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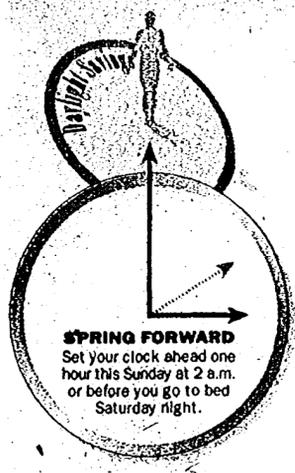
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Senior of year



Creativity: Amy Reynolds, named the city of Westland's senior high school student of the year, works on ceramics at Wayne Memorial High School recently.

Top senior 'just about perfect'

This is last in a series on the Salute to Excellence winners.

Amy Reynolds, a Wayne Memorial High senior, manages to balance school, work, friendships, artistic hobbies, travel and church — and still have time to plan her future and maintain a strong daughter-mother relationship.

"She's just about perfect," Christine Bak, Wayne Memorial assistant principal, said. "I'd love to clone her."

Instead, Bak settled for nominating Reynolds, 18, as High School Senior of the Year, part of Westland Mayor Robert Thomas' 1998 Salute to Excellence Awards.

A selection committee chose Reynolds from 99 nominees. She will be honored along with the city's top teacher, mother and father during the mayor's State of the City address, 7 p.m. April 8 at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

Reynolds credits her achievements to her mother, Maria Reynolds, a nurse at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne.

"I love to spend time with my mom. Next to God, she's the most important person in my life," Reynolds said, sitting in Wayne Memorial's second-floor library.



SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE

"My mom has taught me everything about my morals and my values, and she has given me a lot of courage to help me reach my goals.

"She raised me by herself all my life, and she has done a wonderful job," Reynolds added. "There were times when she had to work three jobs. She's a strong woman. She made me believe that if she could make it, I can make it. I'm really glad she's my mom. And she's my best friend."

Role model

At a time when many young people are being scrutinized for their faults and their failures in a violent world, Amy Reynolds serves as a reminder that teenagers can represent what's good in our society.

She not only knows what she wants out of life; she also has a backup plan.

"I want to be an elementary school teacher, but I want to get a minor in psychology," she said. "If I get tired of teaching, I'd like to go into child psychology."

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Traffic woes, blight among DDA concerns

Two consultants charged with recommending ways to make Westland's commercial corridors thrive economically plunged into their task this week by compiling a local wish list.

Doyle Hyett and Dolores Palma of Alexandria, Va.-based HyettPalma, in an exhaustive series of group meetings, heard from business owners, council members, administration officials and others as they began charting a vision for economic improvements.

They wanted to hear comments as they recommend ways to encourage a thriving economy for the city's Downtown Development Authority district.

The DDA district includes the entire stretch of Ford Road through Westland and the south leg of Wayne Road from Ford to Glenwood. City officials hope to use tax revenues from the special district to spruce up businesses and install visually appealing landscaping.

Mayor Robert Thomas has predicted it will be five years before meaty improvements will occur.

In a Monday meeting attended by only a handful of business owners and residents, consultants heard suggestions for improving the area.

Jan Crawford, who, along with husband Neil owns Westland Lock & Key on Ford Road west of Wayne, said traffic problems that cause numerous Wayne-Ford accidents should be addressed.

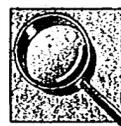
"I think the traffic flow is a big issue," she said.

Larry Walczyk, owner of Precision Tune Auto Care on the Wayne-Ford corner, said he believes the DDA district has a "great" mixture of businesses, but he would like to see city leaders strive to have the area look more like

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Report: James' roles legal

A new opinion, which came in response to a petition filed with the prosecutor's office by Citizens for Good Government, says David James shouldn't be legally barred from his dual roles as Wayne-Westland school trustee and Westland planning commissioner.



A new opinion from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office says David James shouldn't be legally barred from his dual roles as Wayne-Westland school trustee and Westland planning commissioner.

"There was never any real doubt in my mind," James said Tuesday during a telephone interview. "In my mind I never did feel that there was a conflict."

The new opinion came in response to a petition filed with the prosecutor's office by Citizens for Good Government — a group that sought to legally stop James from serving in both positions.

CGG began attacking James in January 1997, when he voted as a planning commissioner to support a condominium development being built on former school district property next to Patchin Elementary.

The group also opposes a residential development planned on the old Wilson school site on Wildwood, next to the Sassafras Trails nature area, but James has abstained as a planning commissioner on that project.

CGG, armed with an opinion from Ann Arbor attorney John D. Erdevig, charged that the state Incompatible Offices Act should prevent James from sitting on the elected school board and appointed planning commission.

Even so, Westland City Attorney

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Moving to the music



In step: Dancers move to the sounds of Tony Russo's Big Band at the Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball Friday at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. About 300 people attended the second-annual event. For more on the event, please see Page A3.

Volunteers sought for neighborhood watch

The Westland Police Department needs volunteers for its neighborhood watch program.

Volunteers drive around in old, stripped-down police cars to watch for crime and check on homes of vacationing residents.

They report any mysterious activity to police officers.

In their newest duty, neighborhood watch volunteers also issue \$95 parking tickets to motorists who park in handicapped spaces without displaying permits.

"We're just starting this, and we've trained our first group of 10 people," Westland police Sgt. David Hooper said.

Early on, some questions arose about the legality of having citizen volunteers issue handicapped parking

POLICE PROGRAM

violations.

But City Attorney Angelo Plakas researched the issue and gave an opinion supporting the new program.

Hooper, who is in charge of the neighborhood watch program, said the police department now has about 25 volunteers.

"We'd like to have more," he said. "We like to have a lot of volunteers."

Driving old police cars and wearing bright orange vests, unpaid volunteers work in pairs and choose their own hours between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m., Hooper

said. Don't worry about finding a partner. The police department will match volunteers.

Before starting their patrols, volunteers report to a shift commander at the police station on Ford Road, east of Newburgh.

"Most of our volunteers are retirees," Hooper said, "but the neighborhood watch program is open to anyone over the age of 18."

"They do have to have a good driving record and no criminal history," he added.

Potential volunteers are encouraged to call Hooper at 467-3249. Police will arrange for six hours of training before volunteers start their work.

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DDA from page A1

Central City Parkway. "They've done a beautiful job with the bricks and the flowers," he said.

Walczyk also said the DDA area should try to draw new customers from places like Garden City and Canton Township, and he said he likes a city slogan that pegs Westland as "the place to be."

"I keep seeing that, and it makes me feel warm and fuzzy," he said.

Jan Crawford suggested having more visible and decorative street signs and possibly using Christmas and Fourth of July decorations to spruce up the commercial corridors.

In a later meeting with council members, HyettPalma consultants heard that Councilwoman Sharon Scott wants to keep additional drugstores and automotive shops out of the DDA district to avoid saturation.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said a top concern is battling blight along Ford and Wayne.

"The blight that we're seeing right now is, I think, the No. 1 thing that we all would like to

see addressed," he said. Councilman Richard LeBlanc, referring to statements made in recent weeks by colleague Charles "Trav" Griffin, said the city should discuss the possibility of condemning some dilapidated properties, compensating property owners and replacing what's there.

He noted that such a move would require "a strong council." Added Hyett, "This is very bold growth management."

Anderson and Councilman Charles Pickering said the city has to instill confidence in residents and business owners that the DDA plan will help neighborhoods and commercial districts.

"Just to go in brashly and say 'this is the plan and we're going with it' - we can't do that," Anderson said.

Pickering said some controversial developments have occurred in areas where residents are now pleased, although they initially opposed plans that got approved.

In planning DDA improvements, he said, "We have to reach that level of confidence."

Watch from page A1

Because of the new program targeting handicapped parking violations, neighborhood watch volunteers may have to go to Westland District Court - but only once a month.

"They may have to attend a hearing if somebody contests a ticket," Hooper said.

Now that spring has arrived, Hooper is reminding Westland residents to contact the police

department before going on vacations. Call 722-9600.

By calling, vacationers can ensure that neighborhood watch volunteers and regular patrol officers will occasionally drive by their homes to look for anything suspicious.

Officers on the phone will take some basic information to help them make vacation checks.

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On the way to Oz: Colleen Wright, a senior, plays the wicked witch along with her evil monkey subjects, left to right, Jason Noel, James Foran, Scott Clark, and Brad Clark in John Glenn High School's upcoming production of "Oz," at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 2-4, at John Glenn Auditorium. Tickets at the door are \$4 for students and \$7 for adults. "Oz" is a contemporary version of the "Wizard of Oz" story with rap, jazz and classical music.

Principal to take calls in forum

Mary Goedert, principal of Madison Elementary School in Westland, will team up with more than 150 principals and school psychologists to answer parents' questions about their children's education during a nationwide forum.

Goedert will be among the educators taking calls on the National Principals' Hotline during a National Association of Elementary School Principals convention in early April in Orlando, Fla. Local mothers, fathers, grandparents, stepparents and

to ask questions about any topic by calling 1-800-944-1601 during the following times:

- Sunday, April 5, from 2 to 8 p.m.
- Monday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Callers also may request a free copy of "On Call for Kids," a booklet produced in part by the elementary principals association. The booklet provides answers to questions commonly asked by parents.

James from page A1

Angelo Plakas followed with a decision declaring that James could legally sit on both boards.

Taking its fight a step further, CGG in December petitioned the prosecutor's office to enforce the act and declare that James shouldn't sit in both positions.

But assistant Wayne County prosecutor Frank Bernacki, in a March 20 letter to CGG member Charles Johnson, issued an opinion similar to Plakas' ruling.

"It is the opinion of this office that Mr. James is not holding incompatible offices at this time," Bernacki wrote. "Indeed as is evidenced by abstention from voting, he may be more comfortable if he did not hold

both positions, and in the future a situation could arise which would lead to the opposite conclusion; however, based upon the present facts, his serving in both of these offices is not legally barred."

James held out hope that the controversy will subside.

"This should be the end of it," he said. "It makes me wonder what their (CGG's) reason is for doing this. I'm starting to take it a little personally."

CGG member Teresa Robbins, who had asked the prosecutor's office to contact her about the CGG complaint, couldn't be reached for comment Tuesday.

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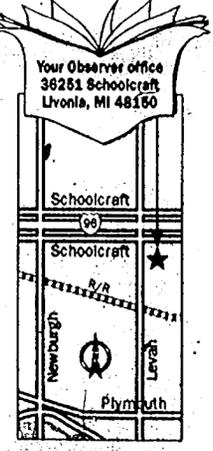
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Spring fling

Foundation ball draws crowd

More than 300 people attended the Westland Community Foundation's second annual spring ball Friday at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.

The event included a reception, dinner and dancing. During the reception and dinner, George Colovus performed musical selections using a flute, vibraphone, percussion and vocals.

Afterward, Tony Russo's World Famous Big Band entertained the crowd with Big Band sounds. The money raised by the ball will to help pay for a variety of foundation programs, such as scholarships, Salvation Army summer camps, children's library programs and business-community events.



Spring fare: At top left, Mack and Bertha Mayfield of Westland sample some of the hors d'oeuvres at Friday night's Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball. Above, Glenn Shaw, executive board president of the Westland Community Foundation, dances with his mother, Martha Urmas. She is 83. At left, Elvira and Jerry Barker of Wayne are the first-prize winners of the foundation raffle.

Schools propose program additions

Three years of program improvements show just how well Livonia Public School district has fared since the state, not local taxpayers, began paying the bulk of the school district's bills.

"Just about everything out there has broken right for us," said Superintendent Ken Watson during Monday's discussion of the district's proposed 1998-99 budget.

Now recovered from the program cuts of the early 1990s, the district plans a third year of program additions next year.

The most costly addition is a proposed \$750,000 expenditure to continue to reduce class size in the district's elementary schools.

At a May 4 public hearing, both the proposed \$134.2 million budget and the \$10.3 million the district expects to get in April from the so-called Durant settlement will be aired, as mandated by state law.

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None of the Durant money has been included in the 1998-99 budget.

The district in 1998-99 expects to receive \$137 million in federal, state and local sources.

It also expects to end the year with a \$18.4 million surplus.

Including elementary class size, Watson highlighted 21 areas the district expects to pump more money into in the next school year. (See related story.)

These range from a new \$50,000 front-end loader to remove snow in the bigger school parking lots, to increasing the hours of high school attendance secretaries during the summer months.

Budgeting was made much easier this year, Watson said, because the current state-aid bill runs for two years and because

all contracts with school workers have been settled.

In picking the 21 areas, the district chose programs it could continue to fund in the coming years, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business.

"We don't want to take any of these back in two years," he said.

Liepa describes Livonia's economic picture as "the best financial position we have been in for some time."

Even so, he said, the district could soon face new costs, including spending \$1 million to add staffing and operation costs for an additional elementary or middle school to ease overcrowding in southwest Livonia.

The district also must follow a state mandate and add 51 hours of instruction to the school year by 2000-01. Extra costs here will come from a longer school day or year and more staffing, he said.

District program increases listed

Livonia Public Schools officials are recommending the following program increases in the district's 1998-99 budget.

Programs are listed from the most to the least expensive:

- \$725,000 to reduce class size in grades one-three in the 15 school buildings not reduced in class size in the 1997-98 budget. The current average class size of 25-to-1 will drop to 24-to-1.

- The average class in grades four-six, now 28-to-1, will drop to 26-to-1.

- \$300,000 to ensure enrichment classes will run at the three high schools, even if enrollment is small.

- \$250,000 to begin a two-phase program to replace playground equipment over a four-year period. The district wants to get rid of old, outmoded, even unsafe equipment while it has the money in its budget to do so.

- \$210,000 to launch seventh-grade academic teams at Riley, Frost and Holmes middle schools. Teachers will team teach in academic areas only, not in such areas as art or physical education.

- \$125,000 to add more psychological counseling for emotionally troubled students. The district's current staff of 4.5

social workers will jump to 6.5; the district's 7.5 psychologists will go to eight.

- \$90,000 to provide more support for high school teachers in the areas of core curriculum and Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

- \$75,000 to launch a one-year pilot program at Churchill that tracks ninth-graders to ensure their academic success. The program boosts the counseling and administrative staff.

- \$75,000 to add hours to paraprofessionals' work day at the three high schools. This means areas such as computer rooms and hallways will be monitored one hour before and after school.

- \$56,000 for a pilot program at Churchill High and Frost and Holmes middle schools for more after-school busing. This would allow students who participate in extracurricular activities to ride rather than walk home.

- \$50,000 to give elementary school teachers training sessions in the district's new math program.

- \$50,000 to add more teachers to the district's "SAFE program" in two elementary buildings, who serve as liaisons for social problems between the

school and family. The district this year has 10 full-time and 12 part-time SAFE teachers; in 1998-1999 this would be reversed with 12 full-time and 10 part-time.

- \$50,000 for more paper and cleaning supplies used by custodians.

- \$50,000 for more teaching materials and technology supply costs.

- \$50,000 to replace a 20-year-old front-end loader with a new one.

- \$40,000 to boost the leadership support for the seventh-grade academically talented program.

- \$40,000 to boost the leadership support in middle school core curriculum areas.

- \$30,000 for extra clerical support at Churchill and Stevenson.

- \$25,000 to boost the high school career intern program.

- \$15,000 to make the job of the parent outreach coordinator full time.

- \$15,000 for more secretarial support at Perrinville School.

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Senior from page A1

Reynolds grew up in Westland, and she has a 21-year-old brother. Her father, William, died four years ago, but she chooses not to discuss him.



At school, Reynolds maintains a 3.79 grade point average, and she is a member of the National Honor Society. She was in Wayne Memorial's homecoming court in October.

One of her most beloved hobbies is art, including studio art, ceramics, pottery, drawing, painting and jewelry-making, just to name a few of her artistic talents.

She captured a top art award in her school last year, and she has won two regional awards and a certificate award in a competition sponsored by the Center of Creative Studies in Detroit.

She routinely receives academic letters at school.

Reynolds finds time to work 21 hours a week at Westland's Target store, and she is making plans next fall to attend either Eastern Michigan University or Henry Ford Community College.

Why does she want to become a teacher?

"I like teaching little kids. I want to teach them to do things the right way and to inspire them. I want them to be able to think for themselves," she said.

She already has some background. She used to tutor young children at Lincoln Elementary School in Westland, and she has babysat for friends and family.

Teaching seems like a good choice for someone who enjoys school as much as Reynolds does.

"I love coming to school. I'm not one to skip classes," she said. "I come to school to achieve my goals. If you don't have an education, you have nothing."

This year, she designed the cover for her senior yearbook.

'I like teaching little kids. I want to teach them to do things the right way and to inspire them. I want them to be able to think for themselves.'

Amy Reynolds

Salute to Excellence winner

The Spectator. Her hobbies include rollerblading, softball, art, shopping, bowling and going to movies. She spends her weekends engaging in those kinds of activities with friends rather than going to parties where drugs and alcohol are used.

"Drugs are a big problem," she said, when asked to cite the No. 1 problem facing her generation. "I don't go to parties where drugs and alcohol are involved, and I don't have friends that do drugs and alcohol."

"I have some really good friends," she said. "My friends are important to me."

Reynolds attends church at Sts. Simon & Jude in Westland.

She loves to travel, and she and her mother are planning a six-week trip in July to her mother's homeland of Malta. Amy has visited once before, 10 years ago.

"The cliffs are beautiful, and so is the church architecture," she said.

Reynolds also has traveled to Rome and along the eastern coast of the United States, from Maine to Florida. She wants someday to see the Pyramids of Egypt and to visit Australia.

"I love going to new places and meeting new people," she said.

Reynolds said she didn't expect to be chosen High School Senior of the Year, even though Bak told her she was being nominated.

"It was a pleasure to nominate her," Bak said.

Reynolds had no idea until she was interviewed for this story that she was chosen among 99 nominees.

"That makes me a little nervous," she said. "That's a great honor."

Indeed.



Musical moments: Churchill High School presents the 1930s Broadway musical "42nd Street" at 7:30 p.m. today-Friday, April 2-3 and at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the Carli Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Cost is \$5 for presale tickets and \$7 at the door; a special \$4 rate is available for students and seniors on Thursday. Pictured are members of the cast: (from left) junior Anna Bonde plays Peggy Sawyer, junior Eugene Doss as Bert, senior Joe Wisniewski as Julian Marsh, sophomore Brian Druchniak as Billy Lawler, senior Jill Getz as Dorothy Brock and senior Christa Carlomusto as Maggie. A total of 125 student actors, singers, musicians, crew members, scenery constructors and dancers will take part in this production. Teacher Pat Hutchison and student Allison Sorrano direct the student musical. Call (734) 523-9230.

BUSINESS NOTES

New staff added

Livonia-based Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc. (OHM) has added Amy E. O'Brien of Westland and Christopher M. Parrish to its staff.

A right-of-way-technician, O'Brien works in OHM's Survey Department processing survey data collection, preparing right-of-way plans and easement descriptions.

Parrish serves as an engineering technician assisting OHM's municipal engineering groups with various projects.

Galea appointed VP

Former Westland resident Robert W. Galea was recently appointed senior vice president/director of marketing/public relations at Imperial Bank of California.



Galea

Before joining Home Savings of America, he served at Michigan National Bank of Detroit. He received his B.B.A. in marketing from Western Michigan University.

Galea currently resident in Placentia, Calif., with his wife and two children.

Professional engineer

Lynn M. Surdock, formerly of Westland, has earned Professional Engineer status from the state of Michigan. She is a staff member of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (FTC&H). A graduate of John Glenn

High School and the daughter of Westland residents Mrs. and Mrs. Dennis McCormick, Surdock has design background on facilities at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and worked with clients such as Amway Corporation, Michigan State University, Ingham Regional Medical Center, and the Flat River Community Library in Greenville.

EMU appointments

Two Westland residents are among several new appointments to the Eastern Michigan

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Engler names Talbot to state appeals court

Michael Talbot, a Wayne County circuit judge, was appointed Thursday by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1st District.

The following day, Engler appointed Richard Halloran Jr., an administrative law judge, to Wayne's 3rd Judicial Court to replace Talbot.

Talbot will be filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Maureen Pulte Reilly.

Engler called Talbot "one of the most experienced and respected" trial judges in the state.

"He has served with distinction at every level of our trial court system and has been a visiting judge on the Court of Appeals. There is no one better prepared to handle the challenging work of the Michigan Court of Appeals than Judge Mike Talbot."

Talbot, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has been a judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Court since 1991 and had served on the Recorder's Court from 1980 to 1991.

Talbot was engaged in private practice when he was first appointed by Gov. William Milliken as a judge of the Detroit Common Pleas Court in 1978. He has served as a visiting judge for the Washtenaw County Probate Court and for numerous circuit courts, including the Monroe County Circuit where he has served as a visiting judge since 1986.

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Gov. John Engler

judge for the Court of Appeals on numerous occasions. For many years, Talbot presided over all drug forfeiture and public nuisance cases brought in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Talbot has served as a member of the Board of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit since 1992. He currently serves as a chair of the advisory board of St. John's Center for Family and Youth and is a member of the board of directors of Manressa Retreat House, the Catholic Lawyers Society and of Jefferson House, a residential drug treatment facility. Talbot also is a member of the Board of Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The newest appellate judge earned a bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown University in 1967 and a juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1971.

Talbot's appointment runs

through Jan. 1, 1999. He will have to run for election in November 1998, in order to serve the remainder of the term, which expires Dec. 31, 2002.

Halloran, of Detroit, was appointed to the 36th Judicial District Court and in 1998 became an administrative law judge for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. He currently is a board member of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and serves on the state task force on batterer intervention standards.

Halloran previously served as chair of the Wayne County Coordinating Council To Prevent Domestic Violence.

"Richard Halloran's experience as a magistrate and judge of the 36th District Court has prepared him well for the challenge of serving on the Wayne County Circuit Court," Engler said. "He has been a leader in the fight against domestic violence, and his ability to address the needs of families will be a valuable addition to this important court."

Halloran received his bachelor of arts degree from Canisius College in Buffalo in 1970, and his juris doctor in 1975 from the University of Detroit Law School.

Upon receiving his law degree, Halloran became an attorney for the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and later became a 36th District Court magistrate.

County parks plan marshmallow drop

Everyone knows that March marches in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

But does everyone know that April springs in like ... "marshmallows?"

Well, if you don't, here's the scoop:

Wayne County parks will hold its annual Marshmallow Drop at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, at Nankin Mills in Westland on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail.

Marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter, much to the delight of hundreds of waiting children, who will scramble to collect the sweet treats and turn them in for a prize-filled egg during the county's 13th annual Great Marshmallow Drop. Children will be divided into age groups in order to collect their share of the marshmallow treats.

"This isn't just an opportunity for kids to eat more candy," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "This is a chance for families to start the season by enjoying the spring air and getting plenty of exercise in the process."

The Great Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by WNIC-FM 100.

For information, call (313) 261-1990.

Transition

Hospice chief resigns to head Phoenix-based organization

Hospice of Michigan's board of directors has asked its chairman, Lee R. Miskowski, to serve as interim CEO while it undertakes a search to replace President and CEO Carolyn J. Cassin.

Cassin recently accepted a position as chief operating officer east for VistaCare, a national Hospice corporation based in Phoenix.

Miskowski, former vice president of the Ford Motor Co. and general manager of the Lincoln-Mercury Division, will head Hospice of Michigan's transition team during the search, the board announced

Tuesday.

"We have a terrific leadership team at Hospice of Michigan," said Miskowski, who has led the organization's nine-member board since 1996. "Carolyn Cassin has a superb group of vice presidents who share her vision. Hospice of Michigan's style of participatory management means patient care services will be unaffected."

Cassin will remain at Hospice of Michigan for at least 30 days. She came to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, forerunner of Hospice of Michigan, in 1988. The board credited

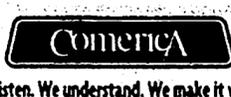
her with rescuing the organization from the verge of bankruptcy.

In 1994, Cassin spearheaded a merger of Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, and eight smaller hospice programs into Hospice of Michigan, the first statewide hospice in the United States. Hospice of Michigan is the largest nonprofit hospice in the nation.

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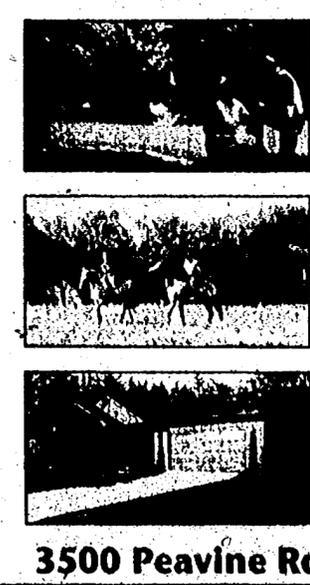


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Early summer?



Wow, it was warm: Ashley Johnson, 3, Matt Wertz, 5, and Josh Johnson, 4, drink strawberry slush at the Dairy Dan on Ford Road as residents took advantage of the recent warm temperatures. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end as temperatures took a more seasonable turn.

Republicans to meet

Susy Heintz, director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office, will address the Westland Republican Club at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 W. Warren, at Venoy in Garden City.

Heintz was the chairwoman of the Michigan Republican Party, was a Wayne County commissioner, has held numerous elected positions, and has served on several boards and committees in Wayne County.

Competes in finals

Angel Gamba, daughter of Patricia and Carlos Gamba of Westland, competed as a finalist in

PLACES & FACES

Michigan's 18th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection, March 28 and 29 in Lansing. Gamba, who was selected as John Glenn High School's homecoming queen in October 1997, competed with 56 other Michigan homecoming queens.

The competition in Lansing was part of America's Homecoming Queen Inc., a nonprofit organization promoting education and educational travel for high school homecoming queens.

About 10 percent of the homecoming queens in Michigan were selected to compete in the finals.

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University staff.

Mary Jackson is a workplace education specialist at the Center for Management and Leadership. Jackson earned her bachelor's degree in secondary education at Eastern Michigan University in 1993 and her master's degree in teaching at EMU in 1995. She has served as a guest lecturer at EMU since 1995 and as an adjunct faculty member at Henry Ford Community College since 1997.

