

AT HOME

Dear Readers:

A redesigned At Home section makes its debut today in your Westland Observer.

Today's cover story on backyard ponds was written by At Home Editor Ken Abramczyk and features information from area residents and landscaping companies who specialize in pond installation/design and some tips for those handymen and women who want to build their own pond.

The new section is a broadsheet like the other sections in your HomeTown Observer. This means larger photographs and more local news about gardening, home decorating, home improvement and landscaping. Many features that our readers look forward to each week such as "The Appliance Doctor" and "Marketplace" continue.

At Home is designed for people who enjoy and care for their home, who like to entertain friends and family and who have hobbies such as gardening, cooking, home electronics, photography and decorating. The mission of At Home - with its color cover photographs and inviting design - is to help our readers enjoy the good life in their hometown.

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Sincerely,

Susan Rosiek

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Fire strikes

Lightning is suspected of causing a fire Wednesday evening on Farmington Road south of Cowan. The call on a fire at the single-family home came in around 6:30 p.m., said Westland Deputy Fire Chief David Carignan.

Carignan, who was on the scene, said a neighbor told fire officials she saw lightning strike the home.

"It did quite a bit of damage," he said. "The majority of the roof was burned down."

Carignan described the residents as "extremely upset." The home was occupied at the time of the fire.

Firefighters worked with a company to board up the home and remove valuables. Carignan estimated damage as high as \$100,000 "when you take into consideration the contents."

The Westland Fire Department received mutual aid from other communities, as firefighters elsewhere were dealing with downed electrical wires that were arcing.

One firefighter went to the hospital after the fire. He had been ill for several days, Carignan said, and fighting the fire drained his energy. "He's fine. They gave him a lot of fluids."

Carignan was unsure of the living arrangements the family made.

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Woman reports rape, beating

Differing accounts are given of a weekend sexual assault in Westland. Brian Hurst of Westland denies attacking a woman he is accused of raping and trying to kill. The woman was treated for extensive injuries.

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A Westland man is accused of raping and trying to kill a 48-year-old woman on Monday after he drove her to a wooded area near Harrison and Powers, on the city's southeast side.

Brian Hurst, 42, denied attacking the woman and told police he paid her \$20 for sex.

Hurst could face life in prison if convicted of criminal charges for an attack that allegedly occurred between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. Monday. He is accused of beating, kicking and trying to kill the woman, who suffered three fractured vertebrae, injured ribs and bruises.

"She's in a lot of pain," Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry said.

Even so, the victim was released Monday after being treated at Oak-

wood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne.

The woman told police she was walking along a street with a male friend when the suspect - an acquaintance of her estranged husband - drove up in a pickup truck.

The woman said the pickup driver claimed to have been sent by her husband to pick her up.

"She then got into the truck and they drove away," according to a police report of the woman's account. "The defendant drove into the woods at Harrison and Powers, then demanded oral sex. She refused. He tried to force her head downwards. The (woman) then grabbed the door handle, but the defen-

dant pulled her back and began assaulting her."

The woman accused her alleged attacker of pulling off her pants, underwear and shoes, raping her and chasing her after she managed to get out of the truck to flee.

"The defendant chased her down and kicked her in the back," the woman alleged in a police report.

The attacker continued kicking and punching the woman after she fell to the ground, and then he fled in his truck, the report said.

The victim went to a house to seek help from the male friend with whom

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PHOTO BY RONALD POKNEY

Solemn occasion: Parade participants pause to remember the people who gave their lives for their country. A number of veterans' organizations participated in the Sunday event.

Parade remembers sacrifice

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The day dawned cold and rainy, but that didn't dim the enthusiasm of participants in the local Memorial Day Parade Sunday.

"We're having a parade for all of our fallen comrades," said Christopher Kuzma of Westland, waiting in the Kmart parking lot for the parade's 1 p.m. start.

Kuzma, 23, is a former Marine now in the Army Reserves. He marched with the Cpl. Edward J. Bova VFW Post 9885 in the Wayne-Westland parade.

"I have the utmost respect for any Marine, or anyone who served in a

foreign war," he said. That includes dad Chris Belmont of Westland, a Vietnam War veteran.

Belmont is commander for the Bova Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Many veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries participated Sunday, along with marching bands from Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools, Scouts and cheerleading groups the Spiriters and Cheer Angels.

Belmont served in Vietnam in 1968-69. He marched Sunday "to support all my brothers that couldn't be here today and remember their sacrifices."

The weather was a concern, but organizers pushed ahead with the

parade. "Memorial Day only comes once a year," Belmont said. "You've got to be out here, rain or shine."

He agreed Vietnam veterans are receiving long-overdue recognition. "We're a living history book."

Vietnam veterans need to pass their knowledge onto younger people, Belmont said.

Nearby was Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, who marched in the parade. "Just to show support for them," Thomas said.

"They need the recognition," the mayor added. "I think we take it for granted."

He cited plans to move the veterans memorial in Westland to a near-

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Man, 26, dies in high-speed accident

Westland police suspect that alcohol may be involved in a Friday morning, high-speed accident that killed a 26-year-old man on the city's southeast side.

Police are awaiting autopsy and blood-alcohol results that will show whether Leon Dilworth II of Belleville was drinking when he lost control of a 1999 Ford Explorer at Harrison and

Annapolis.

The 2:21 a.m. accident killed Dilworth and injured passengers Jessica Dukes, 25, of Taylor and Crystal Carter, 21, of Inkster, police said.

Dukes remained in serious condition early this week at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne, but Carter had been released, police said.

Dilworth was crossing from Inkster into Westland when he lost control of the Explorer and hit a curb, sending the vehicle airborne for 167 feet toward a wooded area, police said.

The vehicle slammed into a tree and landed upside down, police said.

The accident remains under investigation.

Residents must evacuate

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A Westland nursing home was evacuated Sunday after a small electrical fire raised fears that residents could be electrocuted or hurt by falling wires, a city fire official said.

"Not one person was hurt - which was nice," Battalion Chief Michael Reddy said.

Firefighters from Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Redford and Dearborn Heights evacuated about 135 residents and 20 employees of Four Chaptains Nursing Care Center, on Joy Road west

of Inkster.

Firefighters also warned residents of 10 nearby mobile homes to leave their residences until the electrical scare had ended, Reddy said.

A small fire erupted inside a nursing home electrical panel about 2:35 p.m. and prompted the 40-minute evacuation.

"We evacuated the building because it was an electrical problem with the potential for wires falling on the building," Reddy said. "We did not evacuate the building because of the

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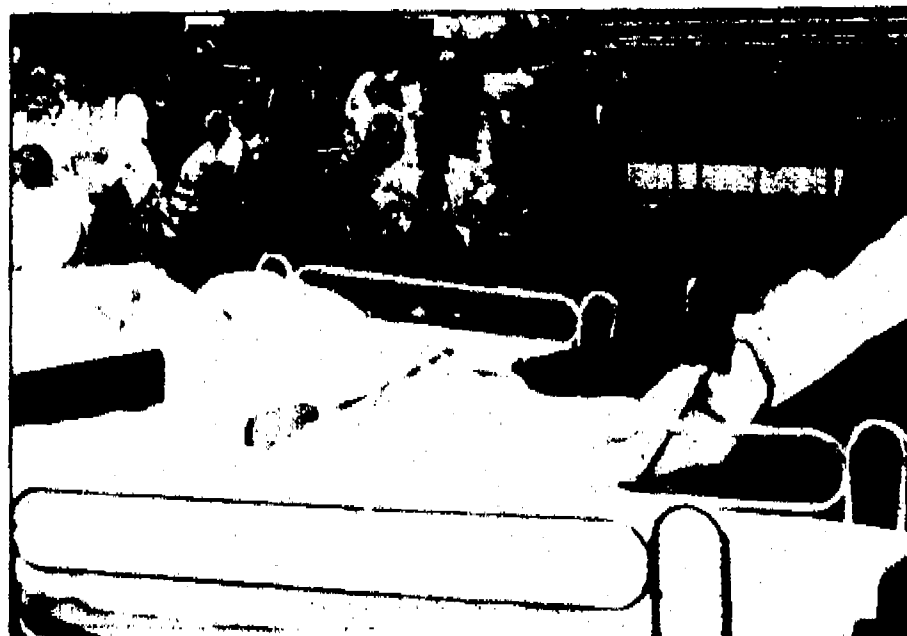


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School hopefuls hit trail

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Four candidates are vying for two Wayne-Westland school board seats in a June 12 election that some watchers describe as one of the district's most hushed political races ever.

"Definitely it is one of the quietest," board Trustee Ed Turner said Wednesday.

Local media attention aside, the race has stirred little interest even though voters will choose two trustees to help steer public education for 15,000 students.

Livonia school race, A2

Voters will choose from appointee Richard Eisiminger, political newcomers LeeAnna Deniston and Cindy Schofield, and three-time board candidate Marshall Wright. The two top vote-getters will win four-year terms.

Turner said he'd like to attribute the quiet atmosphere to public satisfaction with the district.

"But I still say there's an awful lot of apathy in our district," he said. "A lot of people just aren't aware of what goes on. I'd like to see much more parental involvement with the kids' education, and that has to start with school board elections."

Deniston, Eisiminger, Schofield and Wright shared their views on questions posed by the Observer in the newspaper's May 21 edition. They also stopped by last Thursday for separate, personal interviews.

What follows is a synopsis of the latest round of questions and the answers given by Deniston, 34, a homemaker; Eisiminger, 40, a real estate associate broker; Schofield, 41, office manager for a family-run property management business; and Wright, 52, an elementary school teacher in Detroit.

Question: Why are you running for school board?

Deniston has three children, ages 1 to 8. She has been active in programs affecting her children, who range from autistic to gifted. "I want to be part of what makes the school district better," she said. "I want to be part of the solution at a higher level."

Eisiminger also has three children in the district, "so I have my own vested interest in the school district." Eisiminger also said he comes from a family of educators. Moreover, he wants to help improve Wayne-Westland's image.

Schofield also has three children enrolled in local schools. "And I'm very

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Moving out: An electrical fire Sunday forced evacuation of Four Chaptains Nursing Care Center. No one was injured.

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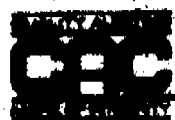
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Hopefuls seeking Livonia seats

Douglas

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Alicia Douglas' foray into elective politics covers all the bases. Let's start with perspective: Douglas promises to bring a fresh one to the Livonia Board of Education. She is one of four people seeking two four-year terms in the school election June 12.

Next on tap is experience. Like the other three hopefuls, Douglas has not served on a school board before. However, she holds up her 22 years of living in the district, which includes being a student, as her trump card.

"It gives you a perspective of the district as a whole," said Douglas, 31, a Franklin High graduate. "Livonia has a lot of deep grass roots and always has."

Her own roots include being involved with the McKinley Elementary and Jackson Center PTA boards, Special Olympics, Livonia Exchange Club, Chamber of Commerce, Suburban Republican Women and Livonia Family YMCA.

And no campaign can roll without addressing communication. Douglas believes the district needs to do a better job.

"I think any corporation big or small would probably say the same thing," she said. "We need to give more information out to the community about what the public schools are doing."

On that matter, Douglas has a few things in mind.

She favors doing surveys of



sixth-graders moving to middle school, graduating students and those leaving the district. Such follow-up information could be used as a "customer-marketing driven" tool.

She would also like to see an "adopt a senior" program at the elementary level to bring in those perhaps feeling alienated by public schools. Senior citizens could become involved in a volunteer reading program or help in art classes, Douglas suggested.

Since November, Douglas has sat through a fair share of school board meetings and study sessions. She is also a regular at PTA council meetings.

"I'm not one who gets on a pulpit," said Douglas, who is married to Jim and has three daughters. Before she speaks, though, Douglas wants to know what she is talking about.

"I know, if I'm elected, I will never speak unless I've done my research and my homework," she said.

Naser

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Larry Naser the special education advocate wants to become Larry Naser the school board member. That has not changed.

Naser, 40, could not cross that threshold last year. He finished behind eventual winners Kirsten Galka and Frank Kokenakes in the June Livonia school board election.

"I came in late," said Naser, who lives in the Westland portion of the district. "I was literally driven over there to turn in my petition."

"I had a big problem telling people about my accomplishments. That's not me."

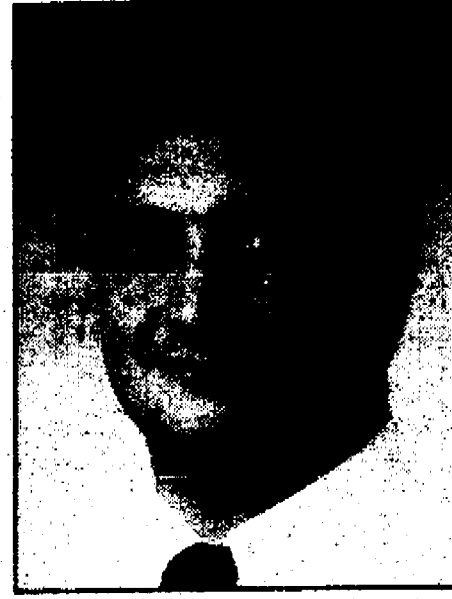
Naser and his supporters refused to be dissuaded by last year's result.

His reluctance to call attention to his past accomplishments remains. In March, the Livonia Human Relations Commission honored him for his continual work with special needs children.

Naser's name showed up on 64 students' individual educational plans, referred to as "IEPs" in school administration parlance. He estimates to have helped 150-200 students during the past few years.

"I don't know if I really need to (call attention to himself)," said Naser, who is married to Carmen. They have two children, including a son with autism.

"I think the community is fairly aware of what I've done. They've seen me in the class-



rooms. They've seen me at board meetings."

Where Naser is reticent about self-promotion others gladly fill the gap.

Naser is endorsed by all seven sitting school board members. He also has the backing of the Livonia mayor and majority of council members, which is unusual in a school board race.

Naser helped develop a program for children ages 4-6 with autism at Perrinville School. His son had already been mainstreamed and was attending Hayes Elementary.

His son's condition gave him insights as a parent of a special needs child. Naser worked out of his Westland home as a mortgage broker so he could help his son with schooling.

The term "special needs" is not limited to those with disabilities, Naser pointed out. Gifted children fall into that category, too.

Naser speaks up for the gifted with equal zeal.

Thompson

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Clifford Thompson is an issues candidate, one who sees his school board run as an ample platform to call attention to what he believes are crucial educational concerns.

"I look at the other candidates and they all seem to be very good people," said Thompson, 57, who is married and has a son. "They all appear to be good managers."

Just when Thompson sounds like he's about to concede the race in the next sentence, he pulls back the throttle.

"We already have good managers," he said. "We need somebody who is passionate about kids. We need somebody who knows how children learn."

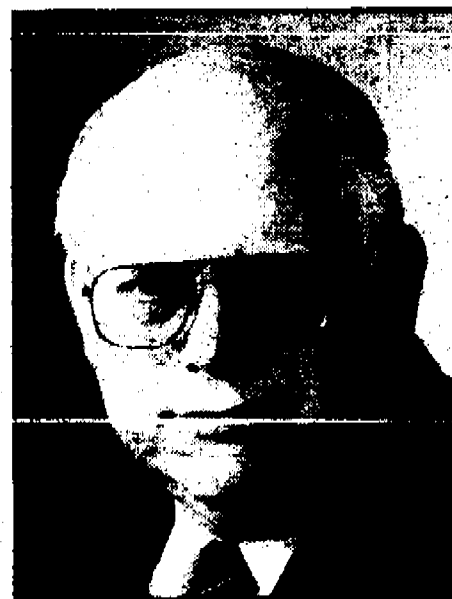
That's when Thompson unloads. He rattles off his 28 years as a teacher in Southfield Public Schools (he is retired), his three degrees and attendance at nine colleges.

Thompson also mentions his 22 years in the military, portions of which overlapped his career as an educator. Most of his duty came as a non-commissioned officer.

"I did it avoiding the draft," Thompson said. "Not very smart, I'd say."

If the self-deprecating remark adds levity, that is eclipsed when the topic turns to educating kids. He spent a majority of his teaching career as an early elementary instructor.

Thompson was more than chagrined with 1980s educational



trends of whole language and inventive spelling. Those methods eradicated phonics, which teaches reading by sounding out letters.

"You cannot teach language without teaching phonics," Thompson said.

"Teach a person how to read and how to learn," he added taking a biblical turn, "and you've got them as a learner for the rest of their lives."

The focus should be teaching fundamentals at the early elementary grades, he said.

Thompson draws a bell-shaped curve to prove his point, showing the E-D students on the other side of the hump as those who need help early. Billions of dollars are being spent on remedial programs for kids in later grades, he said.

"If we don't recover these kids, what you are doing is losing the middle class," Thompson said.

Thompson home-schooled his 16-year-old son, who now attends Stevenson High.

Whitehead

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Kevin Whitehead is a change machine, but his is not the kind that rains quarters at a coin-operated laundry.

Rather, Whitehead, 39, dispenses change as a management philosophy. The Livonia school board candidate is pitching the concept throughout his campaign.

"We have to be open to change and we have to be open to the right kind of change," said Whitehead, who is a logistics and marketing analyst for a Plymouth company.

"I've experienced it where I work. The old style of change we've encountered is where management says this is not working."

The better way to instigate change is go to those on the front line, Whitehead said. Incorporate administrators, teachers and parents and have them offer proposals.

Whitehead does not espouse change for change's sake, he contends. He sees how Livonia schools accept and adapt as vital to the district's future.

With innovative curriculum or shiny new facilities, public school districts are marketing themselves more today, he said.

Public schools are competing with private and charter academies for students. Since districts receive state money based on enrollment, keeping students is key.

"The old adage if you don't like us, go somewhere else doesn't



cut it in education," Whitehead said.

He isn't specific about what he would change, though.

"What happens is if you're constantly pursuing perfection, you're probably challenging yourself to be better," he said.

Whitehead is marketing himself as one who is not only open to change but someone who also gets involved.

He co-chaired the "Say Yes to Schools" Committee that worked on the district's successful campaign for a voter-approved \$28 million bond issue in April.

Whitehead is vice president-elect of the Livonia PTA Council and serves on the district's improvement team and public relations advocacy committee.

He's also working on the Johnson Elementary transition team. Students from the K-6 are moving to the former Lowell Middle School building next fall.

Whitehead is married to Laurie and has two daughters attending Garfield Elementary.

Facility marks milestone

Presbyterian Village Westland is celebrating its 10th anniversary with an open house 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, June 11.

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by site between City Hall and the Bailey Recreation Center or to create a new memorial with greater visibility.

"We'll look at both possibilities," Veterans will have their say, Thomas said.

This year's parade was truly an international affair, with Canadian presence felt. A sign at the Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 of the VFW welcomed the Guelph Pipe Band and Royal Canadian Legion.

Drummer Andy Donachie was among the visitors from Ontario, numbering some 50. They're twinned with the local VFW Post, he said, and have played in the community in the past. They stayed over Saturday night and went home Sunday.

As the parade started, Madaleen Doherty of Wayne was among the spectators. "I come to these things every year because they need more participation," she said.

Doherty's son, Dennis Wallot, state commander for the Purple Heart, was in the parade. She agreed those who serve their country are often taken for granted, and they need help when they get home.

The parade moved south along Wayne Road, stopping for a brief ceremony at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post, and moving on into Wayne, ending at the Veterans Peace Memorial.

Marchers: The Wayne Memorial High School Marching Band moves along in the parade (right), as do the Spiriters cheerleaders (below).



PHOTO BY RONALD POKES



Family ties: Britany, 4½, is held by dad Mike Dean, among the many parade-watchers Sunday.



On the route: Debbie Parker and son Robert, 7½, watch the parade from their van.

Alternative school helping students get back on track

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
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Two years ago when Robert Kelly started taking classes at Tinkham Alternative High School, he was angry and didn't know how to deal with his quick temper.

"I was confused about life in general," the 17-year-old Inkster senior said. "I had the whole wrong idea. When I went to Wayne (Memorial High School), to me, it seemed that they didn't want to help anyone with problems they had. I had a bad temper and a short fuse. I had an attitude problem. When I came here, it was like totally different. They helped me work toward not having such an attitude so quickly about itty-bitty things."

Kelly is enrolled at William D. Ford Career/Technical Center, taking heating and cooling classes with plans of working in his grandfather's business.

The Tinkham program was also a safety net for Jenny Potter.

The Wayne resident was involved in the school's Literacy Corps, helping elementary school students read and with geography lessons. The experience inspired her to work toward a teaching career. In fact, she plans to attend Henry Ford Community College for two years and transfer to Eastern Michigan University.

If it weren't for the Tinkham program, Potter, 18, said, "I probably wouldn't have graduated (from high school). I was doing very bad in ninth grade. I got dropped from all my classes."

Glen Wurtsmith, 16, is a Westland resident who also attends Tinkham. After one semester, he hopes to work his way back to John Glenn High School to be with his friends.

"They have to assure us that they can handle it," explained Lynn Malinoff, a teacher consultant and Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community coordinator for the school district.

Wurtsmith said he liked working in the elementary schools.

"It keeps me out of trouble, because I want to be responsible in front of them if I want them to grow up to be responsible," Wurtsmith said.

Malinoff said she's convinced that the program has steered some kids away from a lifetime of failures.

"I think we've saved some lives," she added. "The kids are part of saving themselves. The philosophy is moving them away from blaming others to taking full responsibility for themselves and to empower them to take charge of their lives. We support them in making changes and that creates

an air of respect."

This year, eight students will graduate from Tinkham, which is the largest class since the program inception six years ago. Approximately 70 students in ninth through 12th grades are predominantly from the Wayne-Westland School District and some from Garden City and Livonia. Tinkham is for teens who struggled, for one reason or another, in the traditional schools.

"This provides an alternative setting to increase the likelihood of success," Malinoff said. "This is their last opportunity to pull it together."

The eight graduates this year will attend a celebration banquet June 8 at Tinkham and will share the spotlight with 18 Tinkham students who earned at least 100 hours of community service and will receive a Student Service Challenge award, a program initiated by President Bill Clinton.

While adding up hours in community service, the students learn skills, understand the importance of civic responsibility, gain self-esteem and learn to work with other people.

The projects are chosen by teachers and students who identify needs, prepare plans and tackle obstacles. Failures and setbacks are part of the learning process because the students have to decide what to do next.

For instance, students recently finished the brick container walls around the front entrance of the school. The project involved math problems while measuring areas and ecology lessons addressing landscaping, what they need to grow and how that affects aesthetics. Students also had to receive school board approval and learn how to lay brick.

"There's a lot of celebrating along the way for each accomplishment," Malinoff said. "Our goal is to connect these kids to the school and community."

Adolescents in general are sometimes disconnected and it's pretty hard to teach them if they're disconnected.

"We have a remarkable staff," she said. "I'm a grant writer and am able to help teachers develop resources and the way they use them is nothing short of extraordinary. We run the program on mutual respect. If you talk to students, they say, 'My teachers care about me. They call me at night to see if I did my work.' The kids are pretty surprised when they get here."

EDUCATION

City woman wins Lottery prize

Joyce Roberts of Westland no longer has to dream about sitting on a sunny beach in Florida.

Thanks to the Michigan Lottery, that dream will soon be a reality. Roberts, a saleswoman for Kmart in Plymouth Township, sailed past the competition on "Road to Riches," the Michigan lottery's weekly television

game show, to win the \$50,000 top prize.

Roberts, 60, said she thought she had "no chance" of ever being selected to appear on "Road to Riches." In addition to taking a vacation to Florida, the mother of three and grandmother of six plans to share part of the winnings with her family and use

the rest to make home improvements.

In her free time, Roberts enjoys playing bingo, watching movies and "spending time with her family."

Charles "Chuck" Kortumatis, Roberts' brother-in-law, appeared on the show and played in her place.

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concerned that they get a good education." She also has been involved in district committees, chairing a citizens bond committee on building improvements, and she said she has a grasp of issues.

Wright, whose three children are local graduates, said he wants to make the school system better for students and the community at large. "I truly do believe that I have the experience, the skills and the abilities that fulfill the requirements for the position," he said.

Q: Some homes in Westland are marketed as being in the Livonia school district. What can be done to promote the Wayne-Westland district as a desirable place to live and raise children?

Deniston said, "I think we need to work on public relations." She said the district needs to look beyond Michigan Education Assessment Program test scores to promote a wide variety of quality programs ranging from special education to gifted education.

Eisiminger said the district has to have a quality infrastructure, "and we've hurt in the past with our financial problems." But he said Wayne-Westland can now tout quality buses, improved finances, upgraded buildings and reinstated pro-

grams. Schofield: "I think we've started to improve our image with our building improvements." She said the district needs to continue improving MEAP scores. She has a theory that longtime Wayne-Westland students may have better test scores than the district's transient students, and she has suggested a breakdown of results.

Wright said district leaders must convince home buyers that Wayne-Westland can have scores comparable to higher-performing districts. He said some programs, like Camp Read-a-Lot and early intervention measures, will help. Teachers are working diligently, he said, "but it's going to take some time."

Q: Some people view the school board as a stepping stone to other offices such as city council. What are your future political ambitions?

Deniston: "I don't have any plans to run for another office. My interest is truly in the children."

Eisiminger didn't rule out seeking a Westland City Council appointment if a recall against some council members is successful. "I would like a seat on the council ...," he conceded. Barring an appointment, Eisiminger said he isn't sure if he'd mount a campaign for elec-

tion. Schofield said, "That's one question I can be real short on. I have no desire to be on city council. My passion is the school district and the education of children."

Wright said he has no other political ambitions "at this point," and added, "I don't have a hidden agenda. My agenda is the school board. If elected, I will fulfill my obligation."

Q: Do you view yourself more as a team player or an independent voice?

Deniston said, "I definitely have my own opinion, but to get anything accomplished you have to have a team." She said she can work with parents and educators alike.

Eisiminger said he considers himself independent, "but I am definitely willing to work as a team." He said he has taken unpopular stands on some issues, such as opposing early retirement incentives for longtime educators.

Schofield said, "I think it's important to be a team, but I don't see myself voting a certain way just because other people are voting that way."

Wright said, "I want to work cooperatively with everybody. We should be striving for the same goals."

Evacuate from page A1

(minor) fire.

"The big concern was that we did have one wire that had fallen on the building," he said. "We had to wait for Detroit Edison to get there to cut the electrical lines - then we extinguished the fire."

Four Chaplains administrator Carolyn Merucci said the nursing home had returned to its normal routine early this week.

"We're pretty much back to normal, and we didn't have any damage to the building," Merucci said. "Nobody was injured."

"The staff and the fire departments really cooperated (during the evacuation)," she said. "Everybody did a great job. They were wonderful."

Nursing home residents were made as comfortable as possible during the ordeal, Merucci said.

Fire officials arranged for buses to be brought to Four Chaplains, partly to provide transportation in case nursing home residents had to be moved elsewhere, Reddy said.

However, residents returned to the nursing home after the electrical scare had ended, he said.



Scare: The Sunday emergency at Four Chaplains Nursing Care Center prompted an evacuation.



PHOTOS BY RONALD POKNEY

1. JUNE 15 NATIONAL AUDIOBOOK MONTH

Reading has always been popular, and audiobooks have gained the reader, jogger and worker the ability to listen to books. June has been designated as National Audiobook Month in order to raise awareness of this technology.

The Audio Publishers Association sponsored a study conducted by National Family Opinion that shows a strong growth of not only the audiobook industry but huge increases in audiobook use in U.S. households.

The Public Library of Westland houses one of the largest audiobook collections in the area with 7,305 titles and 491 titles for children. They have proven to be popular, and because compact disks have become popular for personal and automotive sound systems, the Friends of the Library bought 3,203 books on CD for patron use. Help celebrate Audiobook Month. To find out if your favorite book is on cassette or CD, call (734) 326-6123 and ask for the Reference Desk.

2. LIBRARY CLOSURE

The library will be closed on Friday, June 16, for a staff in-service day. Twice each year, the library closes to provide training for library staff to allow the library to provide Westland residents with high-quality service. The library will open again 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17.

3. WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

Recently, the library hosted a Medieval Day. This special, all-day program included re-enactors from the Society for Creative Anachronism, a nonprofit medieval and Renaissance recreationist group. Since that time, the library has received many inquiries about the group, what it does and their appearance schedule. The following Web sites will help you:

www.sca.org
This is the Web site for the Society for Creative Anachronism. The society holds social functions such as tournaments and feasts where members attempt to recreate the ambience and practice the arts and chivalry of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. The Web site discusses the society, its history and its worldwide coverage and contains links to related sites.

www.middream.org
Barony of Roaring Wastes. This is the Web site for the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. It talks about the chapter and includes information about what they do. Check out the schedule of events.

4. PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Internet 101: The Basics 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 10 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15 This is an introduction to the Internet, including basic use of search tools. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

5. INFORMATION CENTER

Public Library of Westland

Photography Workshop 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 Whether you take pictures all the time or are just going to take a few snapshots of your summer vacation, this workshop is for you. Staff member Martha Rogers will explain how to select your subject, frame your shot and take that picture. Other topics will include lighting and camera selection. Bring in some photographs for a review of the essentials. No fee. No registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

Adult Reading Club
7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier Call today to reserve your copy. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. Anyone participates. No fee. No registration.

