost over" blues. So, let's play a little catch-up with some cultural activities you can easily fit into your schedule.

### First Fridays

How about checking out the First Fridays at the Detroit Institute of Arts event on Friday, Aug. 6? Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS program visited a recent First Friday affair at the Detroit Institute of Arts for a segment that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1.

It will explain why the monthly event has become such a hit with families. The August program at the DIA starts at 6 p.m., and features a workshop on mosaic techniques, an informal drawing session with artist Vito Valdez, a quilting demonstration, and reggae with Universal Xpression. While you're there, don't miss the Knight Gallery exhibition of artist Ben Shahn.

### Summer music series

Another activity that won't burn up precious vacation time is the summer music series at the Detroit Zoo. Beginning each Wednesday at 6 p.m., you can talk with the animals or sing with some outstanding performers, such as blues standouts Alberta Adams and Thornetta Davis, two BACKSTAGE PASS alums to be featured in August. Bring a picnic basket, Yogi.

Time is running out for you to experience Cranbrook Art Museum's excellent exhibit, "Contemporary Art From Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island." Look into the summer jazz series concerts on Friday, July 30 and Aug. 13, too.

### Century Club

"Forbidden Hollywood" continues to generate fun at the Gem Theatre's Century Club during its run that extends through August. Or, consider a trip to Jackson for the expanded Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Two bands especially worthy of broad exposure are the jazz group Blackman and Arnold and the wild rock band Cowboy Mouth. Both perform on BACKSTAGE PASS on Aug. 1, an edition which also features metal sculpture artist Chris Turner, who was recently commissioned to build a millennium bell in Detroit's Grand Circus Park.

Summer hasn't slipped away. It's waiting for you to grab.

# Stagecrafters begins 1999-2000 season on a musical note

Season tickets are now onw sale for Stagecrafters upcoming 1999-2000 Main Stage Season at the historic Baldwin Theatre, in downtown Royal Oak at 145 South Lafayette.

Season tickets are $58 for Thursdays and Senior Sundays, or $68 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday regular performances. Individual tickets are $14-$16 for musicals and $12-$14 for nonmusicals. Individual tickets go on sale Aug. 21.

To purchase season tickets, call (248) 541-6430. Deaf patrons may call Stagecrafters TTY at (248) 541-6439. For more information about Stagecrafters productions and membership, visit our website at www.stagecrafters.org.

Kicking off Stagecrafter's 44th season is the electric Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This high-tech, high-powered musical will explode onto the Baldwin stage in a flash of energy, voices, dancing and lights. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will appear on the Baldwin stage for 14 performances from Sept. 17 though Oct.10with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, Sept.

Then as autumn slips into the darkness of winter nights, Stagecrafters presents "Dracula." In this dramatic re-telling of this classic, as the light of the moon peers through the fog, the slow creaking of the lid will be heard and a dark figure will rise from his lair. The howl of a wolf will comfort him, as he knows the night will offer him another feast of blood. Diabolic laughter will echo from the depths of the theatre as the Count hunts for yet another victim. "Dracula" will take you into the ultimate battle between good and evil for 11 performances Nov. 5-21. A signed performance for the deaf will be held Thursday, Nov. 18.

The beginning of a new year brings the timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale in a miraculous kingdom of dreams-come-true in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella." The hearts of children and adults alike will soar when the slipper fits. Bring your glass slippers to the Baldwin for 14 performances of Cinderella Jan. 14 through Feb. 6, with a signed performance for the deaf on Thursday, Jan. 27.

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DINING

# Marco's celebrates 10th anniversary

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There's a a new menu at Marco's in downtown Farmington, but many things are the same as they were 10 years ago when Marco Conte and his sister Tina opened.

"One of us is always here. We treat customers like they're family, and get to know them," said Marco.

Executive Chef Steven Kedzeirski, like a lot of the staff has been at the restaurant since day one.

Consistent, quality, made-to-order fare are among the reasons Marco's has succeeded.

"We've all worked together for so long that our employees are like family," said Marco. "Everyone knows what they're supposed to do."

The restaurant is formal with white tablecloths, but quite comfortable. Art Deco inspired, Marco's doesn't look like a traditional Italian restaurant. "I love color," said Marco explaining why he chose soft purple, mauve and aqua as accents. Nothing has changed over the past 10 years except some of the art work, and fresh flowers, which are replaced every week.

Marco's is quiet, intimate, and softly lit with candles. It's a good place to unwind after a busy day or week, close a business deal, or pop the big question to someone special.

"We've had a lot of marriage proposals here," said Marco. "I've had lots of customers ask if I could put this ring in something.'"