Judith Poger is a workplace education specialist at the Center for Management and Leadership. Poger earned her bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1963 and her master's degree in reading from EMU in 1986. Poger has served as adjunct English and communications instructor at Henry Ford Community College and instructor at the Dearborn Public Schools Adult Education program.

Salon anniversary

The Maria Cisar Salon, 35857 Ford Road, celebrated its first year anniversary in Westland on April 1. The salon introduced a new color line, sponsored by Nailco, at a color party in honor of

the anniversary.

Home improvement show

Canton Fence & Supply Company and Best Buy Blinds of Westland are displaying their goods at the second annual Home Improvement Show which opens today and runs through April 5 in Novi.

Canton Fence & Supply Company will present vinyl fencing and decking and Best Buy Blinds will feature blinds.

Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. today and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Resale spree

Nicole's Revival is hosting a resale shopping spree 9 a.m. to about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Cost is \$35. The spree departs from Nicole's Revival, includes continental breakfast, lunch and transportation to resale shops. Nicole's Revival is a 958 N. Newburgh Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford. (734) 729-1234.

MILITARY NEWS

Joshua Barr, son of Gayla and David Barr of Detroit, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program March 19.

Barr, a 1996 graduate of Westland Lutheran High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force May 13. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a tactical aircraft maintenance apprentice.

He will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sci-

ences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Air Force Airman Dennis R. McCann has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



McCann

During the six weeks of training, McCann studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, the airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

McCann is the son of Dennis P. and Kathleen A. McCann of Livonia.

He is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School.

OBITUARIES

AMY JO NELLIGAN

Funeral services for Amy Jo Nelligan, 48, of Westland were March 31 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Officiating was Monsignor John Zenz.

Mrs. Nelligan, who died March 29 in Farmington Hills, was born in Detroit. She was a receptionist at Botsford Hospital for six years.

Surviving are: husband, Donald Jr.; son, Donald III of Redford; daughter, Christina Frisstick of Westland; parents, Robert and Doris Hall; brothers,

Patrick Hall of Arizona, Michael of Garden City, Robert Hall Jr. of Howell; sisters, Pamela Hall of Englewood, Fla., Debra Caminiti of Englewood, Fla., Josephine Holtz of Englewood, Fla. and Doris Rysztak of Garden City; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

POLLY CANTERBURY

Funeral services for Polly Canterbury, 75, of Westland were March 30 in St. Theodore

Catholic Church with interment at Restlawn Cemetery, Port Charlotte, Fla. Officiating was the Rev. Michael Molnar. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Canterbury died March 26 in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Lee Reese, John Jr. and Robert Jares; daughter, Judy Bush; brothers, Ralph Bragg and Doug Bragg; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Canterbury is preceded in death by her husband, John.

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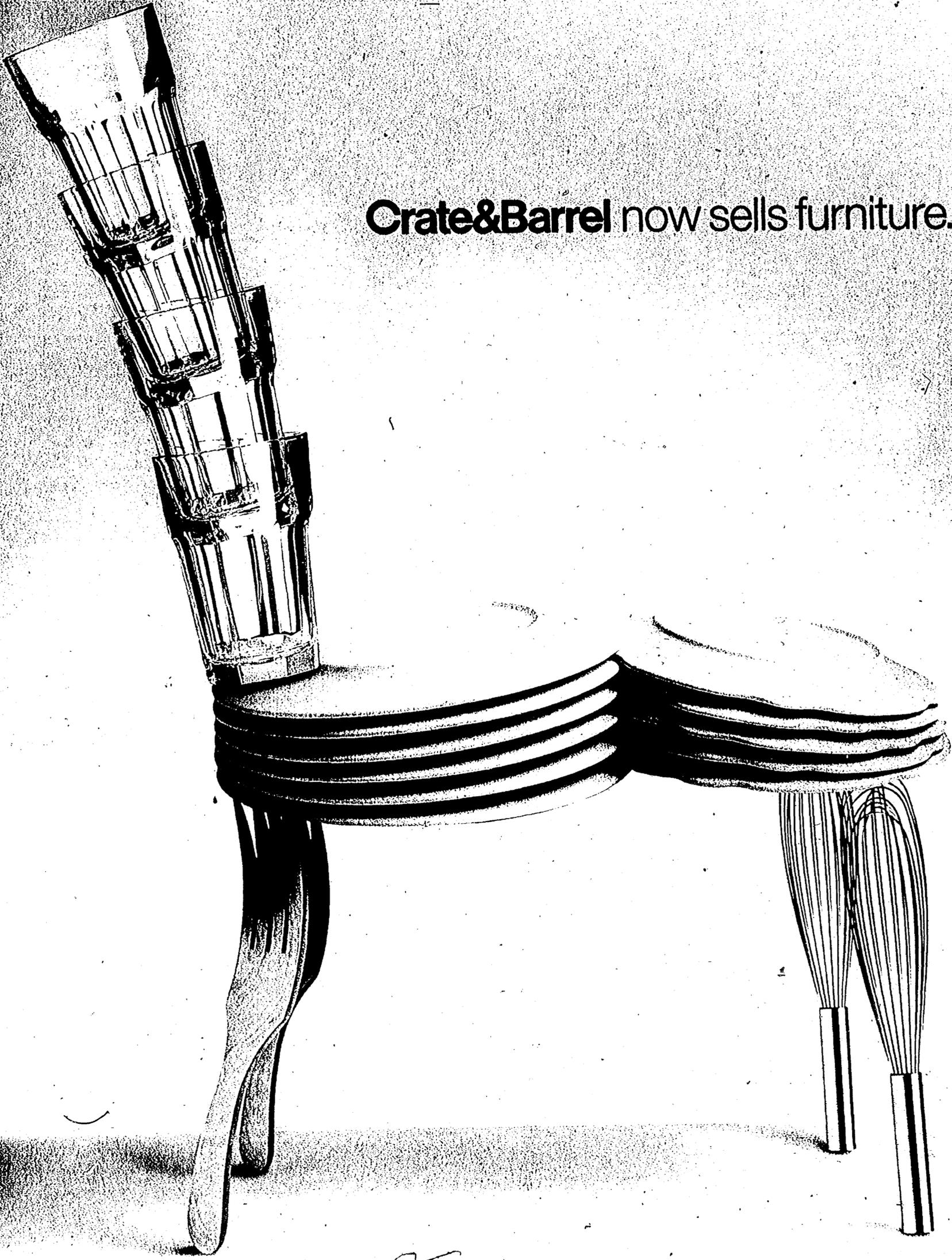
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S'craft hires consultants for business center project

Schoolcraft College has hired a team of an architectural firm and food services consultant to complete drawings for its new Business and Industry Training Center and the renovation of the Waterman Campus Center.

Trustees approved a \$103,858 contract March 22 with Ghafari Associates Inc. of Dearborn and E.F. Whitney Inc.

Trustees heard presentations from three different architectural/food service consultant teams on Feb. 28. They met again March 22 to hear recommendations from Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president of business services, who had researched previous jobs completed by the bidders.

"All three teams were very good and very capable, but this team came across as the most organized and they had already begun to mesh," Raby said. That team also was the low bid for the design phase.

Raby visited Henry Ford Community College and University of Michigan-Dearborn to check on Ghafari's architectural work and the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to research E.F. Whitney.

Raby was unaware of any

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work that Ghafari and Whitney had completed together as a team, but contacted officials at each of the facilities he visited, and found that most were pleased with the architect's work.

"At University of Michigan-Dearborn, they designed a building for the physical plant staff. It was a very utilitarian building, but sparse in terms of design," Raby said. "At Henry Ford, they designed a building for Nursing and Allied Health programs. Functionally, it was very well designed, but not the kind we wanted."

Raby recommended to Ghafari that Schoolcraft wanted a "groundface" block in the new facilities that was used in the corridors at the McDowell Center because it requires low main-

tenance and is more durable.

Raby was impressed with Ghafari's arrangement of a conference room at its headquarters in Dearborn, a design of what Schoolcraft would want. "The technology is hidden, but available," Raby said.

The room contained a "closet" with projection and personal computer equipment. Raby expects Schoolcraft to have rooms at the conference center with "break-out" rooms for smaller groups to use with similar equipment.

E.F. Whitney designed an inn at the Henry Ford Museum-Greenfield Village complex, which created the feel of an inn, yet accommodate the masses of people that visited whether it was a conference or groups of tourists, Raby said.

Raby suspects the two buildings will be approached as one project. "But whether or not it will shake out that way, I can't tell you," Raby said. "That's why we have feasibility studies."

Schematic diagrams will not be completed until late summer, Raby said. Depending on when state funds are approved, ground breaking could be as early as 1999 or as late as 2001.

Balanced budgets, high bond rating win praise for county

Wayne County has been awarded the certificate of achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 1996 comprehensive annual financial report.

The certificate was issued by the Government Finance Officers Association, the highest form of recognition a governmental agency can obtain in accounting and financial reporting.

"This award recognizes the high standards achieved by the county," said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "Its

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attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the county and its management."

In the last 10 years the county's financial health has improved.

The \$140 million general fund deficit from 1986 has been eliminated. In 1996, the general fund showed a \$20 million fund balance. Since 1987, the county has recorded 10 straight balanced budgets and received nine straight bond rating increases.

The county also received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its annual appropriated budget for fiscal 1996. For this award, Wayne County's budget was reviewed by a panel of judges of accountants, government officials and others.

County officials expect the recognition will help market securities to investors by informing them about the county's financial condition.

DAR offers \$1,000 scholarships for students at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College students with serious financial needs are encouraged to apply for the John Sackett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution scholarship.

The DAR is offering a

\$1,000 scholarship for the entire 1998-99 academic year to a Schoolcraft student who can demonstrate he or she is deserving of financial assistance.

Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid

in room 260 of the McDowell Center. Applications are due May 11.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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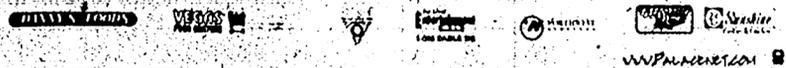
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Newburgh Lake

Project on track, November wrapup set

Wayne County officials are now saying that the Newburgh Lake restoration should be finished by late November.

Contractors and work crews are expected to complete this year the lake's excavation, the resurfacing of Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads, fish kill and restocking and plantings of trees, according to Roger Van Omen, a chief engineer of Wayne County's Department of Public Works.

"The lake excavation is expected to be completed by Labor Day," Van Omen said. "The road and park restoration will follow that work this fall. We hope this is completed by late November."

Excavators from John Carlo of Clinton Township are removing soil and sediment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the lake. The soil is being transported to a landfill in Salem Township.

Most PCBs removed

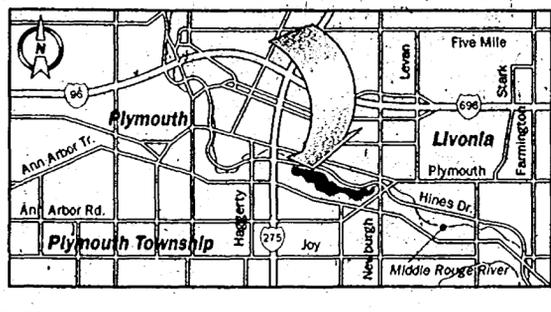
About 370,000 tons or about 95 percent of contaminated soil has been removed. About 685,000 total tons of contaminated and noncontaminated soil needs to be removed.

The excavation will make Newburgh about 8 feet deep, Van Omen said. The excavation phase is scheduled for completion by Sept. 7.

Van Omen said as recently as December the lake would not be completed until 1999, but officials now are revising that schedule. Contractor John Carlo

Newburgh Lake

Contractors and work crews are expected to complete this year the \$10 million Newburgh Lake restoration project. Wayne County officials expect completion of the lake's excavation by Labor Day, Hines Drive resurfaced between Newburgh and Haggerty roads by Nov. 15, a fish kill and lake refilled with water in September and fish restocked in October. The lake is expected to be ready for public use in late November, according to a county official.



will remove less than the expected 700,000 tons because the soil that was to be removed weighed less than was first believed.

"The contractor didn't know exactly what it weighed," Van Omen said. "As the lake is lowered, and the soil dries, it consolidates. The tonnage isn't as much as we thought." Van Omen said soil samples are being collected continually throughout this phase by the firm of Environmental Consulting & Technology of Detroit.

Van Omen said many of the contractor's costs for equipment use in dredging are fixed costs, so he was uncertain whether the

county would save money in the excavation contract.

"They've been hauling 3,000 tons a day," Van Omen said.

A busy lake

Here is a summary of the 1998 schedule:

- A new sluice gate at the dam near Newburgh Road was installed in February.

- Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads will be resurfaced between Sept. 30 and Nov. 15.

- A second fish kill - the first was completed last June - is scheduled for September.

- The new sluice gate will be

closed to refill the lake between Sept. 25 and Oct. 10. A temporary cofferdam used at the site will be removed with a crane at the end of the project.

The site restoration is scheduled between August and October. Lake plantings and fish restocking will take place in October.

Van Omen doesn't expect a repeat of last year's fish kill when several thousand fish were killed downstream in a river impoundment, Nankin Lake, along with the ones planned for Newburgh Lake.

Rotenone, a natural pesticide, was used last year, but too much was applied too close to the dam at Newburgh Lake, which allowed less time and lake volume for workers to neutralize the rotenone with potassium permanganate. Both chemicals break down naturally depending on their concentration levels and water temperatures.

Most of those fish in New-

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Northwest to add new routes to Japan June 2

Northwest Airlines has started a new "Motown Express" service between Detroit and Nagoya, Japan, which begins on June 2.

The new route connects the two largest automotive manufacturing centers in the world.

Nagoya is in the Chubu region of Japan which has a population of more than 18 million. Toyota, Honda and Yamaha have large manufacturing facilities in the region, and there are numerous auto parts suppliers.

"The economic impact of international air service is enormous," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. "When business and industry are scouting locations for headquarters, plants or branch offices, air service, especially international air service, is always near the top of the list."

"Detroit Metro Airport's superior airfield, which includes runways designed for

long-haul international departures and sophisticated instrument landing systems, provides the infrastructure which allows our air carriers to take advantage of destinations such as Tokyo, Osaka, Beijing and now Nagoya. Such air service generates jobs and economic opportunity for our local communities."

Wayne County, Northwest Airlines and the Federal Inspection Services dedicated an expanded international arrivals area last month, which increases the airport's arriving international passenger processing rate from 800 to 1,200 passengers per hour. A new international departures building was dedicated in September.

Northwest will operate the Detroit-Nagoya service three times a week with Boeing 747-400 aircraft, with enough cargo capacity to ship parts and supplies, as well as pas-

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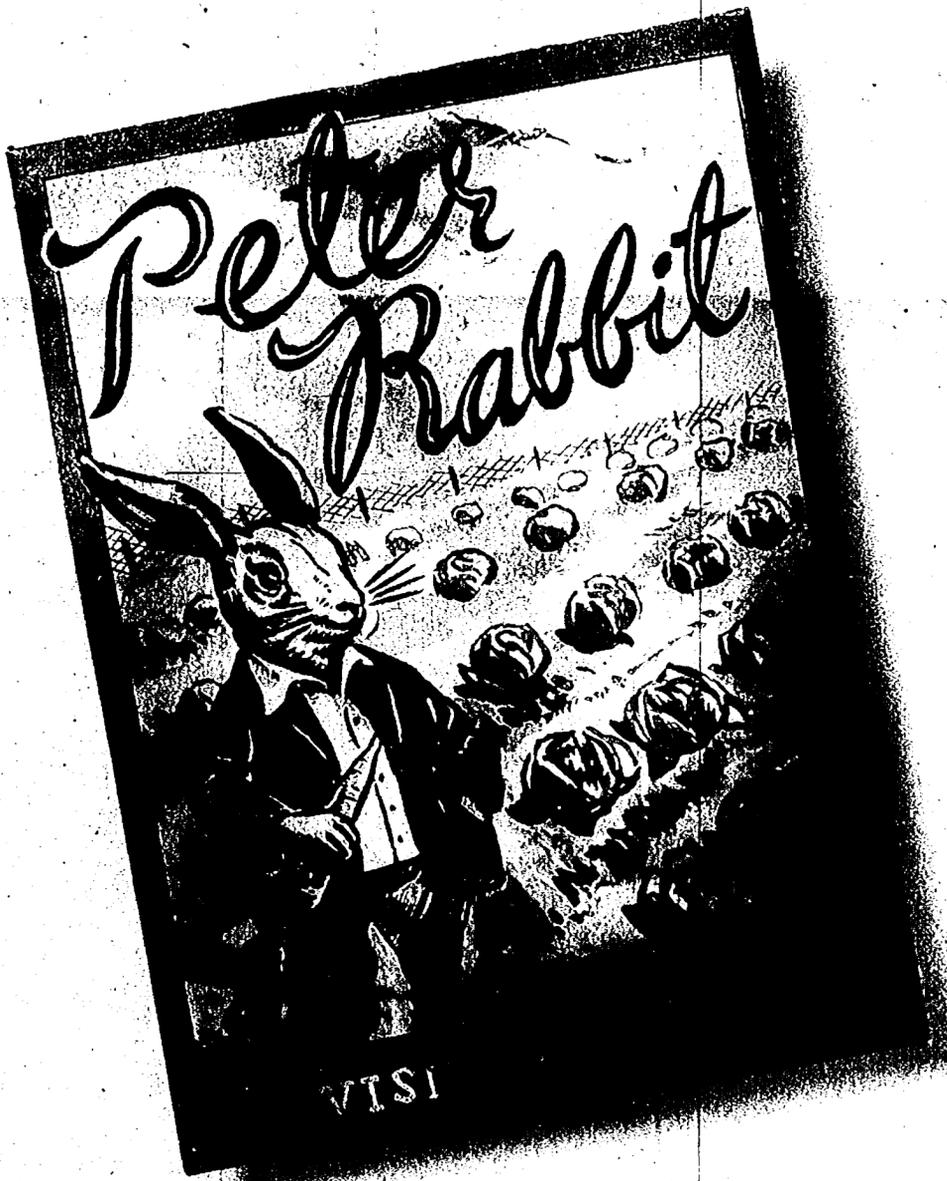
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Youth prison is state's first

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Rejoice or cry?

State lawmakers did both as ground was broken for the first "punk prison" near Baldwin in Lake County.

Privately built and run, the 480-bed maximum security prison will house violent offenders under age 19. Its programs will feature drug therapy, alcohol therapy, impulse control therapy, general education and vocational training.

"It's unfortunate you have to make an occasion and a press kit out of building a children's prison," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, an outspoken liberal. "I think it's a sad day."

Berryman called it "a prison patterned after what, I think, is a failed adult correctional system ... Early intervention programs, prevention programs - that is the key."

Berryman also deplored that the prison was privatized, which "makes the administrators of

that facility and the guards not accountable to elected officials but accountable to a CEO."

Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, a former police officer, said the groundbreaking ceremony last month "is not a celebration but an affirmation of the policy of the state. That policy (toward) violent offenders - be they young or old - is punishment for their actions."

Bouchard said the majority recognize the need for early intervention and at-risk programs. He saw the use of a private company "as a cost-effective means of doing business" that will free up state money for other programs.

"These children who were mentioned (by Berryman) are criminals!" said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids. "They have committed crimes against the weaker members of this society. To pretend that they are only children and not criminals is missing the point."

"This is a day I have long

waited for," said Gov. John Engler at groundbreaking ceremonies for the prison, being built by Granger Construction of Lansing and managed by Wackenhut Corrections. It's due to be finished in 1999.

"It will save taxpayers more than \$33 million in construction-related costs and \$4.5 million per year in operating costs," Engler said. "Michigan now has one of the toughest juvenile justice systems in the nation, and this prison another step to keep it that way."

Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, said the prison's purpose is to protect citizens from violent offenders.

"This prison will help citizens on the outside feel secure from the threat of violent criminals, while helping those inside to face up to the personal problems which led to their crimes," said VanRegenmorter, chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee which reported out the "punk prison" bills.

'We're squeezed'

Sending Michigan inmates to a federal prison in West Virginia isn't cost-effective, so the Department of Corrections is bringing back 31.

"We're squeezed to the limit," said Ken McGinnis, director of Corrections.

He said Michigan was unable to persuade the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to accept more state inmates. After reviewing nearly 1,000 inmate files, the federal bureau accepted only 39 - all for minimum-security facilities.

McGinnis said Michigan has space only in its own minimum-security prisons, including camps, "so sending them to a federal facility is just not cost-effective."

Michigan has a prison population of 44,000. More than 42,000 need to be in secure facilities. Gov. Engler's budget proposes construction prisons to house 5,400 inmates.

Scholarship helps her spirit live on at Madonna

Julienne Hoff died March 18, 1997, but her spirit lives on at Madonna University.

A scholarship has been established in her name at the university.

Hoff came to Madonna (College) University in 1987 as the newly-appointed dean in the Division of Nursing and Health. In addition to her role as a division dean, she was chairperson of the nursing department which included both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

Under her leadership, the Division of Nursing and Health continued to excel. Each year, more than 96 percent of the nursing graduates passed the State Board Examinations on the first attempt. Previous to her position at Madonna College, Hoff was a professor and dean in the Division of Nursing at Mercy College.

Her formal education included a doctorate in academic administration of higher education from the University of Michigan. She did post-graduate study at Boston University and completed her master's degree in nursing education at Teachers College at Columbia University, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College in Detroit.

Throughout her years as a professor and dean, Hoff was recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and dedication to nursing and education.

Julienne Hoff resigned from Madonna College in 1990 to spend time with her husband, William R. Hoff, a 1977 Madonna University graduate, who had then



In memory: Throughout her years as a professor and dean, Julienne Hoff was recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and dedication to nursing and education.

recently retired from his position as deputy chief of the Livonia Police Department.

"We treasured her very much," said Mary Wawrzynski, who succeeded Hoff at Madonna. "I knew her as a deeply caring woman with a supportive personality who helped people achieve their goals."

In her memory, a scholarship has been established in her name. Contributions may be made to the Dr. Julienne Hoff Memorial Nursing Scholarship, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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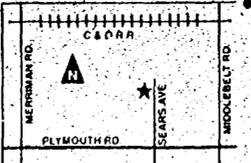
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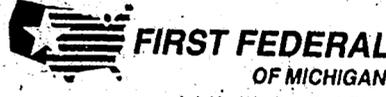
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CANTON TOWNSHIP

DDA TABLES MEGA-PLAN

Canton's Downtown Development Authority isn't sold yet on a partnership with private backers of a \$150 million mega-development at the southeast corner of I-275 and Ford Road.

In fact, the DDA may not have the extra \$3.2 million in bond capacity to get the project off the ground.

A multiplex theater, several hotels, restaurants, retail center and apartment complex are proposed for the 124-acre site.

DDA members debated for two hours March 25 whether to kick in \$3.2 million in public assistance. Burton Katzman Development Company would use the money for an interior roadway network and waterway management system.

The issue was tabled once again, despite a recommendation from a DDA subcommittee to go ahead with the financial contribution.

"This could be the park that sets off your office and research segment of the community... it will put Canton on the map," Peter Burton told the DDA board.

Burton-Katzman Development Company and partners, Phoenix Land Development, have been working for two years on the 124-acre project, which involved assembling 17 pieces of property from various owners.

BRIDGEWORK ON I-275

Motorists may have noticed pieces of crumbling concrete on

the embankments of the I-275 bridge overpasses on Michigan Avenue or Ford Road.

The Michigan Avenue overpass is scheduled to be rebuilt this summer, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

However, the Ford Road bridge isn't on the list of repairs - at least not yet. A wood support beam has been installed on the embankment of the east-bound lanes in an apparent attempt to stop the concrete from falling onto the road.

No injuries have been reported at either location, she said. The bridges are inspected every other year by the state.

The construction is expected to cost about \$48,000 and will begin sometime around Memorial Day.

The bridge repair will be coordinated with the \$17.7 million overlay and resurfacing of I-275 from Northline Road in Romulus to Five Mile in Livonia, which is also set to begin this spring.

GARDEN CITY

MONITORING WATER METERS

In an effort to get an accurate account of water use by some homes and business, the Garden City administration has proposed hiring the Plante & Moran auditing firm to study the cost and feasibility of upgrading the water meters and automated meter reading.

"We budgeted \$100,000 last year in capital outlay for a water meter project," said City Manager Jon Bayless. "Over several years, it will probably cost \$500,000 to \$1 million ultimately. We need a cost analysis of the impact on the water-sewer fund."

Over the last several years, some exterior meter reading

devices have failed.

When the inside meter, which was working accurately, was read homeowners were shocked with catch-up water bills for hundreds of dollars.

The water meter study is scheduled to be discussed further at Monday night's meeting.

LIVONIA

MEIJER EYES THEATER

A longtime Livonia landmark, the George Burns Theater, could be demolished if plans to build a Meijer store at Farmington and Plymouth take root.

Southfield-based Schostak Brothers & Co. Inc. and city officials met about a month ago to talk about redeveloping the 23-acre site for a top-of-the-line Meijer store, complete with garden center, said Mayor Jack Kirksey.

The developers are expected to present conceptual plans for the megastore shortly to the Plymouth Road Development Authority.

The building formerly housed the Mai Kai Movie Theater.

It reopened twice to live theater. Both ventures failed, and the parking lot is now used to store vehicles for Bill Brown Ford.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BODY FOUND

A dead man and the weathered, rusty gun likely used to end his life were found Monday

in a wooded area east of I-275 in Plymouth Township.

A nearby resident called police after finding skeletal remains and clothing "that tends to make us believe it was a male," said police Detective David Hayes.

"It was just clothing and bones," Hayes said. "The skull appeared to have a gunshot wound to the head." He declined to speculate how long the man had been dead.

The body is being examined by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. Police are also checking missing persons records.

The body was found behind houses along a strip of Eckles. The houses face east on the road, which marks the Livonia-Plymouth Township border.

The man had no identification on him, police said. They found \$11 and some change in his pocket.

WESTLAND

10 WORST INTERSECTIONS

The Wayne-Ford intersection kept its long-standing No. 1 ranking for accidents even though the number of crashes dipped from 110 in 1996 to 90 last year, Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Overall, the number of roadway crashes in Westland climbed from 2,094 to 2,247 during the two-year period.

"People have too much to do in a car," Brokas said. "They're using cell phones and fiddling around with CD players. Men are shaving in the car and women are putting on makeup."