Children's Activities
Teacher Appreciation Craft 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10 Come in and make a gift for your favorite teacher. No fee. No registration required.

Father's Day Crafts
7 p.m. Monday, June 12 Join in to make a craft to give to Dad for Father's Day. No fee. No registration required.

Friends of the Library
The Friends of the Library will hold its semiannual book sale June 22-24. Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up, working at the sale and taking down. Anyone interested in helping the Friends may call Julie Chwilk, Friends coordinator, at (734) 326-6123.

The Friends board meetings on the second Tuesday each month to discuss fund-raising and program planning. Anyone may attend. Stop in and find out how you can help in providing quality programs at the library.

Next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 13.

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she had been walking earlier. Police arrested Hurst later Monday after being given a description of a burgundy Ford pickup that was found parked in a back yard on Powers.

The suspect gave police a dramatically different version of events, saying the woman approached him near an Inkster Road party store and offered oral sex for \$20.

"We went to the woods near Harrison and Powers. I paid her, and she did it. Then we had sex," Hurst is quoted as saying in a police report. "Then she got dressed and left my truck. The last time I saw her was (when she was) walking through the woods to the street."

"I then went home," Hurst told

police. "She was only with me for about 10 minutes. I didn't hit her. I didn't kick her. She was fine when she left me. I did not rape her."

On Tuesday, Hurst was arraigned by Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos on charges of assault with intent to murder; criminal sexual conduct, first degree; criminal sexual conduct with intent to commit sexual penetration; and being a habitual offender.

A not-guilty plea was placed in Hurst's court files.

Bokos ordered Hurst jailed on a \$500,000 bond and scheduled a June 8 preliminary hearing that will determine whether the suspect should stand trial on the charges.

Court expands

The judges and staff of the 18th District Court in Westland will host the official groundbreaking ceremony for the court expansion project 4 p.m. Monday, June 12.

The court is at 36675 Ford in Westland.

The planned event marks the start of renovation that has been years in the planning stages. District Court judges C. Charles Bokos and Gail McKnight have extended an open invitation to the people of Westland to attend. An informal reception will follow.

Cars to go cruising

Classic car owners are expected to converge Tuesday on Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road.

The bowling alley program, "Cruise The Alley," is expected to get started shortly after 5 p.m. every Tuesday, starting next week.

According to a flier, the event will include DJ music, a lounge, a 50/50 raffle, and free hot dogs to all cruisers.

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OBITUARIES

RUTH A. GIBSON

Services for Ruth Gibson, 74, of Westland were May 28 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Memorial Gardens, Beverly Hills, Fla. Officiating was the Rev. Mark Cryderman.

Mrs. Gibson was born Dec. 26, 1925, and died May 26 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Durward (Josephine) Gibson III; daughter, Wendy (Edward) Stanowski; sister, Eva Hartlieb; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Gibson was preceded in

death by her husband, Durward Gibson Jr., and sister, Betty Bordeis.

CHARLES R. ROWE

Services for Charles Rowe, 44, of Plymouth were arranged by Harry J. Will Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mr. Rowe died April 22.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; sons, Jerry Lee, Charles and Nicholas; daughter, Tracey; mother, Virginia; brothers, Ronald and Larry; sisters, Joyce

of Westland, Sonja and Jenny; and grandson, Joshua.

Mr. Rowe was preceded in death by his father, Warren.

TWYLA A. EVELETH

Services for Twyla Eveleth, 87, of Westland were May 30 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Rob Joy.

Mrs. Eveleth was born Jan. 15, 1913, and died May 26 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Douglas (Tress) Eveleth and Arthur (Beverly) Woodard; four grand-

children; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Eveleth was preceded in death by a grandson, Douglas.

JOHN M. PARE

Services for John Pare, 78, of Westland were May 30 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. John Bosco.

Mr. Pare was born July 4, 1921, in Winchester, N.H., and died May 26 in Farmington Hills. He was a machinist for a tool and die company.

Surviving are his sons, John Maynard (Rita) and Charles (Katherine); daughter, Rosemarie; one brother; one sister; and grandchildren, Elizabeth Rose and Christopher.

Mr. Pare was preceded in death by his wife, Frances.

FRANK MAZOR

Services for Frank Mazor, 89, of Westland were May 31 in St. Bernardine of Siena Church, Westland, with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev.

Ronald Sayes.

Mr. Mazor was born Sept. 26, 1910, in Coal Center, Pa., and died May 27 in Dearborn. He was a laborer.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine; son, Joseph (Sibyll) Mazor of Taylor; daughters, Patricia Mazor and Virginia (Robert) Novak; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass cards.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeju & Son Funeral Home.

'Lemon' donors fighting disease

Residents can turn their "lemons" — used cars, trucks, motorcycles and boats — into lemonade this summer for people who are suffering from kidney disease.

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For more information, call (800) 488-CARS (2277).

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is committed to the prevention, detection, treatment and eventual cure of all kidney diseases. Through programs in research, patient services, organ donation, professional education and public information, the organization hopes to bring hopes to thousands of Michigan residents, including more than 8,700 patients who are on dialysis and more than 1,700 patients who are awaiting life-saving kidney transplants.

Local students lauded

Aditi Saxena of Churchill High School is this year's McClain Memorial Scholarship, which is presented by the Livonia Education Association as part of the \$5,500 the teacher's union donates to district students.

Saxena is a summa cum laude student who plans to major in biology/pre-medicine at the University of Michigan.

The LEA designates three scholarships of \$1,000 each, one for each high school.

The recipients are: Jeanette Fershtman of Stevenson High; Jesse Knight of Franklin High; and Heather Petres of Churchill.

Fershtman plans to study engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology while Knight wants to major in international politics. Petres plans to attend U-M and pursue an engineering career.

Stevenson High's Amy Nye received the LEA/MEA Scholarship. Nye plans to attend Schoolcraft College and pursue a career in criminal justice.

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1999 REPORT TO CONSUMERS ON WATER QUALITY

Westland is proud of the fine drinking water it receives from Detroit and furnishes to the residents. This report will list the source of our water, the results of the tests performed on the water, and additional information about water and health questions. State and Federal requirements mandate that an annual report now be sent to Westland customers before July 1 each year. This is our second report.

Water Source Westland is supplied by the City of Detroit from its Springwells Water Treatment Plant in Dearborn. The water comes from the intake facility at Belle Isle in the Detroit River.

Overview The City of Westland provided 3.42 billion gallons of water to its consumers in 1999. Over 5100 lineal feet of water main were installed in 1999. In 1999 the average resident used 110 gallons of water per day, at a cost of less than two tenths of a cent per gallon. The City of Westland has started a new valve program to go with the hydrant program to work on the valves and hydrants in the city. Two of twenty sections of the city were completed in 1999.

Lead Since 1992, with the cooperation of many Westland residents, the City has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. Our latest round of testing shows none of the 60 homes tested have levels above the action level. If your home has a lead service line or piping that has lead soldered joints, you can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that may have leached into your drinking water from your pipes.

- Run your water for 30 to 60 seconds, or until it feels cold. This practice should be followed any time your water has not been used for more than six hours.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

Additional Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or by the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person and consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has been testing for cryptosporidium since 1994 and has not detected it in any of our source water supplies.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 1999, the City of Westland had one monitoring violation. A monitoring violation is not an exceedence of a MCL or health standard. On February 20, 1999, a positive coliform sample was found at 37345 Cherry Hill. A recheck was made on February 22, 1999, and there was negative total coliform.

The regulations require confirmation of any positive result by re-sampling the location in question and sampling surrounding locations within 24 hours of notification or the next business day. The samplings should have taken place the next day, but were deferred until the following. All samples were negative for coliform bacteria.

This report was prepared by the Water and Sewer Superintendent of the Department of Public Service for the City of Westland, Michigan. Data was supplied by the City of Detroit Water and Sewer Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. If there are any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me at (734) 467-3242. This report is supplied to our customers to ensure compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976, PA 399, as amended) by 1998 PA 56. This Act was passed to comply with Federal Clean Water Act and the rules promulgated by the United States EPA dealing with this law. Water Quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at www.waterdata.com.

Springwells Water Treatment Plant 1999 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap							
Fluoride	Oct. 99	ppm	4	4	1.16	n/a	Erosion of natural deposits: Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	Oct. 99	ppm	10	10	0.22	n/a	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; Sewage; Erosion of natural soils.
Volatile Organic Compounds - Quarterly Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap							
Dichloromethane	Aug. 99	ppb	0	5	0.12	0	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories.
Disinfection By-Products - Quarterly Monitoring in Distribution System							
Total Trihalomethanes	3/99-12/99	ppb	n/a	100 (90)	Average 19.1	11.0	By-Product of Drinking Water Chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total. New MCL effective December 16, 2001.							

Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap		
Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.5 NTU (minimum 95%)	Soil Runoff
0.52 NTU	99.5%	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. For turbidity levels 5 NTU or above a treatment technique (TT) is required.		

Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria - 5% of monthly samples	in one month	Naturally present in the environment
E.coli	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive	entire year	Human waste and animal fecal waste

Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap							
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	1999	ppb	0	15	4	0	Corrosion of household plumbing system. Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	1999	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.024	0	Corrosion of household plumbing system. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Springwells Water Treatment Plant 1999 Unregulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	*Future MCLG	*Future MCL	Average Level Detected	Low	High
Trichloromethane (Chloroform)	3/99-12/99	ppb	0	n/a	9.6	4.0	17.0
Bromodichloromethane	3/99-12/99	ppb	0	n/a	6.4	4.4	8.7
Dibromochloromethane	3/99-12/99	ppb	60	n/a	3.0	2.0	4.2
Bromoform	3/99-12/99	ppb	0	n/a	0.2	0.1	0.3

Chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform are trihalomethanes. The MCL is set for the total or sum of these individual components. *New MCLG effective December 16, 2001.

The EPA recommends reporting results from any voluntary monitoring that is above a proposed MCL or above a level of concern. The detected unregulated contaminants in these table do not meet these criteria. Reporting in CCR is not required.

Springwells Water Treatment Plant Detected Unregulated Contaminants from Voluntary Monitoring

Disinfection By-Products - Quarterly Monitoring in Distribution System							
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	*Future MCLG	*Future MCL	Average Level Detected	Range	
*Total Haloacetic Acids	3/99-12/99	ppb	n/a	60	10.8	7.6	14.0
Dibromoacetic Acid	3/99-12/99	ppb	n/a	n/a	0.5	0	1.4
Dichloroacetic Acid	3/99-12/99	ppb	0	n/a	5.9	3.5	8.6
Trichloroacetic Acid	3/99-12/99	ppb	300	n/a	4.5	2.5	5.5
Bromochloroacetic Acid	3/99-12/99	ppb	n/a	n/a	2.4	1.6	3.3

*Sum of trichloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, monochloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid. Compliance will be based on total. *New MCLG effective December 16, 2001.

Disinfection By-Products - ICR Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap							
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Future MCLG *MRDLG	Future MCL *MRDL	Average Level Detected	Range	
Haloacetonitriles	7/97-12/98	ppb	n/a	n/a	2.1	0.7	3.4
Haloketones	7/97-12/98	ppb	n/a	n/a	0.9	0	1.4
Chloral Hydrate	7/97-12/98	ppb	n/a	n/a	2.1	0.7	3.7
Total Organic Halides	7/97-12/98	ppb	n/a	n/a	63.3	0	150
Chlorine Residual	7/97-12/98	ppm	4	4	1.0	0.8	1.2

This monitoring was conducted under the EPA 1996 Information Collection Rule. *Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (Goals) effective December 16, 2001.

Key to Detected Contaminants Tables		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking waters. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
n/a	Not applicable	
≥	More than or equal to	

Additional Unregulated Contaminants That Were Not Detected

Dichlorobutane, 1,4	Ametryn	DDE, 4,4'	Methiocarb
Fluorotrichloromethane	Bentazon	DDT, 4,4'	Octachlorocyclopentene
Dibromo-3-chloropropane, 1,2	Bromacil	Diphenamid	Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB)
Hexachloroethane	Butylate	Endosulfan, alpha	Prometon
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	Carboxin	Endosulfan, beta	Pronamide
Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	Chlorothalonil	Endrin Aldehyde	Propazine
Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	Cyanazine	Eptam	Propoxur (Baygon)
Monobromoacetic Acid	Cycloate	Hexachlorocyclohexane	Terbuthiuron
Monochloroacetic Acid	Cyprazine	Hexachlorocyclohexane (Beta-BHC)	Terbacil
Tetrahydrofuran 2,4,5,-T	Dacthal	Hexazinone	Trifluralin
Acifluorfen	DDD, 4,4'		

Unregulated Contaminants That Required Monitoring, But Were Not Detected

1,1-Dichloropropene	2,2-Dichloropropane	Chloroethane	Metribuzin
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	3-Hydroxycarbofuran	Chloromethane	Naphthalen
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Aldrin	Dibromomethane	n-Butylbenzene
1,1-Dichloroethane	Aldicarb	Dicamba	n-Propylbenzene
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	Aldicarb sulfone	Dichlorodifluoromethane	o-Chlorotoluene
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Aldicarb sulfide	Dieldrin	o-Chlorotoluene
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Bromobenzene	Fluorotrichloromethane	p-Chlorotoluene
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	Bromochloromethane	Hexachlorobutadiene	p-Isopropyltoluene
1,3-Dichloropropene	Bromomethane	Isopropylbenzene	Propachlor
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	Butachlor	Methomyl	Sec-butylbenzene
1,3-Dichloropropane	Carbaryl	Metolachlor	Tert-butylbenzene

Regulated Contaminants That Required Monitoring, But Were Not Detected

Synthetic Organic	Hepachlor epoxide	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Inorganic Contaminants
Contaminants Including	Heptachlor	1,2-Dichloroethane	Antimony
Pesticides and Herbicides	Hexachlorobenzene	1,2-Dichloropropane	Arsenic
2,4,5-TP (silvex)	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Benzene	Barium
2,4-D	Lindane	Carbon Tetrachloride	Beryllium
Aleachlor	Methoxychlor	Chlorobenzene	Cadmium
Atrazine	Oxamyl (Vydate)	cis-1,2-Dichloroethylenes	Chromium
Carbofuran	PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)	Ethylbenzene	Mercury (inorganic)
Chlordane	Pentachlorophenol	o-Dichlorobenzene	Nickel
Delaplan	Picloram	p-Dichlorobenzene	Nitrite (as nitrogen)
Dibromochloropropane	Simazine	Styrene	Selenium
Dinoseb	Tolpene	Tetrachloroethylene	Thallium
Diquat	Volatile Organic	Toluene	Radioactive Contaminants
Endosulfal	Contaminant	trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	(Test Date 1998)
Endrin	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Trichloroethylene	Alpha/beta Emitters
Ethylene Dibromide	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Vinyl Chloride	Beta Emitters
Glyphosate	1,1-Dichloroethylene	Xylene	

Volunteers create a legacy – a cleaner Rouge River

BY KURT KURAN
STAFF WRITER

In 1986, Jim Murray had a vision. When he looked at the Rouge River, he could see past the submerged cars and shopping carts, the logjams and the scum that gave off a terrible stench.

Murray, who was both the drain commissioner of Washtenaw County and the chairman of the Water Resources Commission at the time, figured there had to be a way to reverse the years of degradation that plagued the watershed.

His idea was for a group of volunteer citizens to head down to the river and clean out the garbage and hack through the logjams that choked it.

And Rouge Rescue was born.

"My goal was, and is, to have the entire watershed safe for recreational use, from the headwaters all the way to the Detroit River," said Murray, who is now the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment.

Signs of life

Fifteen years have passed since then, and enough garbage to fill hundreds of Dumpsters has been plucked from the river by thousands of volunteers. Most of the cars and household appliances that once littered the river bottom are gone.

Throughout the watershed, which touches 48 communities in Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties, there are signs of life where once there was none.

Most of the credit for the once-notoriously polluted river's turnaround has gone to this annual volunteer effort, now known as River Day. About 2,500 volunteers are expected to celebrate the event's 15th anniversary Saturday at 22 cleanup sites throughout metro



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Helping hands: At last year's River Day (left to right) Dawn Rezin, Ashley Hewett and Erin Gavle take a shopping cart from the river in Livonia.

Detroit.

"I knew if we didn't get the community involved in this, we were not going to get very far," Murray said. "I take a lot of comfort in the fact that so many people have taken an interest and gotten involved."

Volunteers who descended on the river in the early years of the event remember how the challenge to clean the garbage from the river was so daunting they wondered where to even begin. Now there are long stretches of river that are garbage-free.

"All you have to do is look at the aesthetic improvements, and that is usually what people see," said Bill Craig, who has helped organize the event for 13 years.

"Over the years we have taken an awful lot of debris out of the river. Most of the cars, tires and refrigerators are gone. People see the changes and they don't throw the stuff in there anymore. So that trend has definitely

changed."

Several opportunities

Craig has been one of the driving forces in Westland's effort to clean its portion of the watershed. He is also the president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, a group of volunteers which oversees the Holliday Nature Preserve, located in Westland and Canton.

On Saturday, Craig will be barking out instructions at Westland's Hix Park, as volunteers will be removing logjams and debris from Tonquish Creek, which runs through Holliday and is a main headwater of the Rouge watershed.

In addition to the Westland site, Canton, Plymouth, and Livonia will all host sites Saturday morning.

The successes of Rouge Rescue have allowed volunteers to concentrate on projects other than debris removal, such as stabiliz-

ing riverbanks and planting vegetation.

The interest the event has attracted has also spawned a host of other initiatives, including the Rouge Education Program, which has gotten students from 85 schools in the watershed area involved in projects associated with the river.

Many communities have either finished or begun the process of separating sewer drains from storm drains, which dump into the Rouge when it rains.

Newburgh has been restored, and will be the site of a triathlon on Aug. 8.

"The bottom line is that the public is taking ownership of the river," said Jim Graham, the executive director of Friends of the Rouge, an association of volunteers also founded with Murray's help in 1986.

"The response from people has been tremendous. They have shown they care enough to go out and get dirty, wet and bitten by mosquitoes. I believe this has sent a message to government, at all levels, that people really do care about the Rouge River," he said.

Murray agreed.

"The debate in the various communities used to be how to keep people away from the river," Murray said. "Now it is about what kind of projects are going to be completed along it. What a change."

Problems remain

Despite the successes there are still numerous problems that need to be corrected before people can use much of the river

safely. Many of these problems, including chemical pollutants like fertilizers, paints and motor oil, and illegal sewer hookups are tougher to deal with than a few shopping carts.

"During Rouge Rescue we can take the tires from the water, but we can't take out the chemicals and sewage. The people have to do that at home and at work," Craig said.

"We have been at this for 15 years now, and it is going to take much more time before the job is complete. I anticipate that one day the Rouge will be safe, but it will be a situation like we have at Metro Beach: one day it will be safe and the next it might not.

That just goes hand-in-hand with urban living."

Until that day, armies of volunteers will continue making their annual trek down to the riverside.

"Rouge Rescue has become somewhat of a community institution," said Graham.

"People really look forward to it. It gives them the opportunity to make a difference. They can come out and put in some time, and in the process, make something better than when they started."

For information about River Day cleanup sites in your community call Jim Graham at (313) 792-9900.

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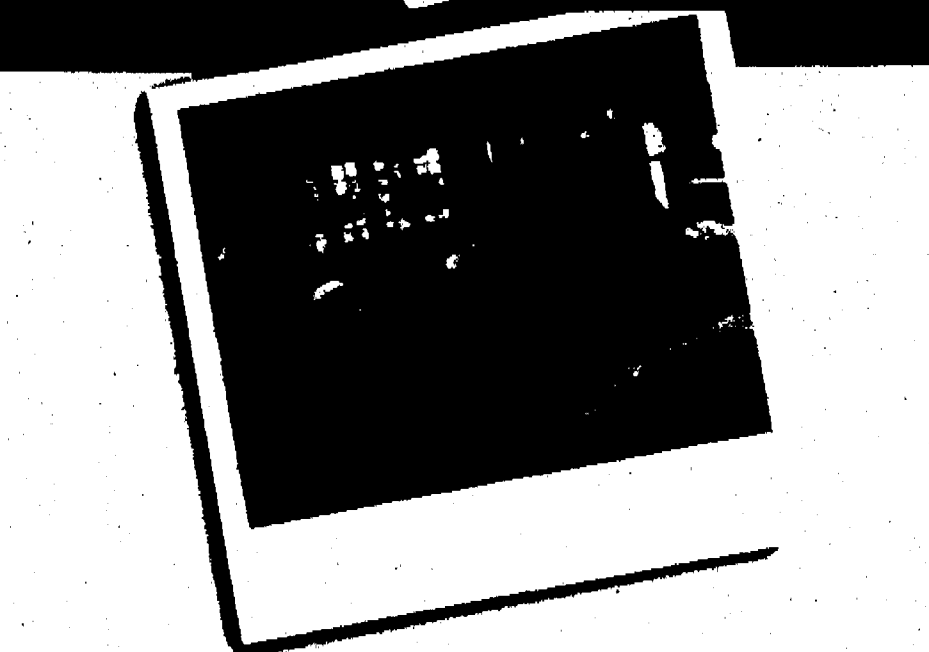
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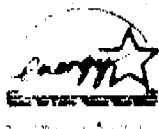


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Dump reclamation nears completion

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The \$3.5 million reclamation project of an old Nankin Township dump site is nearing completion.

The site, located in Westland just northeast of the intersection of Warren and Newburgh roads, is spread over 12 acres. Part of the affected area is within the boundary of the Holliday Nature Preserve and is owned by Wayne County. Crestwood Development, which owns an apartment complex on Warren, owns seven acres of the old dump.

For several months, the county and Crestwood, along with 3M, which was the biggest depositor of hazardous materials to the dump, have been busy capping the site with a protective layer of geosynthetic fabric, clay and topsoil. The project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

During the 1940s and 1950s, the dump was owned and operated by brothers John and Stanley Denski, who covered and sold it.

The county purchased several acres of the property to be incorporated into Holliday, which runs through Westland along the length of Tonquish Creek.

Toxic waste

Trash from the dump was discovered in the early 1990s. Dangerous substances, including

lead, mercury and asbestos, were found at the site, which prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to list the site as a health and safety threat in 1992. As a result, public access to the area was restricted.

The cleanup began as an EPA response initiative. The federal agency came onto the site in 1994 and removed over 5,000 tons of the most hazardous materials.

Wayne County and Crestwood, along with eight corporations and eight municipalities that dumped materials at the site, agreed to pay the EPA \$1.5 million of the cleanup and capping costs, while the federal government assumed the remainder.

"Our concern has always been that the problem needed to be dealt with," said Bill Craig, president of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association, a group of volunteers overseeing the preserve.

"I give the EPA credit for its efforts. Many people like to knock the EPA, but you won't get any complaints from me. The agency acted promptly and effectively."

The capping process included leveling the field, placing the geosynthetic fabric over the area, covering that with about a foot of clay, and then topping it off with six inches of topsoil and seeding it.

Rule 201 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act requires the county to maintain the area and ensure the fabric does not become exposed in the future.

"The county will have an operation and maintenance program in place after the project is completed," said Hugh McDonald, director of special projects for the Wayne County Department of Public Works.

"I would say that monitoring is a fair way of describing the program."

McDonald said the county will cut the grassy field twice a year. No trees will be allowed to grow for fear that their roots will penetrate the fabric. He said the biggest concern is that burrowing animals will expose it.

Most toxics gone

Despite meeting Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and EPA standards, project officials admit the property still contains hazardous elements such as asbestos, and traces of barium and manganese have been recorded in the groundwater.

However, Steve Hoin, project manager and geologist with MDEQ, has closely monitored the progress of the capping and says these findings pose little or no threat to humans.

"The majority of the really

hazardous materials are gone," he said. "We feel the capping should eliminate the remaining health and safety hazards."

Hoin said MDEQ is most concerned with how the manganese may affect the micro-organisms in Tonquish Creek. He said the agency will periodically monitor the levels.

MDEQ will also have to inspect the capping project, which is currently in the seeding process, before it gives the green light.

"I think they have done an excellent job so far," Hoin said. "We have not given our official approval yet. When they finish, MDEQ will review the whole project. However, based on what I've seen so far, I don't anticipate any problems."

When and if MDEQ does approve the project, it will once again open up the area for recreational use. In addition, Crestwood will be given the go-ahead to build an additional 208 apartments adjacent to the footprint of the old dump.

Craig said he is also satisfied with the project.

"This will definitely be better than the situation we had before the cleanup began. It will be safer and healthier," he said.

"Is it perfect? Obviously not, but that is part of our industrial legacy."

'WAALk & Rollathon' scheduled for June 24

The second annual Lutheran Social Services of Michigan WAALk and Rollathon will be Saturday, June 24, beginning with registration at 9 a.m. in Nankin Mills Recreation Area of Hines Park, Westland. The event will benefit Lutheran Adoption Services and Wayne County Family Center.

Lutheran Adoption Service is co-sponsored with Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan. It is the largest adoption program in Michigan, serving more than 460 children each year. This year, LAS will celebrate its 3,000th adoption.

The Wayne County Family Center is a joint venture with the County of Wayne. It is the

largest shelter for homeless families in the state and provides a dignified home in Westland for 23 families (up to 108 individuals).

The primary sponsor for WAALk and Rollathon 2000-Detroit is the Park Jarrett Aid Association for Lutherans Agency of Livonia.

Participants are asked to gather pledges and then walk, roller blade, wheelchair, bike or push a stroller one to six miles to benefit the agencies. A pledge form can be found on the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan web site, www.lssm.org or is available by calling (800) 225-8558.

Madonna registers for fall

Madonna University's registration for fall 2000 is in progress and continues through Friday, Sept. 1 for new and returning students. Office hours will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and until 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, now through June 16 and Aug. 7 through Sept.

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Trainers' skill fits the bill at gymnastics enterprise

By TRACEY BURKHAUER
STAFF WRITER

For years, Tania and Peter Gueorguiev taught Michigan children gymnastics in a variety of locations, from Saline to Adrian.

"The kids just followed us wherever we went," said Tania, 33. "Some of them have basically grown up with us."

They always wanted their own place in which to teach young pupils, but they couldn't find just the right location. After years of searching, they found a home in a Plymouth industrial park.

In February, the couple from Westland opened their new business, Euro Stars Gymnastics, at 9229 General Drive. With about 8,000 square feet, it's located in a former piano factory.

"There was no gym in this area," said Peter, 34. "And the people around here seemed really friendly."

The Gueorguievs moved to the United States from their European home of Bulgaria, a country roughly the size of Tennessee, home to about 8.7 million people. They were invited here by the United States Gymnastics Federation to train athletes.

Both trainers have significant credentials. They both have more than 15 years of coaching experience and have been prac-

ting gymnastics since early childhood. They've been married 13 years and have two children, Elena, 13, and Anthony, 3.

They were both members of the Bulgarian National Team and received gymnastics and physical education degrees from the University of Bulgaria.

"This is our life," Tania said. "We grew up doing this."

Peter's team took fifth place in the 1998 Seoul Olympics. He took fourth place in the 1987 world championships in Rotterdam.

An Achilles tendon injury kept Tania from Olympic competition.

With so much experience, students - and their parents - trust the Gueorguievs.

"You've got to have coaches your kids like and you're comfortable with," said Mike Young of Canton. His 10-year-old daughter, Brittany, has been training with the Gueorguievs since she was 4.

They are more than coaches to her, he said, they're friends.

"She just loves it so much, it's become a part of her life," he said. "And if she likes it that much, it's probably important."

For Brittany, training may have been more important than for other children. She had two heart surgeries as a baby and her doctor insisted she strengthen her heart.

Gymnastics training has helped significantly.

"Today, she's in excellent shape," Young said. "She's so healthy and strong. I think her gymnastics training has a lot to do with that. If she takes a week off, you can really see a difference."

Like Brittany, most of the Gueorguievs' 100 students love what they do at Euro Stars Gymnastics. The greatest compliment is when they don't want to go home at the end of their training sessions.

The Gueorguievs think they offer something different.

"We stress small groups and personalization," Tania said.

"We're not baby-sitting, but we pay lots of attention to every person," Peter added. "Everyone learns at their own ability."

For parents who are concerned about safety, Peter admits that gymnastics can be dangerous if you are improperly trained.

"You get hurt if you're using a poor technique," he said. "I teach students the best I can to avoid any problems or accidents and we've never had any problems."

Starting June 19, Euro Stars Gymnastics will offer a gymnastics summer day camp from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 737-9500 for more information.