Marco now 38, was only 28 when the restaurant opened. Tina was 18 and had just graduated from Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Both of them grew up in the business, their parents owned a restaurant, and were enthusiastic and confident.

In the beginning, Marco's menu was casual, and contained many traditional Italian dishes such as ravioli, lasagna and gnocchi.

They worked to polish the service so that it would be "fine, but not stuffy," said Tina. "It's like visiting with people every night, like a big party."

Marco enjoys cooking and creating new dishes. "I was always in the kitchen watching my grandma cook," he said.

At the restaurant, he began introducing new dishes such as the popular chicken breast sautéed with Michigan cherries and Frangelico liqueur, but kept the lasagna, gnocchi, and ravioli.

Looking at the menu with Tina and Marco is kind of like looking at a family scrapbook. Many dishes have a story behind them.

The chicken dish was created after Marco received some samples of Michigan dried cherries and started experimenting with different flavor combinations.

Calamari Fritti, a popular appetizer, is an "old standby," and often requested. Linguine Alla Gaeta — linguini with olive oil, garlic, baby clams and shrimp was created 10 years ago in honor of their father, Enzo, and his Italian hometown, Gaeta.

Filetto Alla Gorgonzola — medallions of beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cheese and mushroom cabernet sauce — is 10 years old, and still very popular. "Every time you take a bite, it melts in your mouth," said Tina.

Filetto di Salmone Con Caperi E Funghi — broiled fillet of Norwegian salmon with mushroom caper dill sauce has been on the menu only three years, but is an example of why Marco's isn't your typical Italian restaurant. Lambata di Vitello Alla Griglia — char-grilled veal rib chop with grilled portobello mushrooms and seasoned roasted peppers is one of Marco's favorite entrees. Tina likes the Rolatini di Melanzane — pan-sauteed eggplant rolled with Mozzarella cheese and baked with fresh tomato sauce.

Pasta dishes and entrees are served with freshly baked bread and a fresh green salad. The luncheon menu offers main dish salads, sandwiches, and variety of entrees including pasta, chicken, seafood and steaks.

Looking ahead, Marco said he wants to continue "doing a great job with my sis at this place."

"Marco and I are the best of friends," said Tina. "We take a lot of pride in our restaurant."

**Marco's**

**Where:** 32758 Grand River (in Village Commons Mall) Downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777.

**Hours:** Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.

**Menu:** Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly-baked bread and fresh green salad. Main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato.

**Meatless options:** Many

**Highlights:** Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the heritage of Italian food. Outdoor seating for 20 at four tables.

**Restaurant seats:** 85, smoking section 20 seats

Handicap access: wide front door, no steps.

**Cost:** Antipasti (appetizers) $5.95-$8.95; Zuppa (soup) $2.50-$3.50; pastas $12.95 to $17.95; Piatti della Casa (main dishes) $14.95-$22.95. Luncheon menu includes fresh salads $6.95-$8.95; sandwiches $4.95-$5.95; pastas $6.95 to $12.95; entrees $7.95 to $13.95

**Reservations:** Recommended on weekends, and for parties of six or more.

**Parking:** Ample self park.

**Credit cards:** All majors accepted.

**Extras:** Gift certificates available, restaurant can be reserved for private parties.

**Marco Conte's wine recommendations**

**Reds:** If you order pasta with red sauce, beef or veal

■ 1996 Carmenet Vineyards Dynamite Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma, Calif., $9 per glass, $38 per bottle — Marco discovered this wine in Chicago eight years ago and considers it a great vintage.

■ 1995 Castello Banfi Mandrielle Merlot, $57 per bottle is a beautiful Italian red wine

**Whites:** If you order chicken, fish, or pasta with cream sauce

■ 1996 Santa Margherita Pinot Grigio, $35 a bottle is dry, clean, crisp and very Italian in style.

■ 1997 Groth Chardonnay, California, $35 a bottle shows quite a bit of oakiness, but is very dry, clean, and crisp

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**Toasting success.** *Marco Conte and his sister Tina raise their glasses in a toast to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Marco's. Filetto Alla Gorgonzola — medallions of beef tenderloin with Gorgonzola cheese and mushroom cabernet sauce, and Insalata Caprese — fresh tomato basil salad served with fresh Mozzarella cheese, are among the restaurant's most popular dishes.*

## WHAT'S COOKING

**Steve's Family Dining** — Is celebrating their third anniversary, Thursday-Friday, July 29-30. Free beverage, coffee, tea, pop or iced tea, with every meal. Steve's offers homemade family fare including Polish specialties such as stuffed cabbage and pierogi. The restaurant is at 40370 Five Mile Road at Haggerty in Plymouth. They're open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 420-0368 for more information.

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