"A lot of our accidents are occurring because people are speeding and not paying attention," he added.

Other intersection rankings were:

- No. 2: Wayne and Cherry Hill
- No. 3: Warren and Newburgh
- No. 4: Ford and Newburgh
- No. 5: Wayne and Warren
- No. 6: Wayne and Hunter;
- No. 7: Wayne and Cowan
- No. 8: Warren-Central City Parkway
- No. 9: Cherry Hill and Merriman;
- No. 10: Merriman and Ann Arbor Trail

Former Township Treasurer and longtime State Rep. John Bennett, a Democrat, died March 29. He was 85.

"He really was close to people. He always took time to take a phone call," said Carol Marra, his daughter.

He attended Wayne State University and Walsh College. He worked as an accountant at Ford Motor Co. In 1955 he was elected Redford Township treasurer.

He was later elected to the 34th state House seat, serving for 26 years. The district also served part of Livonia.

His accomplishments in the legislature include a law that can be used to stop hostile takeovers of small or individual businesses.

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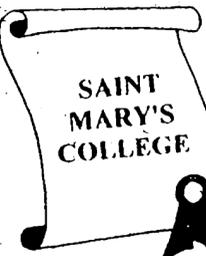
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing for Review of a Housing and Community Development Annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan for Fiscal 1998/99 Including Proposed Housing and Community Development Goals, Strategies and Proposed Use of Funds for Program Year XXIV (7-01-98 - 6-30-99)

BACKGROUND

As required by U.S. Congressional Statutes, the City of Westland has prepared a Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy for the period July 1, 1995-June 30, 2000 as a prerequisite to receiving funds from a variety of Federal and State sources including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Homeless Assistance Programs, the HOME Program, and certain other Federal Programs, including Section 8 Housing Assistance. In addition, the City prepared an annual Consolidated Plan Action Plan with funding requests for project and programs for the upcoming fiscal period.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are designed to be integrated documents for identifying and meeting the needs for Community Development and Affordable Housing within the City of Westland. Further, they include a review of the total resources expected to be available to assist in the provision of Community Development and Affordable Housing needs. This potential includes public and private resources, non-profit housing and community development organizations, financial institutions, state housing organizations, social service agencies, and others. The Five Year and Annual Consolidated Plan Strategy process is intended to produce a Five-Year Strategy and Annual Action Plan to begin closing the gap between the quantity of decent housing which is affordable to individuals and families with low or moderate incomes and the need for such housing and to restore the community with CDBG funded capital outlay projects and public services.

1998/99 ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN REVIEW PERIOD

This publishing shall serve as notice that the (30) day Consolidated Plan Public Comment period shall begin April 3, 1998 and end on May 4, 1998. The Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy document and 1998/99 Annual Action Plan Summary will be on review at locations throughout the City listed at the end of the notice. Several public hearings on the 1998/99 Annual Action Plan will be held during the month of April in accordance with the schedule shown at the end of this notice. The purpose of the public hearings and comment period will be to obtain the views and opinions of citizens on the effectiveness of programs and activities proposed and planned for the next fiscal period, as well as during the next five years.

1998/99 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ACTION PLAN NARRATIVE

The 1998/99 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will provide information regarding the financial resources which are expected to be available in Federal fiscal year 1998 for Community Development and affordable housing programs including new construction, rehabilitation, rental assistance, homeless programs, home purchase assistance programs, etc. The Consolidated Plan reviews various Federal, State, County, and local resources as well as those of the private and non-profit sector.

The Consolidated Plan Action Plan also discusses implementation for the City fiscal year 1998/99 (7/1/1998-6/30/1999) in terms of the number of households to be assisted by Federal, State or Local programs and which family types the assistance will be targeted to. For fiscal 1998/99, the City anticipates programs and projects which were already projected under the 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The 1997/98 Consolidated Plan Action Plan provided a mixture of housing programs to serve very low and lower income families; owners and renters; elderly, small family and large family commensurate to the amount of Federal and State assistance provided to the City.

No significant new programming or increase in the availability of assistance is predicted at the present time due to Federal and State budget reductions and the general anti-tax mood of the country. Housing rehabilitation for owners; rehabilitation of rental property in the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions; and the provision of Section 8 rent subsidies to all family types will continue at levels provided during the five-year period 1990-1995. The City has begun a demonstration Home Buyer Program in both the Norwayne and Carver Subdivisions to encourage a greater interest in homeownership amongst families who currently rent. The Westland Housing Commission will continue to operate its Family Self-Sufficiency Program for up to as many as (60) interested families who are currently receiving Section 8 Housing Assistance benefits. The program encourages families to either work or obtain an education and become independent of government assistance.

The City will continue with the implementation of its Carver Subdivision Revitalization Plan starting with the designation of a non-profit housing provider, People's Community Hope for Homes, to start affordable housing initiatives including in-fill housing on vacant, tax reverted lots and an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program for vacant homes. PCHFH has prepared a Neighborhood Preservation Program application that has been submitted to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. MSHDA has reviewed and approved this plan. Request for Proposals were received from developers in regard to constructing one or more new subdivision streets in the Carver Subdivision south of Powers St. New subdivision development should begin in the upcoming fiscal period since a developer has been given a designated developer status with the City.

Homeless shelter programs will continue as is, with Wayne County and local governments needing to plan for transitional and permanent housing for the homeless. Supportive housing programs for special needs individuals will continue to be provided by county-wide non-profit organizations who may possibly be subject to budget cutbacks. It is assumed that Wayne County will continue to support the operation of the Wayne County Family Centers which provides (23) units of emergency shelter. The shelter is operated through a contract with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

The Westland Department Housing and Community Development will monitor the progress and implementation of the Consolidated Plan and provide reports to various commissions, HUD, and the local legislative body on a regular basis.

CITY OF WESTLAND CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS

To meet the Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation requirements, the draft summary document must be available for public examination and comment for a period of thirty (30) days. The 1998/99 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will be available for the public to review beginning April 2, 1998 through May 4, 1998. Copies of the complete Five Year Consolidated Plan Strategy document including all narratives and tables, and the proposed 1998/99 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will be available for public examination for a thirty-day (30) period at the locations listed below:

- 1) Department of Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland
2) Westland City Hall (Clerk's Office) 36601 Ford Rd., Westland
3) William P. Faust Westland Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland
4) Westland Senior Resources Department, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland

To coincide with the above-mentioned thirty (30) day comment period, public hearings on the 1998/99 Consolidated Plan Action Plan will be conducted to obtain citizen and organizational input as listed below:

- April 16, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186
April 20, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Westland City Council Meeting 33601 Ford Rd., Westland, MI 48185
April 21, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Westland Housing Commission 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186
April 28, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. Westland Rehabilitation Review Board 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186

PROPOSED YEAR XXIV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM

The City of Westland anticipated receiving approximately \$1,079,000 in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Year XXIV Program which begins July 1, 1998, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This represents a \$181,000 or 14.4% cut in Federal funding from that received during the prior fiscal period (Year XXIII; \$1,260,000). It is proposed to utilize \$78,000 in program income returned to the City from loan and grant repayments from the CDBG funded Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide an increased level of capital improvements and public service activities in the Year XXIV Program. The City also anticipates receiving a slight increase in the amount of HOME funds as received in the prior fiscal period from both Federal and State resources. The total expected HOME funding is \$378,000.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The CDBG program was enacted by Congress in 1974 to address the problem of deteriorating cities and neighborhoods. In order to achieve this goal of revitalizing the nation's communities, the federal government established three broad national objectives to which the City of Westland has certified it will give maximum feasible priority. These objectives include:

- 1. Activities which benefit low and moderate income families.
2. Activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.
3. Activities which address an urgent threat to the health or safety of the community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

- 1. Preserve and/or expand the existing housing stock through housing rehabilitation and code enforcement programs.
2. Conserve and upgrade the neighborhoods of low/moderate income families through capital improvements and the installation of new public infrastructure.
3. Improve and expand the recreational facilities for low/moderate income families, including senior citizens and the handicapped.
4. Provide for, and expansion of, a varied program of social and community services to low/moderate income persons including senior citizens.
5. Provide for the expansion of job opportunities for low/moderate income persons.

- 6. Alleviate conditions which are detrimental to the health and safety of the residents.
7. Undertake planning studies for the future provision of capital improvements and expansion of social and community services.
8. Barrier-free accessibility projects for physically handicapped and disabled persons.
9. Expand housing opportunities for low income families with special initiatives including new construction single family homes; multi-family or senior citizen residential rental project; homebuyer program with incentives for new and existing housing; in-fill housing for vacant lots in existing neighborhoods; and, an acquisition, rehabilitation and resale program.

1998/1999 PROPOSED USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Consistent with the above-stated objectives, the Administration is proposing the following list of projects/programs for the City's Year XXIV Community Development Block Grant Program.

Table with columns: Project, Funding Level, Classification, Objectives (National, Local), Location. Includes projects like CD Administration, Rehab Admin, Senior Programs, N.S.A. Trans- portation, Community Comm- ission on Drug Abuse/ Hegira Programs, First Step, Child & Family Neighborhood Program, Youth Assistance Program, Friendship Center, Rehab Code Enforcement, Easement Removal, Carver Subdivision Infrastructure, Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Sub-Station, and Fire/Police Substation.

1998/1999 PROPOSED USE OF HOME FUNDS

Table with columns: HOME Rental, Rehab. Multi-Unit Residential Rehabilitation Program, HOME Funds Administration/ Planning, Set-Aside to Non-Profit Housing Organization Assistance (Special Recipient), HOME Funds Administration/ Planning, HOME Funds Administration/ Planning.

In conformance with Federal HOME Program regulations, utilize 10% of allocated HOME funds for reimbursement to the City for eligible administrative, and planning costs. No new personnel will be hired. Use to offset additional staff requirements to develop HOME programs as well as consultant fees, contractor costs, and other anticipated fees and expenses (i.e. appraisal, legal, environmental, titlework, planning, banking, architectural) necessary to implement and administer the various City of Westland HOME programs.

Existing non-profit housing organization has been designated by the City of Westland to conduct affordable housing projects and programs to initiate a revitalization of the Carver Subdivision, a distressed residential neighborhood. Planned activities include in-fill housing on existing lots which are either tax reverted property in possession of the City or owned by private individuals. Another program includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of homes that are currently vacant. No displacement of low income families will be permitted. PCHFH will determine whether to use a recapture or restricted resale provision for properties sold before the end of the HOME affordability period. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization for (2) to (3) new in-fill housing projects. Administrative /operating costs will be allocated at \$18,900 and the remaining funds, \$56,700 must be used for project costs.

ACTIVITY AMENDMENT FOR 1997 HOME FUNDS:

Special HOME Project (97-HO4) \$40,000 New Construction/ Multi-Unit Residential Planning. Remove an existing vacant fire damaged duplex structure and construct a new fourplex rental structure with exterior design and features compatible with existing buildings in the Norwayne Subdivision. All units will meet the HOME Program compliance regulations which means that all tenants will be below 60% of median income and rents will be restricted for a period of five (5) years. The new structure must meet all BOCA new construction code requirements and the rental units will offer amenities not normally provided in a fourplex rental situation. The owner will provide the balance of the project financing which is estimated to exceed 60% of the total project cost. The total project cost is estimated at \$120,000-\$140,000.

Table with columns: Regular Block Grant Allocation, Program Income, TOTAL PROPOSED HOME BUDGET, U.S. Dept. Of Housing & Urban Development.

*The above amount includes \$78,000 in program income received in the prior fiscal period 7/1/96-6/30/97 and the current fiscal period, 7/1/97-6/30/98 returned to the City from loan and grant repayments from the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Fund. Total program income received during the 7/1/96-6/30/97 fiscal period was \$78,886. We anticipate receiving \$70,000 to \$80,000 in program income for the fiscal period which runs July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998 and a similar amount for the Year XXIV CDBG Fiscal Period which runs July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999.

LOCATIONS:

- A. City-wide impact for low/moderate income persons
B. 1119 N. Newburgh Road between Ford and Marquette
C. 32715 Dorsey Road (Norwayne)
D. Census Tract 5685 (Norwayne) - Wildwood, Palmer, Glenwood, and Merriman
E. 8623 N. Wayne Rd., Suite 156
F. Civic Complex at 36601 Ford Road
G. 5820 Lilley Rd., Canton, MI 48187
H. City-wide impact for handicapped/disabled persons
I. Community Development target area's exceeding HUD low/mod threshold
J. Census Tract 5690 (Annapolis, Inkster, Van Born, Middlebelt)
K. Census Tract 5689 (Annapolis, Van Born, Middlebelt and Henry Ruff)
L. East half of Census Tract 5685 (Norwayne) - Venoy, Palmer, and Merriman
M. Census Tract 5690, Carver Subdivision (Annapolis, Harrison, Van Born, and Middlebelt)

ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL 1998/1999 (07/01/98 - 6/30/99)

Listed Below Is the Total Anticipated Funding to Be Received by the City of Westland from Federal and State sources:

- 1. Community Development Block Grant - Estimated funding to be received by City of Westland from HUD Time Period for Expenditures - (12 Months) \$1,079,000
2. Program Income Allocated to New CDBG Projects and Programs. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months \$78,000
3. Participating Jurisdiction HOME Funds received directly from HUD \$378,000

This funding will be utilized to fund the following programs: A \$75,600 set-aside to People's Community Hope for Homes, Inc. A non-profit housing organization; HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (Norwayne and Carver Subdivision) at \$284,600; and \$37,800 for Administration.

- 4. State HOME funds allocated to the City of Westland based upon grant request. Since these amounts have not yet been approved by MSHDA, they are NOT included in the above program activity totals. Not anticipated since MSHDA is following a policy of restricting HOME funding to communities that received HOME funds directly from HUD. Time Period for Expenditures - (12) Months \$100,000* (possible)
5. Annual Contract Authority from HUD for 118 Section 8 Housing Certificates for existing, participating families or those on official waiting list at 50% of median income or below. Section 8 funding is being cut back as new project contracts are approved on an annual basis. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months \$637,960* (Est.)
6. Annual Contract Authority from HUD for 265 Section 8 Housing Vouchers for existing, participating families or those on the official waiting list at 50% of median income or below. None anticipated due to Congressional budget cuts, but projected if available. Section 8 funding is being cut back as new project contracts are approved on an annual basis. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months \$1,298,339* (Est.)
7. Annual Contract Authority from HUD for Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator. Wages and salary only. Contracted out; no new permanent staffing. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months \$28,840
8. Funding for New Incremental Section 8 Housing Vouchers or Certificates. None anticipated due to Congressional budget cuts but projected if available. Time Period for Expenditure - (12) Months \$150,000* (Est.)

DISPLACEMENT

No displacement is anticipated for any Year XXIV proposed project or program. Consistent with the historical use of CDBG funds and the proposed projects listed above, the City of Westland will not allocate monies where it would result in the involuntary and permanent displacement of residents. However, if displacement should unexpectedly occur, the city is prepared to assist residents so displaced in any of the following ways:

- 1. Payment for replacement housing;
2. Payment of reasonable moving expenses;
3. Payment of reasonable cost of rental housing;
4. Referrals to housing agencies;
5. Benefits and procedures for displacement will be carried out in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Act.

A complete statement of the City's Displacement Plan is on file in the Community Development Department at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Rd., for citizen review during normal business hours M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Westland City Council will receive public comments at a public hearing on April 20, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. on the One Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 1998/1999. Citizen review and comments shall also be taken at the April meetings of the Westland Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), Westland Rehabilitation Review Board, and Westland Housing Commission, as listed above. Anyone who is unable to attend the official public hearings and wishes to comment or make suggestions can do so by submitting their comments in writing to the Department of Housing and Community Development at 32715 Dorsey Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Technical assistance will be provided on a limited, as needed basis to low, very low and extremely low income resident groups that require assistance in developing proposals for eligible projects, approved by the City under the consolidated submission. A full copy of the revised Citizen Participation Plan is on file in the Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

ROBERT J. THOMAS, Mayor City of Westland

Nursing students help scouts earn badge



Be Your Best: Madonna University nursing student Anita Williams discusses the importance of keeping your teeth clean to scouts at the "Be Your Best - Developing Health and Fitness" program at Madonna University. Amy Cronk, 7, (left) and Bethany Smith, 6, from Brownie Troop 1469 draw a picture to illustrate how to say no to drug use.

Students from Madonna University's nursing program instructed Brownies and Girl Scouts last Saturday morning on the components of the badge "Be Your Best: Developing Health and Fitness."

The components of the merit

badge include: looking your best, avoiding harmful substances, physical fitness, nutrition, environmental factors and reducing stress.

The 13 girls moved from session to session throughout the four-hour workshop receiving information and participating

in an activity specially planned by the nursing students.

Madonna nursing school faculty and staff from St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department collaborated on the planning for this special program.



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burgh Lake were carp, Van Omen said.

The lake will be restocked with several species of fingerlings, which are small fish less than a year old, including bluegills, largemouth bass, chan-

nel catfish, walleye, black crappie, northern pike and pumpkinseed sunfish.

The county also will restock bluegills, catfish, largemouth bass and northern pike at the Nankin impoundment of the

Rouge River, located downstream from Newburgh Lake between Stark and Merriman roads in Westland.

The fish restocking must take place within 30 days of the completion of the restoration project, according to an administrative order between Wayne County and the Michigan Department of

Environmental Quality.

Fish advisories remain in place for Rouge River fish. The state Health Department will need to lift that same advisory on Newburgh Lake, possibly in the year 2000, before any restocked fish can be caught and consumed by anglers there.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998

Busy time

Activities humming at schools

Students and teachers in the Wayne-Westland Schools have been keeping busy with outside activities - some with award-winning results.

News of activities and awards has been difficult to miss lately, and we would like to congratulate participants and honorees from across the district.

In some cases teachers have gone out of their way to get students involved in competing in outside competitions - with successful results. The competitions have also brought students lessons that they may not have learned in just classroom work.

The activities range from designing dream vehicles to flag corps competition to the arts. Following are just some of the recent activities.

Teams from Wayne Memorial High School and the William D. Ford Career Tech Center recently competed as finalists in the Chrysler "Build Your Dream Vehicle Competition" - with Wayne Memorial placing second after making presentations at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Meanwhile, the Ford Career Tech Center student-designed electric truck in the Chrysler competition won a Detroit Edison mini-grant. The Detroit Edison Foundation awarded the grants, of \$250 each, in Wayne, Huron, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe,

Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola and Washtenaw counties.

In the area of color guards and drumlines, more than 600 students in 34 units participated in the first John Glenn High School Winterguard & Drumline Show at the school. The show was sponsored by the John Glenn Music Boosters. John Glenn's 20-member Flag Line took second place in its category for its performance of "What's Up." Rocket Explosion, with 24 members, took fourth place in the Scholastic A Winterguard category with an interpretation of "Return to Pooh Corner." The 27-member John Glenn Drumline, G-Force, won the Percussion Independent Open category for its rendition of "Riverdance."

On the arts front, art students from Wayne Memorial, John Glenn and the William Ford Career Tech Center won awards in the recent Scholastic Art Awards Michigan Regional Art Competition. The competition was established 1923 to encourage and recognize student achievement in the creative arts.

Other activities include a local principal involved in an upcoming national forum and area students chosen to attend space camp at Cape Canaveral, Fla., in May.

These, we're sure, are just some of the interesting activities and honors happening in the school district. Congratulations to all, and we know there's more to come.

Beware of gun bills package

Guns. Next to abortion and assisted suicide, it is one of the most emotionally-charged public issues in Michigan.

While many people are split on whether there should be more or less control on handguns, the public should be aware of an innocent-looking package of bills proposed by state legislators that threatens to do much more harm than good.

On the surface, the package of related bills, whose chief sponsor is state Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, has some advantages. It would standardize statewide the rules for people applying for a concealed weapons permit and require that applicants complete a 12-hour firearms training course. One bill also allows government to revoke a permit of anyone with a blood alcohol level of 0.02 percent while carrying the pistol.

At present, each county has a board which reviews requests and approves them if the applicants can prove a reason to have the permit.

But the bill package in Lansing starts at the opposite end - requiring that the boards "shall issue" permits unless there are problems with the background of the applicant.

If approved, the bills will put more weapons in the hands of persons going about their daily business and pose a serious public safety threat to everyone.

While many believe that "law-abiding" citizens don't pose a threat while carrying a handgun to protect themselves outside their homes, the increase in the accessibility of handguns has a potential for misuse in a variety of situations.

The proposal to liberalize the concealed weapons permit laws, supported by a majority of the state House, is poor public policy and a clear public safety threat.

It should be rejected by the Legislature with support from the public.

There are several good reasons for opposing the bill.

One bill gives gun boards potentially abusive discretion to go in to closed-door sessions when discussing applications.

Michiganians should heed the warnings of two well-informed organizations which have voiced strong opposition to the bill.

While the bills seem harmless enough on the surface, the Observer agrees with the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and the American College of Physicians in opposing the package of bills.

The prosecutors' association made the public policy position clear in a letter to a state representative.

"Every effort should be made to reduce the level of violence in our communities and to protect the lives and safety of our citizens," it said. "We are convinced that the move to liberalize the issuance of concealed weapons permits, if successful, can only serve to increase the number of tragedies that we witness daily from the misuse and accidental discharge of handguns," the association said.

The medical organization went one step further.

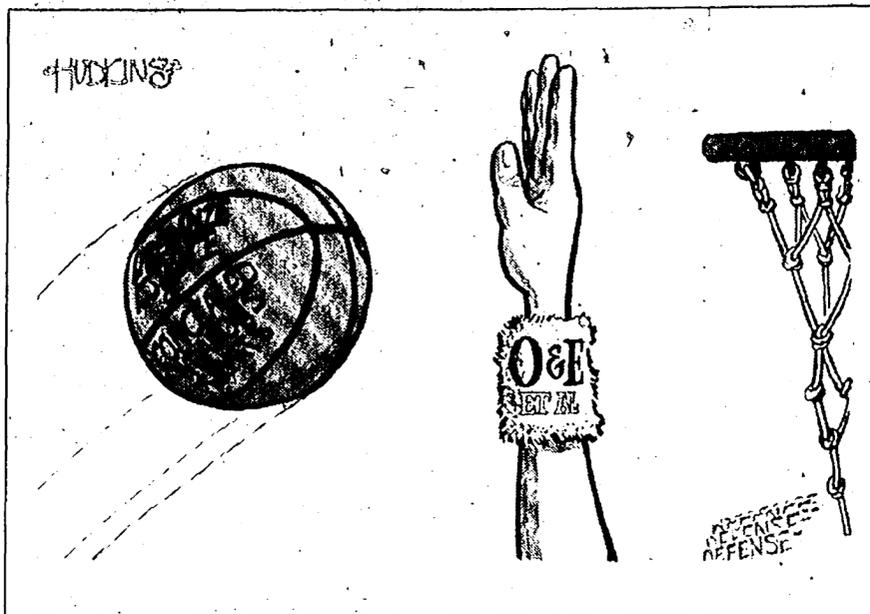
"The growing incidence of firearm violence has reached epidemic proportions. Members of the college overwhelmingly agree that firearm violence and the prevention of firearm injuries are public health issues of increasing concern and that physicians should be involved in counseling patients and support community actions to reduce injuries and deaths involving firearms."

Under Michigan law, a person with a permit to own a gun may carry that gun; he or she just may not carry it concealed. Michigan already has common-sense rules on carrying handguns. To roll back these restrictions and make Michigan a "shall issue" state would be a mistake.

The bottom line is that the life you save may be your own.

If writing to your state legislator, refer to House Bills 5551 through 5559, inclusive.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Harassing president

A person of source is liable to a suit for malicious prosecution if a criminal action is brought against another, without probable cause or without reasonable grounds for such actions. The same is true if one starts a civil action that has no object other than to damage and harass the defendant. Example: A bank accused a woman of embezzling bank funds. A warrant was issued for her arrest and she was summoned to appear in court. The magistrate dismissed the case. The woman then brought action for malicious prosecution and got a judgment for damage.

Why? The bank made the accusation on suspicion alone, with no facts to justify the accusation. There were no reasonable grounds of a kind that would lead a prudent person to believe the woman was guilty. It is a principle of law that the absence of such grounds is enough to show malice.

This is a facsimile of what is happening to President Bill Clinton and I will always believe it was initiated by racism, thus perpetuated and maintained by the press, talk shows, television, the racist, radio, the Republicans and some Democrats.

I sincerely believe that if we lose Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, civil rights will be set back for not less than 25 years. Therefore, I implore you to take a stand for the man, President Clinton.

John Franklin Westland

Likes Internet edition

My name is Sgt. Kenneth L. Hellmer. I am from 38580 Mason in Livonia and went to Randolph Elementary School, Holmes and Frost junior highs, then graduated from Churchill High School. I joined the Air Force in 1985.

This is the first time I have read the newspaper over the Internet. It is great to be able to read news from my hometown. Thanks for making my day enjoyable by providing me with this service.

Right now I am in Tazsar, Hungary, supporting Operation Joint Guard. I will be here until June 15, 1998. Thanks again and God bless.

Ken Hellmer

Too much testing

I want to object strongly to Philip Power's March 5 op-ed page column on (school) testing. The overemphasis on testing, it seems to me, is misplaced. There are a lot of other skills besides academic skills that are important in the job world and life in general - people skills and teamwork skills - and a lot of things that go into success in the world of work and the world of life.

I think testing detracts from that broader picture and puts an overemphasis on academic skills to the detriment of everyone.

Richard Lieberknecht Garden City

Go away

Walter Warren - Please go north, south, east or west. You won't be missed.

You have never been a supporter of Wayne-Westland schools. As a matter of fact, have you ever visited any of the schools to see or to help with anything? No, you are negative whenever you open your mouth or use your pen.

What do you know about test scores? Nothing.

What do you know about Wayne-Westland? Nothing.

Go, Mr. Warren, just go.

Miriam Zeidman Westland

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QUESTION:

What do you think is the worst intersection in Westland?

We asked this question at the Kroger store in Westland.



"I'm not real fond of the Warren-Newburgh corner."

Karen Miller



"Ford and Wayne ranks right up there."

Keith Champagne



"I don't know. I don't know if there is one."

John Schertzer



"Palmer and Newburgh."