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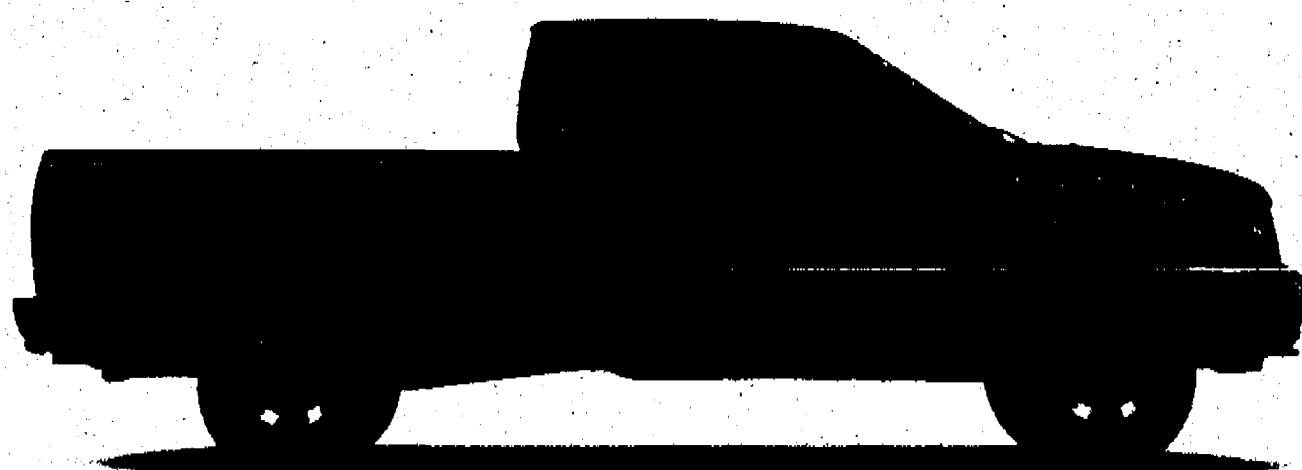
Help: Tania Gueorguiev watches Lindsay Reed of Westland, 12, as she practices a routine. Lindsay was the 1998 National Champion in the vault in her age class.

Teamwork: Tania and Peter Gueorguiev in the Euro Stars Gymnastics training center. The couple, originally from Bulgaria, now call Westland home.



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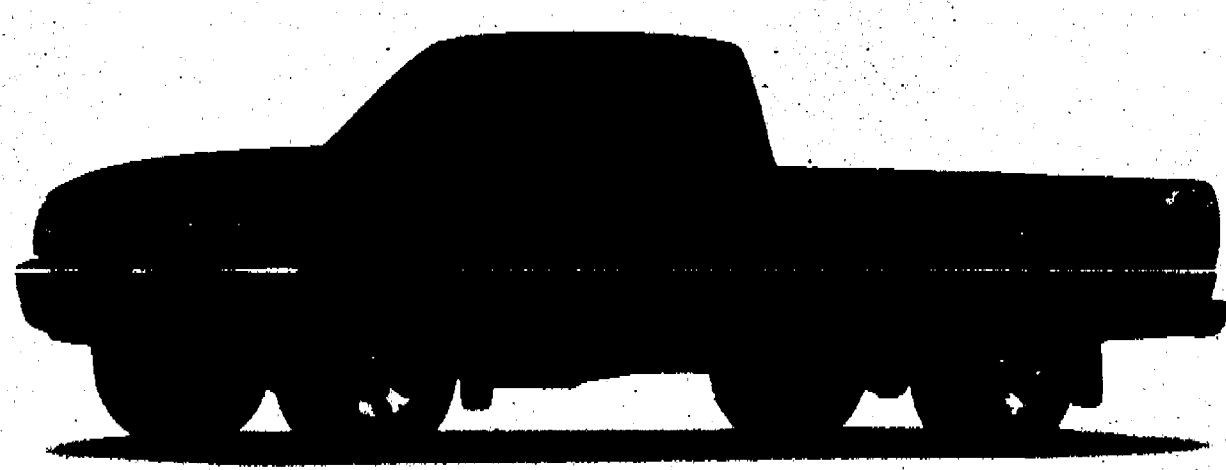
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Telecomm bill may get busy signal in the Senate

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Legislation aimed at cutting telephone rates, increasing competition among companies for local phone service, and restoring the authority of the Public Service Commission to oversee phone companies may have won approval in the House, but is expected to get a "busy signal" when it gets to the state Senate.

Representatives voted 72-36 to approve House Bill 5721, sponsored by Rep. Mary Ann Midgough, R-Paw Paw, and Rep. Marc Shulman, R-West Bloomfield. The bill is a follow-up to Gov. John Engler's recent call for

a 5 percent rate reduction. But Democrats and consumer advocates say the bill doesn't go far enough. And Ameritech, the state's largest incumbent local phone provider, prefers a bill drafted by Sen. Mat. Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

Representatives expect the senate will also favor the Dunaskiss bill and force the rewrite into conference committee.

Power of PSC

Shulman said he was happy with the version that finally got passed in the House. It was a compromise from his earlier proposals, which he said would pro-

tect the consumer and increase the enforcement powers of the PSC.

The power of the PSC is a key issue. After the Legislature adopted its current Telecommunications Act 1995, the courts concluded the PSC had little authority over that utility. Shulman has proposed specifically that the PSC be able to quickly hear complaints from competing telephone companies when they allege anti-competitive practices. He's explained it has been a frequent source of complaints from competitor firms that Ameritech delays interconnections for their customers while quickly starting up its own. The bill would allow for expedited hearings of such complaints.

Democrats opposed

Democrats complained that Republicans supporting 5721 would not go along with rate cuts deeper than the amount called for by the governor. Democrats proposed a 10 percent rate cut and 15 percent trimming of basic service phone bills

for senior citizens.

Shulman, however, said the bill was altered to allow the PSC to review a \$3.28 per month "universal carrier charge." Ameritech will have to justify that charge before the PSC, which will have the authority to eliminate or trim the charge if it disagrees. The charge was strongly criticized by state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

When first introduced, the Dunaskiss bill was little more than a repealer of the old telecommunications act, but consumer protections are expected to be added, particularly protections against slamming, or switching long distance services without a customer's permission. Rep. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, said he believes slamming is not the problem it once was. More complaints are being filed today charging Ameritech with refusing to give up lines when customers want local service switched, he said.

Long distance

Ameritech President Bob

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Rep. Marc Shulman
R-West Bloomfield

Cooper has argued the bill will not increase competition. Rather, he has said the increased regulation will likely keep competitors away.

Cooper has also argued that Ameritech should be allowed to compete in the long distance market. He's made the point that if Ameritech invades AT&T's long distance market, AT&T will be forced to respond by moving in and competing against Ameritech for local service.

Shulman agrees. "Historically, that has happened. Where the local company is allowed into the long distance market, we've seen

increased competition locally as well," he said.

Current Michigan telecommunications law expires at year's end. The Senate began hearings last week on the House bill and Dunaskiss' Senate Bill 1193.

On House Bill 5721 local representatives voting yes were: Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Voting no were Reps. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Legislators high on Ameritech's contribution list

State senators aren't up for election this year, but they rank high on the list of recipients for campaign contributions from the Ameritech Plus PAC.

In fact, as the Legislature looks forward to wrestling with a necessary rewrite of Michigan's Telecommunications Act - the current law expires at the end of the year - Ameritech has put senators high on its list.

The Senate Technology and Energy Committee is next in line to review the issue and now has

before it both a Senate version of the rewrite, favored by the phone company, and a House version, which Ameritech opposes.

Despite the lack of a Senate race this year, four of the six top recipients of Ameritech PAC money, according to its campaign finance statement filed April 25, serve on that Senate committee.

The top recipient is Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, who not only isn't running, he can't run for that office again due to

term limits. Speculation has been he'll run for a county or township post, but his campaign finance report, entitled "Dunaskiss for Senate," doesn't presently indicate what office he'll run for next.

Committee members and the amounts they received this election cycle include:

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion - \$3,925
Sen. Burton Leland, D-Detroit - \$1,450

Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland - \$760

Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton - \$700

Sen. Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville - \$450

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell - \$450

Among committee members, only Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onodaga, has not received contributions from Ameritech since November, although she has received them in the past.

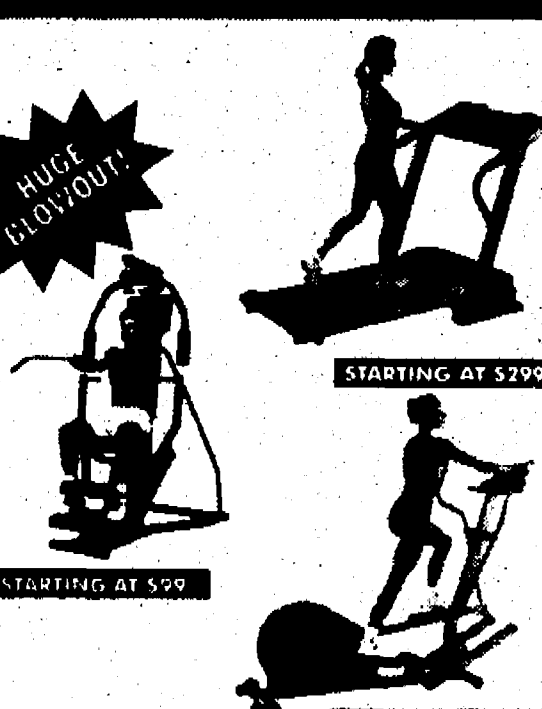
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Bill would penalize cell phone users in car accidents

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"We have people who have a very broad range of driving skills," said state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. "You have Mario Andretti, and then you have my daughter. Mario Andretti has a high level of skill and he could probably drive safely doing any number of other things. That would include the use of a cell phone."

For others, chit-chatting on the phone while driving might prove too much of a distraction.

That's the basis of a bill introduced recently by the Wayne County lawmaker, House Bill 5567, which would add penalties for an infraction if a police officer concluded that the use of a cell phone contributed to an accident or traffic violation.

The additional penalty would

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be \$25, tacked on to the fine, and one more point on the driver's license.

Patterson is not a proponent of banning cell phone usage while driving, and he recognizes that there can be other distractions for drivers. Changing tapes in the deck, dialing in a radio station, even lighting a cigarette can take a driver's eyes off the road and lead to trouble, previous research has shown. Some women apply makeup behind the

wheel; men sometimes shave. Patterson admits to having been spotted by a legislative aide combing his mustache while on the road.

Nonetheless, his bill is specific to cell phones, and he explained the purpose is to look into the common belief that wireless communication in particular is distracting to drivers.

"I've had a number of constituents express to me that they have been cut off by drivers who



Rep. Bruce Patterson

were using cell phones at the time," he said.

His bill also proposes a study,

to be conducted by the Michigan Secretary of State and the State Police, two years after the effective date of the new penalty to determine just how many tickets are handed out for cell phone distractions.

Researchers who have looked into the question have reached differing conclusions. At the University of Toronto, researchers found that cell phone usage while on the road increased drivers' accident rates by four times, roughly the same rate of increase experienced by drunk drivers.

And the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found no improvement for those who used hands-free phone technology, leading those U.S. researchers to the conclusion that it was the conversation itself that diverted the attention

of drivers.

Nonetheless, the NHTSA stopped short of recommending a ban on cell phone usage while driving. The NHTSA noted that nearly all states had laws on the books against careless driving, and that includes Michigan. Patterson pointed out. Tickets for careless driving issued to cell phone users in Ohio who were weaving out of their lanes have withstood court challenges, the NHTSA noted.

But the NHTSA said better data collection on the subject was needed. At the time of the study, only two states were compiling information on the use of cell phones in relation to traffic accidents. No state was tracking phone usage in relation to traffic violations, as Patterson's bill proposes. If other lawmakers agree, Michigan could be the first.

UFO writer von Daniken to speak

Erich von Daniken, the internationally acclaimed author of *Chariots of the Gods*, is back on a nationwide lecture tour in the United States, June 5-11, to promote his latest book, *Odyssey of the Gods*.

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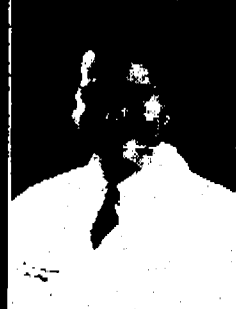
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School picks Schofield, Eisiminger worthy

It was a tough decision. The four hopefuls seeking election to the Wayne-Westland Board of Education, LeeAnna Deniston, Richard Eisiminger, Cindy Schofield and Marshall Wright, are out campaigning, making their views known. They'll square off Monday, June 12, in the school board election.

The four came to the Observer recently for their endorsement interviews. **Schofield** was clearly the standout, having prepared at great length for her interview.

The Wayne resident chaired the Citizen's Bond Committee and has been involved in many other school groups. The John Glenn High School graduate, who works for a property management firm, would be a welcome addition to the school board.

Candidates will vie for two seats, serving for four-year terms. Our second choice for endorsement came down to Eisiminger and Deniston, and after considerable thought we give the nod to **Eisiminger**.

The Westland resident, a real estate broker, was appointed to the school board last year when David James left for a seat on the Westland City Council. Eisiminger, who has served on Westland's board of review, has done a thorough, capable job on the school board.

He does his homework and has been an asset to the school board. We also tip our hat, however, to newcomer Deniston of Westland.

She, like the others, knows the schools as a parent. Deniston's family includes two special needs children, one gifted and one autistic.

The homemaker also has ample community involvement, and we applaud her first run at

office. Eisiminger tips the scales, however, when it comes to experience, so our nod goes to him.

In their interviews, the candidates touched on such subjects as improving the school district's image. They agreed Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores need lifting ("There's no doubt we are struggling in that area," Schofield said.)

Wright, a Detroit teacher, said it will take time to raise academic performance in Wayne-Westland. He, Schofield and Deniston indicated no desire to serve on the city council or any office other than school board, whereas Eisiminger wouldn't rule out the council.

That's his right, but we hope he'll stick with the school board if elected. Also, Schofield's husband is a teacher in the district, and she properly acknowledged she'd need to abstain from votes with any conflict of interest.

To reiterate, our choices for Wayne-Westland Board of Education are **Cindy Schofield** and **Richard Eisiminger**. We applaud all candidates for getting involved, and encourage district voters to head to the polls June 12 and vote.



Schofield



Eisiminger

School involvement essential

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The story is pretty much the same in all of our Observer communities.

In Clarenceville, South Redford and Farmington, school board candidates are running unopposed. Voter turnout in recent school elections has generally been around 10 percent or lower. In Farmington in 1999, just 3 percent of the voters showed up, and even in 1998, when there was a strongly contested race, just 4.3 percent of the voters showed up.

Wayne-Westland, Redford Union, Livonia and Garden City all report similarly low turnouts. Even PTA participation is dropping in some communities.

Each year, we wrestle with trying to find reasons why voters fail to turn out and let their voices be heard on a subject they tell pollsters has their top priority.

The usual complaints: school elections are held at odd times; despite the best efforts of these newspapers, many claim not to know who the candidates are or what they stand for; and, many say, their vote doesn't mean anything because the real power and control over schools is in Lansing, not with the local school

board.

The school election calendar has done a lot to foster voter cynicism. Many feel that elections are scheduled and quietly held so that only those with a vested interest participate. This has been a charge often hurled during school tax elections.

Voters are also bombarded with information about the presidential, congressional and state elections. By contrast, voters often find they don't have time to sort out school board candidates from all the rest.

For a candidate, a seat on the school board might seem more like a curse than a blessing. It means long hours, contentious negotiations, thankless disputes over everything from curriculum to building repairs and it rarely leads to a political career.

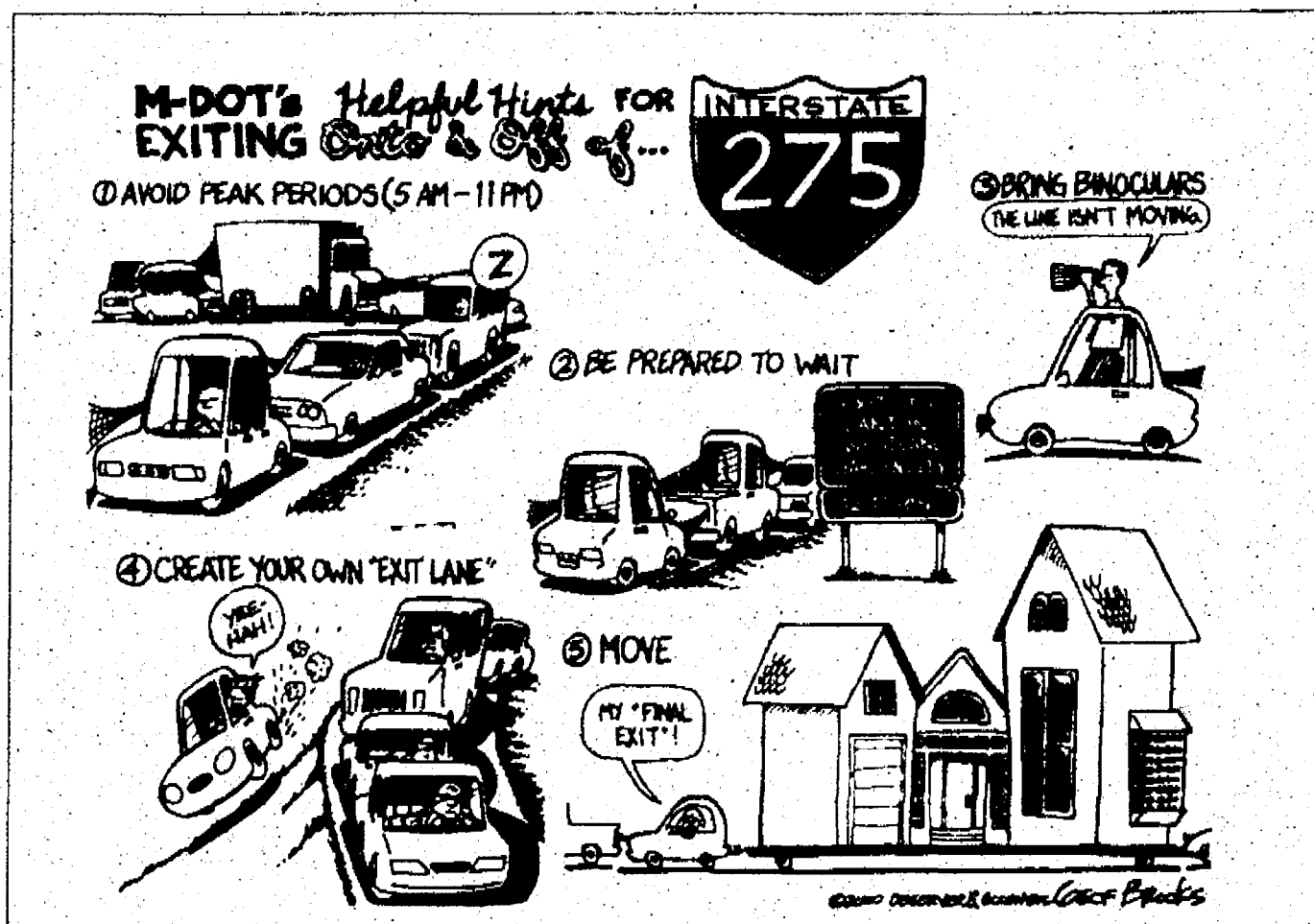
The current state legislature and governor have taken an aggressive, hands-on approach to school districts, even to the point of threatening to take them over when they don't meet state standards. Those standards, as represented by the MEAP, have redefined curriculum development with little local input.

Still, we strongly encourage voters to take an interest in their schools. A large part of the state budget, your tax dollars, is allocated to schools. And if you don't like the centralization imposed by Lansing, electing strong local school boards is the best defense against state involvement.

You can make a difference. You can vote for candidates who will hire strong administrators and hold them to high standards. You can have an influence over what is taught in your local schools.

When you abdicate that responsibility to a minority, they will set their own agenda the schools, often with disastrous results.

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Mercury problems

Our lakes and streams are dying from an invisible killer, the already high and increasing levels of mercury contamination. This killer is aided and abetted by public apathy and successful industry lobbying in Congress.

Coal burning power plants are the leading source for this ongoing mercury contamination. While EPA restricts mercury in other industries, it does NOT regulate these harmful power plant emissions. Congress exempted these emissions from the Clean Air Act in 1990 and then further delayed action in 1998. Each year, these utility and industry power plants emit over 100,000 pounds of mercury. It goes into our air and falls back down in rain and snow to poison our waters. A minuscule amount of mercury goes a long way — 1/70th of one teaspoon will make fish in a 25-acre lake unsafe to eat.

Mercury concentrates as it moves up the food chain. People are at the top of this ecological pyramid, along with fish-eating birds and animals. Mercury damages nervous and reproductive systems. It is a serious threat to public health. Forty states, including all of those in the upper Midwest, issue advisories warning people to severely limit or avoid fish consumption.

After an upcoming hearing, EPA will decide whether to regulate these mercury emissions. This regulation is urgently needed and worthy of strong public support. But the utility and industry lobbyists are lining up to kill it. They'll tell EPA to drop it. If that fails, they'll ask their friends in Congress to again stop EPA. They will probably succeed unless more concerned people stand up and fight for it. Think about that the next time you eat fish or enjoy your favorite lake or stream.

Richard Spotts
Ashland, Wis.

What's the message?

In Robin Moore's letter (May 25 issue of the Observer), she states, "My beloved pet, an innocent pawn in this little political game of 'Let's make the city council bend to our wishes,' died. A family member whose only drawback was that he was not a traditional pet, died five days after we moved him away from us."

Somehow, I'm not getting any message here. How does a pet become an innocent pawn in this political game???

She also requests everyone to think through the reasons for the Sharon Scott recall. Well, Ms. Moore, you still don't get it. It

is not the fact that Ms. Gibbons was fired — it was the way it was handled — without full council knowledge of what was to happen and without a full council vote prior to the firing. Ms. Moore, there are only four council members trying to defend themselves (which is not the total council). As far as the administration, the gambling issue by a highly paid director and the computer invasion by the personnel director, a lawyer, has left a bad taste in my mouth. It leaves one wondering how much more cheating or underhanded doings, within the administration, has been or is being covered up AT THE COST OF THE TAXPAYERS. The punishment or lack of punishment by our mayor was a joke!!!! If these things would have happened in any other corporation, the employees would probably been fired immediately. So Ms. Moore, please don't blame the recall issue for positive things going by the wayside. The NEGATIVE things these employees did had nothing to do with the recall.

Shirley Tenney
Westland

What's government?

Did Sharon Scott really say she thought some people don't understand government, i.e., politicians? Well, most of us do.

Government is a group of people who lust for power and money. They pander to special interest groups to retain their positions. They ignore the mass of their constituents in order to gain favors for their pals. They assume power and authority which they do not possess by law. They get involved in illegal maneuvers with impunity. Their mottoes sound like this: by any means necessary. And even as "lame" or "dead" ducks continue expanding their influence to destroy those they oppose and gain jobs or money for their pals.

Now just who is it that doesn't know this: power, money, jobs for themselves or pals? It's a no-brainer.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

The city of Livonia recently buried a time capsule as part of its 50th anniversary. What would you put in your time capsule?

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



"Maybe wedding and baby photographs of my kids — 'cause that was a big part of my life."

Teresa Cicala
Livonia



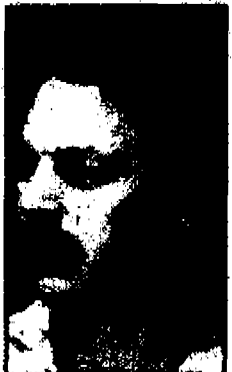
"Maybe a picture of the mayor and my son — the Take Your Child to Work Day. Possibly a book, I'd say."

Karen Jones
library employee
Westland



"Probably something about the veterans from World War II, World War I, just so they don't forget."

Myron Goff
library employee
Livonia



"I would put today's paper and a brand-new dollar bill."

Jim Hamilton
Livonia

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Philip Power

LETTERS

Response to Moore

This is in response to Robin Moore's letter of May 25. Her letter was in the Eyewitness long before the Observer so maybe she should do what the Gracins did and research before she accuses.

The night she read her letter at the council meeting stating it hadn't been in the paper was in error. It had appeared in the Eyewitness. Please know your facts first. As far as the unfortunate demise of your pig, Robin, my condolences go to your children and the pig as I feel your actions are selfish and cold. There are many, many animal lovers who have had to make the decision of moving rather than give up a beloved pet. Many chose to move. You and David surely knew city ordinances that prevented you from keeping this pig in Westland. You had the choice of moving to Romulus where his daytime job is. I'm sure there's plenty of area there that's considered farm country.

As far as Pat Gibbons goes, there wouldn't have been this conflict if the clerk issue hadn't come up and who caused that? We all know job performance wasn't the reason. The Gracins are not responsible for "anything positive falling on the wayside" unless you call bring out facts of unfair land dealings to people who haven't even kept up their taxes and are given unfair tax breaks. What have the Gracins done to you to cause such attacks? Wake up, they do not stand alone as you seem to think. I know I've gone door-to-door to get signatures for the recall and believe me the Yeses outweigh the Noes by far. Each time I go, I get more encouraged, not discouraged.

And talking recall, the Wayne County prosecutor said there was not enough evidence at this time to prosecute or even say that the Opening Meetings Act had been violated. That doesn't mean they were exonerated. And it certainly doesn't mean the citizens of Westland have to believe this didn't happen, besides the recall goes much deeper than Pat Gibbons. This is something 30 years in the making.

and this is not the only community... Look around, all the communities around here are fed up. Mark my words, the '60s will look like a picnic compared to what's coming. The local government is just the first step in total government reform. That's what this country is based on. FREEDOM to change.

As far as Brenda Gracin saying she would continue the recall only makes sense if you look at the full picture of what's happening in the local government, that's why I say, rather than call you, Robin Moore, I think most of the people of Westland will do something you seemed to forget to do and that's check out all the facts, watch the council meetings, read the papers, go to the meetings, take notes and research anything you question. With the computers we have today, it doesn't take that much time and effort regardless of what some members of the council try to tell us.

And yes, Robin, you would say recall, the Gracins and myself are not in the best interest of Westland since you have a lot to lose from this. As I stated in my last response to you, why would anyone contact you when you only go by rumors and second-hand information rather than truth and facts? I know this from the letter you wrote about the Gracins and the Ram's Horn and the statements you claimed Debra Hessler-Davis made were false, with her statement on tape at that.

Robin, get your facts straight before you engage in writing any more twisted or incorrect facts.

Judy McKinney

Vet thank you

Even though we have been open and serving the needs of veterans at our new location since last December, we thought with the better weather (ha, ha) this past Memorial Day weekend would be an appropriate time to host our grand opening celebration to dedicate our Veterans Outreach Center to those that have served and in memory of those that paid the ultimate price in the name of

"Freedom."

Considering the weather was a "bit soggy," we do appreciate everyone who did attend to help make the day a great success. Our special friends, Eileen DeHart, state rep; Donna McEachern, director of Wayne Chamber of Commerce and councilwoman, city of Wayne; Roger and Pic Webster from the American Legion State Command; Jeff and Linda Long, United Parcel Community Relations Committee; Rick Hamrick and Al Nagy, William D. Ford Career/Technical Center, Westland; Chris Belmont and VFW Bova Post, Westland (for supplying the tables and chairs); Winnie Busby, state service rep., Vietnam Veterans of America; and Ivan Hoffman of the Eagle, all turned out to show their support, respect and exemplify that the word "veteran" still has a unique, powerful meaning.

Finally, but certainly not lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to my wife, Judy, and my son, Vinny, who helped me nurture and develop this dream. To our board members, Mike Brannigan, vice president; John Heraghty, treasurer; Jackie Benyo, secretary; and our trustees, the Rev. Michael Pollitt, chaplain, Detroit Veterans Hospital; Dr. Elaine Tripi, rehabilitation psychologist; Ability Management; Paul Esser, readjustment counselor, Department of Veterans Affairs; Bill Warrick, and to our volunteers, all have always answered the "Call of Duty" by putting the needs of our veterans first.

Vince Berna
president

City concerns

It seems the reasons for recall have gone far beyond the way in which four Westland City Council members disposed of a 23-year city employee who had become city clerk. In the course of getting involved in the recall effort, my wife and I and several recall supporters began looking into other "situations" within the administration that were of concern to us, and should be of concern to every West-

land taxpayer.

The pension levels for employees within the city, especially "directors" and administrative employees, including the mayor, have gone far beyond reasonable.

A system was established allowing pensions to be bought, relieving some of years yet to serve, time buyouts from other cities, in one particular case a buyout of 13 years in which employee had already been compensated by the city he left, thus allowing double payment. Longevity pay for the mayor, which has never been allowed before, rolled into his yearly salary, thus elevating his pension. Time has been bought for Mike Reddy, Sylvia Wiacek, Joann Seaberg, Charles Griffin and Mike Gorman, to name a few.

We as taxpayers are paying the funds which are transferred into these employees' pension accounts! Most of these individuals are retired on over \$3,500 a month. Some more than \$4,000. The mayor will retire with over \$6,000 per month. When an investigation ensued, these very same people were able to quiet the storm, and continued on, in fact even raising the formula for pensions, costing us even more.

Sweetheart land deals, land being sold to campaign contributors, much of it without bid or advertisement. Currently, 12 lots are about to be voted on for the same people that acquired and developed the Norris School property, currently the Norris Apartments, and the Adams Senior Village which has many complaints pending. Payment in lieu of taxes has been arranged, and then those payments are brought before council to be forgiven.

This same developer has done the very same thing in the city of Wayne, asking that council to forgive a \$300,000 dollar debt. Now they want to sell them more land, at a cost of \$51,001 for land that is estimated to be worth at least \$300,000. That vote has been stalled for two council meetings due to pressure from citizens at large, but will succeed eventually.