Janet Luke

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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Emergency room visit lacks TV drama

I have to admit that I never watched hospital TV dramas. The closest I got to TV and hospitals is watching congressional committees on C-Span debate the minutiae of health care reform and its impact.

But twice in the past two months I got a closer look at the health care industry and how an emergency room operates - make that works.

The bottom line is that I gained an additional appreciation for the professionalism that ER staffers displayed as well as the smooth organization in place. While they take a bit longer than the actors on TV, they move quickly and efficiently.

On a Friday night in mid-January, I had to use the ER at Fairlane Clinic in Dearborn, part of the Henry Ford Health System.

I have to admit that the problem I was experiencing wasn't life-threatening at the time, but a doctor told me the next morning that it could have worsened to that point.

At Fairlane, I was in discomfort but not any great pain. The admitting clerk took my name, medical record number and symptoms.

The waiting room was occupied by about 15 to 20 people, ranging from small children to retirees.

Within 45 minutes, I was assigned to an examining room where a doctor and a registered nurse who I learned received his associate degree from Schoolcraft College started to take care of my medical concerns.

From what I remember from TV medical shows 30 years ago, there were plenty of sirens of ambulances rushing to the ER entrance, hurried doctors and nurses scurrying around in a wild frenzy. There was none of that in real life.

After being treated for several hours, I was told about midnight that I was to be "transported" by ambulance to Henry Ford Hospital's main campus.

During the 15-minute trip in my first ambulance trip in my 61 years, I learned the hard way that the suspension system in the vehicle could be vastly improved. In arriving at one of the busiest ERs in Detroit, I expected a continuous line of patients bloodied from family fights or barroom brawls. Maybe I have been watching too much local TV news programs.

Since I remained in a non-life threatening situation, I didn't expect to be seen by a physician soon.

While the ER had just enough space for six patients, if you placed two in a small walkway, the Detroit EMS vans and private ambulances never stopped their steady stream of

fresh arrivals.

My "neighbors" in the crowded hallway included an elderly woman with a respiratory problem, a teenager injured in an auto collision, and a woman, 40ish, rushed to the ER by her son after she fell down stairs.

The only "TV" ER case was a young man who was covered with blood after his girlfriend went after him with a broken beer bottle.

Clearly, my problem didn't seem that serious. The staff agreed.

Before I decided to try to sleep, I observed the smooth communications and professional skills of ER staffers and the people they dealt with.

I thought it was fairly busy, but a nurse told me that it's less hectic than most early Saturday mornings.

A nurse checked my blood pressure and pulse rate several times before I was taken to a small room down a



LEONARD POGER

hallway from the ER entrance.

Since it was about 2 a.m., I decided to take a nap. I was finally awakened about 8:30 a.m. - some eight hours, after my arrival - to be taken to a room on the fourth floor.

I was happy with my treatment. I will also have a much better understanding of those otherwise dull congressional hearings on cable TV on reforming the health care system.

Garden City Observer editor Leonard Poger can be reached at his e-mail address: lpoger@oe.homecomm.net

Ameritech, fairness tough to put in same sentence

Every time I open the mail, Ameritech has a new opponent. Not just a competitor, but someone who thinks the telephone-tag company is evil.

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has joined the fray. And if you think this columnist has been tough on Ameritech's badly-written and unreadable legal notices, you should read Kelley's attacks on the monopoly.

Next week is a big one in Judge Randall Bono's courtroom in Madison County, Ill. The judge is scheduled to approve or reject Ameritech's offer to settle a lawsuit for \$78 million. It's a class action case brought by Line Backer customers who said they were cheated.

"Plainly, this settlement is a complete ripoff for Ameritech customers," said Kelley as he objected to approval of the settlement. He cited these grounds:

- The amount is inadequate. The original suit sought \$226 million. Ameritech is trying to settle for one-third of that amount plus the customers' attorneys' fees.

- Ameritech isn't offering to pay cash but more of its dubious services. "Class members who are current IWMP (Inside Wire Maintenance Plans, or Line Backer) subscribers will receive a limited number of pay-per-use services (three-way calling, automatic dial back and repeat dialing), prepaid cards for Ameritech pay phones and expanded IWMP coverage," Kelley said.

- "Since customers paid cash, they should get cash back, not additional services," said the attorney general.

- Class members would be forced to release Ameritech from liability for all deceptive practices which the company might have used since 1987. As I pointed out in an earlier column, Ameritech, even when caught and



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brought to court, refuses to admit it did anything wrong.

The attorneys general of Wisconsin and Ohio joined Kelley in objecting to the settlement. The Illinois attorney general filed a separate objection.

FYI, besides denouncing Ameritech in this column, I filed my own objection to the settlement. I asked Judge Bono to require Ameritech to re-send out notices of the settlement in the same-size headline and body type that

it used on its mailed advertising.

I also asked that the notice be written with sentences of 30 words maximum. The Ameritech notice had a sentence with 170 words and was virtually incomprehensible. I suspect Ameritech's lawyers deliberately made it unattractive and unreadable.

The knaves want you to buy more and more devices so that you have to play telephone tag rather than complete calls, but they don't want you to know about your legal rights in a lawsuit.

A second piece of mail comes from the Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association - that is, Ameritech's competitors.

MCTPA said Ameritech just jacked up some of our rates nearly 6 percent. As of March 1, when we make local toll calls (within our own area codes), the charge went up nearly 6 percent to 18 cents a minute.

"Last August it raised rates on

local toll calls - such as calls from Detroit to Mount Clemens - from 15-cent to 17 cents a minute. Interestingly, in Chicago, where Ameritech faces real competition for these calls, Ameritech charge only 4 cents a minute!" said MCTPA's president Richard McLellan.

McLellan, by the way, is a close political pal of a Republican named Engler.

McLellan goes onto detail three more places where Ameritech is jacking up rates. It is hard to explain them because Ameritech deliberately makes them difficult to understand; why else would it use such an obscure term as "intraLATA"?

One gets bruised knuckles beating up on Bob Cooper and his company's knavery, but it looks as if Ameritech doesn't want to do anything fairly.

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Modern snake oil comes to town

In the 19th century, there were traveling medicine shows. A snake-oil salesman would stand on the back of a wagon, claiming his tonic was a cure-all.

Folks living in the jerkwater towns of America sometimes believed and often bought the snake oil. Other times, the salesmen were discovered for what they were and run out of town.

But this quaint form of employment hasn't gone away in our modern age. To borrow a popular phrase used in all the up-to-date business books, they've "reinvented" themselves. They now call themselves developers.

The snake oil is Millennium Park, the proposed development for Ladbroke Detroit Race Course.

Developers claim the park will boost a booming local economy whose major problem seems to be a lack of room to expand. Just the phrase rings of claims that the tonic will cure "aches, pains, female complaints and snake bites."

But let's go further. The other claim is that Millennium Park will invigorate Livonia's older sections, particularly the Plymouth Road commercial corridor.

I live just off of what they call the "Plymouth Road corridor" in Livonia. If that corridor gets anymore invigorated I won't be able to make a turn on Melrose, my street.

The point here is that when any developer stands up and uses the right buzz words, such as "Millennium Park," "upscale restaurants," or "campus" setting, Livonia officials turn into 19th-century farmers buying snake oil.

One Chinese restaurant on the corner of the DRC property has already come and gone. It makes me wonder if Millennium Park shouldn't be called Jurassic Park.

This comes at expense of racing fans. Several weeks ago, I sat listening as two lamented the eventual closing of the race track at the end of the season. Thoroughbred horse racing in Detroit has become the victim of casino gambling.

"People just want instant gratification these days," said one fan. "You have to know something to bet on horses. It's not like playing slot machines."

He went on to blame younger gamblers for not supporting the race track.

Ho made a good point. The baby-boom generation, of which I'm a reluctant member, can't wait more than two minutes for anything. They clog their arteries with fast food, ignore the sport of kings - horse racing - and buy designer clothing as though for a few bucks they can instantly become a member of the upper-middle class. Even the state of Michigan cashes in on instant gratification with its lottery tickets.

Horse racing is a 19th-century activity. It's



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like baseball or classical music. All three are complicated and require that fans have knowledge and intelligence.

They also require patience. The race track is a complex symphony of odds, track conditions, the abilities of jockeys and horse breeding.

But perhaps the most beautiful and elusive part is finding a horse in which you can see the spirit in its eyes. That's one that wants to win.

It's obvious Mayor Jack Kirksey and his crew have no understanding of anything more than a tax base. The move to push DRC out of the community has been relentless.

A race track is as much of a community asset as a symphony or a baseball team.

Race track crowds are integrated ones. There are blacks and Hispanics.

One argument used is the cost of police protection at DRC. Kirksey and other city officials claim it costs the city about \$80,000 to provide police protection.

It begs a question: When the race track closes, will the Livonia police budget be reduced by that same amount?

Will my property taxes go down?

No they won't. It's a false issue. Where would the cops who direct traffic at the race track be, if they weren't there? Chances are they'd be drinking coffee at the Looney Bakery.

Livonia has lost its chance to encourage both social and cultural diversity in the community and has fallen for the Millennium Park snake-oil pitch.

Gone will be horse racing and in its place will be nothing more than another development which will clog traffic, and cause more congestion in our already-crowded community.

Millennium Park will produce more tax money for city hall officials to spend and that's about it.

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Supporters work to revive bilingual teaching

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and parents from area school districts have started an uphill battle to revive bilingual teaching in public schools.

"In Southfield, the commitment is there. We need a commitment from the state," teacher Nidahl DeCesare told the House Education Committee last month.

"There are many, many success stories of people who came here speaking Russian, Arabic, Spanish."

Rasimia Kassab, a Southfield mother wearing a Vandenberg School sweatshirt, credited bilingual classes for teaching her

English.

Professor Phyllis Noda, of the Eastern Michigan University faculty and president of the Michigan Association for Bilingual Education, said Michigan looks at bilingual teaching as a burden when it should look at bilingual kids as "a precious resource — they all have a second language. We're a free-trade zone, folks."

"We don't want that money. (\$4.2 million from the state in the last year of the program). We want that mandate. The only thing that motivated some districts was the stick (state mandate)."

Bilingual education means teaching pupils in their native

language for three years or until their English proficiency is great enough to allow mainstreaming. Michigan mandated it for more than 20 years until 1996 when the School Code was revised to eliminate as many rules as possible.

Michigan spent \$4.2 million a year for bilingualism's last 11 fiscal years, with no inflation adjustment. With the new School Code, the money was folded into the school aid budget. The money is there, but school districts have no mandate from Lansing to continue bilingual instruction.

Rep. Martha Scott, D-Highland Park, is sponsor of a bill to restore bilingual instruction.

"There is an allegiance to the flag that includes all persons. There is no better way to give them an opportunity than this," she told the panel.

Scott's bill would require a school district with 20 or more children of "limited English-speaking ability" in grades K-12 to operate a bilingual instruction program. If fewer than 20 had limited English in a district, the county intermediate district would determine whether to operate a countywide program.

Education chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, took testimony but hasn't scheduled a vote.

Committee members prodded Professor Noda about costs. "If we mandate it," said Rep. James

McNitt, R-Midland, "we have to fund it."

Noda said "nebulous estimates" placed the number of eligible students at 66,000 to 75,000 statewide. At \$289 per pupil, the minimum cost would be \$16 million a year.

Deborah Vargas, a Rochester Hills resident teaching in Pontiac, recalled that when her parents came from Puerto Rico, "I couldn't speak a word of English. After kindergarten, I was looked at for special education because they thought I was dumb."

Now in charge of bilingual education in Pontiac, Vargas said a second language should be looked at as an asset.

Javier Garibay, a Detroit

father, said, "My wife and I have made a decision to teach our children in Spanish. This (bill) will protect bilingual education." He estimated 9,500 Detroit children have limited English proficiency.

The battle is uphill because the mood in Lansing is against writing mandates into law that may contain growing costs down the road.

No one spoke against the bill — a sign that many education lobbyists saw no need to fight a bill that probably isn't going anywhere.

Refer to House bill 4196 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Gov. Engler headlines Wayne County GOP dinner

Gov. John Engler will be the featured speaker at the Wayne County Republican Committee's annual Eisenhower Day Dinner at 6 p.m. Monday at the Crystal Gardens in Southgate.

State Supreme Court Justice Clifford Taylor also will be speaking.

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Anyone who wishes to attend can contact Wayne County Republican Committee Chair Thaddeus McCotter at (734) 464-6492.

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Pride gets in the way sometimes

John and Sue were in the car, driving to a party on the other side of town. As they got closer to their destination, John realized that he wasn't exactly sure about where he was going.

Sue noticed his hesitancy and piped up with, "John, if you don't know where you're going, why don't we stop and ask?" This infuriated John.

"I know exactly where I'm going," he shot back.

Why did her question make John so angry? What gets in the way of our taking a suggestion?

That ugly old four-letter word called pride does. Pride can get in the middle of more relationships than we can count, wreaking havoc on them. A client came into the office several years ago and could not stop raving and ranting about how her husband never took her advice.

"He just won't listen to me. Just yesterday he was trying to fix the garbage disposal. I tried to tell him that he was using the wrong tool, but his pride got in the way and he'd sooner shoot the messenger than do it the right way. I don't get it."

As John Gray points out in "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus," men have a need to be autonomous and achieve on their own. This proves their competence and gives them power. When they hear someone giving them advice it makes them feel like, "You don't trust me ... you think I'm incompetent." Then their prideful nature takes over. "I won't succumb to her ... I'm going to do it my way."

Does this mean women are exempt from being prideful? No, it's an equal opportunity ailment. Women's possessiveness to their principles can also override truth, as in the lady who insists on driving 60 miles per hour in the left lane. "I have a right to drive in the left lane."

Pride can be boastful. Pride can be arrogant, self-righteous. As Webster's Dictionary says, "pride makes one feel like they possess a high and unreasonable opinion of their own excellence."

Can it be good?

Can pride ever be good? Yes, when you speak with pride about how your child won the soccer tournament. Yes, when you passed that extremely hard test. Yes, when you conquered something that took massive willpower like losing weight. But pride can also eat at your relationships with family and friends.

If you're serious about having meaningful, fulfilling, productive relationships you can't afford to let the "bad" pride get in the way. You know pride has reared its ugly head when self-defensiveness and self-protection emerge. You know your prideful self has come out when you've done something wrong and you cannot admit to it. That darn old pride just gets in the way of eating crow.

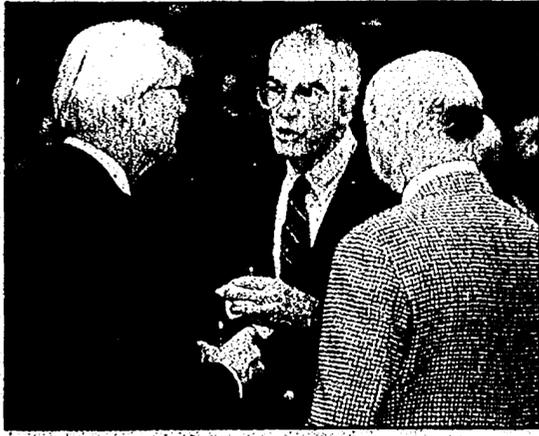
Sammy was a 12-year-old boy. When he arrived in the counseling office, he looked like an average sixth-grader, though he acted quite brash and cocky. The therapist suspected that he might be on the verge of getting into trouble.

His suspicions were confirmed when he heard Sam's latest escapade. He told stories to the therapist about how he started smoking cigarettes when he was 11, and how last weekend he and his friends had stolen beer from the party store and downed all 12 beers in rapid succession.

When the therapist later shared the information with mom, recommending a drug assessment be done on the boy, he suspected appearance was everything to that mother.

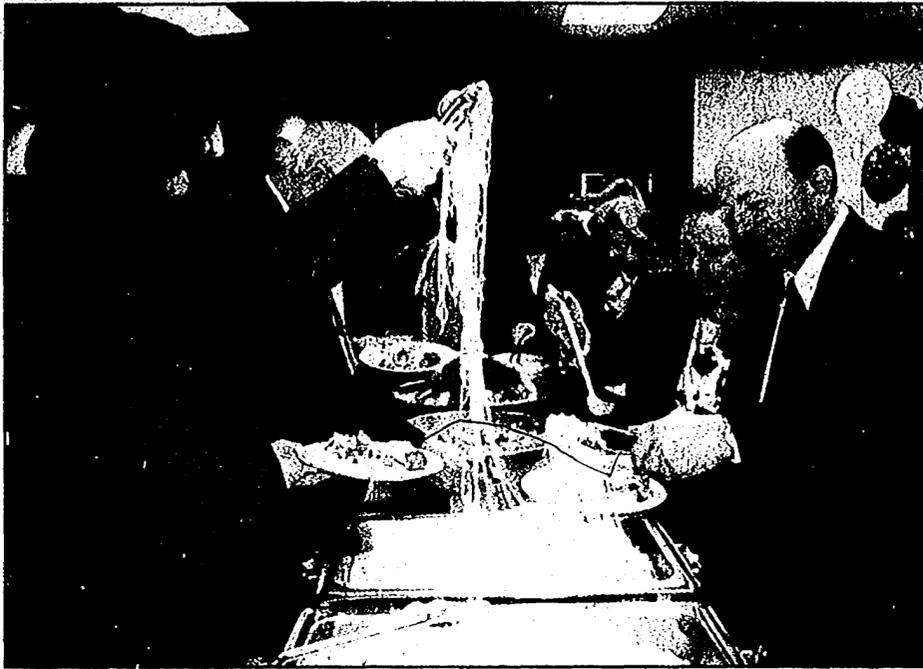
"Well," she commented, "you know how boys experiment with all kinds of things. I really don't think a drug assessment is necessary. I'll just tell him I won't tolerate that behavior."

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Ah, pasta

Spaghetti dinner celebrates women



Pass the pasta: Left: Elizabeth Johnson of Plymouth (left), a member of the Women's Resource Center Advisory Board, and Robert Vuk-mirovich of Livonia found themselves at the front of the line when it was time to eat. Swapping stories during the Wine Glow were Jim Callow of Livonia (top photo, from left), Jim Campbell of Northville and Ray Green of Northville and June Kendall (photo above, left) of Westland and Trudy Pinto of Livonia.



There was plenty of pasta and pleasantries when supporters of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center gathered for its 15th annual Spaghetti Dinner.

"Women don't roast, boast or toast themselves enough."

That wasn't the case March 24 as supporters of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center turned out for its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow Fundraiser.

In its 15th year, the sold-out spaghetti dinner celebrates the work of the center and Women's History Month.

It was an absolutely full room, there was no space for anyone else," said center director Nancy Swanborg, who said she hopes the dinner will bring in \$6,000 for use as scholarships for center clients.

Participants were wined and dined and treated to the National Women's History Project's video, "A Fine and Long Tradition."

Swanborg also used the event to toast the quality of work being done by the center's staff and volunteers.

The staff includes Marlene Kershaw, who coordinates From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips program for displaced homemakers, Barbara Campau, the director of volunteers who came to the center as a volunteer, Elaine Tomalty and Barbara Bellaire. Working with them are 50 volunteers.

"There is not enough words, nor is the enough depth to the words to toast the work being done at the Women's Resource Center," said Swanborg. "The staff and volunteers have well over a century of years dedicated to working with the clients of Schoolcraft College."

With recent changes in welfare programs, the center has seen requests for its services increase. Last year, it had 301 clients enroll in its Single Parent Grant Program and another 22 in its Sex Equity Grant program, not to mention those taking

advantage of its From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips program for displaced homemakers.

"That (301 clients) represents 9 percent of that population served in the state and is the largest percentage in the state among the 28 community colleges with single parent programs," Swanborg said. "Of that number, 64 percent are displaced homemakers and 76 percent had total incomes of less than \$15,000."

Attesting to the success of the "From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips" program were Brenda McPherson and Kaitlyn Sandberg, who shared their experiences with the audience.

Better known as "Chips," the program helps displaced homemakers in the transition from home work to entering or re-entering the work force and in finding a job and becoming financially self-sufficient.

It was her "first speech" ever for McPherson, who came to the center five years ago in need of housing. Instead of housing, she found the "Chips" program and with the help of the staff she completed college and went on to test for and land a job as a corrections officer.

For Sandberg, it was a chance to speak louder than the whispered tones she talked in initially. The victim of domestic violence, she attended a "Chips" program with a friend three years ago. The friend dropped out, but McPherson stayed with it.

As the result of "Chips," she is enrolled in college, has discovered she "loves everything about computers," has a 3.6 grade point average and plans to graduate in May.

The center has been recognized by the State Board of Education for its work with men as part of its sex equity program, which provides tuition grants for men and women pursuing degrees in nontraditional careers.

The center's Thinking About College seminar has been honored by the state board for its innovative approach in meeting the needs of mature women.

The day-long program, which will be July 22 at the college, introduces prospective older students to the college and provides answers to questions like how to afford college and fit in with the younger student population.

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Holy Week: God's people ready for Easter

Palm Sunday, April 5, marks the beginning of Holy Week as area churches celebrate the passion of Christ. His journey to the cross begins with this festival and continues through to His resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 12.

The Christian life is a journey of faith in God's love through Christ. The season of Lent - "springtime" in Middle English - is a time for growth in faith that is a work in love.

During the 40 days of Lent, Believers make their own journey to Jerusalem with Jesus, determined to leave behind the "old self," equally determined to put on the "new self," to borrow terms from St. Paul.

Traditionally, this journey has included such practices as fasting, giving up personal pleasures, giving extra time to prayer and special services of worship.

During Lent, Jesus beckons people to join Him as He travels towards death and resurrection. With that journey in mind, local churches are putting the finishing touches on their Holy Week and Easter observances.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 13642 Mercedes Ave., east of Inkater Road and south of I-96, Redford, (313) 538-2660

Holy Week at St. John's will begin with Palm Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, worship will be at 7:30 p.m. The service will include the ritual foot washing, Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar, while worship on Good Friday, April 10, will be a candlelight Tenebrae service at 7:30 a.m.

An Easter Vigil will start at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, and include music, Holy Communion and a prelude to the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday will start off with an Easter break-



fast at 9 a.m., followed by worship with Holy Communion, handbells, special instrument and choir music at 10:30 a.m.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, and the Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road, Canton (734) 522-6830

Festival Palm Sunday services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Christ Our Savior Choir and handbell choirs will perform "All Glory Laud and Honor," while the Cherub, Choristers, Handbells, Brass and Christ Our Savior choirs will join in singing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by Timothy Mayfield. Palm crosses will be distributed to all worshippers.

Special music will highlight the 9:30 a.m. service at Christ Our Savior-Canton, and each worshipper will receive a palm cross.

On Maundy Thursday, worship will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion at both the Livonia and Canton campuses.

Special music from the Christ Our Savior Choir and Woodwind Choir will enhance the Livonia worship, and there will be a drama, "Rock Like," in which a remorseful Peter, whose faith was rock like, denies Christ but is remembered by Him. As part of the service, the altar will be stripped of all cloths, candles and furnishings in preparation for Good Friday.

The Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. in Livonia with special music. There also will be a drama involving the Roman Centurion who nailed Christ to the cross and then realizes He is truly the son of God.

At the Livonia campus, a Tenebrae service of "The Deepening Darkness" with scripture and music will unfold the story of Christ's crucifixion and death.

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Parents' Day offers pointers on fine art of parenting

While rumors swirled of a tornado in Livonia, a whirlwind captured the attention of parents visiting East Middle School in Plymouth on Saturday.

Enthusiastic Ray Guarendi darted across the stage and alternately raised and lowered his voice as he told humorous stories about parenting at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' "Parents' Day '98."

Laughter filled the cafetorium as Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood problems, kicked off the 4 1/2-hour seminar with his talk on "You're a better parent than you think."

He guessed that there were one of two reasons why the 300 parents came to the event, co-sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"You're either loving, considerate, involved parents or your kids are eating you up," he said.

That comment introduced the participants to his talk which was focused on parents and anyone else who works with children who "are having their confidence, peace of mind and authority undercut by a number of widespread myths that have been pushed upon them by the experts, the media and almost everybody else," his literature reads.

"Victimized by these false notions, many parents and educators are plagued by groundless worry, guilt and frustration."

Guarendi's talk identified several of these myths.

The Canton, Ohio, resident said discipline is the No. 1 problem he sees as a psychologist.

"What a struggle discipline has now become for American parents. Why are so many big people frustrated with so many

little people?" Guarendi said he doesn't understand why adults, who are much larger than children, let their kids do what they want. He explained that discipline is an integral part of morals and character.

"If you love the boy and you're his mother, discipline comes with a soft landing," he said. "If we don't discipline them now, automatically we're turning it over to the people out there and it's hard. If you're standing in front of a judge and you say 'I'm the middle child, I have an identity problem and I'm left-handed, do you think he's going to say, 'Did you tell the prosecutor that? I'm sure they'll drop the case.'"

"Discipline is a loving, durable gift. Discipline without love is harsh. Love without discipline is child abuse."

What's correct?

Parents who are lax in disciplining their children, he said, suffer from "psychological correctness." They worry too much about what the experts deem to be correct way of handling children. As a psychologist, Guarendi said he sees doctors and child psychologists as clients who are concerned about that.

"They're up on all the child development theories and their children are eating them up alive," he said.

Other parents, he said, come up with creative ideas on how to get their points across. One mom, Guarendi explained, gave her son a road map when he threatened to run away. Another parent told her son to take off all his clothing before he left.

"You came into the world naked, you're not leaving with my stuff," he recalled the mother telling him.

Parents, he said, should not "parent by consensus." If a child says, "Well, everyone else in school gets to watch television," stick to your guns.

"Go to parent-teacher conferences all the way to the 12th grade," he said. "I am convinced that if you are going to be a great parent and raise great kids, you are very often going to feel alone," he said.

Manners are one of the easiest things to teach children, he explained.

"The procedure is simple; the repetition will kill you," he said. "Manners make parents look good in public. That's why they don't use them. Don't take them out in public. Invariably they will pull some stunt that is embarrassing. If people know you're a shrink, the pressure is worse."