This same developer, or should we

say "developers," has contributed heavily through several different companies to five members of the city council. One has admitted that they are "friends." The appearance of a planning commission member with said developer at the last council meeting is more than a conflict of interest, it is completely improper. The fact that a friend of his was outside

watching and taking pictures of myself, my wife and others involved in the recall, and those who have spoken out against this land sale, is merely coincidence also.

We've pushed buttons. They know it isn't just the firing of Mrs. Gibbons any longer. It is a matter of ethics and integrity. The Good Ole Boys club is alive and well in Westland, but if the "good" people of Westland care, they will wake up and help prevent more of these abuses.

It isn't easy being where we are, taking the abuse of some, being intimidated by others, but it will be worth it in the end if we have something to do with the end of business as usual. Other issues we are concerned with, and have been told about; absentee ballot improprieties, perks from contractors, campaign finance abuses, and many more.

Remember that when you go to vote in August. Honesty, integrity and character above all else. We will not give up on the recall.

Mario Gracin

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University funding: It's a tussle

So June has rolled around and, regular as clockwork, the annual tussle over state funding for Michigan's 15 public universities is reaching a climax.

This year's thrash is over a formula funding scheme. Last month, the House Appropriations higher education subcommittee voted to classify universities by mission and program as a way to determine per student funding. For example, schools in the "research university" tier - the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Wayne State - would all get approximately equal per student funding.

This would give MSU an appropriation increase of around 10 percent, far above U-M or WSU. By contrast, the Senate Appropriations higher education subcommittee bill would give U-M and MSU equal increases of 6.9 percent, while WSU (which, notably, still gets the most state money per enrolled student) would get 8.7 percent.

These radically differing versions are on their way to a joint conference committee to hammer out the differences. Sen. John Schwarz, chair of the Senate Appropriations higher education subcommittee, figures there will be lots of preliminary sound and fury. But he adds, "There is no doubt in my mind that we can work out something between the Senate, the House and the governor."

For anybody who's confused by all this, here's what's really going on behind the scenes.

An old buddy of Gov. John Engler's (they're both MSU alums), M. Peter McPherson was Engler's hand-picked candidate to run MSU. By all accounts, McPherson has done a first class job. He got a lot of favorable publicity when in 1995 he announced that MSU tuition increases would be indexed to the rate of inflation.

That sounded great to Michigan families dismayed at steadily increasing tuition bills. But also put MSU's revenue - much of which comes from tuition fees - in a self-imposed straight jacket.

Worse, salaries for Michigan State faculty members are low. Pay for full professors ranks last in the Big Ten, while associate professors are eighth and assistants come in ninth. Faculty morale is not exactly high, especially when it's explained the reason salaries are so low is that the MSU decided to link university income to a low inflation rate.

So enter "how convenient" the idea of classifying various universities in tiers according to role and mission, thus equalizing per student appropriations to schools within a given tier. That's how MSU came up with such a big increase in the House version of the spending bill.

The big problem is that merely calling MSU,



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WSU and U-M all "research universities" doesn't overcome the fact that they are all very different:

■ The six-year graduation rate for undergraduates at the U-M is 83 percent, as contrasted with 67 percent for MSU and 42 percent for Wayne State. Basing state funding on incoming enrollments ignores the issue of disparity in graduation outcomes. Universities incur heavy costs in supporting students all the way through to their graduation.

■ Everybody recognizes that programs for graduate and professional students are much more expensive than for undergraduates. MSU's enrollment mix is 72.6 percent undergraduate and 27.4 graduate, while U-M's is 55.1 percent undergraduate and 44.9 percent graduate. Interestingly, Wayne State's enrollments are 40.3 percent undergraduate and 59.7 percent graduate. It's unrealistic to ignore such large differences in student types when figuring out how to fund universities fairly.

Moreover, it just might be that MSU is a lot better off than it seems. The school has two important core programs - the Agricultural Experimental Station and the Cooperative Extension Service - that are not included in the base funding totals. If state appropriations for both (they come to \$58.5 million) are added back into MSU's base funding, state support per MSU student total turns out to be virtually identical with the U-M's.

The device funding universities is superficially appealing. But it masks the great differences between each of the fine research universities in our state. It would be unrealistic and irresponsible for the legislature to ignore these differences in reaching a final appropriations decision.

Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. He is a veteran observer of university funding wars, having served as a regent of the U-M and as a member of the 1982 Commission on the Future of Higher Education. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@home.com.net

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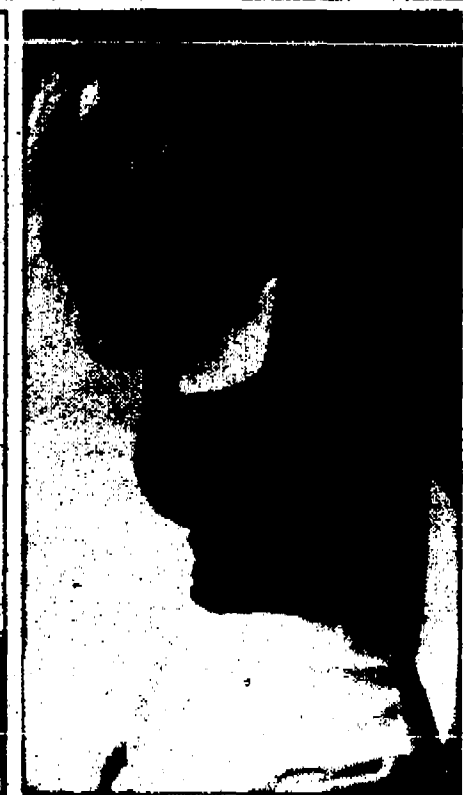
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Good times: MSU President Peter McPherson said the recent Spartan basketball championship has brought a large increase in freshman applications.

MSU's championship season leads to boom in applications

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Michigan State University is convinced that athletic success leads to academic growth.

"More people know about Michigan State now than they did 12 months ago, and more are trying to find out what we offer," said MSU President Peter McPherson.

"I'm not always happy with the commercialism of college athletics, but overall, it's been a good thing for our school and our education programs."

Fueled by the Spartans' back-to-back Final Four appearances in the men's basketball tournament — capped by a national championship this spring — the number of students applying to the university grew to an all-time high of 23,000 during the 1999-2000 school year.

"That's up a few thousand applications from a couple years ago," said McPherson, during a meeting last week with Observer & Eccentric editors. "The application pool has grown significantly."

Despite the boom in applications, McPherson said the school still has to keep its level of incoming freshman at 6,500. MSU keeps 800 more students on an alternate list, but it still had to turn away nearly 16,000 applicants.

"It's tougher to get into Michigan State University than it was five years ago," he said. "I don't want to make it impossible to get into Michigan State, but we don't want to grow much more than the 43,000 students we have now."

The athletic success, plus more severe suspensions and penalties for misconduct, is helping MSU overcome the fears and problems created by a pair of riots during the 1998-99 school year, he said.

"We're certainly tougher now than we were at one time," McPherson said. "It's going to take a long time to stop behaviors like date rape and alcoholism, but we're at the forefront now and doing our part."

With a large pool of students to choose from, McPherson acknowledges the enhanced quality of students

MSU graduates. In accepting students, however, McPherson said MSU does not want to focus solely on grade-point averages and standardized test scores.

"We're trying to look more at extracurricular activities and other ways to see students who can obtain more success after 17 years old," McPherson said. "I don't want to become a place like some of the elite East Coast schools where students are so professor-proven that you'd be surprised if they failed."

"We want to make a contribution to the overall well-being of a young person."

The university is exploring more ways to use the Internet for registration and correspondence courses. McPherson said this could be a way to accept more students without constructing several more buildings or cramming more students into existing structures.

"We had 2,400 enrollments for web courses this year, which is a 150 percent increase over one year," he said. "We have some students doing their entire master's program over the web."

"We figure that will grow to thousands of students taking courses over the web in the next couple years."

Maybury State Park holds National Trail Day cleanup

Maybury State Park in Northville Township will host a trail maintenance project 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to mark National Trails Day.

All volunteers are encouraged to bring such tools as rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. All people interested can register by calling Customer Service at the REI Store in Northville at (248)347-2100 or by email to mbanks@rei.com.

The service project at Maybury follows the national partnership model of a "tripod" that is made up of a business — REI, a land manager, the Department of

Natural Resources and an outdoor organization, SOLAR (School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation). In addition to the partners, local sponsors include the People's Food Coop of Ann Arbor and the Great Harvest Bread Company of Northville.

The main entrance to Maybury State Park is on Eight Mile Road, just west of Beck Road in Northville Township. All volunteers are asked to assemble at the Hickory Shelter between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. rain or shine.

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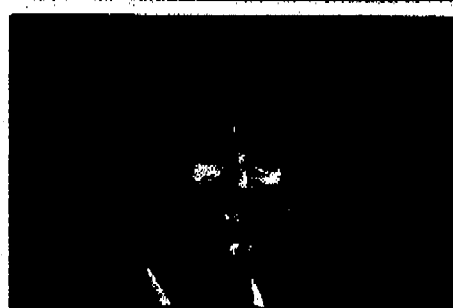
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Uncover your child's creativity

In my private practice, parents often ask me how to uncover their child's natural creative abilities. It's easy to get caught up in their errors and mistakes, but not as easy to see their creative and imaginative side. As Jane M. Healy, Ph.D., author of "Your Child's Growing Mind" (Doubleday, 1994) says, every child is potentially quite gifted, but it's up to the parents and teachers to discover their child's individual talents and make the most of them.

Dr. Paul E. Torrance, author of "Guiding Creative Talent" has described the following four characteristics as a guide to parents to help unlock their children's creativity.

■ **Fluency:** Many relevant ideas can quickly be generated from one topic. My son participated in a program while in elementary school, titled Odyssey of the Mind. Its purpose was to get teams of kids to think "outside the box" and understand how brainstorming has a synergistic effect when people begin to throw all of their ideas into the hopper.

For example, in two minutes, yell out as many uses you can think of for a Frisbee. The quality of the responses improves as the seconds tick away. The obvious response for a Frisbee would be to throw it, but have you ever considered using it as a tray, an umbrella, or a bowl? This kind of activity can be done around the dining room table while at dinner with everyone throwing in their ideas. From 3 years old through adolescence, everyone likes to think up silly uses for things like an egg, a pop can or a putty knife.

■ **Flexibility:** Can you shift your thinking? My girlfriend Linda conducts a weekend seminar for a company called Nikken, and one of the exercises the 200 participants participate in is to pretend they have to get across a bridge. The stumper is that each person must go across the bridge in a different way from those who preceded them. Your flexibility is tested when you watch how everyone in front of you proceeds (the first few will skip, hop, jump or run), but by the time the 152nd person goes across the bridge, one must be very creative in the way he gets across. In our group, the last person actually went across doing backward somersaults.

■ **Elaboration:** use of details in working out an idea. Storytelling can be a fun way to enhance this characteristic. Again, as you all sit together, someone begins a story with "Once upon a time, there were..." The second person elaborates on the story, weaving unrelated details together in some interesting way. As the story progresses, the ideas will develop into a highly textured and imaginative story line.

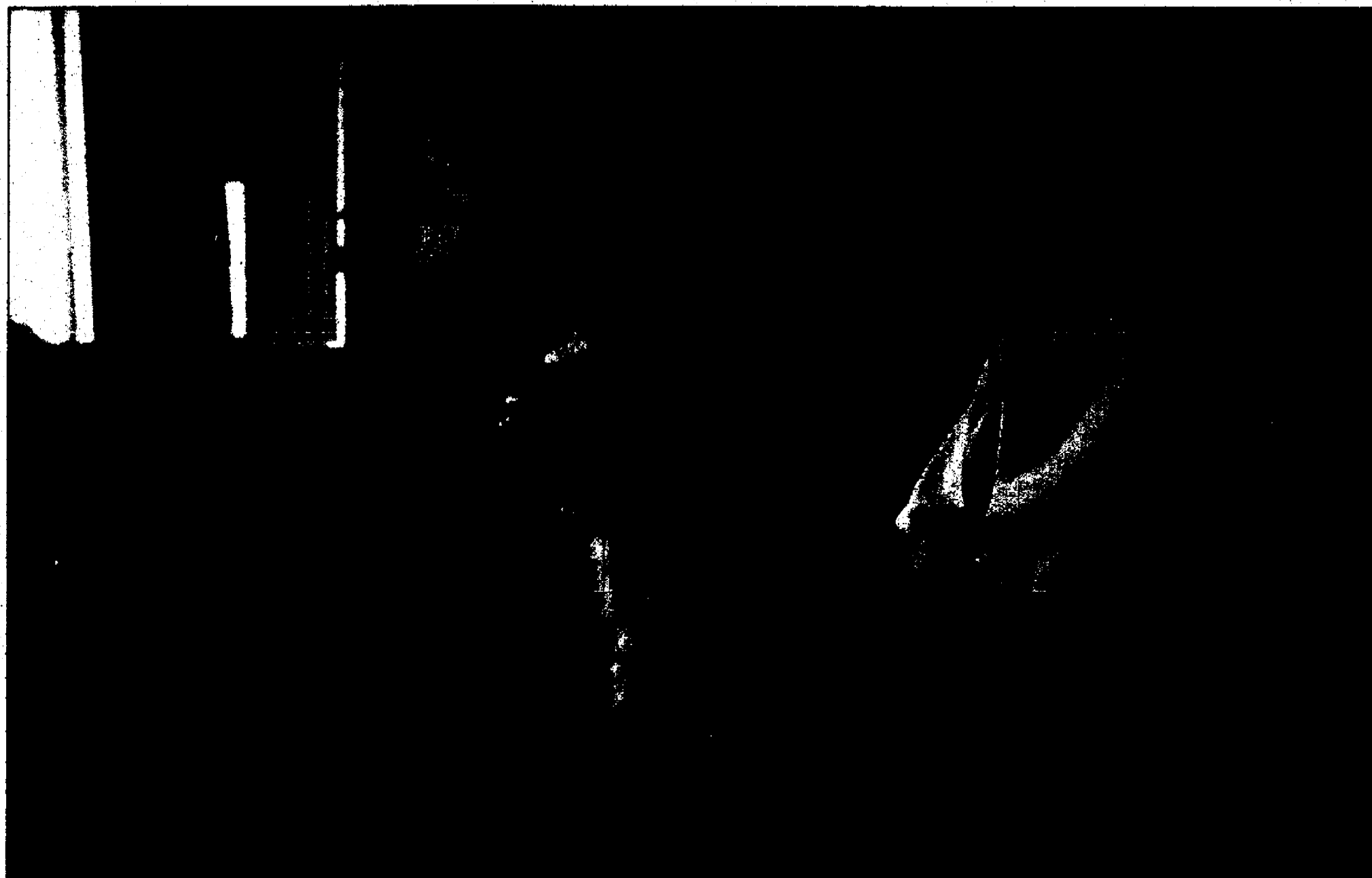
■ **Originality:** creative and imaginative ideas that others haven't shared. As we hemmed and hawed about whether to play a board game one night, my daughter suggested that we play Monopoly, but go around the board backwards and with everyone already owning all of the properties in the very beginning. The idea was to run out of money first. This new rule made for an interesting game as each person attempted to "dump" his properties as fast as he could.

Any game can be played with new-and-improved rules that allows for originality. Have you ever tried to see how fast you can get "stuck" in the computer game Free Cell or with the card game Solitaire?

While uncovering a child's creativity, it is also important to evaluate how the well the idea works. Anyone who has ever invented something has had to do some critical thinking to make sure his idea is workable.

I remember a colleague who thought she had designed the most ingenious pizza knife. When it was suggested that her invention reminded people of a cake knife, she needed to rethink the configuration and come up with something more original...

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Caring companion Student lends helping 'paw' to seniors

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At the age of 12, Roxanne Riggio of Redford has a special understanding of the needs of others. Her mom says that she instinctively recognizes when someone requires a helping hand.

"Roxanne is always helping disadvantaged people," said Patty Riggio of her daughter, who has developmental needs of her own.

Roxanne, a student at Tyler Elementary School in Livonia, combines her compassion for others with her love of animals by volunteering with the Pet-a-Pet organization of southeastern Michigan. For the past two years, Roxanne and her mom have been seeing residents at local nursing homes with their pets Big Dog, a peek-a-poo, and Vito, a Rhodesian ridgeback.

"I love animals. Not so much cats but

definitely dogs," said Riggio.

With the two dogs by her side, Roxanne spends the first Saturday of every month at Presbyterian Village of Redford visiting with residents there.

"She's not shy about walking the hallways and seeking out people who aren't as mobile as others," said Roxanne's mother. "She isn't uncomfortable with people who have disabilities, either. She has a gracious attitude with them and has never been afraid to walk right into their room and talk."

A typical visit lasts a couple of hours as Roxanne shares her dogs with the residents in a small group setting. The residents enjoy kisses and attention from the dogs and conversation with

FRIDAY'S

Roxanne.

"I like taking my dogs there and talking with people. They like it when we come to visit," said Roxanne.

A sixth grader full of energy and enthusiasm, Roxanne was diagnosed educably mentally impaired and is also being treated for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Not one to let a challenge get in her way, Roxanne recently won a silver and gold medal in the district Special Olympic competition at Franklin High School in Livonia and will travel to Central Michigan University in June to participate at the state level in the backstroke and freestyle swimming categories.

"She is the most loving child you have ever seen," said Patty Riggio. "She's always saying 'I love you, mom' when I least expect it. She's also a leader in her class because she's constantly helping the other children that need more assistance."

Roxanne lives in Redford with her mother and father, Ron. She has two siblings: Vanessa, 8, and sister, Michelle, 25.

With her last year of school as an elementary student drawing to a close, Roxanne is looking forward to a busy summer. She and her mom take the summer off from Pet-a-Pet but will resume in September when Patty Riggio takes over as coordinator of the Presbyterian Village Pet-a-Pet program.

Roxanne is anxious about the transition to middle school in the fall and has her eyes set on working with animals as a career.

COMMUNITY

Sue Ellen's Bears comfort kids

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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More than five years ago Nancy Stanford witnessed something she'll never forget.

The Wayne resident was caring for her then 6-year-old grandson Cameron, by taking him to a few subdivision garage sales in the Livonia and Westland areas.

Without her knowledge, little Cameron — who lived with his family in Westland at the time — had stuck a peppermint candy in his mouth. It became lodged in his throat and the fire department responded to the call immediately.

Nervous and frightened, she could do nothing to calm him down as he cried. But the firefighters had a solution — they gave Cameron a teddy bear. Since he could still breathe, the safest thing to do was wait for the candy to melt. And wait they did, for 45 minutes while Cameron held tightly onto the bear.

"Mind you at the time my grandson was out of that kind of stuff," said Nancy Stanford. "He took that bear and he was holding it in his arms."

Cameron took the bear everywhere he went that weekend, recalled his grandmother. She was reminded of the incident when she read a recent newspaper article about Sue Ellen's Bears, a company based in St. Joseph that provides bears to state police posts in Michigan for just such occasions.

"I look for things like that in the paper," said Stanford, who donated money to the organization after winning a game of football squares.

■ **Ellen Machemer got the idea from a newspaper article she read in Florida. The idea got rolling when the Machemers purchased 50 bears with T-shirts reading 'Sue Ellen's Bears.'**

When Mel and Ellen Machemer received a letter and donation from The Stanfords recently, they knew their efforts had not gone unnoticed. The couple started the nonprofit organization to preserve the memory of their daughter, who at 16 years old was murdered by a classmate they believe was attempting to rape her. Now, 20 years later, the Machemers project has turned a haunting memory into something that continues to comfort children in traumatic situations including house fires, domestic violence, serious accidents and illnesses. And they're sure their daughter "would've loved this program."

"It's sort of a positive way of remembering her," said Ellen Machemer. "She was never out of our minds."

Ellen Machemer got the idea from a newspaper article she read in Florida. The idea got rolling when the Machemers purchased 50 bears with T-shirts reading "Sue Ellen's Bears."

"It wasn't very long we were buying 150 more," said Ellen Machemer. "It has just kind of snowballed." What started with a donation to the local police in Berrien County has spread to all 64 State Police posts in Michigan. They also give bears to fire departments, hospitals and victims assistance programs that reach children in need.

By talking to community groups and

schools, the Machemers have been able until now to raise the donations they need. "It's amazing how much they come up with," said Machemer of the schools in Berrien County. "We've seldom had anyone say no."

Now supplying bears across the state, they are spreading the word and seeking donations through grants.

At any time, the couple has 600 to 800 bears in their home waiting to be taken to the officials that can distribute them. They purchase bears every three to four months, now ordering at least 500 at a time.

No one knows for sure why teddy bears in particular seem so appropriate, Machemer said she first thought of collecting bears because she liked them, but this idea sounded even better.

Security

Stanford said teddy bears are just "cuddly and warm."

"They're a soothing thing," she said, recalling her fateful day with Cameron. "He was so panicky, I couldn't grab him. It was a comfort. I think a bear's soft and it feels good. He kept that bear."

Sue Ellen's Bears now accepts donations and will make T-shirts to fit any bear. With a new Web site in the works, the couple hopes to expand its boundaries even more in the future.

"When we lost our daughter, there were so many people who were wonderful to us," said Ellen Machemer. "We felt so loved by the whole community, this was our way of giving back."

Send donations of bears or funds to Sue Ellen's Bears, 2049 W. Marquette Woods Road, Stevensville, Mich. 49127. For more information check online at www.sueellensbears.org or send a mail to nell@uebm.net

Tea features fashion with century flair

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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It's not often that influential women from decades past converge to teach others about the evolution of their own independence.

Actually, it's impossible for Amelia Earhart and Jackie Onassis to share the same stage. But through the magic of history and fashion, the Plymouth Historical Museum takes a look back at the clothing and inspiration behind 20th century image-makers with its annual Victorian-style tea. Beth Stewart of the Plymouth Historical Museum said the annual teas are much anticipated in the community. "They have always been one of our most popular events," she said.

Showing good taste the museum will haul out the fine china, silver, linen and lace to serve a menu of tea sandwiches, fruit, scones, cookies, shortbread, chocolate-covered strawberries and other treats from 2-3 p.m. A special program, Personalities and Fashions of the 20th Century

What: Victorian Tea and Fashion Show.
When: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3.
Where: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth.
Cost: \$15, call (734) 455-8940.

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ry, will follow, complete with a live fashion show featuring students from West Middle School in Taylor.

Behind the magic of the event is Pamela Yockey, history teacher, costume historian and lecturer. Yockey speaks on the subject across the country and has organized programs at the museum in the past.

"Every time we have her here it's absolutely fantastic," said Stewart. "She has a personal clothing collection that is just phenomenal."

From medieval gowns to '70s garb, Yockey owns a diverse and extensive collection of costumes which she also brings into the classroom.

The Canton resident has organized 10 students to perform in the show, each representing a specific woman from one of the past 10 decades. "This particular (program) is based on an article written almost 120 years ago," said Yockey. "It deals with what women of our generation would be like."

The students, ages 11-13, prepared speeches to teach the audience about what their particular characters did to advance the status of women. The time periods will be accurately reflected in the clothing the students model. Wearing vintage digs with the unmistakable flair of personalities in history, like Rosie the Riveter, the students are sure to bring this fashion show to life.

For the past 20 years, Yockey has been collecting vintage gowns and enjoys learning the historical significance of such pieces. "I like to know who wore it and what they did," she explains of the clothing and costumes. Her students are sharing in the enthusiasm as they participate in dress rehearsals for the weekend event.

Yockey's fascination has found its way into the Plymouth museum, of which she is a member. Yockey hopes those who attend learn about the independence women have struggled to gain in the 20th century. From those who lived in the shadow of their husbands to those who hit their stride in today's political arena, all ages, races, classes and professions are accounted for in the presentation.

Whether she's restoring a vintage bridal gown, sewing clothing for a re-enactment, or organizing a historical-influenced fashion show, Yockey said the greatest challenge is achieving accuracy. "Finding the accurate materials and supplies to best represent the time period - that's probably the hardest," she said.

While the Victorian tea events tend to draw more women than men, they are open to all who are interested. The Plymouth Historical Museum is a non-profit institution owned and operated by the Plymouth Historical Society.

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obviously, it wasn't something she wanted to hear, but she knew that her invention wouldn't sell unless it was unique but functional.

So encouraging your children to use his imagination can only serve to enhance his creative side. Toys that spark creativity and ingenuity include blocks, pots and pans, boxes, toothpicks, pipe cleaners, sticky dots, magnets, buttons and other household items. The play item that must be manipulated or reconfigured stimulates the child's creative side far more than the toy that does all the work or the television show that entertains. The more time you spend creating opportunities for your child, the more their creative abilities will explode. Have fun!

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland. If you have questions or comments, write her at: Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or she can be reached at this e-mail address: mdowns@wvcs.k12.mi.us

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election will be held in the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Monday, June 12, 2000, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

At the annual election there will be elected two (2) members of the Board of Education of the School District for four year terms, beginning July 1, 2000 and expiring June 30, 2004. The candidates for said offices to the Board of Education are as follows:

TWO (2) FOUR YEAR TERMS
(two shall be elected)

Patricia F. Ruhland
Barbara A. White

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the City or Township in which he or she resides.

The places of voting for the annual election to be held on June 12, 2000, will be as follows:

Precinct 1	Farmington School, 33411 Marquette
Precinct 2	Log Cabin, 200 Log Cabin Road
Precinct 3 and 4	Lathers School, 28351 Marquette
Precinct 5	Memorial School, 30001 Marquette
Precinct 6	Garden City Junior High School, 1851 Radcliff
Precinct 7	Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood
Precinct 8 and 11	Henry Ruff School, 30300 Maplewood
Precinct 9	Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt
Precinct 10	Douglas School, 6400 Hartel

All polling places are handicapped 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 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2000, 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 June 12, 2000; 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 trial. 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.

PATRICIA RUHLAND
Secretary, Board of Education
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY
County of Wayne, Michigan

Dated: _____ 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on April 10, 2000 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

PATRICIA RUHLAND
Secretary, Board of Education

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

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-6258.

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

June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

June 27, Legal aspects of divorce. Learn about the legal proceeds of divorce, including information on property settlement, custody, child support, visitation, alimony and more from Attorney at Law, Laura Reyes Kopack.

July 11, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

July 25, no meeting.

Aug. 8, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

Aug. 22, Coping with Divorce. Florine Bond will discuss strategies for coping with the stress of divorce.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at www.aapwp.org. Visit www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. Cost \$2/person. Upcoming schedule includes:

■ June 4, "Steps in Recovering from Divorce." Jay J. Radin, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, returns to talk about this "hot" topic. Dr. Radin has practiced in Ann Arbor for over 20 years. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Location: Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. 6-8 p.m. www.aapwp.org or 734-973-1933. Cost \$2/person.

■ June 2, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for KidsSource at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

■ June 16, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Wear your "crazy hat" for fun. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored

by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m.-1:00 a.m., \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

■ June 30, Singles Dance Fund Raiser for S.A.F.E. House at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Casual attire. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$7 non-member, \$5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic church) will be held Wednesday.

TALK IT OVER
TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us as Pastor Paul Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Church will speak about the occult. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal

is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Light-house Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is \$5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

METROPOLITAN SINGLES PROFESSIONALS
The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.). The ballrooms are non-smoking. Dance will be held Friday, May 26, June 2 and June 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Novi (Novi Road at I-96); Friday June 16 at Excaliber Convention Center in Southfield (Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile Road); and Monday, July 3 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills (13 Mile Road, east of Orchard Lake Road) for \$10 admission. For more information, call (248) 851-9909.

SINGLES WELCOME
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty (south of Five Mile).

FUND-RAISING AND BENEFITS

Listings for Funds & Benefits
should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

ONGOING
Friends of Garden City resident

Joe Ziurinkas, who recently died in a construction accident, are collecting donations for his children ages six and four. A former employee of Complete Health and Fitness, the business will be collecting monetary donations if individuals want to drop them off or send them to: Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. Checks should be made payable to: Anthony and Emily

Ziurinkas. A 1989 graduate of Garden City High School, the administration office is also accepting donations. Money will be placed into a trust fund for the children's education. In the future Standard Federal Bank will be handling the fund.

STROLL AGAINST EPILEPSY
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan will host the "Summer Stroll for Epilepsy" June 3 at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast;

9:30 a.m. awards presentation; 9:45 a.m. warm up and stretch routine; and 10 a.m. stroll around the lake. One lap is approximately four miles. Team up with family members friends and co-workers or walk as an individuals with hundreds of other participants. Collect donations towards your own individual fund-raising goal. For a brochure to start collecting pledges call (800) 377-6226. The more money you raise, the better the prizes; and the more you help.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE WAYNE-WESTLAND COMM. SCHOOLS PROPOSED 2000-2001 BUDGET TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000

Please take notice that on June 13, 2000 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of Wayne-Westland Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2000-01 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2000-01 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2000-01 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

MARTHA PITSENBERGER, Secretary

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City of Westland Request for Proposal

Request for Proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36801 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on **July 14, 2000, at 4:00 p.m.** (no exceptions) for professional services to conduct a market analysis of potential needs for retail, residential and commercial uses related to a proposed town center development project. The Proposal should contain the following information:

- * Experience in providing this type of analysis
- * Examples of previous analysis
- * Cost of analysis
- * Approximate completion time

The selected firm should have a working knowledge of the history of commercial and residential development of western Wayne County. The firm may be required to attend periodic committee meetings to review findings of the report.