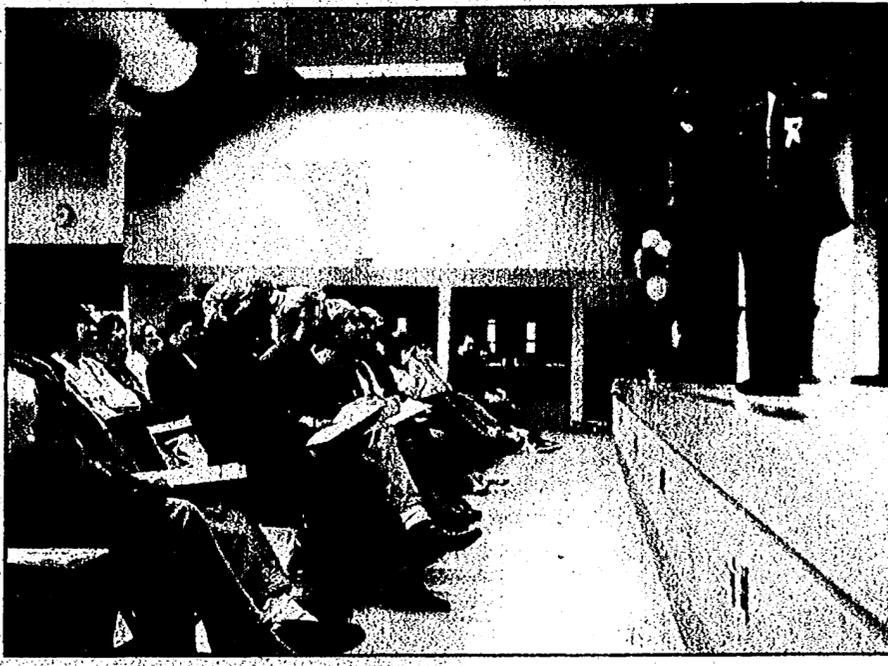
He shared stories of the nine children he and his wife have, all of whom are adopted.

"You're out with your spouse for the first time alone in four years; all you want is peace," he said. "Then you look at the door and you see me walk in with nine children under 11. You don't say to yourself, 'Is this precious or what? You say, 'Oh, dear Lord. How did they get past security?'"

Impressive turnout

Guarendi, who also has appeared on "Oprah" and "CBS This Morning," was impressed with the number of fathers who showed up for the seminar.

"My compliment to the numbers of fathers that are here. We're not as versatile as moms. Moms have to go to Lamaze



Dispelling the myths: Ray Guarendi, a clinical psychologist specializing in parenting and childhood, told his audience that "discipline without love is harsh" and "love without discipline is child abuse."

classes to learn how to be moms. So dads must go to Lapaze classes to learn how to be dads."

Guarendi used that as a segue to tell guy jokes.

"You know you've approached middle age when your wife gives up sex for Lent and you don't notice it until the Monday after Easter," he said to laughter. "If a man is in the woods all alone and there's no women there to hear him speak, if he speaks is

he still wrong?"

During his hourlong talk, Guarendi explained that unlike this generation, he would never cross his father. "My father loved me desperately. When my dad said, 'Ray, I asked you once to leave your sister alone, I couldn't conceive of getting up. I knew something bad would happen.'"

Guarendi takes his father's beliefs one step further with his children.

One of his adopted sons put up a struggle when it was time for bed. Guarendi responded by firmly holding his son in his bed until he gave up fighting. That took only a couple minutes, he explained.

He also has "blackouts" when children are only allowed the basic necessities - no phone, television, computer, transportation, etc.

Spaghetti

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Guests didn't leave the dinner empty handed. Thirteen diners won door prizes including a Beauty makeover and massage at Charisma Hair Salon, tortes prepared by the college's culinary arts department, a framed

counted cross stitch piece, a Thomas Kinkade painting donated by Wild Wings, gift certificates from Creative Framing and Gallery, Ribar Floral Co., Bed 'n Stead, collectibles from Georgia's Gift Gallery and gift from Andy's Hallmark Shop.

HRT helps counteract effects of menopause

At menopause, a woman's ovaries stop producing the hormone estrogen. This not only brings an end to her menstrual periods and fertility, it can also trigger other bodily changes, according to Dr. Fedric D. Frigolette Jr., president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Some women feel side effects from the disappearance of estrogen, such as hot flashes, vaginal dryness or a more frequent need to urinate. The change can also have long-term consequences. Since estrogen helps bones remain strong and resilient, its disappearance can make older women more prone to developing osteoporosis, the loss of bone

mineral that leaves them susceptible to bone fractures.

Estrogen also helps the heart by moderating cholesterol and preserving the linings of coronary arteries. Before menopause, women suffer heart disease less often than men, but the condition strikes postmenopausal women just as often as men, with the same fatality rate.

Not all these conditions affect all postmenopausal women, nor do they occur with equal intensity. In fact, many women accept the consequences of estrogen loss as a natural part of life, and feel no need to make changes after menopause, Frigolette said. Other women choose to counter its effects with hormone replacement therapy (HRT).

HRT can help reduce uncomfortable symptoms of menopause, decrease a woman's risk of heart disease by 50 percent and greatly retard the development of osteoporosis. But many women who might benefit from HRT don't take it in part because they are concerned about a possible increased risk of cancer.

Theoretically, it's true that "unopposed" estrogen use - estrogen taken alone without other hormones - causes a build-up of the uterine lining in women who have not had their uterus removed by hysterectomy, which can lead to an increased risk of endometrial cancer, he

However, in medical practice today, a synthetic version of the hormone progesterone is routinely added in HRT. This combination actually protects against endometrial cancer.

Women also fear an increased risk of breast cancer from HRT. One recent study suggested an increased rate of breast cancer in current HRT users, while another large study found no such link. More evidence will come from the results of the large Women's Health Initiative study, but that won't be available for several years. However, most research published in the last 20 years has not shown an increased risk of breast cancer.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
GARDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
1333 Radoliff Garden City, Michigan 48135
7:00 pm. Regular Meeting
April 6, 1998**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approval, Minutes
4. Communications
5. Committee Report
6. Curriculum
7. Junior High Student of the Month--Brenda Smith
8. Comments from the Audience
9. Review and Approval, Business Items--Rich Witkowski
A. Hearing on Durant Funding Resolution
10. Review and Approval Personnel Items--Steve Kelly
11. Review and Approval, Superintendent's Comments
12. Review and Recommendations, Members of the Board
13. Adjournment

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8314) on or before APRIL 16, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

BADGES FOR PROBATION OFFICERS

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

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: Thursday, April 2, 1998

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On Tuesday, April 7, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at the 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.
89	MERCURY	4DR SABLE	WHITE	1MEB150UOR0817131

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6376 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.
77	HOME MADE	TRAILER	WHITE	UNKNOWN
77	??	SEMI TRAILER	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
86	DODGE	DAYTONA 2DR	GRAY	1B3BA44D3FG165374
86	FORD	2DR ESCORT	BLUE	1FABP3193GW171769
86	FORD	2DR MUSTANG	DK BLUE	1FABP26A2GF104373
87	CHEV	2DR CHEVETTE	WHITE	1G1TB21C8HA122683
86	FORD	4DR TEMPO	WHITE	2FAPP36X2JB239667
86	PLYM	4DR NEON	WHITE	1P3E547C8SD1297062
86	MERC	4DR TOPAZ	BLUE	1MEPM30X2K611706
86	OEO	STORM 2DR	SILVER	J61RF2364L7510893
86	FORD	TAURUS 4DR	GREEN	1FACP6345NG170654

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 2, 1998, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

77	AMC	2 DOOR	BROWN	A1C797N271555
77	CADILLAC	4 DOOR	BLACK	6D69S80281240

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Sensors

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anyone." The therapist could tell that the mother's prideful nature was going to keep her from acting responsibly. He saw that she feared that her child might get labeled as a "druggie" which would imply somehow that she had not done her job. Pride can get in the way of doing the right

thing for our children. Pride by contrast to humility keeps us stuck in our principles when they may be ill-founded. Your principle might be: I can always figure it out myself and never have to ask for help.

This erroneous motto may keep new employees from asking for help when they become over-

whelmed with a work project. It may keep a child from telling the truth when the parent tells them they're lying. It

goeth a lot quicker after one. Source unknown. If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs,

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
SPRING 1998 BRUSH REMOVAL
MARCH 27, 1998**

WHEN: Spring of 1998

WHOM: Any Interested Garden City Resident

FEE: \$10.00/Pickup Per Address. Payment is due prior to the start of brush pickup for your district, and LATE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. However, if the last date for payment in your area falls on a Saturday or Sunday, payments will be accepted the following Monday.

HOW: All interested parties are to pay \$10.00 at the Cashier's Office at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Checks are to be made payable to the "City of Garden City" and, if paying by mail, brush removal should be indicated on check memo.

Branches should be placed between the sidewalk and the road with all cut ends facing one direction. They should be placed in a manner so as not to obstruct traffic. Grapevines, thorns and rose bushes should be separated from pile.

The (A) dates listed below are the dates to set out the brush and pay the pickup fee at City Hall, The (B) dates are the dates when the Department of Public Service crews will pick up the brush.

NOTE: The trash company will pickup brush if it's bundled and tied in 4 foot lengths on your regular trash day, with yard waste, at no additional cost.

DISTRICT	DESCRIPTION	SPRING 1998 DATES
I	North of Ford West of Merriman	A. April 8-14 B. April 15-21
II	North of Ford between Merriman and Middlebelt	A. April 15-21 B. April 22-28
III	North of Ford and East of Middlebelt	A. April 22-28 B. April 29-May 6
IV	South of Ford and East of Middlebelt	A. April 29-May 6 B. May 6-12
V	South of Ford between Merriman and Middlebelt	A. May 6-12 B. May 13-19
VI	South of Ford and West of Merriman	A. May 13-19 B. May 20-31

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**NOTICE OF HEARING
CITY OF WESTLAND
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on the 4th day of May, 1998 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the City Hall located at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving amendments to the existing Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan of the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Westland pursuant to Act 450, Public Acts of Michigan, 1980, as amended.

DEVELOPMENT AREA BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the development area (Development Area No. 1) in the City which is the subject of the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan including the proposed amendments thereto, are generally described as follows:

Land in the City of Westland, Wayne county, Michigan generally described as beginning at Newburgh Road, an area south of the William P. Holliday Parkway, and includes the parcels adjacent to Newburgh Road from Warren Road to Ford, then east along Ford Road to the east side of Carlson Avenue, then north along the eastern boundary of the parcels adjacent to Carlson Avenue to Elmwood Avenue, then east to Yale Avenue, then north along Yale Avenue to Warren Road, then east along Warren Road including the parcels on the south side of the street to the Warren/Wayne Road intersection, then east along Warren Road to include the Westland Crossing Mall, then north and west to Wayne Road, then north along Wayne Road to a point 340 feet north of Nankin Boulevard, then west to the southern boundary of the William P. Holliday Parkway, then west along the southern boundary of the William P. Holliday Parkway to Newburgh Road, the point of beginning.

No persons will be displaced as a result of the improvements contemplated in the proposed amendments to the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan.

Maps, plats, and the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan, including the proposed amendments thereto, will be available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Westland and at the City's Department of Economic Development, 37098 Marquette, Westland, Michigan during regular business hours.

All aspects of the proposed amendments to the Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan relating to the development area described above will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodation to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them are requested to notify the City Clerk no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Westland, Michigan.

DIANE J. FRITZ, City Clerk

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

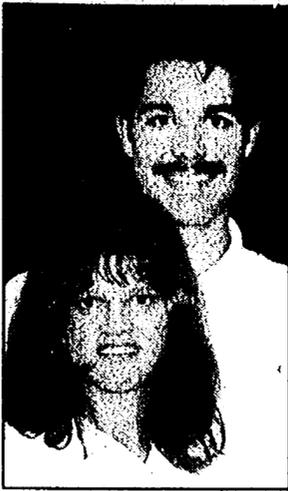
Luty-Whyte

The parents of Linda R. Luty and James A. Whyte announce the engagement of their children from Livonia and Redford.

The bride to be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She works in management for a major car rental company.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Thurston High School in Redford. He is an automobile sales representative at a local Ford dealership.

A May wedding is planned.



Isaac-Quenneville

Larry and Sally Löser of Holland, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Kay Isaac, to Mark Thomas Quenneville, the son of Bob and Phyllis Beusterien of Plymouth and the late Thomas Quenneville.

The bride-to-be is an accounting assistant for Uniform Color Company in Holland.

Her fiancé is an apparatus salesman for River City Electronics of Grandville.

A May wedding is planned for Dimnent Chapel in Holland.



Dishmon-Richter

Lou Ann Richter and Banks M. Dishmon Jr. were married March 20 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia by the Rev. Emory Gravelle.

The bride is the daughter of Rosella Cox of Southgate. The groom is the son of Banks and Paty Dishmon of Frisco, Texas.

The bride is an administrative assistant for the Enhanced Media Department for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. The groom is publisher of the Observer Newspapers.

The Dishmons, who proudly boast of being the parents of six, asked their children - Amanda Richter, Amber Dishmon, Ashley Richter, Joshua Dishmon, Andrew Richter and Jonathan



Dishmon - to serve as their attendants.

Wescott-Farren

John and Carol Gambotto of Redford and John and Karen Wescott of Hale announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Wescott, to Frank Albert Farren, the son of Francis and Nancy Farren of Naples, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School and Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic. She is in practice at Wescott Chiropractic in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and Control Data Institute. He is employed by U.S. Web.

A July wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.



Sunderman-Demko

Dan and Jeanne Sunderman of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Marie, to Richard Edward Demko, the son of Tom and Nancee Demko of Highland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is completing work on an office administration degree at Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Hines Park Ford Mercury in Milford.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lakeland High School. He is employed by Stu Evans Lincoln Mercury in Garden City. An October 1999 wedding is being planned.



Poirier-Pace

Lynn M. Cullen of Livonia and Harold A. Poirier of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee L., to Karl A. Pace, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pace of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is a senior at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He is employed by Browning-Ferris Industries.

A May wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.



Kravez-Franklin

Bill and Chris Kravez announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Jeanette, to Philip Doran Franklin, the son of Mary Franklin.

The bride-to-be will complete work on a bachelor of education degree in April at Eastern Michigan University. She is working as a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiancé is studying business at Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn.

A May wedding is planned at St. Thomas a' Becket Church in Canton.



Swift-Churchill

Lowell and Yvonne Swift of Lowell announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Jeff Churchill, the son of Al and Audrey Churchill of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed by Dow Corning of Midland.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He also is employed at Dow Corning of Midland.

A May wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.



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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Westland Jaycees are hosting their second annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Westland Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood. The event is open to children ages 1-13 and will include 1,000 eggs, candy, prizes and the Easter Bunny. The hunt will start at 2 p.m. with younger children starting first, and other groups starting at two-minute intervals after the first group.

AMERICAN GIRL TEA PARTY

An American Girl Tea Party will be serving a high tea for young ladies and their guest 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Wayne Road in Westland. Each young lady will be automatically entered into a drawing for an American Girl doll. The event is sponsored by Paperbacks & Things and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe. The cost is \$12 per child and \$6 per adult. For reservations, call (734) 261-3680 or (734) 522-8018. Please dress appropriately.

WESTLAND WALKERS

The Westland Walkers Club will hold its monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the lower level auditorium of Westland Shopping Center. The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of every month, except during the summer months. Westland Shopping Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 (by Olga's Kitchen). Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

WARSP

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 421-1296 for reservations. Cost \$7. Critic Lawrence Jeziak will speak on "Having More at the Movies."

COTTONTAIL HUNT

An Easter Cottontail Hunt will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Central City Park in Westland. Hundreds of cottontails (marshmallows) will be sprinkled on the ground in a roped off area for each age group (1-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years). At 4 p.m., a siren will sound to start the hunt. At the end, cottontails will be turned in at the redemption center for a small bag of Easter goodies. The event is sponsored by Westland Civitan Club, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Susy Heintz, director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office, will be addressing the Westland Republican Club at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Amante's Restaurant, 32777 W. Warren, at Venoy, Garden City.

AWARDS DINNER

The Westland Democratic Club has scheduled its first annual awards dinner and fund-raiser for Thursday, April 16, at UAW Local 900 Hall, 88200 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 7 p.m. Scheduled speakers are 1998 Democratic gubernatorial candidates Larry Owen and Doug Ross. Seven people will be honored with awards: Mark Brower, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party; State Rep. Eileen DeHart; Wayne County Sheriff Robert A. Ficano; Wayne

County Clerk Teala Hunter; U.S. Rep. Lynn N. Rivers of the 13th District; Westland Mayor Robert J. Thomas; and Walter (Jeff) Washington, president of UAW Local 900. Tickets are \$35. For information, call Joe Rivers at (734) 261-3565.

RECOGNITION BANQUET

Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its ladies' auxiliary will be having their annual Wayne-Westland Police/Firefighters Recognition Banquet on Saturday, April 18. Police officers and firefighters from Wayne and Westland will be honored for going above and beyond the call of duty while serving the community. The banquet will be held in the Post Hall at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland. Tickets are \$10 a person and the event is open to the public. For tickets, call Bessie Bell, (734) 326-6524, or Pam Tykoski, (734) 729-5937.

VEGAS NITE

The Westland Jaycees Vegas Nite is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at VFW Bova Hall, at Hix and Warren. Blackjack, roulette, and craps will be featured. \$1 donation for charity at door.

COLLAGE CONCERT

Schoolcraft College Radcliff is hosting a Collage Concert, featuring all the college's musical groups at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Radcliff Center Community Room, 1751 Radcliff Road, south of Ford Road, between Wayne and Merriman, Garden City. The program will feature new work by James Nissen, based on "The Times of Our Lives." Donations at the door. (734) 462-4770.

COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club will present a Country Western Jamboree 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., one mile west of Belleville Road in Canton. Entertainment by Sherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and other great stars. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple and \$15 per retiree/senior citizen. For ticket information, call (734) 729-8681 or (734) 721-4710.

SPRING MUSICAL

The Wayne Memorial Theatre Guild will present "Leader of the Pack" as its spring musical at 7 p.m. May 2-9 at Stockmeyer Auditorium, Wayne Memorial High School.

AT THE LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book discussion group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the community meeting room of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Join the group by signing up at the Reception Desk. Participants are expected to have read the books and to be prepared to discuss them.

Upcoming books for discussion include: April 21, Michael Connelly, "The Poet." May 19, Margaret Atwood, "Alias Grace." **TRAINING** Training sessions are held 10:30 a.m. each Saturday to train library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals

regarding use of the public access catalogs and will be available for questions. This training is free and no registration is required.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

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

WAYNE LIBRARY

TRAVEL PROGRAMS

The Wayne Public Library is hosting travel programs from 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays, featuring video presentations, guest speakers and refreshments, in the library meeting room. Programs will feature China with Bud and Phyllis Stein, Hawaii with Margo Dewey, the Caribbean with Joan Dyer; Rome and Italy with the St. Mary Choir and friends; Scotland with Constance Robertson; and New Zealand with Kate Rosevear. On April 29, Richard Truxall will do a presentation on finding travel information on the Internet.

CHAMBER EVENTS

JOBS AND CAREERS

The chamber's second annual Jobs and Careers Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Westland Shopping Center. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 job-seekers. Member participation choices include the basic success deal for \$150, the supporting deal for \$200 and the premium deal for \$300. Call to reserve a spot, (734) 326-7222. Last year's program was a sell-out.

RECREATION

KITE FLY

Go fly a kite from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Central City Park Pavilion No. 2 (Marquette entrance). Join the experts from the Four Seasons Kite Club and others for an afternoon of kite making and flying in Central City Park. Bring your own kite or make one with a kite kit. Rain date is 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation Department and Four Seasons Kite Club.

HIKE SAFELY

Have fun learning the basics of hiking safety and how to use a compass with volunteers from the School of Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, at the Performing Arts Pavilion, William Faust Library. Parents are welcome to join in this one-hour program for elementary school children. The rain site is the library com-

Easter event



Bunny brunch:

Brunch with the Easter Bunny, sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department and Westland Civitan Club, will be 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at VFW No. 3323, Wayne Road at Avondale in Westland. The event includes a pancake breakfast, a visit by the Easter Bunny with each family receiving a Polaroid picture with the bunny and an Easter bonnet parade. Tickets can be bought at the Bailey Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. For information, call the parks and recreation department at (734) 722-7620 or Karen Gregory at (734) 326-1454.

munity room. The event is sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department, William Faust Library and the S.O.L.A.R. Club.

NURSERY SCHOOL OLYMPICS

Children ages 2 to 5 can compete in games designed for them on Saturday, May 16, in the Bailey Center gym. Every child will win a ribbon and receive a certificate of participation. Snack provided. Athletes ages 2-3 compete from 9:30-10:45 a.m., and ages 4-5 compete 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per child. Pre-registration required before 10 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Co-sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation, Westland Civitans and Dad's Athletic Club of Westland.

MODEL ROCKET DAY

Make a model rocket and then launch it into the air 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, at Sam Corrado Park, Gladys and Flamingo roads, east of Merriman and south of Joy. Children under 9 must

be accompanied by an adult. Rockets can be bought ahead of time at Riders Hobby Shop of Livonia, 30991 Five Mile Road, (734) 425-9720. Preregister at the Bailey Center before May 21 or register at the park. Pizza supplied by Toarmina's Pizza. Maps available at the Bailey Center. Cost is \$6 and includes one rocket kit and one engine. Extra rockets \$1 each. Pizza lunch is \$2 extra.

RECREATION AND FUN

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

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1091.

VOLLEYBALL

Open volleyball is offered for those age 18 and older 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. All skill levels play just for fun. There is no charge. Baby-sitting is provided. For information, call (734) 722-3660.

SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, 23713 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights, will host a free spaghetti dinner open house 6-8:30 p.m. today, Thursday, April 2. The dinner will be followed by four mini-hands-on classes, a tour of the school and an informal question and answer period with parents and teachers. Our Lady of Grace offers a preschool class and kindergarten through eighth grades, plus latchkey services. Call (313) 562-6524 for a reservation.

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding open registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6198.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program

and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 695-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7606 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3 and 4-year-olds. Registration for the 1998-99 school year is under way. (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 Ave., Inkster. (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For information, call (734) 421-0749.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking new members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to 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 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (734) 326-1110. The museum is featuring a display of ladies' accessories including a collection of 1950s' and 1960s' winter hats, eilvor and gold mesh, art deco and beaded purses from the 1920s and 1930s and gloves and compact. Admission is free.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and

November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. The group is offering a trip to Holland, Mich., on Wednesday, May 13, for \$115, with all meals included. Trip departs promptly at 7 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served on the bus. In Holland, the group will see tulips, shop, eat lunch and attend the parade, then go on to Saugatuck for dinner and a boat cruise. Arrival time back at the center is about 11 p.m. Call the Friendship Center for more information, (734) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP

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

DYER CLUB

The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 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, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (734) 728-5010.

SENIOR DANCE

Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic League, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, non-members \$7. (734) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN

Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. on Monday, April 6, in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday of the month, with the exception of holidays.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-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 the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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Family trip puts pioneers' treks West in perspective

HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA PARKER

Twenty-five years ago, we took an extended family trip out West. At the end of each day, six of us plus our dog, Dandy, piled into our cozy, self-contained trailer. We traveled in relative luxury compared to the pioneers whose

basic trail we followed.

The first leg of the trip - Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska - was a long haul, especially the drudgery of Nebraska's flat terrain. Everyone was tired of traveling and we had not yet even reached Colorado and Wyoming. "Imagine how weary the pioneers must have been by this point," we kept saying.

Each of us was awed when we finally approached the foothills of the Rockies. They rose in mag-

nificent contrast to the tiresome landscape around us. Our first thought was again of the pioneers. "Think how they felt, having come this far - then to see the Rockies loom up before them and realize, 'Now we have to cross those mountains!'"

I have since read many pioneer journals and diaries. Every time, I recall our trip. It gives me a frame of reference to fix their experiences in my mind.

I thought of Nebraska when I read about a woman who settled in the bleak western half of Kansas. She lived in a soddy - a dwelling that gave real meaning to the saying, "Sleep tight, don't let the bedbugs bite." She had not been away from the desolate prairie in two years. Finally, she accompanied her husband to the nearest town east of them. It was a considerable journey, undertaken only once every six months.

I can only imagine this poor woman's isolation when I read that she hugged a tree and wept

because it was the first one she had seen in two years!

Fraught with danger

No matter where the wagon train was bound, the westward trek was fraught with danger, discomfort and grief. The sojourners lacked protection from the summer's blazing sun and intense heat, winter's snow and numbing cold and nature's fickle unleashing of rainstorms at times in between. A good day's travel was 20 miles. For most people, that meant walking across the entire country beside the wagon.

Accounts from the Donner party tell of traversing the mountains in snow so deep that mules fell in their steps. Women, exhausted from carrying children, could not go on. One mother laid a buffalo robe on the ground beside the fire for her children, and then spread something over them. By morning, the makeshift bed was covered with a foot of snow. The road

was now totally impassable, so the party had to set about building cabins to last out the winter.

Burdened by breakdowns, many pioneers unloaded their belongings beside the trail to lighten their load. Many also buried their loved ones there, children and spouses alike. Diarists commonly noted the passing graves dug by earlier travelers. Each must have been a grim reminder of the newcomers' own vulnerability.

Rivers took a fair share of lives. Not infrequently, wives and children were left to their own devices after the trauma of watching their men drown, often while trying to retrieve cattle that had swum to the other side.

Such losses were oft times recorded in tandem with daily notations about the weather. Occasionally, however, the grief and trepidation spilled forth.

Elizabeth Dixon Smith holed up in a shed in Portland, Ore. - with two widows and their chil-

dren - while she tended her dying husband. Soon, the others moved on and left Smith alone to fend for her family in what she called their "leaky concern." The flimsy lean-to, tacked onto a cabin, admitted enough rain to put out their fire.

Smith's husband was so debilitated that she could only move him by lifting each corner of the sheet. For six weeks, she never even changed her clothes to sleep. The demands of parenting in the midst of this crisis must have been frazzling because, she wrote, in addition to all the sickness, she had to contend with an irritable baby.

Finished the journey

After the sad task of burying her husband, like pioneer widows before and after, Smith continued on. She was penniless and friendless, but Smith packed up her seven children, the belongings they could manage and finished the harrowing journey.

Personally, I don't think I could have been a pioneer. Still, circumstances have a way of shaping one's choices. Adventure drew some westward - women included - but it was desperation and hope for a better future that drove the majority of settlers. Most had no idea what they were getting into. Somehow, though, these resilient people did what they had to do, when faced with adversity. I marvel that any were able to survive the hardships.

Following part of their trail 25 years ago gave me strong and lasting images. These allow me, in some small measure, to relate to where our pioneer ancestors went and what they saw. That experience helps bring the pages of each pioneer diary I read to life.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Arrington

Robert and Bonnie Arrington of Plymouth will celebrate their 50th anniversary with family and friends in Kansas City, Mo., in April.

The couple married March 26, 1948, in Osawatimie, Kansas. She is the former Bonnie Showman.

They have one married daughter, Deborah McLaughlin and husband James of Plymouth.

He retired 15 years ago from Ford Motor Company, and she retired from Hallmark gift store five years ago.

They are active members of Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.



Rogers

Gerry and Patricia Rogers of Bad Axe celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a family dinner on Dec. 6 at Bill Knapp's in Livonia.

The couple graduated from Franklin High School in Livonia in 1969. She is the former Patricia Waling.

They have two children, Jason, 18, and Clayton, 15.

He is employed as a police officer for the Bad Axe Police Department while she works as a secretary in the pathology department at Huron Memorial Hospital.



Prosyk

Michael and Doris Prosyk of Plymouth Township celebrated their 25th anniversary at a small gathering of family and friends.

The couple married March 16, 1973, at Newburgh Church of Christ. She is the former Doris J. Guindon.

They have three children - Barbara, Mike and Karen - and three grandchildren.

He has been employed as a quality analyst at Delphi Chassis for 30 years. She is employed as a word processor for the law firm of Wood, Kull, Herschfus, Lay and Kull P.C.

They are members of the First Methodist Church of Plymouth and are active in the American Legion. They also enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and growing old together.

ERA advocate speaks to Farmington OWL

Laura Callow, the Michigan ERA representative to the ERA Summit, will be the guest speaker when Farmington OWL (Older Women's League) meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St.

Callow will report on the latest activities in the ongoing struggle to gain constitutional equality for women.

The Livonia resident served as chairwoman of the Michigan Reamer from 1976 to 1988 and was an advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment and other women's rights issues on WJR Radio's "Point of View" program for eight years.

She is a founding member of the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the National Organi-

zation for Women and was honored by Detroit NOW with the Alice Paul Award in 1977.

Callow also is a member and past president of the League of Women Voters of Livonia, and the American Association of University Women and a recipient of the Livonia AAUW branch's annual Salute to Women Award in 1978.

She also is a member and past chairwoman of the Livonia Human Relations Commission, and since a Livonia City Council appointment in 1996 has served on a committee charged with drawing up an Ethics Ordinance for the city.

Callow also is a member of the Women's Advisory Board of Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Arbor Hospice sponsors grief support programs

A new young adult grief support group will begin meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Arbor Hospice Resi-

Scouts 'scout' for donations

Local Boy and Girl Scouts will once again conduct the "Scouting for Food" drive in selected neighborhoods Saturday, April 25.

Scouts will distribute food collection bags April 20-24 and return on April 25 to collect the canned food and other non-perishable goods.

Suggested canned donations include soups, vegetables, beef stew, chili and fruit. Other donations can include dry food, baby formula and personal care items.

All food donations will go to local agencies that feed families and individuals in need.

For more information call Scouting for Food chairwoman Linda Owczarzak at (734) 429-5108, Dave O'Leary at (734) 664-2843 or Dean Williams, Exploring executive for the Great Sauk Trail of the Boy Scouts of America, at (734) 971-7100.

dence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, across from the Ice Cube, Ann Arbor.

The six-week recovery group will deal with the process of loss and offer young adults an opportunity to share their experiences with sadness, guilt and anger with others who understand.

The group is for young adults, ages 18-25, who have experi-

enced a loss of any kind - loss of parent, sibling or close friend.

For more information and upcoming summer sessions and dates, call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999 and ask for Fariba.

Arbor Hospice also is offering seven-week grief support series, beginning in April, in Northville, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Saline and Allen Park.

The groups are recommended as a "first step" for men and women who have experienced a loss of any kind - a spouse, parent, sibling, child or close friend, whether the loss occurred recently or not.

For more information, call Arbor Hospice at 1-800-783-5764 or Arbor Center in Northville at (248) 348-4980.

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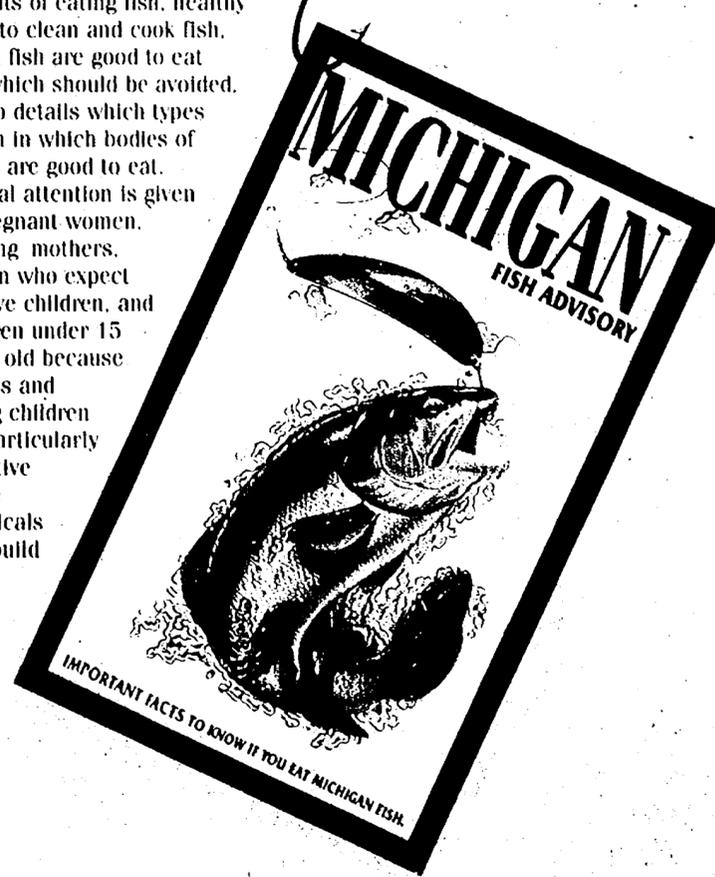
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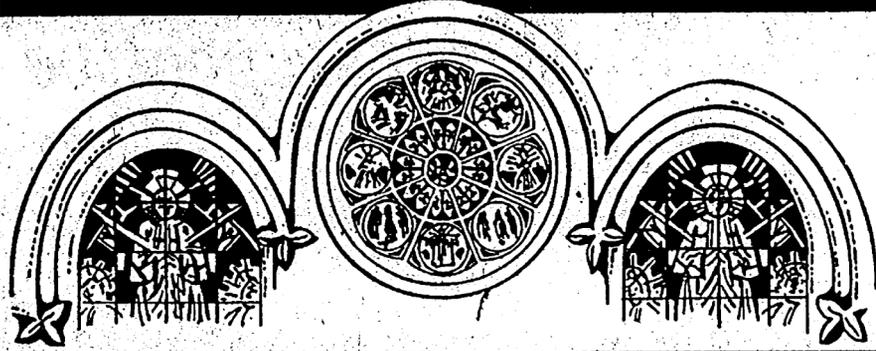
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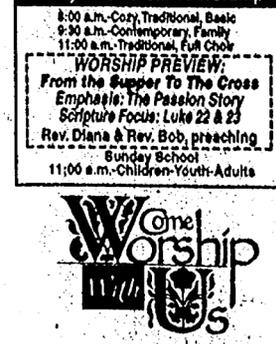
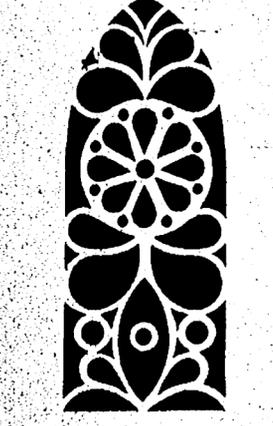
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Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call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

EASTER DRAMA

Gang Retirement and Continuing Education/ Employment (GRACE) Program and St. Anne's Parish in Detroit, in collaboration with the Catholic Youth Organization, will present their original play, "Jesus in the Hood," at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in Kreege Hall of Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Lavan, Livonia. There is no charge, but seating is limited, and reservations are necessary. Call the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs at (734) 432-5541.

"One Voice," which traces the story of the two most pivotal figures in the hours following Jesus's death - Joseph of Arimathea, who provided the tomb, and Nicodemus, who helped carry the body - will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, at Redford Baptist Church, 25292 Grand River Ave., Redford. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-8740.

The First Baptist Church of Canton will present an Easter drama, "The Promise," at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, and at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the church, 44500 Cherry Hill, Canton. Participants will experience the life, death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ during the live musical drama. A nursery will be provided for all per-

Church moves to Plymouth-Canton area

A rapidly growing church has decided to make a move to the Plymouth-Canton area.

The West Metro Church of Christ, formerly the Romulus Church of Christ, will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 5, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth.

The services will feature Bible classes for children and adults in addition to a worship period.

The church had been meet-

ing near Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. The move is a part of an overall effort to refocus the energies of the church on what it considers its God-given mission: preaching the gospel to the world.

"Institutionalized Christianity is not what people need," said Frank Sullivan, the minister. "What they need is a personal faith and persistent love that comes from being genuine disciples of Jesus Christ. Our

mission then is to make and train as many new disciples as possible.

"After all, Matthew 28:18-20 clearly shows that mission - not the propagation of religion - is the one Jesus Himself gave all His followers for all time."

The church is evangelizing locally through home Bible studies, phone work, door-to-door work and special events.

"Folks there are so empty," Sullivan said. "Many are finding that the joy and peace that

comes from following Jesus fills that void like nothing else can."

The non-denominational church selected the Plymouth-Canton area for relocation because of its accessibility from other metropolitan Detroit areas, its demographics and the concentration of young families in its membership in that area.

People interested in learning more about West Metro Church of Christ can call 1-800-732-9110.

church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free to children ages 12 and younger. Participants should bring a basket or bag for the hunt. There will be games, prizes and refreshments. To register your child for the hunt, call the church office at (734) 453-5252.

SINGING SONGBOOK

Psalty the Singing Songbook will conduct his Funtastic Praise Party Two at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Ward Presbyterian Church's new Northville location, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. Psalty and his friends will share an interactive praise and worship time with children. For more information, call the office at (734) 422-1836.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West has weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, Meadowbrook south of 13 Mile, Walled Lake. The topic for Palm Sunday, April 5, will be "Palm Sunday." For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its site at <http://www.cotw.com>

IN CONCERT

New Life Ministries, formerly the Garden City Assembly of God, will have Highest Honor in concert at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 5, at the church, 1076 Venoy, Garden City. An offering will be received. For more information, call (734) 421-0476.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The annual Christian Men's Good Friday Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. April 10 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton. The guest speaker will be former Detroit Lion and U.S. Football League defensive back Luther Bradley. The 23rd annual event includes a full breakfast. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$2 for juniors 10 years and under. Call the church office at (734) 469-3333 for tickets.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

Gloria Watt will be the guest Women's Aglow Westland/ Canton Chapter's guest 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 11, in the AutoNation USA Community Room, 39600 Ford, Canton. Child care will be provided for children ages 3-12. For more information, call (734) 261-5268.

formances. The performances are free of charge, however, a free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (734) 981-6460.

The Adult Choir and Trinity Bells and members of the congregation will have a Lenten musical concert, featuring the Faure Requiem, performed in its original 1893 version with chamber orchestra, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. The Trinity Bells also will perform Faure's Pavane. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

The Celebration Choir and Drama Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church will present the Easter drama, "Let All Heaven Rejoice!" at 6 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 5, and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, at the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. The David Clydesdale drama presents the life and resurrection of the

Lord as seen through the eyes of the angels in heaven. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

Merriman Road Baptist Church will present a musical Easter drama, "The Power of Easter," at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, and 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. All performances will be interpreted for the hearing impaired. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

"The Glory of Easter: Doubt and Discovery" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, April 2-3 and 9-10, and 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5, and 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Temple Baptist Church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets are \$6, \$8 and \$10. For more information, call (734) 414-3980.

The Chancel Choir of the Kirk of Our Savior will sing "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a

sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois, at a 7 p.m. worship service Good Friday, April 10, at the church, 38660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. The choir will be under the direction of music director Kathy VanderWeele and will be accompanied by Eric Filipek, organist/ pianist. For more information, call the church at (734) 728-1088.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, with "Dreams and Images," presented by Jeanne Hess, a registered nurse. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

LENTE CONCERT

The choirs of St. Michael Lutheran Church of Livonia and St. Theodore Church of Westland will present a Lenten concert, "At the Cross," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at St. Michael's, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will present "Act of Renewal" at its First Friday Night Live 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, in Knox Hall of the new Church, Six Mile just

west of Haggerty, Northville.

The innovative theater group will address what real people are dealing with and bring the Word of God into the heart of everyday issues with humor, power and hope. Offering will be accepted, and free child care will be available.

For more information, call the Single Point office at (734) 422-1854.

LENTE BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women of Garden City United Methodist Church will have a Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Millie Janka will present a program on "Monarch Miracles." For reservations, call the church office (734) 421-8628 by Thursday, April 2.

EASTER FAIR

The fourth annual Children's Easter Fair, sponsored by Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will be held 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road. The fair, for children age 3 through the second grade, will feature face painting, an egg hunt, photograph with the Easter Bunny, cookie decorating and balloons. Parents should plan to accompany their children. For more information or to register, call Suann Dibble at (734) 522-6830.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Risen Christ Lutheran Church will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the

St. Paul's presents 1-man play, 'Pilate'

Literature will come to life when Ronald C. Smeenge portrays the man who publicly washed his hands of responsibility for the blood of Jesus in "Pontius Pilate" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The Ann Arbor resident, who has been a pastor throughout the United States and abroad for

more than 30 years, performs classical religious literature in the U.S. and Canada. He is known for his portrayal of John Bunyan and "Pilgrim's Progress" and also has toured in C.S. Lewis's "Screwtape Letters."

The play takes place sometime after the Crucifixion and focuses on a reflective Pilate who is seeking truth but is caught in the middle of political and moral

embroilment between Rome and the Jews.

Pilate speaks in retrospect and throughout the performances and lapses into flashbacks to the events that are so embedded in his mind.

Communion will follow the performance. For more information about the one-man show, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

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Holy Week from page B1



Featured will be the Christ Our Savior, Cherub and Chorister choirs and congregation singing the church's commissioned

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Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, (734) 422-0149

Palm Sunday services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. The Cantabile Bells, Cherub, Children and Youth Choirs will perform special music.

On Maundy Thursday, the Tennebrae service will be at 7:30 p.m. and include a dramatic portrayal of the Last Supper and Holy Communion. The Good Friday service will be at 12:15 p.m. Music for both services will be by the Chancel Choir, and child care will be provided.

On Easter Sunday, the sunrise worship service will be at 7:30 a.m. at Newburg Church at Greenmead Historical Village. A sunrise breakfast, sponsored by the United Methodist Men, will be served 7:30-10 a.m. in Guthrie Hall. The also will be worship services at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and Sunday School.

Memorial Church of Christ, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6722

The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus will begin at 7 p.m. Good Friday with a service focused on the events of that

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-0211

The Passion history, choirs and a palm procession will be part of the Palm Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. And at 7:30 p.m., the Adult Choir and Trinity Bells with Chamber Orchestra will present the original 1893 version of Faure's Requiem. The Bells also will perform Faure's Pavane.

On Holy Wednesday, a healing service with lessons, meditation, prayers and individual anointing with oil for those who desire it will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., while on Maundy Thursday the 7:30 p.m. Communion service will include individual absolution and a stripping of the altar.

On Good Friday, Holy Trinity will join the St. Matthew's United Methodist, Church of the Savior, Reformed, Nativity United Church of Christ, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian, St. Edith Catholic, St. Paul of the Cross Monastery and St. Timothy Presbyterian for a combined service at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church. The Rev. Church Sonquist of St. Matthew's will be the speaker, and an interchurch choir will perform.

Good Friday evening there will be a dramatic service of readings with increasing darkness, climactic moment of Jesus' death and solemn closing at 7:30 p.m.

There will be three festival Communion services, with choirs, instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist, at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday.

Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, (734) 421-7620

The Holy Week observance will begin with Palm Sunday worship services with Communion will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

On Maundy Thursdays, there will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Tennebrae Service of Shadows and Commu-

nion at 7:30 p.m., while an ecumenical service will be held noon to 3 p.m. Good Friday at Garden City Presbyterian.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast at 10:15 a.m. Worship services also will be conducted at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 422-6038.

The Palm Sunday service will be at 10 a.m. The Sunday School children will grace church goes with palms.

On Maundy Thursday, there will be a 9:30 a.m. breakfast, followed by a 10:15 a.m. service. Marsha Woolley, associate pastor of the Ann Arbor First Methodist Church, will speak. The soloist will be Kathy Roseanne with accompanist Mickey Fiegel. Tickets are \$4 and are available in the church office.

The Easter Sunday worship service will be at 10 a.m.

Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, Canton, (734) 455-6022

The Palm Sunday services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and feature a modern-day re-enactment of the Last Supper, while the Good Friday service will be at noon and feature a dramatized version of the folk tale, "The Tale of Three Trees."

Easter will be celebrated in song and drama at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 422-1470

A Maundy Thursday communion service at 7:30 p.m. will feature the one-man play, "Pontius Pilate" with Ron Smeenge.

Good Friday services will be noon to 3 p.m. Participants are invited to stay for the entire service or drop by and leave at any time.

Easter Sunday services will be at 7, 8:30 and 11 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be served 7:45-11 a.m. with proceeds benefitting the St. Paul's Habitat for Humanity mission trip to Americus, Ga.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville, (248) 348-7600

Holy Week at First Church will begin at the 11 a.m. Palm Sunday service when the orches-

tra, drama, adult and children's choirs combining to present "He's Alive," a theatrical-musical celebration that will bring the sacrifice of Good Friday and the joy of Easter home to participants' hearts. Don St. John, director of music ministries, will direct the sanctuary choir and orchestra. The Easter celebration will

include early Easter Baptism and Communion service at 8 a.m. Easter Sunday, a free Easter fellowship breakfast at 9 a.m. and worship with music, orchestra, compelling drama and inspiring Easter message by Dr. Carl Leth at 10:30 a.m.

There also will be an children's worship service, free child care and a gift for guests.

Northville Christian Assembly, 41855 Six Mile, Northville, (248) 348-9030

Northville Christian Assembly is inviting the community to communion services at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday. The Rev. Otis Buchan will lead worshippers in the memorial and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Kern sets personal best

Julie Kern of the Spartan Aquatic Club posted a personal best of 16:58.68 in the 1,650-yard freestyle to finish eighth last week in a Junior National meet held at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center in Long Island, N.Y.

Kern, who attends Livonia Stevenson High School, also placed 20th in the 1,000 freestyle with a lifetime best. She also posted PRs in the 200 butterfly and 500 freestyle.

Teammates Steve Domin and Amy Hartland also competed in their first Junior Nationals after fully tapering for the high school and U.S.S. State Championships the previous two weeks.

Midget B Devils 1st

The Livonia Devils, a Midget B team, rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Livonia Flyers, 3-2, in the Chicago, Ill. Weekend Extravaganza (March 20-22).

Goalie Tim Marken, who had a goals against average of 1.75 in four games, was named tournament MVP. Chris Galatis paced the Devils offensively with seven goals, including a hat trick in the opener.

Other members of the Devils include: Paul Thomas, Mark Tice, Jared VanWagner, Joe Pellerin, Mike Soho, Mike Koch, Rob Metzger, Jordan Kurkowski, Chris Honoway, Scott Osler, Matt Mestrovich, Curt Anderson, Tony Larsson, Nick Takach, Ricky Carrithers and Mike Kennedy.

The Devils are coached by Mark Tice, Ken Hines and Bill Marken. The team is managed by Jim Kurkowski and sponsored by Allen Electric.

Livonia Penguins win

Captain Tim Moody's goal, a wrist shot to top left corner, 44 seconds into the second overtime, gave the Livonia Midget BB Penguins a 2-1 win over Mount Clemens and the Tier II Little Caesars championship Sunday at Inkster Arena.

Scott Thomas and Brian Antrobus assisted on the game-winner. During six playoff games, the Penguins allowed just five goals as goaltender Mark Phillips earned tournament MVP honors.

The defensive line included Antrobus, Mike Alzman, Mike Berry, Matt Newman, Ryan Palmer and Remy Sherman.

Making up the offensive corps, which tallied 17 goals among three lines, include Andy Balog, Jason Blakeley, Joe Dobeck, John Middlemis, Patrick Miller, Brian Pankow, Steve Riley, Thomas and Moody.

The Penguins, who also won the Thanksgiving Tourney with a 7-1 win over Markham, Ontario, are coached by Russell Laggan, Mike George and Frank Antrobus. The team manager is Barb Antrobus.

Youth hockey finalists

The Livonia Hockey Association Squirt B Canadiens, coached by Bob Stadler and Bob Hill, reached the finals of the NHL Skate, March 20-22, at Birch Run before losing to the Livonia Squirt Ducks in the championship final. They wound up 3-1-1 in tourney play.

Members of the Canadiens, who also finished second in the City Ice Arena Christmas Tournament, include: Brian King, Brent DeMarco, Whitney Greco, Matt Burk, Ryland Phelps, Jamie Smith, Chris Bridge, Mike Cullinan, Tim Wilson, Scott Stevens, Seth Diegel, Steve Rakoczy and Matthew Staples. The Habs were captained by Justin Stadler, with Chris Attard and Nick Hill as alternates.

Assistant coaches include Kevin Furlong, Mike Miller and Ken Rybka.

Team sponsors included Livonia Trophy & Screen Printing, Concord Dental Group and Murray's Discount Auto.

The Livonia Hockey Association Squirt Leafs finished runner-up last weekend to the Dayton, Ohio Gems in the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament in Chicago, Ill.

The Leafs, coached by Joel Layne, defeated S.R. Jacobson of Birmingham, tied the Gems and defeated the Franklin Park, Ill. to earn a spot in the finals.

Members of the silver medalists included Mike Layne, Kyle Bostick, Matt Stone, John Clancy, Jeff Elberling, Matt Luzaich, Christopher Weeks, Steven Stone, Arthur Holtz, Ricky Crowe, Mike Rusaki, Ben Karaisz and Christopher Lantto. Assistant coaches include John Clancy, Bruce Lantto and Mike Luzaich. The team manager is Jan Lantto. Team sponsors include Massey Cadillac and K.A.R. Enterprises.

Churchill's day

Kearney leads Chargers to city title

Everybody knew Ryan Kearney would score a lot of points this season for the Livonia Churchill boys track team.

And in Tuesday's city meet held at Stevenson, Kearney did his part again, winning four events.

But it was the efforts of junior Brandon LaPointe and freshman Eric Scott who also played key roles as the Chargers won a highly competitive season opener against their sister schools with a team high 67.5 points.

Last year's champion, Franklin, finished second with 56, and 1996 champ Stevenson was a close third with 51.5.

Kearney, a junior, won the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in 15.3 and 42.69, respectively. He also took the 100- and 200 dashes with times of 11.52 and 23.46, respectively.

"The big story was Kearney's four firsts," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "And he did it with two tough doubles."

LaPointe, meanwhile, competed as a sophomore last year in the pole vault and sprints, but Austin decided it was time to make a change.

He entered the 800 and put Churchill in control of the meet with a first-place time of 2:07.62. LaPointe also took a third in the pole vault (10-6).

"We were only up 1½ points going into the 800 and he broke the meet open," Austin said of LaPointe. "He's really coming into his own. Last year we tried him everywhere under the sun, but I decided to move him up to the 400 and 800 and it looks like he's better suited for middle distance."

"He's a football player and wrestler, so he has a lot of strength. He's got more juice in the middle distance where you combine speed and strength."

Scott won the long jump with a leap of 19-5½ and took the 400 in 54.1, another pleasant surprise.

"Eric has some nice hops," Austin said. "Last week he went 18-5 at the Huron Relays."

Churchill's other first came in the pole vault as Matt Weber, a senior, cleared 12 feet.

Another key effort for Churchill was Jason's Richmond's third in the 3,200 run.

"We told our kids we had to have some surprises today and some seconds, thirds and fourths," said Austin, whose team won only one dual meet last year. "We did all those things and now we can walk with our chins up higher than before."

Austin also credited his three assistant coaches — John Filiatraut (throw-

ers), John McGreevey (distance) and Greg Koehler (pole vaulters) for the team's improvement.

Franklin, meanwhile, garnered four firsts, two individually by senior thrower Matt Lawson, who won the discus (145-2) and shot put (45-9½). The Patriots' also captured the 400 relay as Dusty Hall, Pat Broderick, Corey Harris and Pat Hayes were clocked in 48.05. Dan Colip added a win in the high jump (6-10).

Stevenson's standout was senior Rob Block, who edged Franklin's Josh Burt by less than a second in an exciting 1,600 race. Block's time was 4:34.34 while Burt's was 4:34.45, both outstanding for a first meet.

The two duelled again in the 3,200 with Block taking off during the final lap for a first-place time of 10:11.33. Burt went 10:15.61.

Block also teamed up with Mike Felczak, Chris Mills and Joe Verellen for a first in the 3,200 relay (8:32.05).

The Spartans also won the 800- and 1,600 relays in 1:35.24 and 3:40.28, respectively.

Tom Glennon, Matt Freeborn, Eric Kusnir and Mike Lenardon made up the 800 quartet, while Lenardon, Freeborn, Felczak and Dan Dordoski comprised the 1,600 relay squad.

See complete meet results.