The Westland Downtown Development Authority will review and evaluate all proposals. For information pertaining to this RFP, please contact Steve Guile, DDA Director, at 734-641-6572.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

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GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 6000 MIDDLEBELT GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

YEAR & MAKE	STYLE	V.I.N. #
1991 FORD	4 DR	1FAPP36X9MK106818
1990 FORD	2 DR	1FAPP093LW139250
1990 MERCURY	4 DR	1MEPM363SLK641602
1990 FORD	5W	1FMDA31X81ZB55421
1991 MERCURY	4 DR	1MEPM36X4MK630993
1990 CHEVROLET	2 DR	1G1LV14G7LY226417
1988 MERCURY	2 DR	1MEBM6046JH712775
1985 PONTIAC	4 DR	202AF51RAJ9232318
FORD	PU	UNKNOWN
1985 MERCURY	4 DR	1MEBP76R4FK650190
1989 PLYMOUTH	4 DR	1P3BP48DXKN529349
1983 CHEVROLET	PU	1GCC814B4D0106833

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CAVALIER PROPERTIES NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to state law, a sale will be held at Secured Self Storage 6855 Yale, Westland 734-721-1920, on July 3, at 9:00 A.M.

- #136 Thomas Goodford
- #129 Greg Lenard
- #106 Annie Hawkins
- #1206 Marita Adams
- #927 Steven Macika
- #812 Mrs. Davidson
- #722 Joby McKay

All units contain household items with the exception of #812 which has painting equipment and #1206 which has a car

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GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the June 12, 2000 Annual School Election will be conducted on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Garden City Hall located at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, have been prepared in accordance with the law.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, June 06, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, county of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1988	FORD	RANGER/PU	RED/BLK	1FTCR14TXXJPA87105
1990	PONTIAC	G. PRDX/DR	WHITE	1G2WT54T9LF288500
1988	FORD	T-BIRD/2 DR	RED	1FABP62F8JH176506

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1983	MERC	LYNX/2 DR	BLACK	1MEBP5848DW630926
1989	FORD	PU TRUCK	BLUE	2FTDF15NOKCA98436
1987	SUBARU	LEGACY/WAG	BLACK	JF1AN43B7HB488458
1989	GEO	SPECT/4 DR	WHITE	J81RG5179K7502622
1979	OLDS	98/4 DR	BURG	3X89R9M359804
1984	CHRYSL	5TH AVE/4 DR	GRAY	1C3BF86P1EX598085
1989	FORD	ECONOVAN	BLUE	1FDEE14N9KHB18115
1987	FORD	ESCORT/2 DR	BLACK	1FAPP2193HW322892
1988	FORD	TAURUS/4 DR	SILVER	1FABP33U8JG106688
1986	FORD	TEMPO/4 DR	WHITE	1FABP19X7GK144997

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after July 01, 2000 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1989	FORD	ESCORT/2 DR	WHITE	1FAPP193KT190766
1977	OLDS	98/4 DR	BLUE	3X89K1E52541

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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Perry-Flevaris

Charles and Carolyn Perry of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to Anthony D. Flevaris Jr.

The bride-to-be is a Wayne State University graduate and works for Livonia Public Schools as an elementary school teacher.

Her fiancé, son of Tony and Carol Flevaris of Farmington Hills, is a University of Michigan graduate and works for Innovex, a pharmaceutical company.

A June wedding is planned.



Logsdon-Pistro

James E. and Deborah L. Logsdon of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lynn, to Robert Pistro of Caro, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Northwood University and is employed by Deloitte and Touche.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Sara Pistro of Caro, is a 1999 graduate of Northwood University and is employed by Fabiano Brothers of Saginaw.

A September wedding is



planned in Midland.

Emerson-Baynes

Darrel and Jo. Emerson of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Joy, to Edward Lee Baynes of Franklin, Tenn.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of David Lipscomb University in Nashville. She works for the state of Tennessee as a social worker for the Department of Children's Services.

Her fiancé, son of John and Joyce Baynes, is a graduate of Franklin High School in Franklin, Tenn. and a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy. He has been on



the Franklin police force for five years.

A late August wedding is planned at the Otter Creek Church of Christ in Nashville.

Gustin-Turner

Robert and Nancy Gustin of Plymouth announce the marriage of Kristina Michele to Cameron Charles Turner of Vail, Colorado.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan. Her husband is the son of Fiona Skinner and Ken Turner of Devon, England.

The couple wed April 8 at St. John Neumann Church.



Johnson-Halsted

Scott and Julie Johnson of Plymouth, Minn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Earhart Johnson, to Brian Charles Halsted of Canton.

The bride-to-be is 1996 graduate of Wayzata High School in Minnesota and is a senior studying aviation management at the University of North Dakota.

Her fiancé, son of Lee and Lois Halsted of Canton, is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School and is studying air traffic control and space science at the University of North Dakota.



An August wedding is planned at Bethel United Methodist Church in Mound, Minn.

Hollman-Wessel Ten Broeck

Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Hollman announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Louise, to Peter Wessel Ten Broeck on May 20 at St. Mary's Church in Ohio.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in accounting information systems. While at the university, she was a cheerleader and member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a co-ed business fraternity. She lives in Ypsilanti.

Her husband, son of Kathy Power and Charles Ten Broeck - a Canton resident - is also an



Eastern Michigan University graduate and works as a fifth grade teacher in Belleville.

Dawley-Dodds

Kevin and Sue Dawley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Ingrid, to Andrew Christopher Dodds of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a Spring Arbor College graduate who just obtained a degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé, son of James and Sandi Dodds of Michigan Center, is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University who teaches at Wayne Memorial High School.



A June wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARIES

Crute

Ray and Barbara (Tschanz) Crute celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this May. The couple wed May 13, 1950 at Highland Park Baptist Church in Highland Park. The Crute's have been Livonia residents for 42 years.

Ray Crute is a 1947 graduate of Henry Ford Trade School and he worked for Ford Motor Company for 45 years. Barbara Crute worked as a private piano teacher and church organist for 30 years.

The Crute's have five children and 17 grandchildren. Four of the Crute children, Jennifer McCormick, Kevin Crute, Melinda Risher and Bonnie Philson attended a family dinner party May 5 along with their spouses



and children in honor of the celebration. The couple's eldest child, Darrell Crute, resides in California and was unable to attend.

The Crute's enjoy traveling and have just returned from a European cruise.

Leonard

Bob and Mary (Clark) Leonard celebrate fifty years as husband and wife this month.

The Farmington Hills couple, who have lived in the area for 39 years, wed June 10, 1950. They have two children, Debbie Schmidt who lives in Livonia with husband Dave, and Rob Leonard who resides in Arvada, Colorado. The Leonards also have three grandchildren.

Bob Leonard is retired after working 14 years with General Motors and Mary Leonard was employed by Connecticut General. The couple is very involved in church activities.

Mary Leonard volunteered transcribing Braille for a time and now enjoys shopping in her free time.



The family will gather to celebrate with a luncheon at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ Steven and Joann Pietryka of Novi announce the birth of Ryan Deogracias April 16 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

Grandparents are Raymond and Linda Pietryka of Livonia and Victor and Narcisa Deogracias of Westland. Mildred Johnson of Wayne is his great-grandmother.

■ Keith and Leigh Vaughn of Livonia announce the birth of Owen Brian Vaughn April 27 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Grandparents are Dennis and Pat Cole of Garden City and Larry Benson of Indianapolis, Ind. Mary Quinn of Troy counts Owen as number 27 among her great-grandchildren.

■ Craig and Lynn Leach of Livonia announce the birth of Nolan James May 5 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joins brother Nathaniel Douglas Leach, 22 months.

Grandparents are James Dean of Maybee, Mich., Ruth Dean of Monroe, and Cheryl and Doug Leach of Midland. Great-grandparents are Marsha and Don Otway of Midland and Lois and the late Howard Leach of Midland.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

VEGAS NIGHT

St. Richard's Catholic Church Women's Guild will hold a Vegas night fundraiser 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 3, at the church's social hall, 35851 Cherry Hill in Westland. The church is just west of Wayne Road; admission is \$1. Call (734) 729-9529 for more information.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

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

RECREATION

BAILEY POOL

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

RECREATION AND FUN

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

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

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

ALTERRA HELP

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

ANGEL CARE

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

CROCHET ANGELS

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

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0627. Food and clothing distribution is available. The center is two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road. Those who need help filing for a service-connected disability may see Winnie Busby, a national service officer with the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1-3:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. To schedule an

appointment, call (800) 882-6424. Those who have filed for Social Security and/or a VA pension because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi; call (810) 227-1215 to set up an appointment. Combat/combat-era veterans from Wayne County who need ongoing counseling may contact one of the centers operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Lincoln Park, at (313) 381-1370 (Chet McLeod) or Detroit at (313) 831-6509 (Paul Esser).

CAMELOT HALL

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

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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


CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op

Best of the class



Tops: WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 has honored more than 200 graduating high school seniors in its 21st "Brightest and Best" campaign. Honorees include Eric McMichael of Westland, John Glenn High School; Kenneth McVettie of Garden City, Garden City High School; and Brandon Laroque of Garden City, United Christian School, Garden City. Channel 7 anchorman Erik Smith poses with the grads.

nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

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

LITTLE PEOPLES

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

LITTLE LAMBS

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

GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative

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

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. A pre-kindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a Parent/Child Toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

MT. HOPE

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

WILLOW CREEK

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

MCKINLEY

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne and Hunter roads in Westland, is holding open registration for 2000-01. Youngsters 2-4 are welcome. The school has a certified teacher. Morning and afternoon classes are offered. For information, call (734) 729-7222. The school will host an open house 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members.

Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia, MI 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

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

ADULT LITERACY

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

MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

HISTORIC PIONEER TREK

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

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

SUMMER SCHOOL

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

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) will sponsor several trips to Detroit Tigers baseball games this season. Dates are June 9 against the St. Louis Cardinals, July 14 against the Houston Astros, Aug. 18 against the Oakland A's and Sept. 1 against the Texas Rangers. All are Friday night games and will be played at Comerica Park. Those interested should sign up at the center's front desk, on Newburgh at Marquette in Westland. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

SUMMER PICNIC

Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center will have a summer picnic noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Coburn Park, behind the center. The cost is \$6 for center members and \$9 for nonmembers, who must be Westland residents. There will be live music, door prizes and games. Tickets are available at the center's front desk, 1119 N. Newburgh. Due to space availability, tickets will not be sold to nonresidents or to people who go to the center only for cards and classes. No tickets will be sold after Friday, June 9. There will be no refunds.

HEARING CHECKS

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

SENIOR CHOIR

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

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers

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

TRAVEL GROUP

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

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 for more information.

DYER CENTER

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

DYER TRIP

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

SWEET ADELINES

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

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

BERKLEY

Class of 1950
Is looking for alumni.
(248) 932-1722, (248) 548-5359 or (248) 393-1233

BERKLEY HIGH

Class of 1965
A 35-reunion is planning a millennium reunion for Sept. 30 at Farina's Banquet Center in Berkley. We need your reservation and alumni addresses. Contact Sharon Reich at (248) 567-3182.

BERKLEY HIGH

Class of 1960
The June Class of 1960 is planning a 40-year reunion Aug. 19 and 20 with weekend activities including a dinner/dance (Saturday) at the Best Western Executive Hotel in Farmington Hills. Call Fred Hannert (248) 652-9750 or visit www.berkleyhighreunion1960.homestead.com

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1970
30 year reunion, Saturday, Nov. 4.
Please contact Colleen Siembar (734) 455-1395.

BENTLEY HIGH

Class of 1975
A reunion is planned for Aug. 4 at the Novi Hilton. Call Lori Myers Tabaka (734) 427-5182 or Carol Toy-Day (734) 524-9790.

BENEDICTINE HIGH

Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21. For information call Diane Reffner (734) 424-4783 or e-mail direff@prodigy.net

BISHOP BORGES

Class of 1970
We're celebrating our 30th class reunion with a dinner dance to be held at the Italian American Banquet Center on Friday, Aug. 4.
If you are a Bishop Borgese 1970 alumni who has not been contacted call Mary Parston at (810) 629-5257 or Mary Sherry at (248) 348-7104. Space is very limited. Respond now to make this reunion a reality. To find out more information visit the reunion Web site at www.bbh570.com

BISHOP BORGES

Class of 1975
A 25th year reunion is planned from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Cost is \$5.
Contact Steve Anderson by e-mail at sparky39@prodigy.net visit their Web site at <http://pages.prodigy.net/sparky39/borgess> or write Steve Anderson, 11418 Arnold, Redford, MI 48239.

CHERRY HILL HIGH

Class of 1979
Class is looking for alumni to plan a reunion.
Call (734) 397-4765, Jackie; or (734) 981-1636, Janine.

CRESTWOOD

Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 19 at Joy Manor (Joy Road between Inkster & Middlebelt). Event includes cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, open bar, music and dancing. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Susan (Comstock) Johns (313) 277-1316 or e-mail Barbara (Sowa) Scully at bjscully@mediaone.net

DENBY

Class of 1952
The January and June classes of 1952 are planning a 50-year reunion Sept. 28, 2002. The organizing committee is interested in contacting grads who have not provided a current address for previous reunions or whose address changed.
Contact Bill Wagon at (248) 646-2178 (ubill111@aol.com) or Gordon Labuhn at (734) 676-9712 (boon21@hotmail.com)

DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1965
A reunion is planned for July 8. (313) 937-3077 OR 734-427-6047

DETROIT REDFORD

Class of 1950
A reunion is planned for June 10 at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Please contact Lynn Ellis (734) 459-9488.

DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN

January '40 and '41 classes.
Reunion Aug. 27 at the Park Place in Dearborn.

Call Pete Rolando at (313) 382-5336, or Lorraine Penny, (734) 427-3829.

Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 also invites classes of 1951 through 1959 for a reunion Saturday, Oct. 28 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland (7300 Merriman Rd.).
For reunion information call (248) 887-9774 or (810) 227-7167.

DOMINICAN HIGH

Class of 1950

The Dominican High School class of 1950 will hold its 50th reunion September 17. Classmates should contact Sally Bielman Conklin at (248) 652-2423 or e-mail themomsal@aol.com.

EASTERN HIGH

Class of 1945

The Eastern High School class of 1945 invites you to celebrate our 55th reunion. Classes from 1940-1950 welcome. The event will take place from 5-11 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. All inclusive tickets are \$37 (dinner, band and open bar). Call (313) 884-0174 for information.

EDWARD MACDOWELL

ELEMENTARY

Seeking those who attended Edward MacDowell Elementary (4201 W. Outer Dr., Detroit). To register for Alumni Association that is being organized contact Greater Grace Temple (313) 342-2300.

FARMINGTON

Class of 1950

50th reunion Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16. Call Mary for details (248) 474-7822

FRANKLIN HIGH

Class of 1965

Get ready to party at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia Sept. 23. Contact patwhitman@aol.com or (734) 522-4487 or (312) 440-1857 Pat Yankovich Whitman.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Classes of 1974 and 1975 are hosting a 25th reunion Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel - Metro Airport. Contact Barry Harnos (Class of 1974) (734) 416-5583 or Vicki (DeSanto) Clark at (734) 421-5365 (Class of 1975).

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend-reunion. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please call Denise Nossek, (248) 474-5006.

GARDEN CITY EAST

Class of 1980 is hosting a 20 year reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

GARDEN CITY HIGH

Class of 1960

Reunion is planned for Sept. 23. Contact Peter or Jan at (734) 421-1066.

GARDEN CITY

Classes of 1950s

A Millennium reunion is planned for the classes of the 1950s Sept. 15-17. Sept. 16 there is a dinner/dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest from 5 to

midnight. Other activities include a school district reception and tour of the high school, breakfast at the hotel, golf and/or casino trip and more.
Contact Vivian (Jarnot '53) Chamberlain (734) 421-0278; Muriel (Muir '54) Wolff (734) 422-0266; Donna (Bennett '55) Poth (734) 427-0535; Gloria (Rowden '56) Even (734) 422-7777; Bob (57) Lepak (734) 261-7152; Willbey (58) Pistor (734) 261-5193; or Craig (59) Strain (248) 478-8267.

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1970

Contact Marilyn Ross, (734) 326-8300; Kathy Wedhorn, (248) 637-7686; Larion Thomas, (734) 416-1157; or JGHS, (734) 595-2331. January Class of 1950

June 4 at the San Marino Club-house.
(313) 345-9104 or (810) 263-8179

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1975

A 25-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 16 at Vladimir's (28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills). Cost is \$45 per person. Contact Joyce McDonald Panyard (734) 260-0620 or e-mail amorozer@aol.com

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Class of 1970

Reunion is planned for Sept. 23. Contact Jackie (Rehahn) Simons (248) 344-9385 or jlsimons@mediaone.net or call Ken and Susan Renner, (313) 292-5567.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Class of 1990

Is planning a reunion. Send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to CHC Class of '90 Reunion, 6609 Salem Road, Plymouth 48170 or by e-mail to hallen72@hotmail.com

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Class of 1980

A reunion is planned for Saturday, July 22.
Call (734) 464-4523 or e-mail murraytr@northville.k12.mi.us

PLYMOUTH CANTON

Class of 1980

Aug. 12 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #6 or by e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

PLYMOUTH SALEM

Class of 1980

20 year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 2 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia.
Call Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

REDFORD HIGH

Class of 1979

Invites you to celebrate our 20th (plus 5 months) anniversary reunion with a gala party May 27 at the Holiday Inn - Fairlane (5801 Southfield Road in Detroit). Registration begins at 7 p.m. with a cash bar; dinner at 8:15 p.m. and dancing at 9:30 p.m. Holiday Inn reservations can be made (313) 336-3340 (mention the Redford 1979 reunion).
Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 416-9636.

ROCHESTER ADAMS

Class of 1980

A reunion is planned for Nov. 25.

Contact (313) 768-0656 or e-mail leanharoberts@cs.com

ST. AGATHA HIGH

Class of 1975

25th year reunion is scheduled for June 24 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall in Farmington.
Call JoAnne Clements, (248) 437-7193.

ST. MARY OF REDFORD

Class of 1950

50 year class reunion is scheduled for Oct. 14 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.
Contact Gene Start at (734) 261-6496 or e-mail genestart@aol.com

STEVENSON

Class of 1980

A 20-year reunion is planned for Livonia Stevenson High School alumni Friday, Nov. 24 at Barn Stormers (9411 East M-36) in Whitmore Lake.
Call Rob Cortis (734) 449-0048 or Rene Wingwood (810) 231-6881.

TAYLOR CENTER

Class of 1990

Sept. 20 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.
(248) 360-7004, press #2 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net
Classes of 1960-61
Oct. 6 at the Grosse Ile Country Club in Grosse Ile.
(313) 386-6587 (1960) or (734) 671-5278 (1961)

TAYLOR TRUMAN

Class of 1980

Oct. 7 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.

(248) 360-7004 or by e-mail at reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net

THURSTON

Class of 1995 - five-year reunion.

Contact Jessica (Merritt) Corkery with names and addresses of classmates. Call (313) 541-7745 or e-mail cjcorkery@aol.com

THURSTON

Class of 1980

Looking for classmates from the Class of 1980. 20 year reunion scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24. Contact Thurston High School or Patti, (313) 534-7971 or pmsablacon@qibiz.net or Chris, (248) 288-2214 hcrest4fun@aol.com

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A 25-year reunion is planned from 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 24 at Penna's of Sterling (38400 Van Dyke Ave.)
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ner, late-night pizza, open bar, dancing to DJ music and book of classmate information. Cost is \$60 per person through June 30, \$65 per person through Aug. 15 and \$75 per person through Oct. 15.

Call Terie Spencer at (248) 624-1692 for an information packet or e-mail wlc1975@yahoo.com and register free at www.classmates.com

WARREN

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A 20-year reunion is planned for July 14 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$60 per person and includes dinner, dancing and open bar. Even will be held at San Marino Club in Troy. Call Jennifer (Nicholas) Arkwright (248) 922-3757 or Kelly (Biechele) Juronoe (810) 791-3736.

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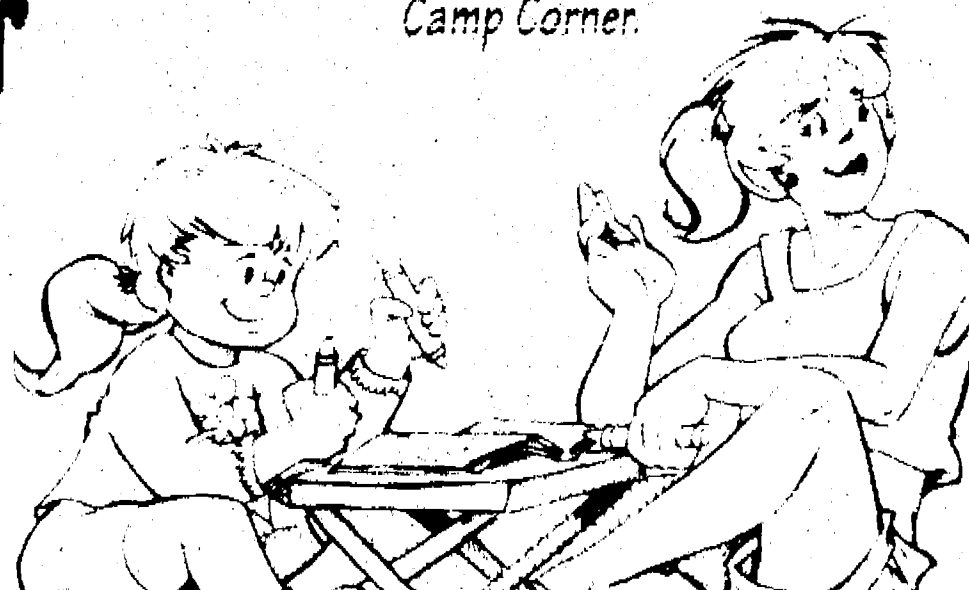
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SUMMER ENSEMBLE

Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon in Livonia, will host the Summer Ensemble from Clearwater Christian College of Florida in concert 6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (734) 425-6215.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration has begun at Christ Our Savior in Livonia for summer camp and fall classes. The church offers Christian programs for children ages 18 months to kindergarten during the school year and up through age 8 during the summer. Call Wendy at (734) 513-8413.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT FESTIVAL

Beginning 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, St. Albert the Great's, 4855 Parker in Dearborn Heights, hosts a three-day festival featuring entertainment by Moose and The Sharks, midway rides by Arnold Amusements and a raffle tent. The rev. Dan Zaleski will hold Sunday mass at noon and the activities will resume. Money raised will be donated to the church's building fund. For details, call (313) 292-0430.

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can have your car washed and detailed for a donation.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION

To prepare for Baptism worship services, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia, will hold an orientation class 11 a.m. June 4 in the church parlor. Please call (734) 425-3550 for information.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN

The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road in

Northville, presents Family Outings, a three-act play about relationships, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16. Complimentary tickets available, call (248) 348-9030.

SCRIPTURE SERIES

A Scripture Series is being offered at Saint Colette Church (Newburgh Road between Six and Seven Mile roads) from 7-9 p.m. Thursday evenings. Pre-register by calling (734) 464-4435. Walk-ins are welcome.

RAISE THE ROOF

Christ Our Savior (46001 Warren Road) - Canton Campus will host a contemporary praise concert "Raise the Roof" beginning at 7 p.m. June 3. The event is presented by "Circle of Friends" Canton Music Group. Special treat for kids. Ice cream social following the concert.

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

A financial seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at United Assembly of God, 46500 North Territorial Road in Plymouth. Free of charge. Continental breakfast offered. Must register to attend. Call (734) 453-4530.

SPORTS NIGHT

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church of Livonia (16700 Newburgh Rd) hosts a Call Friendship Club for mentally and physically challenged young adults 18 or older. A sportsnight and cook-out is planned for June 15 at the church. Cost \$3.00. For information call (734) 464-8844.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity Presbyterian Church (30101 W. Ann Arbor Road) of Plymouth invites children to come to Vacation Bible School June 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily. VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through six grade in the fall. This year's program is SonZone Discovery Center, a week of adventure is a fantastic inventor's museum designed for kids including lively songs, crafts, games, hands-on experiments, Bible study and snacks. Registration begins May 21. Call (734) 459-9550.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, will hold Vacation Bible

School 9 a.m. to noon June 19-23. Children age 3 through grade six are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Westland Church of the Nazarene, 38600 Palmer Road in Westland, will hold Vacation Bible School 6:30-8 p.m. June 19-23. For more information, call (734) 721-5545.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at Christ Our Savior Lutheran church, 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia, will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 19-23. Outback Expedition - Celebrating God's Family will include Bible stories, drama, music, games and crafts. Children age four through grade six are invited to attend. To register call (734) 522-6830.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road in Livonia, will take place 9:30 a.m. to noon June 26-29. Register by June 4 at Fellowship Hall or obtain forms in the church office. Grades 4 to 6 may attend and adult volunteers are needed. The fee is \$6 per child or \$18 per family. Call Debbie Pinnell at (734) 432-0164 or Laura Roulier at (734) 422-1530 for more information.

WORLD HEALING SERVICE

On Mon. June 19 a World Healing Service will take place at 7 p.m. facilitated by Barbara Wade, licensed Unity Teacher at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads). Come and pray for healing of Mother Earth, your loved ones, mankind, the world and yourself. Call (734) 421-1760.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled June 9-11 and July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a \$50 registra-

tion fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wmne

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. The program titled "Enjoying the Presence of God," will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 and run through 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Holiday Inn/Fairlane in Dearborn. Guest speaker will be Jan Johnson an award-winning author of eight books and thousands of magazine articles. Jan will speak Friday on "Intimacy with God," and a service of prayer and praise will be led by the Canton Praise Team. After breakfast Saturday, Jan will speak on "Finding God in Hard Places/Empty Space." Following lunch she will give her last talk "Drawing Energy from the Heart of Christ." Cost before July 15, \$95 for double occupancy; \$85 triple; \$75 quadruple and \$40 for one day only. If you register between July 15 and Aug. 7 add \$10 to fee. Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

HEALING SERVICES

The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by the pastor. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothyilivonia.com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN

New Life Lutheran Church workshops at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlife@yaho.com

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Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15

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TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner tai chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281. Tai chi is an exercise that works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for persons of all ages and conditions of health.

TAI CHI

New Tai chi session begins at 7:30 p.m. June 12 at Nativity United Church, 9435 Henry Road in Livonia. Class meets every Monday evening. Tai chi is a holistic health method of self-healing. Instructor is Jeff Smith, who has practiced Tai Chi for 15 years. The cost is \$25 for a six week session and all ages are welcome. Please call (734) 421-5406 for more information or e-mail nativityuss@ameritech.net. Classes are limited to 20 people.

HEALING SERVICE

The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." For more information, call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers upbeat music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARIED GROUP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop in support group for those

struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. For more information, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-6912.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, opened a new location at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at fpccp@junco.com

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities - all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. For more information, call (734) 513-8413.