BOYS TRACK

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOYS TRACK MEET
March 30 at Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 67.5;
2. Franklin, 56; 3. Stevenson, 51.5.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Lawson (F), 45 feet, 9½ inches; 2. Gaura (C), 41.2½; 3. Moore (F), 40-10½; discus: 1. Lawson (F), 145-2; 2. Diakow (C), 136-7; 3. Plankuch (S), 127-2; high jump: 1. Colip (F), 5-10; 2. Urbanowicz (C), 5-8; 3. Hauck (C), 5-3; long jump: 1. Scott (C), 19-5½; 2. Wright (S), 18-8; 3. Lenardon (S), 18-1½; pole vault: 1. Webber (C), 12-0; 2. Shiplett (F), 11-0; 3. LaPointe (C), 10-6; 100-meter dash: 1. Kearney (C), 11.52; 2. Glennon (S), 11.78; 3. Broderick (F), 12.05; 200: 1. Kearney (C), 23.46; 2. Glennon (S), 23.84; 3. Freeborn (S), 24.27; 400: 1. Scott (C), 54.1; 2. Houstelakos (F), 54.75; 3. Kracht (F), 55.08; 800: 1. LaPointe (C), 2:07.62; 2. Felczak (S), 2:10.9; 3. Jaskot (F), 2:12.67; 1,600: 1. Block (S), 4:34.34; 2. Burt (F), 4:34.45; 3. Felczak (S), 4:51.16; 3,200: 1. Block (S), 10:11.33; 2. Burt (F), 10:15.61; 3. Richmond (C), 10:32.53; 110 hurdles: 1. Kearney (C), 15.3; 2. Accurso (F), 15.94; 3. Hayes (F), 16.32; 300 hurdles: 1. Kearney (C), 42.69; 2. Hayes (F), 43.23; 3. Accurso (F), 43.9; 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Hall, Broderick, Harris, Hayes), 48.05; 2. Churchill, 48.14; 800 relay: 1. Stevenson (Glennon, Freeborn, Kusnir, Lenardon), 1:35.24; 2. Franklin, 1:40.39; 3. Churchill, no time available; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Lenardon, Freeborn, Felczak, Dordoski), 3:40.28; 2. Churchill, 3:41.61; 3. Franklin, NTA; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Felczak, Mills, Block, Verellen), 8:32.05; 2. Churchill, 8:41.76; 3. Franklin, NTA.

SOFTBALL PREVIEW

Successful battery key to winning



Lori Jendrusik Franklin ace

In girls softball, any coach will tell you that the key to success is having a solid battery combination — the pitcher and catcher.

Perhaps that is the reason why there is plenty of optimism for the 1998 girls softball season to begin in Observerland.

No where is the optimism higher than at the three Livonia public schools. Livonia Franklin, which finished 22-8 last season en route to winning the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, may be the team to beat again as senior hurler Lori Jendrusik returns. Jendrusik, who was named first-team All-Area last season, was dominating at the plate with a .457 average, and on the mound where she recorded a 22-7 record, 209 strikeouts and a 1.29 ERA.

The Patriots may get a test from their cross-town rivals, Livonia Churchill. The Chargers lost All-Area shortstop Jessie Jenkins to graduation, but returns their pitcher-catcher tandem in juniors Adrienne Doyle and



Tag action: Livonia Ladywod's Sarah Thiesmeyer (left), a junior shortstop, gives the Blazers an anchor for the infield. The Blazers are defending Catholic League playoff champions.

Kristin Derwich.

But perhaps the most optimism in Livonia comes from Livonia Stevenson coach Art Anselm, who returns virtually his entire lineup and considers the Spartans a team to beat in the Lakes Division.

Robert Nutt, coach of Wayne Memorial, is also optimistic about his squad which won only four games last season, but that was with five freshmen

starters. Jehny Donnelly, a transfer from Warren, enters to boost the Zebra pitching staff which should make Wayne one of the area's most improved teams.

Those without pitching hope to outscore their competitors: That's the case at Westland John Glenn and Livonia Ladywod where pitching remain questions marks. The Blazers, in particular, will have to fill the void left by

All-Area pitcher Cathy Hermann and catcher Jessica Roman (second-team All Area).

Lutheran Westland should improve on last season's 15-12 mark as its nucleus returns, while Huron Valley Lutheran and Livonia Clarenceville will each field young squads.

See capsule summary of area team on page C3.

Spartans clamp down on Canton

GIRLS SOCCER

A misleading score? No other way to define Wednesday's early-season match between two of the state's best girls soccer teams.

For example: Match coaches with teams. One team scored three goals. The other team was shut out.

One coach wasn't entirely pleased. The other coach wasn't entirely displeased.

If you figure this to be a trick question, then you're absolutely right. Defending Class A state champion Livonia Stevenson owned the scoreboard, blanking visiting Plymouth Canton (the 1996 state champ) 3-0.

"We're happy with the win — don't get me wrong," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "Anytime you come away with a win against Canton, you've got to be happy."

"But we're not happy with the way we did it. We're going to have to cut down on the number of opportunities we're giving up."

At the other end of the field, Canton coach Don Smith didn't like the way his team surrendered two first-half goals to the Spartans.

"They had two scrappy goals down there," Smith said. "They just kept coming... We were scrapping, but they just outscrapped us."

But did Stevenson outplay the Chiefs? The score-

board indicated yes; Smith said "no, not at all."

And his counterpart, Kimble, concurred. Indeed, the Spartans were struggling a bit defensively against the hard-charging Chiefs in the first half. With freshman Anne Morrell applying relentless pressure up front, it seemed only a matter of time before Canton got on the board.

But as it turned out, that time never arrived. Which, ultimately, was the difference in the contest; the Chiefs couldn't finish their offensive opportunities.

And the Spartans? Well, they have Allison Campbell and Lindsay Gusick. Nuff said.

With the first half nearly half over, Gusick retrieved a free ball near the left corner and angled a pass to the front of the net. Campbell appeared to be marked, but as Canton keeper Kristin Lukasik charged out after the pass, Campbell slid past the Chiefs' defender and tipped the ball into the net, making it 1-0.

It was a defensive breakdown, and it wasn't the only one in the game for Canton.

With less than eight minutes left in the half, Gusick outfought several Canton defenders and put the ball past Lukasik to make it 2-0 with 7:21

remaining. Campbell drew the assist. The Spartans came very close to adding another goal to their total with 2:20 to go in the half, but Deanna McGrath's hard shot from the left side rattled off the crossbar.

"The difference tonight," said Kimble afterwards, "was Campbell and Gusick."

The Chiefs kept attacking throughout the second half, with the Morralls — Anne and her older sister, Abi — each coming very close to putting a shot past Stevenson keeper Jenny Barker.

But the game's final goal was simply a spectacular play. Gusick got possession on the Stevenson side of midfield, on the left wing; she spied Campbell breaking towards goal on the right.

Gusick sent a sharp pass that split the Canton defense and hit Campbell in stride, behind the Chiefs. Lukasik rushed out to challenge, but Campbell could not be stopped. Her goal, with 28:01 left, upped Stevenson's advantage to 3-0.

Which proved to be an unassailable lead, although the Chiefs remained aggressive — much to Kimble's dismay. "We're not as cohesive defensively as we'd like to be," he said. "We need to jell as a team."

That will happen. And there's a good chance these two teams will meet again later in the season, with higher stakes.

CAPSULE OUTLOOKS ON AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAMS

Shamrocks pack offensive punch

In baseball, it always assumed that pitching is the name of the game.

But if you include hitting, then Redford Catholic Central may have something special going into the 1998 season.

The Shamrocks took their lumps last year with a young squad, finishing 18-14 and failing to get out of the districts.

But this spring the Shamrocks appear to have many of the pieces in place to contend with Birmingham Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle for the Central Division title in the Catholic League.

Coach John Salter, entering his 18th season, may not be able to put two pitchers of the caliber of Rice's duo of 6-foot-7 lefty Tom Marx (bound for Miami of Florida), and 6-8 right-hander Jon Poyer, but he might have the best offensive team in the Catholic League.

Junior shortstop Dave Lusky, a first-team All-ObsERVER pick, returns after leading the team with 36 RBI. He also hit .383.

Junior center fielder Bob Malek is coming off a .446 campaign, while junior first baseman-outfielder Casey Rogowski hit .406.

Two experienced pitchers also return in senior right-hander Tony Nozowski (5-1, 3.04 ERA) and senior left-hander Mike Haller (4-4, 3.41 ERA). The No. 3 man, junior right-hander Anthony Tomey, went 1-4 last season, but hit .328.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association, Westland John Glenn (15-14) returns senior third baseman Tim Reeves, who hit .477 with 42 hits and 29 RBI.

Meanwhile, two-time district champion Livonia Stevenson (15-10) also returns its top hitter in three-year

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varsity performer Roy Rabe. Pitcher Jon Ritzler could also provide some stability on the mound.

On the Western side of the Western Lakes, Livonia Churchill (7-14) expects to be vastly improved with the return of senior right fielder Brett Well, a left-hand hitter with power, along with senior left fielder Corey Cook.

"This is the most athletes I've had since '84 when we won the league with guys like Bob Foust and John Stoitsiadis," 19th-year coach Herb Osterland said.

Meanwhile, Livonia Franklin (6-18) will be hard-pressed to replace All-Area outfielder and pitcher Dave Wampler (now at the University of Detroit-Mercy).

In the Mega Conference, Wayne Memorial (18-11) is coming off a district championship season but lost six key performers including Clark Boston, who hit .426 and went 4-0 with a 1.81 ERA.

First-team All-ObsERVER pitcher-shortstop Charlie Leverenz, who hit .446 and finished 7-1 as a pitcher with an impressive 1.71 ERA, will lead the Zebras.

In the Metro Conference, Lutheran High Westland (15-7) is the defending champion, but was hard hit by graduation losses.

Second-year coach Jeremy Geidel returns senior outfielder Ryan Moser, and expects to contend for the title.

Livonia Clarenceville (8-13) returns everybody except pitcher Bob Wyss (5-1) and could make a run against the likes of Grosse Pointe University-Liggett and Hamtramck.

See capsules summaries.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Herb Osterland, 19th season. League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 7-14. Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Westland John Glenn.

Notable losses to graduation: Rob Szymbist, Adam Carter.

Leading returnees: Brett Wells, senior, Sr. right fielder (second team All-Area); Corey Cook, sr. pitcher-left fielder (All-Division); Ryan Fleissner, Sr. catcher; Nick Lamb, Sr. pitcher; Jeff Lyday, Sr. center fielder.

Promising newcomers: Andy Blackmore, Jr. second baseman; Justin Draughn, Jr. pitcher; Cory Prokopcak, Jr. outfielder; John Ross, Jr. pitcher-infielder; Andy Shoemaker, Jr. pitcher; Ryan Vickers, Jr. infielder-pitcher; Dave Wash, junior infielder-outfielder; Jeff Winkler, Jr. catcher; John Pokrzywnicki, Sr. first baseman-outfielder.

Osterland's '98 outlook: "We have some pretty good athletes and much more depth pitcher. The combination of Lamb, Draughn, Ross and Shoemaker gives us versatility there. We're deeper. Cook can be a starter and reliever.

"With Wells, Cook and Lyday together in the outfield, that gives us one of the best combinations in the conference."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Jim Karoub, eighth season. League affiliation: WAAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 6-18. Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Walled Lake Central.

Notable losses to graduation: Dave Wampler (first team All-Area); Matt Downs, Ryan Davis.

Leading returnees: Brian Waldo, Sr. outfielder-pitcher; Bryan Regner, Sr. catcher.

Promising newcomers: Tom Jones, Jr. infielder; Tony Sala, Jr. infielder; Clint Walker, Sr. outfielder; David Word, Jr. pitcher-first baseman; Jamie Proffer, Sr. pitcher; Joe Ruggiero, Jr. infielder-pitcher.

Karoub's '98 outlook: "We have lots of juniors and a freshman. We have only a few seniors, so we lack some depth and experience. We're only carrying 15 players.

"But I do see a lot of potential in our pitching staff. I'm impressed with our pitching and our outfield play right now. Those are the strengths that I see."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Mike Keller, sixth season. League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 15-10. Titles won last year: Class A district champions.

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at home vs. Walled Lake West-em.

Notable losses to graduation: Mike Allison (first team All-Area); Todd Wilson, OF (second team All-Area); Tony Dattilio, Eric Yuhasz, Mark Dietrich, Justin Kerr.

Leading returnees: Roy Rabe, Jr. third baseman; Jon Ritzler, Jr. pitcher-outfielder; Chris Goins, Sr. second baseman; Dave Stando, Jr. outfielder-pitcher; Brent Wojtylak, Sr. third baseman-pitcher; Jon Marlin, Sr. outfielder; Brett Dubay, Sr. first baseman.

Promising newcomers: Joe Suchgra, Jr. shortstop; Steve Anderson, Jr. shortstop; Brandon Gajda, Jr. catcher-pitcher; Mark Mink, Jr. outfielder; Bryan Schieff, Sr. first baseman-pitcher; Matt DiPonio, Jr. outfielder; Colin Cook, Jr. first baseman-pitcher; Ryan VanBelle, Jr. outfielder-catcher; Kevin Yuhasz, Jr. second baseman; Phil Szumlanski, Jr. outfielder; Eric Gambrell, Sr. outfielder.

Keller's '98 outlook: "We lost nine to 10 players so we're going to have to rely on our underclassmen.

"Offensively we swing the bat pretty well. "Our pitching is not as good as North Farmington, but with Rabe and Ritzler, along with Gajda, Wojtylak and Anderson, we have a little bit of depth there.

"Defensively I think we'll be fine. We have a lot of quickness in the outfield. We're also solid around the infield.

"I like this team's willingness to learn."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Todd Duffield, third season. League affiliation: WAAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 15-14. Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, at home, vs. Livonia Churchill.

Notable losses to graduation: Jason Robertson, Steve Pelling.

Leading returnees: Tim Reeves, Sr. third baseman (first team All-Area, hit .477 with 29 RBI); Gordie Smith, Sr. shortstop; Adam Sulek, Sr. catcher; Josh Utley, Sr. pitcher-outfielder; Aaron James, Sr. second baseman; Greg McCollum, Sr. pitcher-infielder; Chet Rees, Sr. pitcher-catcher-infielder; Dale Hayes, Jr. pitcher-first baseman.

Promising newcomers: Justin Fendeleit, Jr. outfielder; Nick Hudson, Jr. catcher-infielder.

Duffield's '98 outlook: "We'll have varsity experience, except for pitching. Give me (North Farmington's) Kirk Taylor and (Jeff) Trzos and we'll win a state championship.

"We'll hit the ball. It's a matter of how many runs we score against how many runs they score.

"We lost seven games where we scored six or more runs. We have to limit those to be successful."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Jim Chronowski, 28th season. League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (White Division).

Last year's overall record: 18-11. Titles won last year: Class A District champions.

Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Taylor Truman.

Notable losses to graduation: Clark Boston (second team All-Area); John Clendenning (All-League); Jeff Temple, Kevin Wetmore, Ron King, Dennis McGill.

Leading returnees: Charlie Leverenz, Sr. pitcher-shortstop-catcher (first team All-Area, .446, 6-1 with a 1.71 ERA); Derek Townsend, Sr. second baseman; Joe West, Sr. third baseman; C.J. Blevins, Sr. pitcher (2-1, 2.92 ERA); Bill Dank, Sr. first baseman; Jason Frederick, Jr. infielder.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Czyzak, Jr. catcher; Matt Mackiewicz, Soph. infielder; Jeremy Overton, Jr. first baseman; Scott Teasdale, Soph. outfielder-catcher; Shawn McDaniel, Soph. pitcher-catcher-outfielder (transfer from Dearborn Edsel Ford); Jon Bates, Fr. OF/1B/C/P; Jason Sienko, Sr. pitcher.

Chronowski's '98 outlook: "We lost a lot of our pitched innings and that will be a problem for us. Five of the six players we lost to graduation pitched for us last year and we only have two back (Leverenz and Blevins).

"In addition to pitching, we lost people who can put the ball in play for us and who hit over .300. Speed will be another question mark for us.

"We have yet to make up for all of our losses in practice. We have an abundance of pessimism."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: John Salter, 18th season. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 18-14. Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit at University of Detroit-Mercy (2).

Notable losses to graduation: John DiBella, OF (second team All-Area, hit .326 and 4-0 won-loss record).

Leading returnees: Dave Lusky, Jr. shortstop, (first team All-Area, hit .383 with 36 RBI); Bob Malek, Jr. center fielder (led team with .446 average); Casey Rogowski, Jr. first baseman-outfielder (.406 and 18 RBI); Tony Nozowski, Sr. pitcher (5-1, 3.04 ERA); Mike Haller, Sr. pitcher (4-4, 3.41 ERA); Anthony Tomey, Jr. outfielder-pitcher (.328 and 1-4); Chris Woodruff, Jr. catcher (.291, 15 RBI); Matt Firlik, Sr. second baseman (.286, 18 RBI).

Promising newcomers: Mario D'Herin, Jr. third baseman; Mark Cole, Jr. pitcher; Dan Duffey, Jr. pitcher.

Salter's '98 outlook: "We're young, but experienced in the sense that a lot of sophomores played last year.

"Offensively we should be strong. Rogowski, Lusky, Tomey and Woodruff can hit with power. But we also have some base hitters. "We should be strong defensively. We have average speed, but Malek and Firlik run well.

"Having two senior pitchers is nice, also having a righty and lefty. Haller has good control and keeps it down. Nozowski can keep the hitters off balance.

"We should be improved over last year. The kids are working hard."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Rich Roy, second season. League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 8-13.

Scheduled season opener: 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Lutheran High Westland.

Notable losses to graduation: Bob Wyss (5-1 as pitcher).

Leading returnees: Chris Krolczyk, Sr. pitcher (3-2); Kirk Damas, Sr. pitcher-third baseman; John Schiffman, Sr. pitcher-catcher; Tjm Riedl, Soph. shortstop-pitcher; John Wallace, Jr. pitcher-outfielder-catcher; Joe Lucas, Jr. first baseman; Dave Lemmon, Jr. second baseman; Josh Fritch, Jr. outfielder; Eric Tondreau, Sr. outfielder; Brian Pankow, Jr. outfielder; Bill Cagr, Jr. first baseman; Scott Carr, Soph. third baseman; Tony Rachoza, Jr. outfielder; Scott Wion, Jr. outfielder-DH; Joe Keough, Soph. pitcher-outfielder.

Roy's '98 outlook: "I think our pitching will be all right. We're rebuilding around Wyss, who went 5-1. Both Schiffman and Damas have been on the varsity three years. Krolczyk has to have a big year.

"Our strong spot is up the middle. The question mark is swinging the bat. We have two good catchers.

"We're still kind of young with only four seniors. Wallace has to go for us this year in order for us to win. He's our most dependable."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Jeremy Geidel, second season.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 15-7.

Titles won last year: Metro Conference.

Scheduled season opener: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Southfield Christian.

Notable losses to graduation: Ben Meyer, Joe Pruchnik, Mike Dittmar, Kevin Wade.

Leading returnees: Ryan Moser, Sr. outfielder; Mike Fisher, Sr. pitcher; Chris O'Brien, Sr. outfielder; Mike Baltz, Sr. pitcher-catcher.

Promising newcomers: Scott Archer, Jr. catcher; Tom Habitz, Jr. pitcher-shortstop; Gordie Engel, Jr. second baseman.

Geidel's '98 outlook: "We'll definitely be up in the top of the conference again.

"We have to replace our middle infield from last year, so that's a big hole to fill. But the kids have played together for a long time, which helps.

"And the kids are excited about defending their conference championship, since that was our first one.

"We want to remember the good things about last year. But this is a new year, a new group of kids."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Tim Simscho, 16th season.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: 9-5.

Scheduled season opener: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at home, vs. Macomb Christian.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Jeremy Zahn, Sr. catcher; Tom Husby, Sr. middle infielder; Nick Wisniska, Sr. outfielder; Joel Hartley, Sr. catcher-middle infielder.

Simscho's '98 outlook: "We had a very sparse turnout (13). It was a learning experience last year. It's a rebuilding year.

"We'll plug away like we always have in the past. We have a big schedule this year. A lot more teaching has to happen this year."

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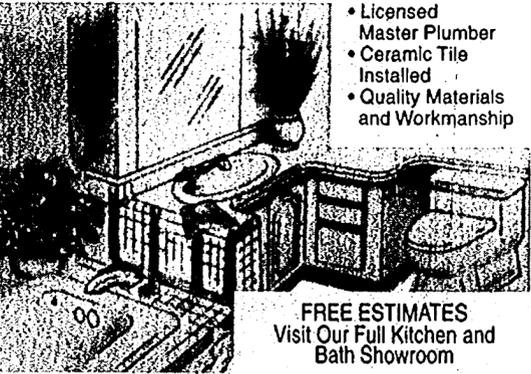
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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Dana Hardwidge, seventh season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Season opener: 4 p.m. Monday, March 30, at Dearborn.
Last year's overall record: 15-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Jessie Jenkins (first-team All-Area shortstop), Megan McGinty, Shannon Misiak, Tina Naif, Dawn Perttula.
Leading returnees: Kristin Derwich, Jr. catcher; Adrienne Doyle, Jr. pitcher; Jessica Schulte, Sr. third baseman-outfielder; Ann Senne, Jr. outfielder; Sarah Stiles, Sr. outfielder; Raegan Tisher, Jr. first baseman-outfielder.
Promising newcomers: Stephanie Doyle, Fr. infielder-outfielder; Christine Fones, Soph. shortstop-third baseman; Sarah Hennessey, Soph. first baseman; Tara Muchow, Soph. pitcher; Jillian Routzahn, Jr. shortstop-third baseman; Meagan Sheehan, Soph. outfielder; Kelly Stahley, Soph. catcher; Jerry Stralko, Soph. second baseman.
Hannberg's '98 outlook: "It's a comfort to have the pitcher and catcher back after gaining a year of valuable varsity experience last year."
 "The team is fairly young and we will be especially rebuilding the infield. But we have some players with athletic ability who should do nothing but improve as the season goes on."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Linda Jimenez, third season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at home vs. Walled Lake Central.
Last year's overall record: 22-8.
Titles won last year: WLAA-Western Division and Livonia Public Schools City champion.
Notable losses to graduation: Randi Wolfe (Eastern Michigan University), Jessica Sabbadin (second-team All-Area shortstop), Margaret Schultz, Melissa Thompson, Missy Blanton.
Leading returnees: Lori Jendrusik, Sr. pitcher (first-team All-Area, hit .457 with 22.7 record, 209 strikeouts and 1.29 ERA); Maria Lopiccolo, Sr. outfielder; Jackie Ziem, Sr. second baseman; Kelly Young, Jr. catcher; Yera Morrill, Soph. first baseman; Andrea Kmet, Soph. outfielder-pitcher.
Promising newcomers: Jamie Linden, Soph. third baseman; Monica Little, Soph. shortstop; Becky Camilleri, Soph. outfielder; Jeannette Bertrand, Soph. outfielder; Kristin Kmet, Soph. shortstop; Daylin Starks, Fr. outfielder; Kersten Marshall, Fr. outfielder.
Jimenez's '98 outlook: "I have been blessed with a wonderful group of student-athletes. We are a 'real team.' We work hard, get along, have fun and are physically fit."
 "I believe pitching and defense wins ball-games. We have solid pitching and catching."
 "Once again, Jendrusik and Young have been very dedicated in the off-season. Ziem, who had 29 hits last year, should lead the offense. She is also working hard to learn the second base position."
 "Our defense is a big question mark. Our infield if inexperienced, we're going to make mistakes, but none because we do not work hard enough. Morrill is playing aggressive defense and hitting the ball hard."
 "Hitting is also a question mark. We are inexperienced, but improving each practice. Our outfield is much improved."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Art Anselm, sixth season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Walled Lake Western.
Last year's overall record: 10-17.
Notable losses: Allison Luczak (transferred).
Leading returnees: Teri Fox, Sr. shortstop (All-Division, .370); Andrea Jarczak, Sr. second baseman (.300); Colleen Breneman, Sr. outfielder; Kristi Copl, Jr. third baseman (.300); Kim Giller, Soph. catcher; Katie King, Soph. first baseman (.360); Stephanie Ladd, Jr. DH (.360); Jill Shpakoff, Jr. outfielder; LeAnne Schraufnagle, Jr. pitcher (10-17).
Promising newcomers: Kim White, Soph. pitcher; Uanna Vendramini, Soph. outfielder; Krista Reinhard, Jr. outfielder; Charlene Kijorski, Jr. outfielder; Irene Giras, Jr. outfielder; Anne Bodnar, Jr. pitcher.
Anselm's '98 outlook: "We were very young last year but come back with three seniors and eight juniors. I've set big goals for this team and have high expectations for them."
 "We were the only team to beat North Farmington in the division last year and I think our pitching has improved. This is the best group of girls I've had here in six years and teams will respect us this season."
 "It's been 13 years since this school has won a trophy in softball and I think that will change this year."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Karen Olack, first season.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Livonia Churchill.
Last year's overall record: 11-20.
Notable losses to graduation: Jocelyn Fendeleit, Jill Murphy.
Leading returnees: Megan Brady, Sr. second baseman; Angela Haas, Sr. catcher; Katie Foran, Sr. third baseman; Nicole Robert, Sr. catcher; Melissa Rayburn, Sr. first baseman; Jessica Beach, Jr. pitcher; Nikki Reisinger, Jr. first baseman-second baseman; Samantha Crews, Soph. shortstop.
Promising newcomers: Renae Kolb, Jr. outfielder; Melissa Vangoff, Soph. outfielder; Patty Hamontree, Soph. outfielder; Jackie Migliore, Soph. outfielder-pitcher; Abby Massey, Fr. outfielder.
Olack's '98 outlook: "Our defense and hitting are our strong points. They're both solid. We have a lot of positive attitudes and hard workers."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Bob Lulek, second season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Season opener: 4 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Farmington Hills Mercy.
Last year's overall record: 18-15.
Titles won last year: Catholic League.
Notable losses to graduation: Cathy Hermann (first-team All-Area pitcher), Jessica Roman (second-team All-Area catcher).
Leading returnees: Melanie Grews, Jr. first baseman-relief pitcher (hit .440); Sarah-Thiesmeyer, Jr. shortstop; Annie Bolognino, Sr. catcher; Margaret Day, Jr. outfielder; Danielle Raub, Sr. outfielder; Erin Pickins, Jr. pitcher-third baseman; Wendy Boase, Sr. shortstop-DH.
Promising newcomers: Christine Barnes,