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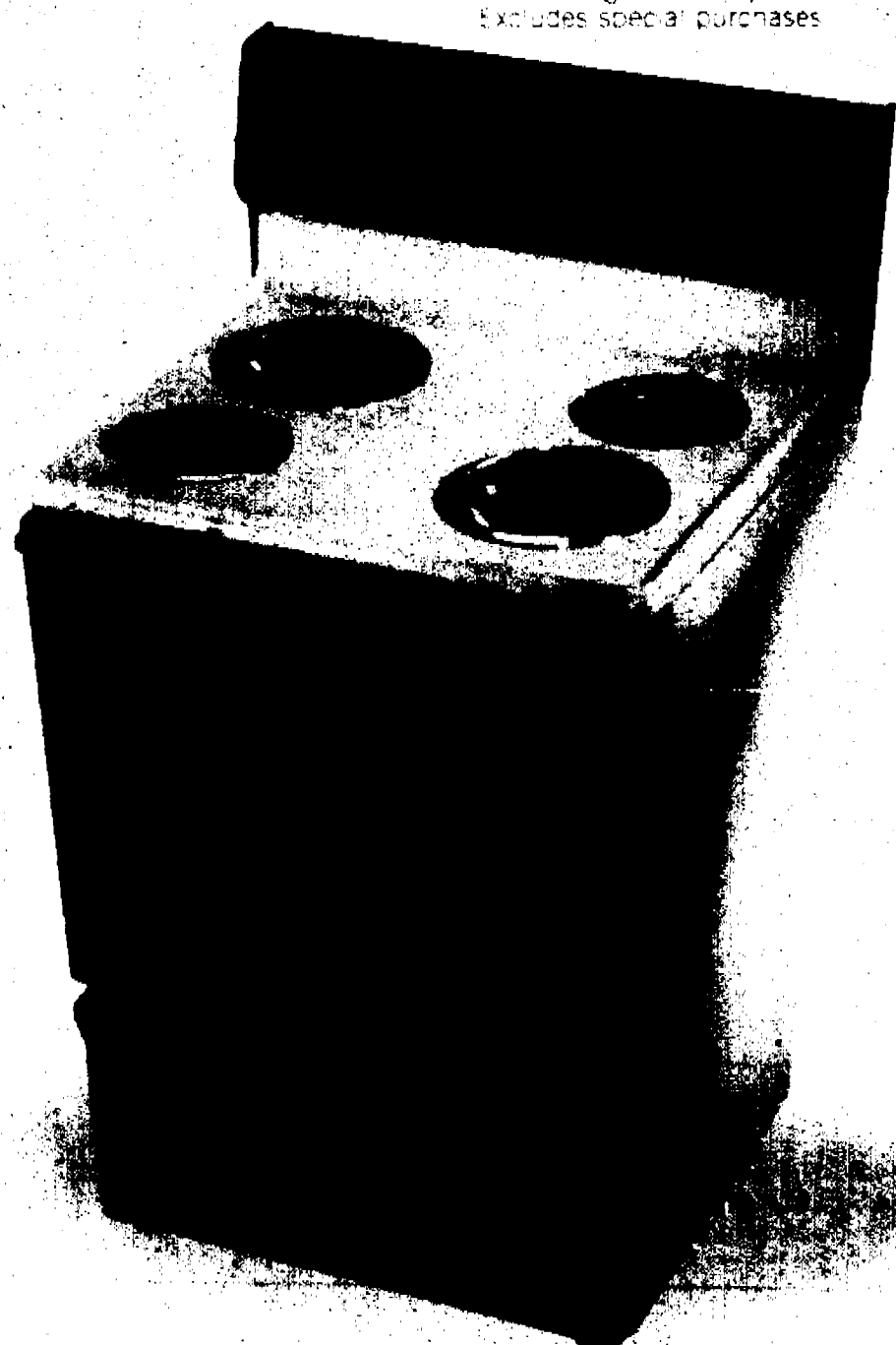
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Hawks place 2nd in Nike

The Michigan Hawks, an under-14 girls soccer team coached by John Buchanan, finished second in a Nike-sponsored tournament last weekend in Chicago.

The runner-up finish puts the Hawks in an international tournament this weekend in Beaverton, Ore.

Members of the Hawks include: Kyle LaPorte (Livonia), Melissa Dobbins (Livonia), Erin Doan (Dearborn), Maureen Pawlak (Novi), Marissa Sarkesian (Canton), Nicole Cauzillo (Northville), Kate Cummings (Troy), Whitney Guenther (Northville), Jordan Falcuson (Plymouth), Sabrina Must (Bloomfield Hills), Deanna Kubas (Novi), Nikki Hermann (Novi), Jill Kehler (Flint), Jenny Szymanski (Troy) and Erica Rose (Farmington Hills).

Blazers rule division

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Blazers, an under-9 girls select team, staged three second-half comebacks to win the Canton Memorial Day Tournament.

The Blazers tied the Canton quest, 1-1, on Jenny Gateley's second-half goal. Goalie Tracy Whalen (Redford) preserved the tie when she stopped a penalty kick late in the match.

The Blazers also defeated the SCSC Cyclones, 2-1, on a late goal by Katie Rini. They won the division with a 3-2 victory over the Grosse Pointe Dragons as Stefanie Turner (Westland) tallied the game-winner with five minutes left.

Other Blazers include: Bailey Brandon, Morgan Currier, Carolyn Duggan, Kathryn Ganas, Kayla Johnston, Kaylee McGrath, Amanda Moody, Julianne Purcell, Samantha Reamy and Cody Seiter, all of Livonia. The team is coached Mike Duggan, Laurie Whalen and Bob Turner. The team manager is Toni Brandon.

•The Blazers will hold tryouts for the fall to add four players. You must be born after Aug. 1, 1990 to be eligible.

For more information, call (734) 464-1532.

Diamond Skills champs

Four age-group winners were determined in the Fler Baseball Diamond Skills competition May 20 at Livonia's Ford Field.

A total of 65 participants competed in four different age divisions.

Overall age-group winners include: Kirk Bradley, Livonia, 13-14 (1,093 points); Curtis Ebbitt, Livonia, 11-12 (824); Rick Scully, Livonia, 9-10 (821); and Tad Evans, Livonia, 7-8 (476).

The quartet now advance to sectional competition Saturday in Dearborn Heights. Sectional all-around champions earn a trip to the team championship at Tiger Stadium.

Age-group participants winning the best baserunning category included: Matt Stailey (Livonia), 13-14; Greg Scully (Livonia), 11-12; Shane Morris (Livonia), 9-10; Adam Brown (Westland), 7-8.

Best fielding winners included: Chris Ebbitt (Livonia), 13-14; James Benitez (Livonia), 11-12; Garrett Gumm (Westland), 9-10; Adam Brown (Westland), 7-8.

Winners in the best batting category: Nabeed Rizui (Livonia), 13-14; Brian Bedford (Livonia), 11-12; Jeff McCullough (Westland), 9-10; Matthew LaBelle (Livonia), 108.

Rams open with victory

The Michigan Lake Area Rams opened their 2000 season in the Adray Metro Baseball Association on Friday with a 9-2 loss against Troy Jet Box.

Matt Rigley (Redford Union) went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Ben Rush went 2-for-3 with two stolen bases and a run scored and Joel Halliday (Madonna/RU) was also 2-for-3.

The Rams didn't help their own cause by hitting into inning-ending double plays in the first, second and fifth innings.

Shawn Morrison took the loss for the Rams with one strikeout, five hits and five runs (two earned) in 2½ innings.

Matt Viggiano led Jet Box by going 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs.

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District action

Gunned down: Wayne Memorial's Matt Mackiewicz tags out Livonia Franklin's John Nichol at third base during Tuesday's Division I predistrict baseball encounter. The Zebras exploded for seven runs in the fifth inning to earn a 9-3 triumph. For a complete roundup of first-round predistrict and non-league action, see page C3.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Chiefs put boot to Churchill, 7-2

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The midway point of the first half was approaching when Livonia Churchill assistant coach Dave Hebestreit turned around and said to a reporter standing a few feet behind the Chargers' bench, "It's been pretty even so far."

An accurate assessment, considering when it was given. And it pretty much stayed that way until...

Lightning struck. Plymouth Canton got all-state forward Anne Morrell back for this first-round state district soccer game and it made a big difference. Morrell scored on a quick set-up with 13:11 left in the first half, then assisted on a second Canton goal to make it 2-0 at halftime.

Those two scores set up a four-goal onslaught in the first 12:20 of the second half, which gave the Chiefs a 7-2 triumph.

Canton takes a 16-1-2 record to the district semifinals against Plymouth Salem, tonight at 6 p.m. at Canton. The winner of that match advances to the district final against the Westland John Glenn-Novis winner, a match that will be played at 6 p.m. tonight at Novi. The district final is 11 a.m. Saturday.

"I was kind of shocked by it," admitted Churchill coach Chad Campau, his team bowing out with an 8-9-1 record. "They're shooting percentage was unbelievable. Our goalie (Jennifer Gabon) didn't even play badly."

Morrell's game-opening goal was a perfect indication of how quickly things can change. A foul against a Churchill midfielder resulted in a Canton free kick 10 yards into the Chargers' end of the field, a kick Amanda Lentz quickly took.

She got the ball to Morrell on the left side of the field, catching the Churchill defenders ever-so-slightly off-guard. And that's all Morrell needed, power-

ing a shot past Gabon to make it 1-0.

The tide was beginning to rise against Churchill. With 1:49 to play in the half, Morrell took possession of the ball 35 yards away from the Charger goal. With defenders converging, she slipped a pass through to Ashley Rosaen, and she beat Gabon to increase Canton's lead to 2-0.

"We were pretty fired up at half-time," insisted Campau. "We felt if we could come out and pressure them right at the beginning of the second half, we could make a game of it."

Certainly Canton coach Don Smith didn't feel too secure at the intermission, even with a two-goal lead. "We gave them too many opportunities in the early going," he noted. "If they score on one of them, that could have changed the whole complexion of the game."

Indeed, the Chargers' put one shot off the crossbar and another just over it in the first 15 minutes. So that optimism going into the second half wasn't misplaced.

Unfortunately, any momentum they were hoping to pilfer was instead stolen from them. The opening kick reached Morrell, and her pass was cleared away across Churchill's end line, giving Canton a corner kick.

Melanie Dunn's corner went to Amanda Lentz in front of the goal, and her header eluded Gabon to make it 3-0 just 32 seconds into the half.

It didn't stay that way long. Two minutes later, Morrell — who sat out three previous games, including the Western Lakes Activities Association final, due to a suspension handed down by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for participating in unsanctioned games — again was the instigator.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Standoff: Livonia Churchill's Melissa Sultana (left) contests for possession against Plymouth Canton's Kara Marsh.

NBA claims it has the best, but triathletes 2nd to none

One thing I'll always remember when I worked 13 years on the scoring table for the Detroit Pistons were the pregame introductions.

"And now, introducing some of the world's greatest athletes," public address announcer Ken Calvert would blurt out before each and every game.

Yes, maybe when you're talking M.J., Dr. J or the Mailman, but a majority of those multi-millionaires don't compare to what I witnessed Saturday on the sweltering streets of Las Colinas, Texas.

With the humidity above 70 percent and temperatures climbing to near 90 in suburban Dallas, the U.S. Olympic Trials for the women's triathlon was painful, but also exciting to watch.

Good NBA players sweat for 48 minutes, but triathletes go full tilt for over 2 hours.

I've tested my own human limits for over four hours in a marathon, but what these athletes go through at the

Olympic distance — 1,500-meter swim (nearly a mile), 24.8-mile bike and 10K run (6.2 miles) — and doing it at such a breakneck pace, is nothing short of astounding.

Sixteen months ago Olympic gold medal swimmer Sheila Taormina of Livonia didn't have a clue what the triathlon was all about. It all started almost as a lark, a July 4, 1998 Splash-and-Dash race at Whitmore Lake.

Today, the 31-year-old Taormina is headed for the Olympics again in Sydney, Australia, a wire-to-wire winner of the Trials in 2:05:27.

But as she garnered one of the three available U.S. team spots, Taormina had to learn a complicated and technical sport in a hurry.

And she certainly took her share of lumps along the way — suffering hypothermia on swims, crashing her bike more than once and experiencing severe dehydration on two of her runs.

In the Pan American Trials in April of 1999 held in St. Petersburg, Fla., Taormina's circuit board got so overloaded that she collapsed less than 400 meters from the finish and wound up in the medical tent taking not one, but two IVs.

Then, there was Taormina's two-month bout early last summer with a muscle disorder called rhabdomyolysis, where she couldn't get out of bed for days.

What a fun sport. Kind of like shooting free throws in a hostile environment, right?

Let's face it NBA fans, when Kobe or Shaq get winded or tired, in comes Spiderman or Robert Horry to give them a breather.

In the triathlon, there is nobody available off the bench.

With the exception of some much needed cloud cover, I'd call the conditions last Saturday in Dallas "questionable."

Undaunted, Taormina was in good spirits Friday prior to the race.

She knew the water in Lake Carolyn was going to be warm, and to her liking.

Eighty degrees, just like the Stevenson High School pool she swam with a gleam in her eye.

Taormina came out of the water first in 18:34 with the No. 1-ranked American Barb Lindquist on her tail.

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PHOTO BY MARY STEINBACH

Riding high: Livonian Sheila Taormina is headed for the Olympics for the second time in four years, this year in the women's triathlon.



BRAD EMONS

Lutheran Westland 3rd in Division 4

Lutheran High School Westland placed third Saturday in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Division IV girls team track meet at Bath.

Reading won the meet with 984 points while Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary finished second at 871. Lutheran High Westland had 865, host Bath finished with 833.5 and Traverse City St. Francis had 800.5.

Karen Abramczyk was one of the Warriors' two winners, taking the high jump with a jump of 4-feet, 11-inches. The other was Jen Dash, who captured the discus with a throw of 95-feet even.

Tess Kuehne was second in both the 800 and 1,600 runs, clocking 2:29.9 in the former and 5:35.0 in the latter. Kuehne ran third in the 3,200 with a time of 12:08.5.

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Anna Rolf took a pair of thirds, clocking 16.6 in the 100 hurdles and 49.4 in the 300 hurdles.

Chelsea Romero was seventh in the 100 dash, timed at 13.8, and seventh in the 200 with a time of 27.9. She also competed in the 400, winding up eighth at 1:04.8.

Kelly Clark was fourth in the pole vault with an effort of 7-feet while Sara Vetting was sixth in the long jump at 14-7.25.

The Warriors' best finish in the relay events was a second in the 400. Romero, Vetting, Abramczyk and Anna Rolf combined for a 54.1.

In the 800, Lutheran Westland's quartet of Jodi Rolf, Jessica Gomulka, Mary Ebendick

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and Erin Jung team for a 1:58.5 that placed them seventh.

Jessica Montgomery, Gomulka, Aimee Anthony and Jung finished seventh in the 1,600 relay with a 4:42.5 while Montgomery, Jung, Ebendick and Kuehne were fourth at 10:23.8 in the 3,200.

In other meets:

METRO-CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK MEET

May 23 at Lutheran North

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Lutheran Westland, 171 points; 2. Macomb Lutheran North, 94; 3. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 83; 4. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 80; 5. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 55; 6. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 22; 7. Harper Woods, 13; 8. Livonia Clarenceville, 7; 9. Hamtramck, 0.

AREA FINAL RESULTS

High jump: 1. Karen Abramczyk (LW) 4-10; 3. (tie) Amanda Sales (LW) 4-8; 5. Sarah Vetting (LW) 4-6; **long jump:** 1. Anna Rolf (LW) 14-6; 2. Vetting (LW) 14-0; 3. Gabbie Bennett (Cville) 13-11.5; 4. Jodi Rolf (LW) 13-8; **shot put:** 4. Jennifer Dash (LW) 28-10.5; 6. Cary Higgins (LW) 27-10; **discus:** 1. Dash (LW) 96-0; 4. Higgins (LW) 83-11; **pole vault:** 1. Kelly Clark (LW) 7-6 (new meet record); 3. (tie) A. Rolf (LW) 7-0; **3,200-meter relay:** 2. Lutheran Westland, 10:35.0; **100 hurdles:** 2. A. Rolf (LW) 16.9; 6. Bennett (Cville) 21.8; **300 dash:** 3. Chelsea Romero (LW) 13.3; **900 relay:** 3. Lutheran Westland, 1:59.6; **1,600:** 1. Tess Kuehne (LW) 5:38.0; **400 relay:** 1. Lutheran Westland (Romero, Vetting, Abramczyk, Loomis) 54.3; **300 hurdles:** 2. A. Rolf (LW) 50.5; 5. J. Rolf (LW) 55.9; **800:** 2. Erin Jung (LW) 2:34.2; 4. Jessica Mont-

gomery (LW) 2:40.7; 5. Mary Ebendick (LW) 2:47.3; **200:** 2. Romero (LW) 27.8; **3,200:** 1. Kuehne (LW) 12:30.0; **1,600 relay:** 2. Lutheran Westland, 4:23.0.

Final conference standings: 1. Lutheran Westland, 9.0; 2. Lutheran North, 7.75; 3. Kingswood, 6.75; 4. Liggett, 6.25; 5. Lutheran East, 5.25; 6. Lutheran Northwest, 3.75; 7. Clarenceville, 2.75; 8. Harper Woods, 2.5; 9. Hamtramck, 1.0.

Dual meet standings: 1. Lutheran Westland, 8-0; 2. (tie) Lutheran North and Kingswood, 6-2 each; 4. (tie) Liggett and Lutheran East, 5-3 each; 6. (tie) Lutheran Northwest and Clarenceville, 2-6 each; 8. Harper Woods, 1-7; 9. Hamtramck, 0-4.

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NORTHVILLE 52

May 30 at Northville

Shot put: 1. Marlin Jacoby (LC) 33 feet, 6 1/2 inches; 3. Jenny Hefner (LC) 30-5; **discus:** 1. Hefner (LC) 118-6; 2. Jacoby (LC) 93-8; 3. Kristen Rader (LC) 92-6; **long jump:** 1. Melissa Lokken (LC) 15-1 1/2; 2. Stephanie Dean (LC) 14-11 1/2; **high jump:** 1. Ott (N) 5-0; **pole vault:** 1. Kari Cezat (LC) 9-7 1/2 (school record); 2. Jane Peterman (LC) 9-0; 3. Melanie Hein (LC) 7-6; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Belanger (N) 17.9; 2. Peterman (LC) 18.7; 3. Kari Kotzian (LC) 19.1; **300 hurdles:** 1. Belanger (N) 51.7; 2. Victoria Johnson (LC) 53.5; 3. Mandy Hein (LC) 53.5; **400 dash:** 1. Lokken (LC) 13.8; **200:** 1. Lokken (LC) 28.3; **400:** 1. Bower (N) 1:05.1; 2. Rachel Wodyka (LC) 1:07.0; **800:** 1. Sarah Westrick (LC) 2:30.4; 2. Michelle Phillips (LC) 2:30.6; **1,600:** 1. Cuzzillo (N) 5:31.2; 2. Susan Duncan (LC) 5:34.3; 3. Westrick (LC) 5:42.0; **3,200:** 1. Duncan (LC) 12:06.5; **400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Lokken, Allison Diakow, Beth Kwapis, Dean) 53.5; **900 relay:** 1. Churchill (Julie Ghodette, Meghan MacEachern, Diakow, Nicole Murphy) 1:56.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville, 4:26.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Phillips, Wodyka, Sarah Anagnostou, Duncan) 10:35.2.

Churchill's dual meet record: 5-1 overall, 4-1 Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division.

BEST GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

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SHOT PUT

Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40-9 1/2
Judy Telford (Mercy) 38-3 1/2
Tessa O'Neal (N. Farmington) 36-10 1/2
Lisa Balco (Franklin) 36-2
Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34-8 1/2
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33-3
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 32-10
Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 32-0
Gabriel Newton (Harrison) 31-10 1/2
Christen Jory (Ladywood) 31-9

DISCUS

Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143-6
Judy Telford (Mercy) 126-7
Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 122-1
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 109-0
Meghan Kelley (Redford Union) 109-0
Spain Hand (N. Farmington) 106-4
Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 105-0
Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103-4
Miranda White (Salem) 101-8
Julie Yambasky (Churchill) 101-1

HIGH JUMP

Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5-5
Alexia Noel (Ladywood) 5-3
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-2
Adrian Polasky (Stevenson) 5-2

Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5-1
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-1
Angela Afonsi (Stevenson) 5-1
Erin Szura (Garden City) 5-1
Kristy Dennis (St. Agatha) 5-0
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5-0
Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 5-0

LONG JUMP

Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 17-3
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-7 1/2
Alexia Noel (Ladywood) 16-6
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16-5 1/2
Brynn DeNeen (Salem) 16-2 1/2
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 16-2 1/2
Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15-11
LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15-10 1/2
Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15-8
Karen Kuszynski (Ladywood) 15-7

POLE VAULT

Kim Wise (Garden City) 10-4
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 10-0
Kari Cezat (Churchill) 9-7 1/2
Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9-6
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-3
Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-6
Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 8-6
Julietta Ianna (Harrison) 8-6
Jenny Jedlick (Salem) 8-6
Aby Schraeder (Stevenson) 8-0
Kristen Schlik (Canton) 8-0

100-METER HURDLES

LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 14.9
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 15.5
Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 15.5
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.0
Cassie Ehliend (Stevenson) 16.3
Angela Afonsi (Stevenson) 16.4
Valerie Brown (Salem) 16.4
Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 16.5
Erin Lura (Redford Union) 16.5
Lisa Rosemary (Harrison) 16.7

300-METER HURDLES

Cassie Ehliend (Stevenson) 47.5
Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 47.8
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 48.1
Valerie Brown (Salem) 48.7
Angela Afonsi (Stevenson) 48.7
Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 49.4
Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 49.8
Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 50.0
Danielle Miller (Farmington) 51.1
Mandy Hein (Churchill) 51.5

100-METER DASH

Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.4
Branna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 12.6
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 12.7
Meredith Fox (Canton) 12.9
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12.9
Theresa Chemenkoff (Stevenson) 13.0
Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 13.0
Celina Davis (Salem) 13.0

200-METER DASH

Rachel Jones (Salem) 25.8
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 26.3
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 26.5
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 26.9
Kelly Carey (Ladywood) 27.3
Branna Watson (Ladywood) 27.3
Theresa Chemenkoff (Stevenson) 27.4
Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 27.5
Celina Davis (Salem) 27.6

400-METER DASH

Autumn Hicks (Salem) 59.1
Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:00.2
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.7
Dominique Whittier (Borgess) 1:01.0
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:01.8
Brynn DeNeen (Salem) 1:01.9
Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:02.7
Tekla Bude (Canton) 1:03.1

800-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:25.8

1,600-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:19.5
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.4
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 5:26.2
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:27.0
Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:34.5
Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 5:35.0
Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
Sarah McCormack (Canton) 5:38.8

3,200-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11:45.8
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:05.5
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 12:06.5
Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 12:08.5
Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12:17.4
Mary Maloney (Canton) 12:19.5
Kim Woods (Salem) 12:22.2
Anna Plagany (Ladywood) 12:29.6
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 12:33.1

400-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 49.9
Westland John Glenn 52.0
Livonia Ladywood 52.0
Farmington Hills Mercy 52.5
Livonia Stevenson 52.8

800-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:45.5
Westland John Glenn 1:49.1
Livonia Stevenson 1:49.3
Livonia Ladywood 1:50.7
North Farmington 1:50.8

1,600-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 4:06.4
Plymouth Canton 4:12.8
Livonia Stevenson 4:19.3
Farmington Harrison 4:22.1
Lutheran Westland 4:23.0

3,200-METER RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 9:48.0
Livonia Churchill 10:04.8
Plymouth Salem 10:14.7
North Farmington 10:14.8
Livonia Ladywood 10:20.2

Warrior boys 2nd in MITCA

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In the 800, Lutheran Westland's quartet of Jodi Rolf, Jessica Gomulka, Mary Ebendick

BEST BOYS TRACK LISTINGS

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SHOT PUT

Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53-11
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 53-6
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50-9 1/2
Nate Meckes (Luth. Westland) 48-11
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 48-11
Asa Hensley (Canton) 45-10
Josh Meckes (Luth. Westland) 45-8
Dave Boucher (Salem) 45-4
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 45-1
Nick Hall (Harrison) 44-5

DISCUS

Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151-8
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148-7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145-1
Brad Person (Harrison) 144-7
Mark Snyder (Salem) 142-5
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 141-5
Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 140-6
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 139-10
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 138-7
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134-11

HIGH JUMP

Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6 1/2
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6-5
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6-5
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-4
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6-2
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6-2
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 6-2
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 6-1
P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6-0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
Brad Person (Harrison) 6-0
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 6-0
Dave Painter (Franklin) 6-0
Joe Damsen (Redford Union) 6-0
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 6-0

LONG JUMP

Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-1 1/2
Gabe Coble (Salem) 21-3/4
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 21-0
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 20-6
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20-3
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 20-2 1/2
Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20-2
Ken Page (Canton) 20-1
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 19-11 1/2
Jawon Spinks (Farmington) 19-11

POLE VAULT

Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14-2
Jordan Chapman (Churchill) 13-6
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13-0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 12-6
Shannon Simon (Garden City) 12-0
Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 12-0
Jason Davis (Luth. Westland) 12-0
Brian Page (Canton) 11-6
Kevin Palmer (Canton) 11-6
Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11-0
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 11-0
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 11-0
Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 11-0
Chris Duncan (N. Farmington) 11-0
Jim Bruch (Salem) 11-0
Ryan Noel (Luth. Westland) 11-0

110-METER HURDLES

Nick Hall (Harrison) 14-4
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 14-6
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 14-7
Chris Kalis (Canton) 14-8
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 14-8
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 15-1
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 15-1
Dennis Kusik (Franklin) 15-2
James Cook (Harrison) 15-3
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 15-5

300-METER HURDLES

Nick Hall (Harrison) 39-3
Chris Kalis (Canton) 40-2
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40-4
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 40-5
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 41-1
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41-1
James Cook (Harrison) 41-7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42-2
Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42-2
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42-3
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 42-3

100-METER DASH

Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 10-9

200-METER DASH

Agim Shabaj (Harrison) 22-1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22-4
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22-5
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22-6
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 22-9
Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22-9
Mike Clark (Luth. Westland) 23-0
K.J. Singh (Canton) 23-0
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23-1
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 23-1

400-METER DASH

Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48-7
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 49-5
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50-2
Terrell Mayberry (Harrison) 50-8
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 50-9
Nick Soper (Stevenson) 51-4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51-5
Jack Tuco (Canton) 51-7
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 52-5
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 52-7
Matt Markowicz (Redford CC) 52-7

800-METER RUN

Jerry Gaines (Canton) 1:57.8
Gabe Coble (Salem) 1:58.0
Ryan Gail (Churchill) 1:59.1
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:00.5
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:00.5
Steve Keskemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.0
Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:01.3
Brian Hor (N. Farmington) 2:02.2
Charlie Stamboulou (N. Farm.) 2:02.4
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:03.5

1,600-METER RUN

Charlie Stamboulou (N. Farm.) 4:23.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:29.4
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:29.7
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:29.9
John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 4:32.6
Phil Johnson (Churchill) 4:34.5
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.7
Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 4:36.6
Brian Coates (Harrison) 4:40.1

3,200-METER RUN

Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:33.8
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:45.9
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 9:58.0
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 9:59.2
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:03.4
John Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:04.8
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:11.8
Pat Lockhart (Farmington) 10:18.2
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:21.5

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Livonia Stevenson 44.5

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Redford Bishop Borgess 1:30.2
North Farmington 1:30.5
Plymouth Canton 1:30.8

1,600-METER RELAY

Farmington Harrison 3:26.8
Livonia Franklin 3:27.0
North Farmington 3:27.1
Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.5

3,200-METER RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 8:04.5
Redford Catholic Central 8:13.6
Plymouth Salem 8:18.6
North Farmington 8:20.5
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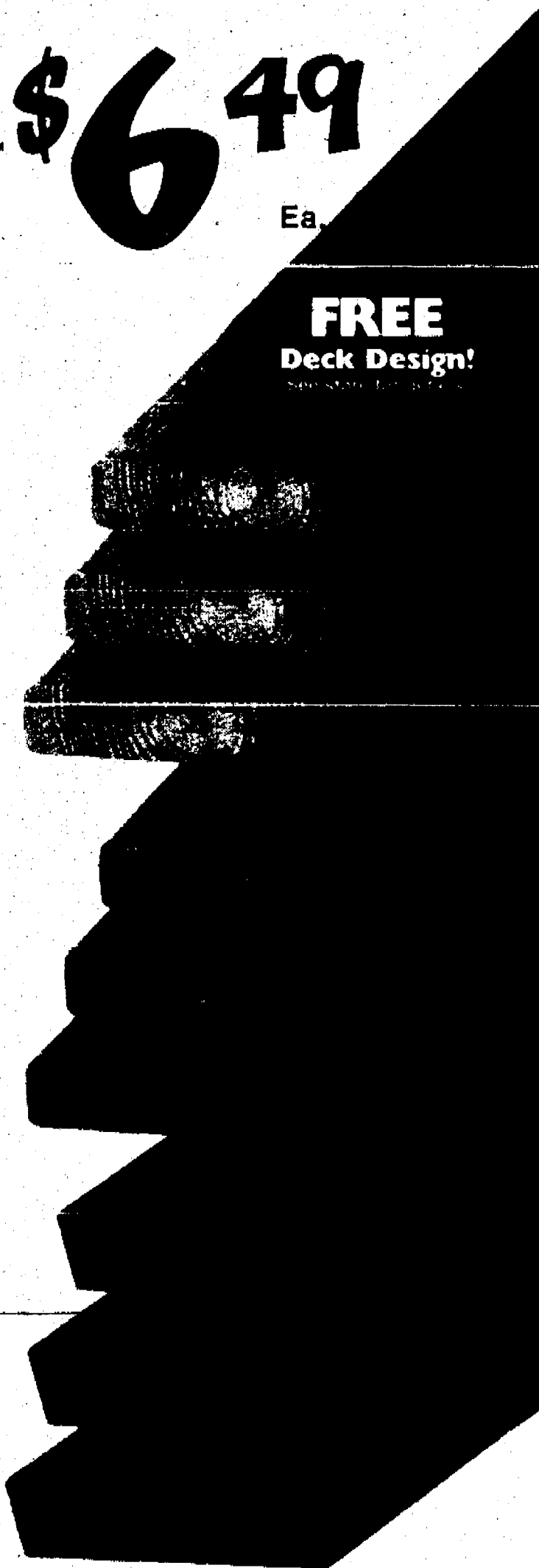
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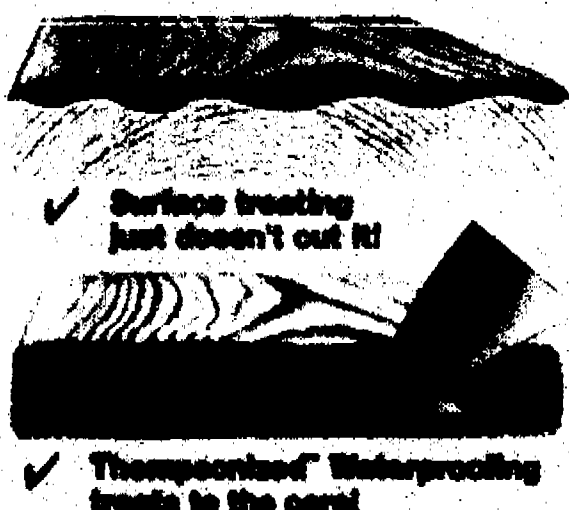
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

CONCEALED WINS TOURNEY

Concealed Securities of Farmington won the USSSA Memorial Day Classic in Warren this weekend and qualified for the USSSA World Series in Tulsa, Okla., on July 20.

Concealed (22-12) won the championship, 6-2, over Beaver Valley, Pa. Garden City's Ryan Shay led the hitting by going 2-for-3 with a double, triple and two RBI. He was also 1-for-3 with three RBI in an 11-0 win against Rochester and did double duty against Beaver Park, Ohio. He earned an 8-0 win on the mound, pitching a five-hitter, with three walks and nine strikeouts and was also 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI.

Eric Drieselman (Garden City) took the win against Rochester with five strikeouts and one hit in three innings.

6-ON-6 VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The Love & Clark Superstar six-on-six volleyball league (girls in grades 9-12) will be Mondays starting June 19 at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

League play begins at 5:15

p.m. Monday, June 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. The playoffs will be Aug. 7 and 14.

A meeting for captains will be Sunday, June 18.

The cost is \$200 per team (maximum of eight players). The cost includes T-shirts and sweat-shirts to the league champions.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 16.

For more information, call Alisha Love at (248) 350-1039 or (248) 872-8926 (school). You can also call Jaime Clark at (734) 459-9563.

YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Redford Soccer Club will be accepting registrations for the fall 2000 season from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 27 at the Redford Ice Arena on Beech Daly, between Plymouth and Schoolcraft.

Boys and girls who will be between 5-and-8-years-old before Aug. 1, 2000, will play in Redford. Those between 8-and-18-years-old will play in Redford as well as Livonia, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Westland and Canton. These are

recreational teams for fun, fitness and those learning the game.

If you would like to play, but are unavailable for the sign-up dates, you can pick up a registration form at the Department of Parks and Recreation office at the ice arena and mail in the form and fee by July 1.

ZANGLIN DOWNRIVER 5K RUN

The 18th annual Zanglin Downriver run will be at 7:30 p.m. (one-mile) and 8 p.m. (eight kilometer) Friday, June 16 in downtown Trenton.

Entry fees are \$16 (by June 10) and \$17 (in person at Total Runner, 15355 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate). Race day sign-up is \$20 at the Trenton Pavilion.

Age-group cash awards will go to the top three male and female finishers, along with the top two masters in each gender.

For more information, call (734) 282-1101.

URBAN LEAGUE GOLF OUTING

The Detroit Urban League is holding its Ninth Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Classic on Friday, Aug. 11, at the Woodlands of Van Buren in Wayne.

The outing consists of a four-person shotgun scramble, contests and prizes, buffet, refreshments, door prizes, morning and afternoon tee times and a bid whist tournament.

For more information, please call (313) 832-4600, extension 129.

FRANKLIN FOOTBALL CAMP

The Patriot summer football camp will be from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at Livonia Franklin High School.

The cost is \$15. Lunch will be provided and campers will receive a free T-shirt if signed up by Thursday, June 1.

All participants must bring football or tennis shoes, along with water.

For more information, call (734) 523-9300. Checks should be made payable to Franklin High School (attention Coach Kelbert).

BOYS HOOP SHOOTOUT

Schoolcraft College will host a high school boys basketball variety and JV team shootout Friday and Saturday, July 21-22.

The cost is \$175 per team.

For more information, call the SC men's basketball office at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5254.

SUMMER HOCKEY SCHOOL

Suburban Hockey Schools conduct summer classes at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills July 17-Aug. 11.

The Squirt, PeeWee/Bantam Power Skating and Youth Female Goalie Program will be July 17-21, Squirt, PeeWee/Bantam Hockey School July 24-28, Mite Power Skating and adult program July 31-Aug. 4 and Mite Hockey School Aug. 7-11.

Call Suburban Hockey School at (248) 478-1600 to register your player or ask for more information.

CLARENCEVILLE HOOP CAMP

Livonia Clarenceville will host a fundamental basketball camp for boys and girls from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 4-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9).

Each session is limited to 40 players.

The cost is \$60 (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, call Clarenceville at (248) 473-8926 or coach Bill Dyer at (734) 261-0917.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL CAMPS

Catholic Central is holding its annual summer football and basketball camps in June, to be held at the high school, for any student who will be in grades five through nine for the 2000-01 school year.

The basketball camps will be held from June 12-16 and June 26-30 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day and costs \$130.

The camp includes fundamental instruction, a personal evaluation, contests, awards, games and a camp T-shirt. The camp is run by CC boys basketball coach Rick Coratti and assistant coach John Mulroy.

The Shamrock Westside Football camp will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from June 19-22 and will cost \$110.

The non-contact camp will include individual instruction for offense and defense, emphasis on technique, weight training, motivational talks, skill testing and a T-shirt.

Instructors will include CC football coach Tom Mach, CC assistant coaches, area grade school coaches and college players.

For more information on either camp or for a brochure, please call (313) 534-1310.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND CAMPS

Lutheran High School Westland is offering summer camps and classes for basketball and volleyball at a cost of \$40 per session. Cost includes a T-shirt and daily treat.

Camps/classes depend upon the number of enrollees.

Boys basketball camps for grades 3-5 are from July 10-14 from 8:30-10 a.m. Boys basketball for grades 6-8 are also July 10-14, from 10:15 a.m.-noon.

Girls basketball camps for grades 3-5 are from July 17-21 from 8:30-10 a.m. and for grades 6-8 on July 17-21 from 10:15 a.m.-noon.

Girls volleyball camps for players in grades 6-8 will be July 31-Aug. 4 from 9-11 a.m.

Send checks payable to Lutheran Westland to Lutheran High School Westland, Attn: Dan Ramthun, 33300 Cowan Road, Westland, MI 48185. Indicate name, grade, home phone and T-shirt size (adult).

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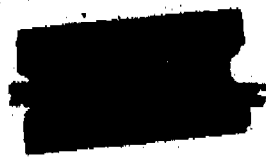
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Memorial Day champions: Livonia United, an under-14 girls select soccer team, won its division at the Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament by defeating the Troy Premier Soccer Association Rage in a shootout, 2-1, as April Wisner had the game-winning save and penalty kick. Members of United include: Carmen Delano, Claire Doty, Kristen Hutchins, Kelly Kane, Kate Lanspeary, Sara Liebold, Kelly McComb, Erin Mireles, Molly Susami and Lauren Thiel, all of Livonia; Chris Davinich, Plymouth; Meghan Garrity, Walled Lake; Amelia Richardson, Redford. United is coached by Ernie Liebold and Marty Roman. Dave Lanspeary is the team manager, while Bill Lanspeary is the team trainer.

3 girls soccer teams advance

Livonia Ladywood picked a nice time of year to start a winning streak.

The Blazers notched their fourth win of the season Tuesday in a 4-2 Division II girls soccer tournament matchup at Redford Union.

Ladywood scored the first two goals of the game to take a 2-1 lead into the second half of its game against the host Panthers.

"RU played a good first half," said Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon, whose Blazers are 4-11-1 overall. "We scored the first and second goals. RU had a lot of opportunities but our goalie, Liz Obrecht, made a lot of great saves."

"Then, right from the start in the second half we stepped up our game and played a great second half."

Jennie Bartkowiak, assisted by Katie Rosen, got Ladywood started and Stefanie Stachura, assisted by Lauren Hesano, made it 2-0.

Hesano scored in the second half for the Blazers, assisted by Megan Shefferly, and Shefferly scored the final Ladywood goal, assisted by Megan Kogut.

Robyn Kuula and Kelly Ramsden each scored for RU, assisted by Kathleen Terzano, as the Panthers finished their season 9-7-3.

Ladywood's next district soccer match is 6 today against Farmington Hills Harrison at North Farmington.

WAYNE 4, TRUMAN 0: Four different players scored Wednesday as Wayne Memorial (16-3-1) posted its eighth shutout of the year against visiting Taylor Truman in a Division I district semifinal.

Kristina McCahill had a goal and one assist for the Zebras, who led 4-0 at halftime. (The game was stopped two minutes into the second half because of inclement weather.)

Other Wayne goal scorers included Sheila Honeycutt, Liz Beckert and Alana Green. Kristal Swope had an assist.

Wayne advances to the district championship 7 p.m. at Dearborn where the Zebras will meet the host Pioneers (8-7-1).

Dearborn beat Belleville in the other semifinal Wednesday, 2-1, as Kara Jean tallied both goals.

STEVENS ON 4, MERCY 0: Livonia Stevenson posted a 4-0 victory over host Farmington Hills Mercy in girls soccer Wednesday and advanced to the Division I district final 1 p.m. Saturday against Garden City at Southfield-Lathrup.

The game was stopped with 20 minutes remaining due to dangerous weather conditions.

Andi Sied, Cheryl Fox, Megan Urbats and Dana White scored goals for the No. 3-ranked Spartans, who take an 11-3-3 record into the championship game against Garden City.

Fox and Urbats also had two assists apiece. Stevenson goalkeeper Katherine Koch earned the shutout.

Spartans coach Jim Kimble said he has begun to refer to Urbats as Miss June, because her performance level in post-season play is outstanding.

"The past two years she has really dominated during the playoffs," Kimble said. "She's a determined kid and a good leader for us."

"She really stepped up, as did Andi Sied and Cheryl Fox, with the absence of Lindsay Guskic."

"It was good to see goal contributions from four people, but we had solid play from everyone across the field."

Guskic is currently competing in a tournament with the Olympic Development Program in Texas.

The Marlins finished the season with a 10-6-3 record.

WAYNE 8, FORDSON 0: Alana Green scored three times Tuesday as host Wayne Memorial (15-3-1) opened Division I state journey play with its seventh shutout of the season against Dearborn Fordson.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Ball control: Ladywood's Gretchen Laven-Moyer tries to gain possession in Tuesday's 4-2 district win over RU.

Sheila Honeycutt added two goals for the Zebras, while Kristina McCahill added a goal and one assist. Tiffany Mishoney and Liz Beckert also tallied goals for Wayne, which led 3-0 at intermission.

Tish Tedders led Wayne with a pair of assists, while Christine Raupp and Lori Giordano contributed one each.

Goalkeeper Jenny Sheppard posted the shutout.

MERCY 9, FRANKLIN 0: In a first-round tournament game Tuesday, Angie Trudeau and Carrie Kluska scored two goals apiece as host Farmington Hills Mercy blanked Livonia Franklin.

Scoring one goal apiece for the Marlins, who led 5-0 at halftime, were Marie Lentz, Deanna Ginter, Autumn Almas, Susie Roble and Carrie Denton.

Lentz also assisted on two goals. Single assists went to Priscilla Konja, Kluska, Lindsey O'Neil, Sumbal Ahmad and Denton.

Mercy goalkeepers Kristin Pimlott and Bridget Salvia shared credit for the shutout. It was the fourth in which Pimlott has participated this season.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, LUTHERAN EAST 0: Angie Matthews and Kellie Buczek scored two goals apiece last Friday to lead host Lutheran High School Westland to its win over Metro Conference rival Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Amy Kamrath also scored a goal as the Warriors (8-7-2) improved their Metro mark to 4-6-2. Lutheran East is 2-10 in the Metro. Stephanie Ericson played goal in the first half and Lindsey Bowman worked the second.

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Taking control of the ball to the left side of the Churchill goal but again under pressure (mainly from Karen Kramer, who marked her throughout), Morrell popped it up into the middle of the box, where Stephanie Johnson managed to tip it — right to Allison Mills for the finish.

"It was nice to see that some of the other girls got goals," noted Smith. "Anne did some good dishing out. That'll give everyone else down the line something to worry about."

As if Morrell isn't a big enough worry. The Chargers did not surrender. With 35:52 still remaining, Sarah Phillips carried the ball in from the corner before angling a perfect shot into the far corner, trimming Canton's lead to 4-1.

"I was proud of the way we came back fighting," said Campau.

The Chiefs had answers, however. The Morrell sisters combined to make it 5-1, Abi sending a through ball to Anne as she charged toward the

Churchill net. Her blast just inside the 18-yard mark beat Gabon with 30:49 left.

A header by Johnson off a cross from Lentz increased the Chiefs' cushion to 6-1 with 27:40 left and sent nearly all their remaining starters to the bench.

Churchill got one goal back out of a scramble in front, with Canton keeper Amy Dorogi stopping one shot but not the rebound, which Melissa Sultana knocked in. Phillips assisted.

The game's final goal came with 11:52 to play. Rosaen got her second goal of the game, off a set-up from Lindsey Lasher, to give Canton's its final margin of victory.

Even though the goals seemed to come easily in the second half, Smith knew the situation would not be repeated later in the tournament. "We're going to have to play the whole 80 minutes Thursday," he said of today's match with Salem. "It won't be easy."

GOLF RESULTS

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Low gross: 1. (tie) Terry Deisler (Wayne) and Yun Petraitis (Taylor), 87 each; 3. Carolyn Benninger (Northville), 88.

Low net: 1. Jan Antieau (Brighton), 72; 2. Lil Vandenbroke (Dearborn Heights), 75.

SECOND FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Dolly Vettese (Northville), 95; 2. Rita Heilmann (Dearborn), 99.

Low net: 1. (tie) Jan Nelson (Canton) and Mary Gene Stefanac (Dearborn), 73 each; 2. (tie) Penny Irwin (Westland) and Mary Allen (Wayne), 78.

THIRD FLIGHT

Low gross: 1. Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights), 105; 2. Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights), 111.

Low net: 1. Doty Cody (Farmington Hills), 72; 2. Dorothy Cordes (Livonia), 78.

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SUNDAY



Alexander Zonjic and Friends perform 1:30-3:30 p.m. during the 13th annual **Garden Party** to benefit the **St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center**. Tickets \$150 per person. Call (248) 626-7527, Ext. 3118.

HOT



Spiritual sounds: Japanese jazz composer and keyboardist **Keiko Matsui**, slated to play at 7:15 p.m. Friday, June 2 at V98.7 FM radio's **Smooth JazzFest**, views music in light of its origins in ritual and ceremony. Smooth jazz, she says, is particularly well-suited to spiritual healing and time for rest and relaxation.

SMOOTH JAZZ

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Easy listening. Contemporary jazz. Call it what you will. A more melodic, more accessible style of jazz has come into its own in the last decade: smooth jazz. And, since the form, which often includes vocals, is easier for listeners to follow — many music consumers start to feel lost when traditional jazz musicians "stretch it out," or improvise musically — the style continues to gain in popularity. But today's appetite for smooth jazz may stem from deeper cravings: want for relaxation and spiritual healing.

Musical medicine

"Doctors have prescribed contemporary jazz to patients to help them unwind," noted Tom Sleeker, V98.7 FM Smooth Jazz radio program director and co-organizer of the station's 2nd annual Smooth JazzFest, running June 2-4 at the Southfield Civic Center.

While smooth jazz, like, say, aromatherapy or yoga, has always had a soothing quality, the public is just beginning to discover the style has a calming, quieting effect, particularly for those with hectic lives and busy schedules.

One nationally known artist scheduled to play at this year's Smooth JazzFest, Keiko Matsui, couldn't agree more.

A contemporary jazz keyboardist from Japan, Matsui's compositions have an ethereal, bird-like quality. And, her newest album *Whisper from the Mirror* has an other-worldly, new age character reminiscent of film scores. The title also refers to the Japanese Shinto Shrine where a mirror representing a deity or God is traditionally placed.

"Music has been played as ritual and ceremony for a long time, and I believe music has some magical forces," said Matsui, scheduled to take the JazzFest stage at 7:15 p.m. Friday.

While Matsui, one of two female artists slated for JazzFest (local musician Kimmie Horne opens the event on Friday), doesn't categorize her music as new age or spiritual, she said she does seek to bring elements of spirituality to her compositions. That fans send mail saying her music touches their soul or makes them feel peaceful "means a lot to a musician," she said.

"Nowadays, music is about business, but music is really a prayer to the gods or for people to sing and dance to, and people have been doing this a long, long time. That's the beauty of music," she said.

Matsui will be accompanied by her husband Kazu, who plays the Shakuhachi, a Japanese wood flute.

Living legends

While many of Matsui's compositions have a dreamy quality, there are several other smooth jazz artists scheduled for the event, promising a mix of styles and sounds for those who plan to attend.

Of particular interest is jazz legend George Benson, who began his career in traditional jazz and moved in the direction of smooth jazz in the 1970s.

Describing Benson as one of the pioneers of contemporary jazz, Sleeker called his appearance at this year's JazzFest "an opportunity to see one of the true legends and innovators in smooth jazz music."

Likewise, Detroit's own Earl Klugh, slated to perform at 9:15 p.m. Friday, is known for bringing the acoustic guitar to jazz. Other local musicians who will perform include flutist Alexander Zonjic and guitarist Tim Bowman.

"The audience is going to hear some really great melodic music," Sleeker said. "It's going to be a very nice, relaxing afternoon."



Smooth brass: Horn player **Rick Braun** takes the Smooth JazzFest stage at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, June 4.

What: V98.7 Smooth JazzFest
Where: The Green at the Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive in Southfield
When: 3-10 p.m. Friday, June 2 and noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4
Tickets: Friday show, \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate; Saturday and Sunday shows, \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate, available through Ticketmaster or by calling (248) 645-6666

COMEDY

Share some laughs with Bill Thomas

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Funny and accountant don't fit. Let's be honest, when was the last time an accountant made you laugh?

Bill Thomas planned a career in accounting and business. He's still plugged into the corporate world, except now he's making executives laugh instead of balancing their books.

On Friday and Saturday, audiences at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia will probably be wondering why Thomas asked them there. The answer is simple — to enjoy an evening in a smoke-free, alcohol-free setting sharing a laugh or two, or three.

What: You're probably wondering why I've asked you here...

What: A topical comedy show featuring stand-up and story telling by comedian Bill Thomas.

When: 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 2-3
Where: Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Tickets: \$10, \$8 for Trinity House members. Call (734) 464-6302. Visit Thomas online at www.comedianbillthomas.com

His one-man show in the intimate theater that seats about 80 people is a combination of stand-up and story-telling.

"I want to expand what I've been doing," said Thomas. "It's still being worked on. I really like the Trinity House Theatre. It's a small off-off Broadway theater. The moment I saw it I fell in love with it."

He talked to Thomas Malcom Olson, artistic director for Trinity House, who encouraged him to bring his show to the theater.

Please See COMEDY, E2



Just for fun: Bill Thomas is bringing his one man show to Trinity House Theatre.

JOHN GALLAGHER

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"He leaves me rolling on the floor," said Olson about his phone conversations with Thomas. "I want Trinity House to be a creative outlet for the community."

Thomas is a funny guy who paid his dues performing in small bars and clubs before there were places like Joey's Comedy Club and Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

He later opened for the stars including Kenny G, Wayne Newton, the Temptations, and the Four Tops. WXYT listeners might remember Thomas, who did a comedy show for the AM station for over five years.

Lately he's been working the corporate circuit, making executives and their staffs laugh.

"Being a comedian," he said, "is the most creative, gratifying art form. You say something and people laugh, and you've done your job. If you don't, you move on to something else."

Laughter, Thomas believes, is good medicine, and he wants the chance to tickle your funny bone Friday and Saturday at Trinity House Theatre.

In school, Thomas was the sarcastic guy sitting in the back row

"We'll have a lot of fun. I'll talk about the state of Michigan, the music of today, the environment. I guarantee you'll have a good time."

Bill Thomas
Comedian

who made people laugh, but never got in trouble.

What's so funny? Lots of things, like road construction in Michigan. "We're the only state that closes highways on weekends," said Thomas with a chuckle. "And then there's the spoof I do of a motivational speaker, the foremost consultant for change."

He makes you think about things like how the song *Revolution* became a Nike ad.

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BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Pamela Ratliff Rumely of Livonia cares about education, and kids. That's why she threw her time and energy into organizing the "CARE Charity Cruise" and Car Show at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Saturday, June 3.

Event proceeds will go to help Children's Academic Resources for Education, a new program designed to reach out to the special educational needs of children at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

"This is being done on behalf of children who don't have parents looking out for them," said Rumely.

The CARE Charity Cruise welcomes all Harley-Davidson Riders, H.O.G. Chapters and Motorcycle Riders. Led by Chris Edmonds of WNIC FM 100.3, the riders will meet 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3 for coffee and doughnuts at Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills on

Grand River Ave. At noon they'll



Cool: This car is one of the classy vehicles that will be on display 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3, during a Charity Car Show at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

restage at the starting point, Holmes Middle School on Newburgh Road in Livonia, and be escorted at 1 p.m. to Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh at Eight Mile Road.

At Greenmead there will be a

Charity Car Show, of cars 1976 and older from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 3. The show is being hosted by the Motor State Street Rods. Pre-registration is \$10, registration day of the show is \$15. Admission is \$2 adults; children ages 12 and under, free.

The Classics will play '50s and '60s music. There will be a raffle, games, and refreshments available for purchase.

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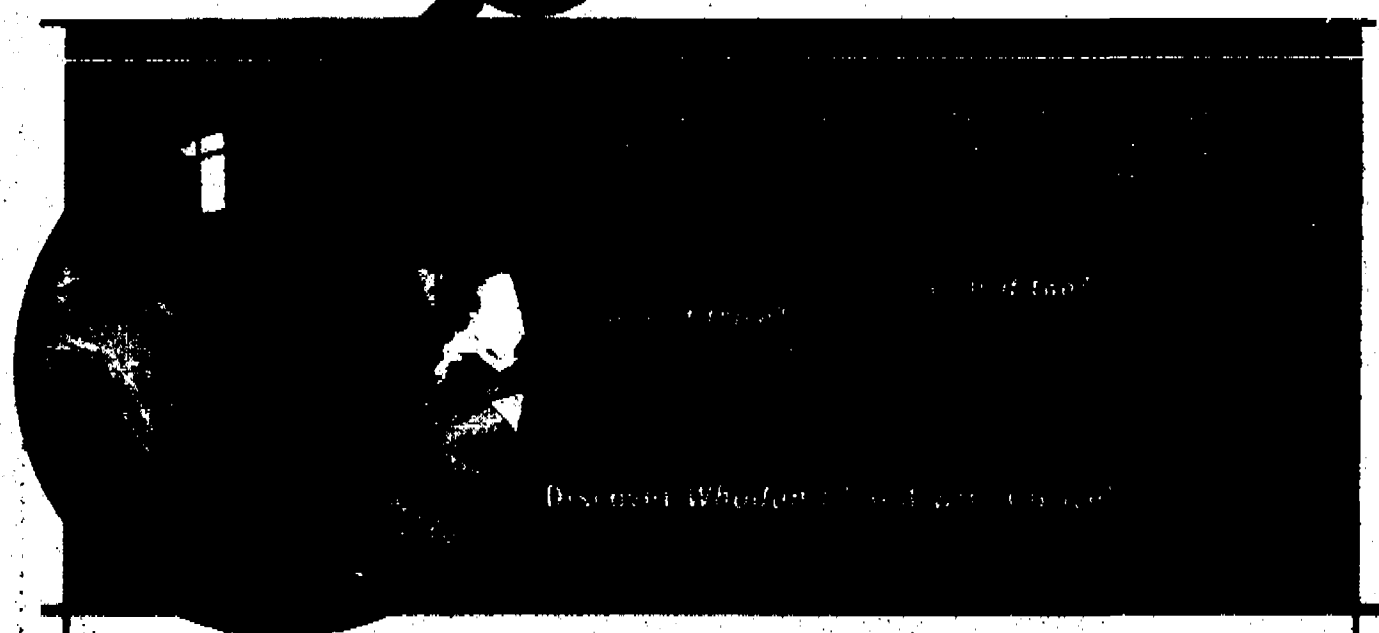
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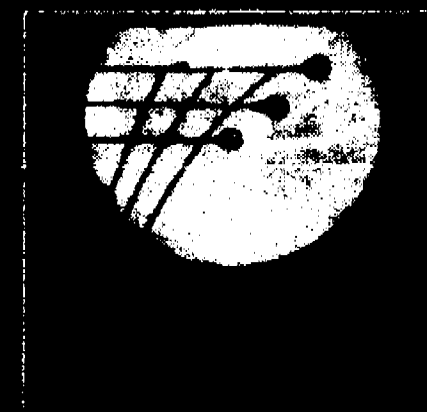
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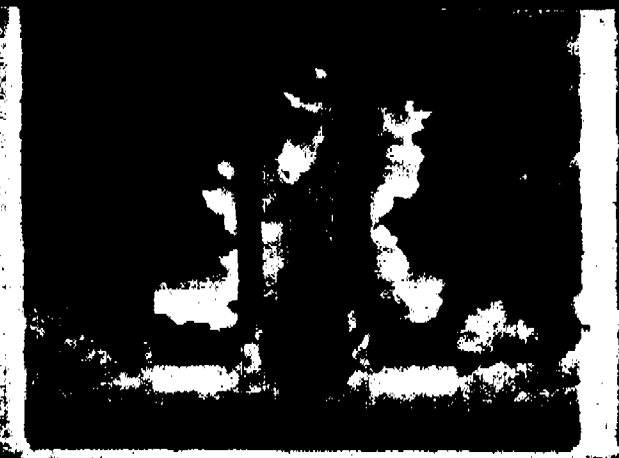
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BY SANDRA TOLBERT
SPECIAL WRITER

The recently announced Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 2000-2001 season offers an extraordinary sampling of early symphonies and contemporary world premieres.

Itzhak Perlman, who will be Detroit's principal guest conductor and violinist in the 2001-2002 season, is already a major highlight this year.

Famous in the classical music world for his stellar violin performances, Perlman has appeared with every major orchestra in the world and owns 15 Grammy awards. He will appear in a May 2001 concert as conductor and soloist performing a Mozart adagio and rondo for violin and orchestra.

In January, the winter season welcomes back violinist Joshua Bell to perform Sibelius' Violin Concerto. The former child prodigy, who made his DSO debut in 1988, is now a highly sought-after soloist.

The DSO's 86th season's theme, "Share the Music," recognizes the communal experience music brings to musicians, conductor and audience. The giving, taking and sharing of music, sound, harmony and its message — beautiful and sometimes dissonant — are what this season is all about.

This season's selections span 300 years and offer a taste of early great symphonies, 20th century orchestral masterpieces and four contemporary world premieres.

The Millennium Masterworks Project, now in its second year of presenting 50 of the greatest orchestral works, will commence

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Sept. 20 with Mahler's Resurrection Symphony No. 2 conducted by Detroit's Maestro Neemi Järvi.

Järvi, now in his 11th year as maestro, will conduct the DSO at Orchestra Hall for 10 weeks of the season, presenting both familiar and unusual works.

The four world premieres include DSO composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty's *Hell's Angels* and *Motor City*; a concerto by Michigan composer William Bolcom, and a symphony by American composer John Campbell, who describes his compositions as "an amalgam of European and American influences."

Järvi is also conducting Mahler's Symphony No. 1 *Titan* and personal favorites like Eduard Tabin's *Music for Strings* and the Schumann Piano Concerto.

Favorite guest conductors will include Estonian native Eri Klas, Polish-born Jerzy Semkow, and Yan Pascal Tortelier of the BBC Philharmonic who will lead the DSO in Messiaen's *Turangalila*.

The Turangalila symphony, a complex and contemporary work, will be a DSO first featuring an unusual keyboard instrument called the Ondes Martenot. The

March concert will include a short introduction by conductor Tortelier explaining the new instrument.

An all Mozart evening, Beethoven's *Fifth*, Orff's *Carmen Burana* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 are several of the well-known and cherished works also being offered this season.

The fall season also includes Czech composer Janacek's *Sinfonietta* and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7 *Leningrad*, a remembrance of the city's 900 day struggle against the Nazis.

In March, violinist Hilary Hahn, known internationally as one of today's rising performance musicians, will bring her talent to the Detroit stage with Barber's Violin Concerto.

The winter season offers more orchestral greats such as Tchaikovsky's infrequently performed *Manfred Symphony*, Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique*, Beethoven's *Eroica*, Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9* from *The New World* Symphony and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Yet with all the international flavor, the DSO hasn't forgotten its own. This season will spot-

light a few of its outstanding musicians. Principal trombone Kenneth Thompkins will play George Walker's Trombone Concerto and Jeffery Zook will be the featured soloist in a Vivaldi piccolo concerto.

The charismatic DSO violinist and concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert will close the 2001 season as soloist of *The Lark Ascending* by Vaughan-Williams.

Pops conductor Erich Kunzel will bring the "Pops Season" to Detroit, highlighting a sports extravaganza called *Sounds of the Stadium*. Broadway musicals, epic movie music and all-time pop favorites are also part of the lively program.

Guest performers include Debbie Reynolds, the Magic Circle Mime Company and a traditional Christmas concert featuring the DSO Pops Festival Singers.

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Subscription packages for the 2000-2001 season are now on sale. Individual tickets will go on sale in late August, 2000. For further information call the DSO subscription office at (313) 576-5120.

Comic books are becoming valid art form

It's not uncommon for a debate to surface among the producers of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS concerning the merits of a certain art form.

The most recent occurred several weeks ago when segment producer Todd Hastings was pushing the arts series to do something on "sequential art."

It was a new term for me, too. As it turns out, sequential art is best known as comic book art. To be honest, it was a pretty tough sell for Todd, because most of the people associated with the show were saying things like, "Oh, you mean Superman, Batman, Archie, and Richie Rich."

Although we would admit to being Jughead fans, there were non-believers everywhere when presented with the notion of comic books as a valid art form.

Todd made a strong case for the genre on an edition of the program that aired this week.

"Comic books aren't just for kids anymore," Hastings said. "It is a storyteller's medium that accommodates a variety of techniques and approaches. Some very striking work is being done today in water colors, oils, digital photography and pen and ink."

Todd Hastings

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Practitioners of sequential art are revered in Japan and Europe. Although comic artists like Milo Menara are acclaimed in Europe, American artists feel they haven't received their due.

That's why it earned a spot on BACKSTAGE PASS. We let our viewers decide.

Last year we sent producer Barry Steinberg out in the field to do a story on a pair of Detroit area artists whose frustration with youth violence had prompted them to transform donated handguns into sculptures with a powerful anti-violence theme.

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weapons are suitable materials for the creation of art. You'll have the opportunity to judge for yourself when the segment, which was nominated for an Emmy by the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS), is rebroadcast in an

edition that airs at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 8.

The same episode features a segment by Dave Toorangan on the history of the Rivera murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts that captured an Emmy at the May 20 NATAS ceremonies.

You can count on the producers of BACKSTAGE PASS to continue to bring you into the debate of what's art and what isn't.

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"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE:

"The Day We Met" continues to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Aaron DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900

PLANET ANT THEATRE:

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WEST END PRODUCTIONS:

"Canker Sores & Go-Go Juice," a collection of skits, comedy, song and dance, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-24, Wunderground Theatre, 110 Main St. Royal Oak (11 Mile Road at Main). June 9 show sold out. \$12.50. (248) 541-1763.

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FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH:

The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fundraiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. \$25, proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

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8:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham. \$18. (248) 362-9329

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The world premiere of this work by Enid Sutherland takes place 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, features Bradley Brookshire, harpsichord, Aaron Johnson, piano, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE:

"Peter Grimes," 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3 and Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4 and 11, at the Detroit Opera House. \$18-98. (313) 237-7484/(248) 645-6666

BRASS

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND:

3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church,

Detroit. (313) 822-3456

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS

YOUTH THEATRE: Auditions for "Flapper," singing required, 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4. (248) 922-0740/(248) 363-0188

FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND:

Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

MARQUIS THEATRE:

Auditions for "The Elves and the Shoemaker" 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the theater, Northville. For performances Aug. 8 to Sept. 24. (248) 349-8110

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:

Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

CHORAL

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY:

Presents a Summer Solstice Concert featuring the Boychoir of Ann Arbor, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Ann Arbor. \$15. (248) 650-2655

BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP:

Spring concert 8 p.m. Monday, June 12, main sanctuary of Temple Emanuel-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Program of light classics, folk songs, selections from "Fiddler on the Roof." No charge.

POPS/ SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Composer Jerry Goldsmith conducts the music he wrote for television shows such as "Star Trek: Voyager," "The Waltons" and "Dr. Kildare," and films "Patton," "Mulan," "and Air Force One," 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$14-47. (313) 576-5111

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON:

Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JAZZ

ALBERTA ADAMS:

9 p.m. Friday, June 2, at Edison's Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MARK ARSHAK:

8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Edison's Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO:

Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

BILL HEID:

9 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Edison's Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

KEIKO MATSUI: 7:15 p.m. Friday,

June 2, at the Southfield Civic Center. \$15. (248) 645-6666

MATT MICHAELS TRIO:

With guest vocalist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7; with vibist Rob Phipps June 14; at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

SMOOTH JAZZFEST:

Friday-Sunday, June 2-4, in front of the Southfield Civic Center. (248) 645-6666/(248) 855-2400

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON:

With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

ED WELLS:

Beginning Thursday, June 1, 5:30-7 p.m., at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

LARRY ARBOUR:

7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern; Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

SCOTT ROGERS:

8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Amer's Mediterranean Deli, Ann Arbor. (folk-rock)

WORLD MUSIC

AN EVENING IN A SPANISH GARDEN:

Featuring mezzo-soprano Monica Swartout-Bebow, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-25, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999

DANCE

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE:

Concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the Paul Robeson Theatre, Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. \$8. (313) 342-1000

WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM

DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, June 2, at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR

DANCERS: Country Western dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Italian American Cultural Club, Warren. \$7. (810) 573-4993.

COMEDY

COMEDY JAM:

Starring John Witherspoon, Mike Epps, A.J. Johnson and T.K. Kirkland, Friday, June 1, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515

CUBICLE DOGS:

Michigan's only comedy troupe dedicated to lampooning corporate life present "Mission Statement: Impossible," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 3, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. \$15. (810) 984-6336

PAT DAILEY:

The singer/comedian performs Saturday, June 3 (doors open at 6 p.m.), at the Barnstormer Entertainment Complex, Whitmore Lake. \$25, \$20 advance. (734) 449-0040

BILL THOMAS:

Presents his one-man show, "You're probably asking why I asked you here..." 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3 at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10. (734)

464-6302.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:

at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:

Keith Ruff, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:

Horace Sanders, also Jon Uberoth, Thursday-Saturday, June 1-2, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Improv Jammers

7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:

WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

CRANBROOK HOUSE:

Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. June 4 to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. \$10, Thursdays June 15 to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional \$12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for \$5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:

First Friday, 6-9:30 p.m. June 2, drop-in workshop on traditional Japanese paper fans, classical music of northern India, drawing in the galleries, metalworking demonstration by artist Danielle Crissman; Vincent van Gogh exhibit continues to June 4, at the museum. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX

movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, 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 the museum 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 MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:

In Dearborn, open 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 of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

Victorian Tea 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, followed by program and fashion show spotlighting "Personalities and Fashions of the 20th Century," New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM:

Vintage base ball game, the Grangers meet the Ohio Village Muffins, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10; "Tally My Ace! Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday at the museum. \$3, \$2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS:

7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800

CHRISTINA AGUILERA:

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

ALLMAN BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18-35. (248) 645-6666

LORI AMEY:

8 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451

JOSEPH ARTHUR:

With Scott Fab, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Blue Note Cafe, Pontiac. All ages. Free.

BANTAM ROOSTER:

With The Wild Bunch, Gaffle, 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS:

10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

THE BEACH BOYS:

With Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE BELL RAYS:

With The Lovemasters, Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Monday, June 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$7. (313) 833-9700

PAT BENATAR:

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

Guays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

CHARLIE DANIELS BAND: With Hank Williams Jr. and Little Feat, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

DEEP CUT: 9 p.m. Sunday, May 28, June 4, U.S. 12/ Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 722-7639.

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

DIAMOND DUKES: 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

THE DOOBIE BROTHERS: 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G: Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$35-\$50.

DURAN DURAN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

BOB DYLAN: With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25-\$45.50. (248) 645-6666.

EELS: Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac.

ELIZA: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. \$5. (248) 645-6666.

ENCORE: Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

FACTORY 81: With The Workhorse Movement, Powerface, Too Many Gods, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

FOREIGNER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$14.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

FORGE: With Arizing, Broadzilla, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

PETER FRAMPTON: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

GLENN FREY: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

KENNY G: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

GIPSY KINGS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$42.50. (248) 645-6666.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

JULIANA MATFIELD: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$10 advance. (313) 833-9700.

ROY HAYNES TRIO: Featuring



Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$20. (248) 645-6666.

HEATWAVE: With Sister Sledge and Evelyn "Champagne" King, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

DON HENLEY: 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$66 pavilion only. \$1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, The Library Pub, Novi. Free. (248) 349-9110; 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500; noon to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711. 10 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Club Bart, Ferndale. (248) 548-8746.

INCURABLES: Friday-Saturday, June 2-3, The Kangaroo Club, Taylor. 21 and over. Cover charge. (734) 947-1610.

INDIGO GIRLS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

JO NAB: 5 p.m. Friday, June 2, Saturday, June 17, Friday, June 30, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500.

THE JUDDS: With Lee Roy Parnell, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$39.50. (248) 645-6666.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

BB KING BLUES FEST: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

THE KINGSNACKS: 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

ALISON KRAUSS & UNION STATION: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

KD LANG: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21-\$36. (248) 645-6666.

HUEY LEWIS AND THE NEWS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

LOADED DICE: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free (734) 427-0622.

LONESTAR: With Rascal Flatts, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$15.50-\$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

LOST HIGHWAY: 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free (734) 427-0622.

RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADISE: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

RICKY MARTIN: 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$45-\$85. (248) 645-6666.

MATHLETE:



Thursday, June 1, Contemporary Art Gallery, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, June 2, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

MAZE: With K.O. and Jo Jo, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 645-6666.

MARTINA MCBRIDE: 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$22.50-\$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

MICHAEL MCDONALD: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$12.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

MDFMK: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$22.50 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

NATALIE MERCHANT: 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$20-\$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

STEVE MILLER BAND: With Gov't Mule, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$21-\$40. (248) 645-6666.

MISSING PERSONS: With Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Gene Loves Jezebel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$10-\$15. (248) 645-6666.

MONTREUX FESTIVAL: Featuring Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, George Duke, Monday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666.

MOTLEY CRUE: With Megadeth and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15-\$35. (248) 645-6666.

MOTOR CITY SHIEKS: 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

MOXY FRUVOUS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

THE MOODY BLUES: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$29.50.

NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR: With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque, Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$18.50-\$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar.

INCUBUS

Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Soulfly, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

JIMMY PAGE AND THE BLACK CROWES: With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$39.50-\$55. (248) 645-6666.

FERDALE: (248) 541-9870.

NO DOUBT: With Lit, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$26.50. (248) 335-9497.

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. \$49.75. (248) 645-6666.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

OZZFEST 2000: Featuring Ozzy



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THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587.

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300.

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com.

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CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278.

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900.

CLUTCH CARGO/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays, 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2002 or www.961melt.com.

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616.

CONOR O'NEILL: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com.

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941.

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500.

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com.

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150.

ELITE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420.

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747.

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609.

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611.

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800.

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com.

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com.

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606.

JO'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960.

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506.

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MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAIN STREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441.

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MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

MICHIGAN THEATRE: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397.

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com.

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038.

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU.

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.thepalace.net.

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac.

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 175 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.pineknob.com.

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE.

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080.

THE ROCKEE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337.

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610.

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'T-Rex' takes viewers back in time in IMAX style

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Thwack! Bam! Zoom! Splat! The 3-D film, *T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous* has arrived at the IMAX Theatre at Greenfield Village.

T-Rex is the first IMAX production to focus on the creatures that disappeared from the earth during the last part of the Mesozoic era. In the film, Tyrannosaurus rex and his kin are all computer-generated, marking a departure from films such as *Jurassic Park* and *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*, in which puppetry was occasionally used. *T-Rex*, directed by Brett Leonard (*Lawnmower Man*), runs for 50

minutes. It centers around a girl named Ally (Liz Stauber) and her father (Peter Horton), a hard-working paleontologist. Ally's dream is to become a paleontologist just like her dad, although he won't allow her to even lend a hand on any "digs" yet. She's too young and inexperienced, he believes, for such risky and serious stuff.

One fateful day when Ally drops in at the museum to visit her father, she finds herself stepping back in time. Actually, it's not a step, but a giant, vertiginous leap, as the jeans-clad adventurer travels 65 million years in reverse and meets, there in the vaporous jungle, the

dinosaur of all dinosaurs.

The ferns in the jungle look a little fake, and the dinosaurs look and move pretty much like most movie dinosaurs, and this screenplay and these actors are not going to walk away with many awards. But, if you're a moviegoer with a pulse, you'll have tons of fun with *T-Rex*.

A bit surprisingly, some of the most remarkable sequences in the film occur not in the presence of the dinosaurs, but in Ally's contemporary world. At an archaeological dig, chipped pieces of rock seem to fly off in all directions and into our faces, making it impossible not to twitch and blink at the optical

illusion. In another scene, when a bubbly aquarium comes into view, we can hardly resist the temptation to reach out and "touch" the wiggly wetness of the fish. From enormous bones and Egyptian statuary that appear to spin out of the museum's corridors and threaten to crack our heads, to the glossy buttons on Ally's sweater, to the tiny blemishes on her skin, we experience high-tech cinema that makes each scene seem more real than real. This is not your father's 3-D. For one thing, the Polaroid glasses with which we view *T-Rex* are like substantial sunglasses and valued at \$50 apiece, according to IMAX sources. For another thing, the six-channel, multi-speaker sound system turns up the fun more than a few notches, as the images are projected across the 60 x 84-foot screen.

A colorful short called *Paint Misbehavin'* precedes *T-Rex*. Produced by the IMAX Corp. via a system in which animators don virtual reality goggles in order to actually "sculpt" the images in three-dimension, it's a dizzying, slap-happy spectacle in animated 3-D that almost steals the thunder from the main feature. When it comes to its goofy, raucous conclusion, *Paint Misbehavin'* will leave most movie-



T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous: An Ornithomimus surprises Ally Hayden (Liz Stauber) in Imax Corp's latest adventure now showing at Henry Ford Museum's Imax Theatre.

goers laughing and gasping, sure that they are bathed in paint and happily yearning for much more of the same.

'M:I-2' looks at doomsday

BY BOB THOMAS
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When the first feature film version of the long-running TV series *Mission: Impossible* came out in 1996, critics complained that the plot was so murky as to be impenetrable. No matter. The high-tech action drama proved to be a huge moneymaker for Paramount and Tom Cruise, the movie's star and co-producer.

M:I-2, as the sequel is called, also suffers from plotting deficiencies, but it will further enrich Paramount and its parent Viacom, as well as Cruise. The credit belongs to John Woo, who has transferred the chop-socky dynamics of Hong Kong quickies to big-budget Hollywood movies.

Like most films of its genre, *Mission: Impossible 2* purveys a doomsday theme. An Australian pharmaceutical firm has developed a horrendously virulent virus called Chimera which can kill millions in short order. The company's boss has also ordered an antidote which could be worth billions of dollars. Chimera falls

into the hands of terrorists led by the vicious Sean Ambrose (Dougray Scott).

Ethan Hunt (Cruise) is pulled from a rock-climbing adventure to report to Seville, Spain, where he gets his orders from his superior (Anthony Hopkins) in a brief, unbilled appearance. Hunt is told to search for the terrorists and recover the virus. He is assigned a collaborator, a beautiful jewel thief named Nyah Hall (Thandie Newton). His logistical chief will be Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames, the only holdover from the 1996 film).

Hunt and Hall of course begin with an adversarial relationship, customary for buddy movies, male-male or male-female. And of course the relationship warms as they face unimaginable dangers together.

The romantic episodes offer brief respite from the wall-to-wall action. The method includes atomic-like explosions, extended shootouts lacking in sharpshooters, and gladiatorial kung fu accented by slow motion and ear-

splitting sound effects. It worked in Hong Kong, and it works here — although the final hand-to-hand (or foot-to-head) battle of Hunt and Ambrose extends beyond plausible human endurance.

Cruise makes a convincing hero, and he reportedly performed many of his own stunts. His rock climbing and other daring feats seem like the real thing, but in today's world of digital magic, who can tell?

Newton, who appeared with Cruise in *Interview with the Vampire*, is perfectly cast as the tough but vulnerable thief. Her future seems unlimited.

The eminent Robert Towne (*Chinatown*, *Shampoo*) wrote the screenplay based on a story by Ronald D. Moore and Brannon Braga. Towne wrote the first *Mission: Impossible*, and this time he makes the story more accessible.

The Paramount release was produced by Cruise and Paula Wagner.

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Not your Momma: Martin Lawrence stars in 'Big Momma's House,' opening this weekend at area movie theaters.

crime, Stars Vanessa Williams.

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Based on Denis Johnson's cult novel, this sage stars Billy Crudup, Denis Leary and Jack Black.

Scheduled to open Friday, June 23

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Comedy about a mild-mannered Rhode Island cop with a split-personality disorder who escorts a woman back to her home town. The cop and his hyper-aggressive alter-ego both fall in love with the confused lady and he wages war — with himself — for her affections. Stars Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger.

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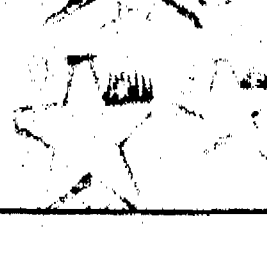
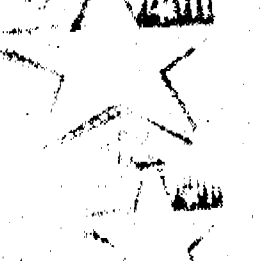
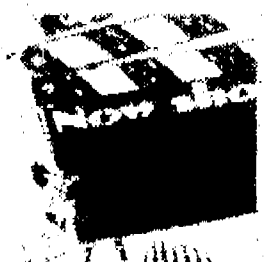
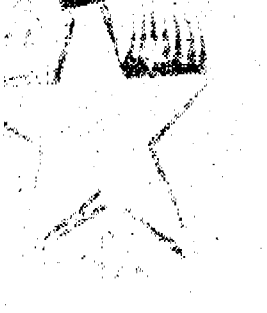
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Domestic Problems, Knee Deep Shag, Rooster win contest



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Soul: Matt Gross, lead vocalist of Kalamazoo's Knee Deep Shag, sings his heart out at the Opening Act Contest May 23 at Meadowbrook Music Festival. His band was one of three winners, along with Rooster and Domestic Problems.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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With names that conjure up images of farm life, family fights and plush carpeting, the 2000 Opening Act Contest winners will make themselves heard as they gear up as openers for at least one show each during Pine Knob Music Theatre's summer season.

Rooster, Knee Deep Shag and Domestic Problems were the judges' choices out of eight worthy contenders Tuesday, May 23 at Meadowbrook Music Festival. In its second year, the Palace Sports and Entertainment Inc. sponsored Opening Act to recognize up-and-coming musical talent from around the Detroit area. The remaining finalists included punk-pop three-piece Molly, of Grand Rapids, power-pop quartet Southfield hailing from Grosse Pointe, soulful Scott Fab, blues pioneers The King Snakes from Westland, and the melodic groove of Kalamazoo's Blue Dahlia.

Rochester-based Americana-rockers Rooster took the win to heart. Ken Karasek, drummer and former Rochester resident, said he "can't wait to see who we're opening up for." Though the band's not on the summer schedule, Karasek said it would be a dream to open for the Foo Fighters.

Knee Deep Shag's five members tossed out big names like

Dave Matthews Band, The Black Crowes and Paul Simon as their own personal "dream gigs," but it doesn't truly matter which show the band opens. Singer Matt Gross looks forward to "the thrill of playing Pine Knob with a professional sound system, in front of a huge crowd."

The band that hails from Kalamazoo and has roots in Troy dazzled the crowd and 10 judges performing its recent single 3 p.m. from their 1999 release *Good Disguise*. Bassist Mike Feurst said the contest "provides up and coming bands to play in front of a crowd that might not necessarily see the show."

Agreeing, Gross added: "It keeps the hope alive. We've been at this for a long time."

Also deep-seated in the Michigan music scene, Grand Rapids' Domestic Problems were honored to be named winners. Singer Andy Holtgreive said the contest pitted his band one step closer to its goal — getting more recognition and playing before larger crowds. The band is currently working on a new album, to be recorded in Grand Rapids with Jon Frazer this summer.

Members of all three bands showed great support for one another, as they have all performed together at one time or another.

The question on each of their minds these days remains — what show will each band be asked to open for this season? The decision is yet to be made.



Anticipation: Above, members of The Kingsnakes, a Westland rock outfit, (from left), Daniel Ross, Thomas Mann, Steven Pelloni, K.R. Broderdorf, and Tommy Diaz relax backstage prior to their performance.



Face of a winner: Left, Job Grotzki, saxophonist and half of the duo in Domestic Problems out of Grand Rapids, gets down during their winning performance.

The Workhorse Movement lives up to its name



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Walking into Woodward Avenue Brewery in Ferndale, I peeked around for a glimpse of the two musicians I'd come to meet. Spotting Jeff Piper quickly, I gave an unsure glance — I'd never seen any members of The Workhorse Movement, not in real life anyway. And I was counting on recognizing Lake Orion native and drummer Joe Mackie — the one with the most tattoos. But I was early, he was on time and Jeff was quietly sipping a beverage at the bar when he called my name.

Fresh off tour with Canada's hard-core answer to girl bands, Kittie, the local boys who formed The Workhorse Movement while attending Central Michigan University had an air of relaxation surrounding them — or were they just enjoying the chips and salsa? I'll never really know, but for all their gravel-edged image, Piper and Mackie proved to be a truly genuine pair.

Mackie's love for music stretches back to childhood, his involvement in church and in high school choir — although you might not expect it at first glance. He knew he was meant to play drums because he was

always banging on things with his pencil. "I used to figure out drum beats to commercials," he said, naming a Honda slogan as one of his favorites.

For Piper, the sounds of music came first from his father's barbershop singing. He knew he had to have a guitar after watching a Quiet Riot video. From his metal past to a growing interest in jazz during high school, Piper — who also goes by the name Freedom — uses a wide variety of guitar stylings to his advantage.

In 1994 those pasts converged — along with singer Myron — to start a band that would test the boundaries of heavy rock and raunchy roll. Somewhere down the line, the band incorporated friend and general wildman Cornbread into the line-up. "He was always at shows," said Mackie.

"We took him out on the road with us because he's such a good dancer," said Piper. "We never thought it would turn into him being a second lead vocalist."

But like all unexpected changes affecting The Workhorse Movement, the band rolled along with it. By 1997, bassist Pete Bever joined in and the band relocated to Detroit, in effect coming even closer to an Overcore Records, which released a five-song self-titled EP the following year.

Influences like Elvis, Led Zepelin and various '80s rock



Hard at work: Cornbread, Pete Bever, Joe Mackie, Freedom (aka Joe Piper) and Myron are The Workhorse Movement.

bands filter into the raucous sound of The Workhorse Movement, one that also incorporates elements of soul and hip hop. The latest album released by Roadrunner Records *Sons of the Pioneers* will hit record store shelves June 6, but those who caught the recent Harpo's show with Kittie have gotten a taste of it already. Producer Scott Santos had a hand in the technical elements of the record, but the songs are distinctly Workhorse.

Since securing the deal with Roadrunner Records last year, Piper said everything's taken on a bigger scale. "It became a career when Roadrunner stepped into the game," he said.

The Workhorse Movement's dedication to that career is denoted in the band name — a name that represents putting 100 percent into everything it does. Mackie came up with the moniker after reading Tom Wolf's novel *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*. "The whole thing that inspired me was the way people were trying to break out of societal norms," he said. Workhorse was a recurring concept.

Breaking rock-music norms, the band welcomed Esham on their latest release with an appearance on *Traffic*. "He's the coolest rapper out, the most prolific," said Piper. "He's a rock guy too."

The next step, you may be wondering? The band will be shooting a video for its first single, *Keep The Sabbath Dream Alive*, in and around the Detroit area and releasing the song in Europe and Japan first. For now, fans can catch them at an energy-powered live show.

Catch The Workhorse Movement with Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at St. Andrews Hall in Detroit. \$7. (313) 961-MELT.

Check out www.workhorse-movement.com. Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130.

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Well done

Golden Mushroom picks seasoned chef to head up kitchen

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Owner Reid Ashton opened the now internationally-known restaurant, Golden Mushroom, in 1972. Legendary Chef Milos Cihelka, the first master chef certified in the United States, left Detroit's legendary London Chop House to become the Golden Mushroom's executive chef and Ashton's partner in 1976. Chef Milos retired in 1994.

Filling his shoes since have been Steve Allen, who left to open his own restaurant, Steve & Rocky's in Novi. Derin Moore, next on board, left recently to head the kitchen at a Charlotte, N.C. country club, leaving the door open for the talented and popular Randy Emert to be named Golden Mushroom executive chef.

At age 32, Chef Randy, a Clarkston resident, has an impressive professional résumé. Since earning an associate's degree in Culinary Arts from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, he has become an American Culinary Federation Certified Chef de Cuisine. He's also a part-time instructor in the culinary departments at Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College. In addition, he captained the 1996 Michigan Culinary Team that was awarded a gold, four silver, and two bronze medals in the Culinary Olympics in Berlin, Germany.

Chef Randy comes to the Golden Mushroom after having been the executive chef at Pike Street

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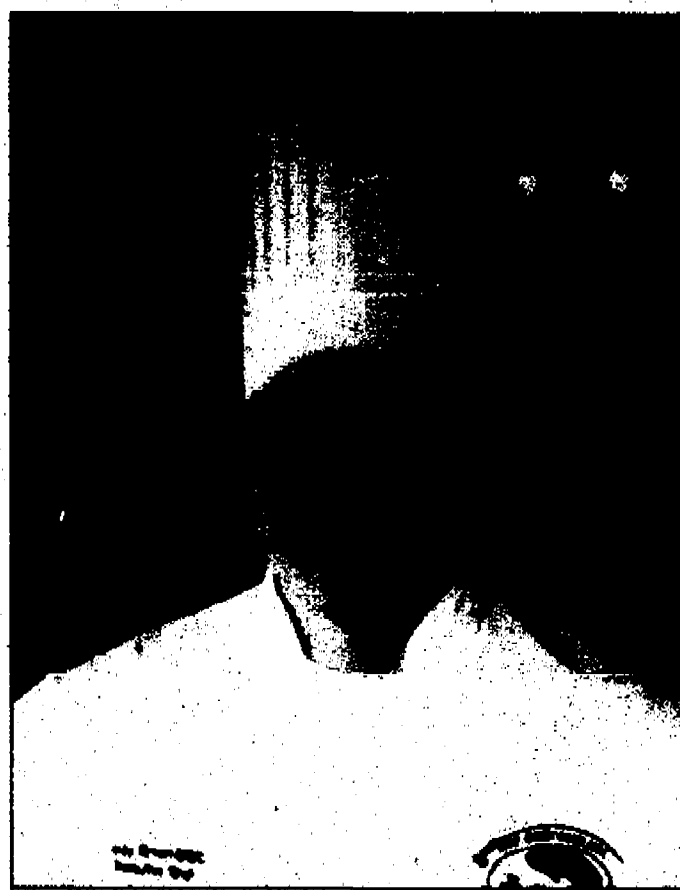
Restaurant in Pontiac and most recently, the Director of Operations and Executive Chef at Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant in Rochester.

"It's a challenge and an honor to follow in the footsteps of the great chefs who've been at the Golden Mushroom," Chef Randy said. "Each day that I work in the kitchen, I hope I can maintain the reputation that's been established. This is not my responsibility alone, but one that the prep and line cooks and sous chefs also take seriously."

While trained in classical cooking methods, Chef Randy uses simple words to describe his style. "Good food, presented elegantly and cooked from the heart," he said. "Pride will show on all plates. I'm very diner preference-conscious when it comes to the menu listings." "It has been said that the Golden Mushroom is a place to come for an all-afternoon lunch. Not anymore. You can be in and out in an hour and have a great lunch, even a working business lunch. People are busy, and I'm committed to making this happen," he said.

Some Golden Mushroom sacrosanct items such as Fresh Beluga Caviar, the signature sampling of Spring Mushrooms, House Salad, Sautéed White Holland Dover Sole, and Crispy Dover Sole Murat will never change.

But diners at the Golden Mushroom will experience some delightful changes under Chef Randy. Foie Gras, the dinner experience, will take on two



Ready Randy: The new executive chef at Golden Mushroom is Randy Emert of Clarkston.

new faces: Foie Gras Combination of Seared Foie Gras and Foie Gras Terrine with a raisin scone and Port wine glaze; or Tableside Carved Whole Roasted Foie Gras, serving six, with appropriate garnish.

New dinner main courses include Sea Scallops and Shrimp Sauté, garnished with pea shoot and grape tomato salad and roast fingerling potatoes;

On the side

■ **Food for thought:** during Spring, about 4,000 pounds of Washington and Oregon milled mushrooms are purchased by the Golden Mushroom then frozen for use throughout the year.

■ **Golden Mushroom uncorked:** Executive Chef Randy Smith is a wine lover. His choices for best matches with his dishes include: Whole Roasted Foie Gras and 1988 Chateau Rayne Vigneau Sauternes Sea Scallops & Shrimp Sauté and 1997 Far Niente Chardonnay and Grilled Moulard Duck Breast and 1996 Iron Horse Pinot Noir.

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Desserts have a retro look. Chef Randy calls them "Back to Milos Favorites." They include Fruit Flan, Mozart Tart, Apple Strudel, Flavored Mousse Cup, Cheesecake of the Day and one or two specials.

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