Soph. pitcher-outfielder; Becky Mitchell, Soph. shortstop-outfielder.
Lulek's '98 outlook: "Biggest thing with pitching staff is that they haven't been tested."
 "We're better offensive team, defensive team, and we have better team speed. The big question mark is pitching."
 "If we can hold our own first half, the second half will be good. We open with Mercy, Pioneer and Regina, we'll see how good or bad we are. Last year we started out slowly, then matured. And I think we'll be the same this year. Think this year we'll be better with the sticks. We have more hitters this year."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Ron Gentz, 10th season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: March 27 — defeated Southgate Aquinas, 11-1.
Last year's overall record: 15-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Joy Tiernan and Lindsay Allor.
Leading returnees: Jenny Schulz, Jr. catcher; Sharon Greer, Jr. shortstop; Michelle Wiersig, Sr. pitcher; Katie Heiden, Jr. pitcher; Kierra Decker, Sr. pitcher-outfielder (captain); Jessalyn Bowman, Sr. first baseman-second baseman.
Promising newcomers: Liz Unger, Soph. third baseman; Stephanie Lynch, Jr. first baseman-second baseman; Sarah Marody, Soph. catcher-first baseman; Sarah Nagy, Sr. outfielder; Renee O'Brien, Soph. outfielder; Karle Azzopardi, Jr. outfielder; Kari Charles, Jr. outfielder.
Gentz's '98 outlook: "Tiernan covered a lot of ground last year. It will be tough replacing her speed. Allor, at third base, was a standout defensively and hit reasonably well, so it will be interesting to see who picks up the pieces."
 "We have several back from a year ago. Think we'll be equal or just as good as a year ago."
 "Pitching could be a positive. None are overpowering. Wiersig is the harder thrower, but Katie may be the more consistent. Kierra pitched three or four games last year and gained experience. We have to be a little bit more optimistic."
 "Everybody in our conference has their pitchers back except Lutheran North (defending conference champ) or North-west."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Kristen Hynek, first season.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Ecorse.
Last year's overall record: 11-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Riedl, Stacey Kaminski, Amy Tondreau, Kelly Ackroyd.
Leading returnees: Rachel Sundberg, Soph. pitcher-shortstop; Jenny DeCaire, Sr. second baseman-pitcher; Kristina Skrela, Jr. outfielder; Jackie Kibliko, Sr. center fielder; Jessica Sitye, Jr. first baseman.
Promising newcomers: Rachel Koernke, Soph. pitcher-infielder; Theresa Lathrop, Sr. outfielder-pitcher (transfer from Swartz Creek); Amy Schiffman, Fr. pitcher-infielder; Meghan Schiffman, Soph. catcher.
Hynek's '98 outlook: "We're young, but I think we'll be all right. We have 12 girls

and all are going to have to play."
 "Sundberg is our number one pitcher. We believe in her."
 "Koernke is real quick, a good little player. Amy Schiffman has a strong bat. Meghan (Schiffman) will be out the first two weeks with a bad ankle."
WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Robert Nutt, fourth season.
League affiliation: Mega Conference (White Division).
Season opener: 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at home vs. Redford Thurston.
Last year's overall record: 4-16.
Notable losses to graduation: Shelly Woods, Michelle Henn.
Leading returnees: Angie Hill, Sr. first baseman; Kristen Bull, Sr. third baseman (.290); Jessie Timmer, Jr. outfielder; Sarah Moore, Soph. catcher; Tara Davis, Soph. shortstop; Kelly Tyler, Soph. outfielder; Kara Pardee, Soph. outfielder; Elizabeth Kleitch, Jr. outfielder; Kelly Cox, Jr. outfielder; Liane Ross, Soph. pitcher.
Promising newcomers: Jenny Donley, Jr. pitcher (transfer from Warren); Amy Paling, Fr. second baseman; Cindy Schmidt, Soph. outfielder; Julie Gunther, Jr. first baseman; Natalie Tieman, Jr. catcher.
Nutt's '98 outlook: "We will definitely be better than last season. We only won four games last season, but we started five freshmen. And we still beat Glenn for the first time in 10 years and beat Monroe and Southgate, which are traditionally state-ranked teams."
 "Pitching is 90 percent of the game and it is our most improved part of our team."
 "We're also moving down to the White Division which should help us. We have a lot to look forward to."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Eric Ruth, first season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year's overall record: Unknown.
Scheduled season opener: 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Warren Bethesda.
Notable losses to graduation: Amy Mohacsi, Melissa Gumbis, Angela Pelligrino.
Leading returnees: Liz Lanning, Soph. shortstop-pitcher; Stacie Graves, Soph. catcher-first baseman.
Promising newcomers: Rachel Zahn, Fr. shortstop-pitcher; Mandi Cherenodolo, Fr. second baseman.
Ruth's '98 outlook: "We have 17 girls — all freshman, sophomores and two juniors. We have a young team. What helps us is that we're in the lower division of our conference finally."
 "We have a couple of girls who can get the ball over the plate this year which is better than the past."
 "We seem to be hitting all right and picking up the ball."

Churchill wins opener, 14-0

Livonia Churchill got off to a roaring start in girls softball with a 14-0 five-inning mercy rule victory Monday at Dearborn.
 Winning pitcher Adrienne Doyle tossed a one-hitter with nine strikeouts and just one walk.
 Offensively, Ann Senne went 2-for-4 with five RBI. Christine Fones added a two-run single to scored Jenny Stralko and Meagan Sheehan.
 Churchill collected five hits.

MU's VanDoorn hard-luck loser

She deserves better.
 Angie VanDoorn has emerged as the pitching ace for Madonna University's softball team, even if her won/loss record doesn't indicate it. She has given up just seven earned runs in her team-high 48 innings pitched, giving her a 1.08 earned run average.
 Unfortunately, that's translated into a 2-4 record. Last Sunday against visiting Tri-State University, VanDoorn allowed two runs (one earned) on six hits and no walks, but took the defeat in a 2-1 Madonna loss.
 The Lady Crusaders bounced back in the second game, posting an 8-3 triumph to improve their record to 9-6-1 overall. Tri-State is 7-6 overall.
 Rachel Steffner was the win-

Spartans whip Western, 10-0

It didn't take long Monday for Livonia Stevenson to make quick work of host Walled Lake Western.
 The Spartans scored all 10 of their goals in the first half to route the Warriors, 10-0, in girls soccer.
 Freshmen Lindsay Gusick and Nicole Katikos led the onslaught with two goals apiece.
 Other Stevenson goals were scored by Allison Campbell, Stacy Nastase, Lanette Moss, Leah McGrath, Deanna McGrath and Megan Urbats.
 In other games:
 •GLENN 3, FRANKLIN 2: Westland John Glenn picked up a big victory Monday when it edged visiting Livonia Franklin.
 Noelle Schwartz's goal off a penalty kick proved to be the difference. The Rockets also received goals from Katie Krause (assisted by Val Kurzynski) and Kurzynski (unassisted). Emily Krecht scored for the Patriots.
 •CHURCHILL 6, N. FARMINGTON 0: Livonia Churchill outshot visiting North Farmington 28-0 Monday, en route to the easy victory.
 Kersten Conklin led the Churchill attack with two goals and an assist. Andrea Conklin added one goal and one assist.
 Brooke Cioma and Kristen Esparza also collected goals for the Chargers (2-0). Stacey Supanich, Kristin Leszczynski and Natalie Pickelhaup recorded assists.
 Goalkeeper Kerrie LaPorte notched her second straight shutout.

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Observerland's best spikers gain high marks

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SECOND TEAM

Katie Brogan, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Danielle Wensing, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Jackie Kibilko, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville
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Krista Kelley, Sr., F.H. Mercy
Jenny Lechappelle, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Irena Blankova, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Christie Koester, Sr., Red. Thurston
Jessica Sherman, Sr., Liv. Churchill

THIRD TEAM

Stephanie Cheran, Sr., Ply. Canton
Anna Schwecke, Jr., Luth. Westland
Chrissy Chavez, Jr., F.H. Harrison
Andrea Kmet, Soph., Liv. Franklin
Katie Callahan, Sr., N. Farmington
Kelly Street, Sr., Ply. Salem
Lindsay Pfeifer, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Karl Flynn, Sr., Ply. Salem
Kasie Mathena, Sr., Redford Union
Jamie Barker, Sr., Westland Glenn

COACH OF THE YEAR

Ann Hutchins, Liv. Franklin

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Ladywood: Natalie Rozell, Tracey DeWitt, Leslie Orzech; Plymouth Salem: Laine Sterling, Ellen Stemmer, Andrea Prusett; Livonia Franklin: Jackie Ziem, Sarah Gush, Nicole Boyd, Tera Morilli, Lyndsay Sepko; Livonia Stevenson: Katie LeBlanc, Sarah Willrock; Livonia Churchill: Jenny Duncan, Jennifer Laidlaw, Susan Hill, Lisa Fabrikiewicz; Bath Rutkowski; Westland John Glenn: Noelle Swartz, Jessica LeTourneau; Livonia Clarenceville: Agnieszka Palasz, Melissa Berry, Kristina Skreia; Lutheran Westland: Sarah Hoffmeyer, Kristen Rae; Westland Haron Valley Lutheran: Stephanie Graves, Stacie Graves, Rachel Zahn; Farmington Hartwood: Becky Vosler; North Farmington: Diana Gustkey, Rita Hinds; Farmington: Emilie Villemonte, Kelly DePotter; Farmington Hills Mercy: Mary Gignac, Amy Miller, Carrie Brankiewicz, Shayla O'Mara, Liz Dillon; Redford Union: Debbie Christensen, Jamie Matesic, Shannon McCuean; Redford Bishop Burgess: Etelsha Charles, Tanique Brumfield, Esha Moody; Redford Thurston: Renee Montano, Lisa Moore; Redford St. Agatha: Carrie Shinske, Katie Miller, Christina Ferbert; Garden City: Kelly Stone, Julie Fehner and Crystal Young; Plymouth Canton: Angie Germain, Amy Pfagens, Elizabeth Eisner, Christy Even.

Observerland's top two volleyball teams were once again state Class A quarterfinalist Livonia Ladywood and regional runner-up Plymouth Salem.

Ladywood (53-9-1) won its seventh straight Catholic League playoff title and repeated as regional and district champions. The Blazers were ousted in a thrilling three-game match in the state tournament by eventual champion Temperance Bedford.

Salem (47-6-1) completed a perfect season in the Western Lakes Activities Association and went on to win a district title.

This year's All-Observer girls volleyball team reflects the strength of those two schools, each landing three on the first team.

It was also a breakthrough season for Livonia Franklin (26-16-7), which captured the Western Division title in the WLAA under coach Ann Hutchins.

The Patriots also pulled a surprise by knocking off WLAA runner-up Livonia Stevenson in the district semifinals.

For her efforts this year,



Sarah Poglits Livonia Ladywood

Hutchins, who just completed her seventh season, came away with Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

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Her greatest value to the team, according to Salem co-coach Ailie Suffety, was "her leadership. I thought that was pretty indicative against Ladywood. She was the guts and glue that kept things together."

"When she went out, the team didn't adjust very well. She's one of the best athletes I've ever coached."

Trott, a second team all-state selection who's accepted a scholarship to play at Central Michigan, led Salem in serve reception, handling opponent's serves 48 percent of the time. She also served at 96.4 percent with 39 aces, had a team-high 304 digs, 29 blocks and 261 kills (second on the team).

"She deserves the opportunity to play (at CMU)," said Suffety. "Jenny is very motivated. She'll come back and play if she's physically able."

Jenny Young, Jr., Livonia Ladywood: Developed this season into one of the area's most dominating attackers leading the Blazers with 3.68 kills per game.

The 6-1 Young was one of the main reasons Ladywood reached the state Class A quarterfinals and finished 53-9-1 overall. She was also named to the All-Catholic League squad.

Young had 450 total kills hitting at a .301 clip.

"Jenny is a leader by example and has developed defensively as well as offensively," Teeters said. "Jenny has a bright future ahead of her. Her role at Ladywood will change as more responsibility is added."

Stephanie Duiz, Jr., Livonia Stevenson: The 5-10 Duiz, despite missing two weeks and 20 games with tendonitis in her shoulder, set several two new standards this season including a team record for total kills in a season (340) and kills per game average (10).

She also had 73 solo blocks and averaged 88 percent on serve reception.

"Stephanie was a big impact player for us this season," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She did a terrific job everywhere on the court, especially with her hitting."

"She was a very exciting player to watch. It is nice for me to know that I will have her talent, experience and leadership for another year. She was definitely one of the best middle hitters in our conference and will be again next season."

Duiz was All-Western Lakes, team MVP, All-Academic for the region and nominated for the All-State team.

Amanda Abraham, Sr., Plymouth Salem: Although she led one of the best teams in Observerland in kills, Abraham will not receive a scholarship to play volleyball at the next level. That's because she's already accepted one to play basketball, at Holy Cross.

The 6-foot-2 middle hitter led the Rocks in kills (299) and blocks (88, solo, 79 block assists). She also served at 91 percent with 34 aces and had 126 digs.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if (volleyball) wasn't something she went into later," Suffety said. "Amanda was a great player to coach, an amazing athlete. She's always been that way."

"She's really very coordinated and she works very hard to become better. She always took it as a challenge to be a better player."

Abraham was a first-team all-WLAA selection.

Brooke Hensman, Sr., Livonia

FIRST TEAM

Sarah Poglits, Sr., Livonia Ladywood: The 6-2 Poglits, a repeat All-Area selection, gave Ladywood power on the right side as well as setting.

She paced the Blazers with 771 total assists and a kill efficiency of .438. She also had 75 total blocks and 106 aces.

"Being left-handed and 6 feet, 2 inches tall made her an offensive threat on the first, second or third touch," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said.

"This, along with her ability to hit from the back row, gave Ladywood the edge necessary to win the regional."

Poglits, an All-Catholic League selection who played on four league championship teams, is headed to Loyola (Ill.) University on a volleyball scholarship.

Jenny Trott, Sr., Plymouth Salem: Perhaps the most telling moment regarding this 5-foot-9 outside hitter's value to the Rocks came when she wasn't in the lineup.

In the first game of the state regional tournament against Farmington Hills Mercy, Trott twisted her knee when she stepped on the referee's stand. She suffered a major knee injury, which will require surgery later this month.

With Trott out of the lineup, Salem managed to get past Mercy, but the Rocks were no match for Livonia Ladywood in the regional final.

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Franklin: The 5-10 middle hitter was a three-year varsity starter.

She won several honors this year including All-Western Lakes Activities Association, All-Region (Wayne County) and All-University of Michigan Dearborn Tournament.

Franklin's top offensive player racked up 293 kills in 103 games played (2.85 per game) with an attack percentage of .325.

She also averaged 1.18 blocks per game and finished with 139 total digs on the year.

"Brooke has been a major factor in the success of Franklin volleyball," Patriot coach Ann Hutchins said. "She was a very unselfish player with a very mature presence."

"She excelled in the front row and had the ability to dominate the net and thus a match. She led the team in many attacking categories as well as being a tremendous captain to her teammates."

•**Angie Sillmon, Jr., Plymouth Salem:** Sillmon did not post the same kind of numbers her teammates, Trott and Abraham, did. But that didn't stop her from drawing more attention.

"She is a great, great athlete," said Suffety. "And I think she'll be a great volleyball player. Whoever gets her will be very happy."

"She's incredible."

Although she has a year left, Sillmon is already atop Western Michigan University's recruiting list, and several other NCAA Division I schools — like Michigan State, Auburn, Ball State and Penn State — have shown interest.

"She's got a lot of people's attention," said Suffety.

Sillmon was third among the Rocks in kills with 205, and ranked second in blocks (52 solo, 52 block assists). She also had 154 digs (third on the team) and 26 service aces.

"She came in as a ninth grader, never having played volleyball before," said Suffety.

Sillmon, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter, was also a first team all-WLAA selection.

•**MaryLu Hemme, Sr., Livonia Ladywood:** The 5-10 middle-hitter was often the heart-and-soul of a talented Blazer squad.

Hemme was second on the team in solo blocks, third in passing and in digs. She hit a .232 clip with 88 total kills.

"I am very proud of MaryLu for the way she handled her role as co-captain and team motivator," Teeters said. "Her contributions in these areas and her ability to be a primary passer and middle hitter as a combination gave our team a player essential for its success."

Hemme was also an All-Catholic League choice.

•**Erin Fitzgerald, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy:** The 5-foot-7 senior outside hitter was the most consistent and best all-around player for the Marlins, who won their ninth consecutive Class A district championship this year.

Fitzgerald was Mercy's percentage leader in serving (95.56) and serve-receive (89.98). She was third on the team with 254 kills and had a 21.78 kill percentage. Fitzgerald also had 48 aces out of 461 total serves.

"She's the kind of player who probably wouldn't stand out if you watched her for just one game," Mercy coach Ed Moeller said. "But, if you watched her over 10 games, she would realize she was a standout player for us."

"She's extremely quick to the ball, one of the quickest I've coached. She has excellent jumping ability; she's the best jumper on our team."

Fitzgerald was a team captain, an excellent defensive player and a vocal leader who demonstrated strong leadership on the floor, according to Moeller.

"She was always rallying the girls for the big games," he said. "At the end of the season, we came up big in some games due to Erin's leadership. She was very, very consistent. I can say she had no more than two bad games the whole year."

•**Heather White, Sr., Redford Thurston:** Current Redford Thurston varsity coach Laura Gruenwald was the Eagles' freshman coach in 1994-95, the year White was a freshman.

Gruenwald knew she had no chance of coaching White at that level.

The 5-foot-8 outside hitter was a four-year member of the varsity and she was part of the starting lineup almost from Day 1. Thurston won four districts and one regional in White's career — a feat made more remarkable when it's noted that the Eagles have had three coaches during that stretch.

This year, White excelled all-around, averaging 3.5 kills per game, receiving at an 85 percent and serving at 89 percent. A student with a 3.3 grade point average, she will play at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"I can't say enough about her," Gruenwald said. "She's an all-around player, not just athletically and skilled, but smart player. She's an all-around nice person, very easy to coach. She's improved her court sense, knows where to put the ball, when to tip, doesn't always try to hit the ball hard. She's played for three coaches in four years and the fact she made it through that is pretty impressive."

WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA-WESTLAND SPORTS CARD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 2
Redford Union at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at SF Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Churchill at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

(all double-headers unless noted)
Redford Union at Stevenson, 11 a.m.
Berkley at Churchill, noon.
Notre Dame at Redford CC, 2 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 2
Franklin at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 4 p.m.
SF Christian at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Franklin at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ladywood at Mercy (2), 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

(all double-headers unless noted)
Stevenson at Redford Union, 11 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 2

Salem at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Thurston, 3:30 p.m.

Country Day, S'field Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Carleton, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 2

Churchill at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Carleton at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.

Country Day, S'field Christian at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Spartan Relays at MSU, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday, April 3

John Glenn at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Fairlane, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday, April 4

Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Madonna at St. Xavier (2), 11 a.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 2

Madonna at Cornerstone (2), 3 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Madonna at Concordia (2), 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Madonna vs. Rochester College at Ladywood H.S. (2), 1 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

Series victory

Goaltender Esche hot as Whalers lead Bulls, 2-0

The Plymouth Whalers have the upper hand in their best of seven Ontario Hockey League playoff series with the Belleville Bulls.

Before 2,867 fans Tuesday in Belleville, the Whalers took a 2-0 series lead Tuesday with a 3-2 victory.

Goalie Robert Esche, the game's first star, stopped 38 of 40 Bulls shots.

It was 1-1 after one period. Paul Mara, Jesse Boulerice and Randy Fitzgerald scored goals for the winners. Steve Waaylko and Yuri Babenko assisted on Mara's goal, a power-play at 11:16 of the opening period.

Eric Gooldy assisted on Boulerice's at 8:54 of the second, while Babenko had his second assist on Fitzgerald's game-winner at 2:05 of the third.

Daniel Cleary had a goal and assist for the Bulls. Jim Midgley had the other Belleville goal.

•**WHALERS 6, BELLEVILLE 5:** The Whalers should have been better rested. They should have been ready and raring to go. And yet, they had to battle back from behind to beat Belleville Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena in the

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best-of-seven series opener. Certainly Andrew Taylor and Fitzgerald did their share bravely for Plymouth.

Taylor scored three first-period goals, the first two on power plays, both assisted by Nik Tselios. He scored his third goal with five seconds left in the first period; Harold Druken got the second of his three assists in the game.

But the Bulls also scored three times in the first, with Bob Trotter and Ryan Ready getting a goal and an assist each in the period.

The Whalers' third power-play goal of the game, this one by Julian Smith, came 3:09 into the second period. Midgley tied it 42 seconds later, and 27 seconds after that Trotter scored for the second time in the game to put the Bulls in front, 5-3.

Fitzgerald brought the Whalers back, scoring the tying goal with 10:23 left in the second, then getting the game-winner with just 28 seconds to go in the period. David Legwand got his second assist of the game on the winning score; Mara also had two assists in the game.

Esche made 32 saves for the Whalers.

Fighting Crusader bats come alive in sweep over Concordia

Finally — bustin' out.

Madonna University's baseball team hasn't had much trouble scoring runs. In their last four games, the Fighting Crusaders scored 35 runs (for the season, they're averaging nearly eight runs a game).

But they lost the first three in that string before breaking out with 20 runs in the fourth, beating Concordia College 20-1 in the second game of a double-header Sunday in Ann Arbor.

The problem with Madonna has been pitching and untimely errors. The Crusaders have given up 23 runs in those four games, five of them unearned (they have committed six errors). For the season, they have a 5.81 team earned run average, but they have also surrendered 42 unearned runs (on 42 errors), an average of 2.33 per game.

Last Sunday at Concordia, Mitch Jabczenski improved to 2-1 with the win in the second game, tossing three scoreless innings; he allowed one hit and no walks, striking out one.

J.R. Taylor led the offensive assault with a double and a single, scoring four runs and driving in four more. Brandon Jaskolski added three hits, scoring three runs with one run batted in; Neil Wildfong (from Plymouth Canton) and Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Brother Rice) contributed two hits and three RBI apiece; Bob Hamp had a double and three RBI; Dave O'Neill had two hits and two

COLLEGE BASEBALL

RBI; and Mike LaPointe had two hits.

The win gave Madonna a 7-11 overall record.

In Sunday's first game, the Crusaders rallied with a run in the top of the seventh to tie it at 4-4, but the Cardinals got the game-winner in the bottom of the frame to collect a 5-4 triumph.

Jason Carter (Livonia Churchill), pitching in relief of starter James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central; 4th innings, two earned runs, two hits, three walks), took the loss for Madonna, slipping to 0-2. He surrendered a run on five hits and a walk (with three strikeouts) in 1¹/₃ innings. Scott Heron was the winner for Concordia.

Kevin Foley led the Crusader attack with a double and two RBI.

•**AQUINAS 9-8, MADONNA 5-6:** Last Friday in Grand Rapids, Madonna was beaten twice by Aquinas. Mark Serra (0-3) gave up nine earned runs in five innings to absorb the loss in the first game; Bob Mason (1-3) took the loss in the second, allowing six earned runs in six innings.

Jeff Warholik had two hits in each game, driving in four runs in the second game with a double and a home run. He scored two runs in the first game.

Eric Marcotte (Plymouth Canton) had two hits and two RBI to lead Madonna in the first game.



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BOYS TRACK

Shamrocks set to defend title

Redford Catholic Central has 130 boys on its track team and only 10 are seniors.

That's the usual scenario at CC, where the team seems to be top heavy with underclassmen year in and year out. CC coach Tony Magni would like more to stick around for four years - but it's usually just wishful thinking.

Even without a big senior class, the Shamrocks always rank among the Catholic League's best and challenge for the Observerland Relays championship and one of the top three spots at the Class A regional.

"We have a lot of freshmen, unfortunately, we don't keep all of them," Magni said. "If they give it a chance a lot could contribute by the time they're seniors."

The Shamrocks lost a hand-

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ful of state qualifiers to graduation: Brian Teehey, John Griffin, Chris Laney, John Faunce, Brian Douglas and Dan Dominguez.

Teehey was fourth in the state meet at the 400 meters. Douglas and Dominguez qualified in the shot put and Griffin, Laney and Faunce teamed with returnee Wayne Brigee to qualify for the 3,200 meter relay.

"They'll be missed," Magni said.

The top individual returning appears to be senior Dave Popiel, a first-team All-Observer choice in the high jump. He has a chance to qualify for the state meet, clearing 6-foot-5 in a recent indoors meet.

Other top returnees include

senior long distance runners Joe Hubert and Matt Shannon. Hubert has run the 1,600 meters in 4 minutes, 35 seconds and Shannon has run a 10:20 3,200 time.

Senior Tim Finnerty runs the 100 and 200 dashes and is a valuable member of the 800 relay, running a 55.0 split. Brigee, a senior, is a strong 800 meter performer, while junior Chris Woehlke has run the 110 hurdles in 15.3 and junior Brent Barrick has jumped 19-10 in the long jump.

Senior Don Slankster runs the hurdles and the relays, too.

"We're going to be very young and those seniors are going to have to step up," Magni said.

The Shamrocks are usually strong in the throwing events but experience isn't a strength there this year.

The top returnees are sophomores Mike Morris and John Kava. Junior Nick Brzezinski has come out for the team for the first time.

Morris has thrown 45 feet and Brzezinski, a standout tight end in football, has thrown the shot 47 feet, Magni said.

The Shamrocks open the season Monday against Harper Woods Notre Dame at Redford Thurston.

"We're at the point right now that it's early, a lot are hurting, didn't do much this winter," Magni said. "Hopefully by the time the middle of the season and end we'll be much better. (Orchard Lake) St. Mary's has a lot of speed, skilled people."

"But we'll wait and see. That's why they don't give a trophy out at the beginning of the year."



Scrambling: Tuesday's lacrosse match between Redford Catholic Central and Brother Rice got a bit congested.

Rice drills CC, 12-1

Birmingham Brother Rice showed Redford Catholic Central on Tuesday why it's the two-time defending Division I lacrosse champion.

The Warriors defeated the host Shamrocks 12-1 after rolling to a 5-1 halftime lead.

Matt Mueller scored four goals for the winners. Dan Burns and Phil Vincenti added two goals each for Rice, 3-0 overall.

Brian Beardsley had the lone CC goal, unassisted.

The goaltending duties were split by Matt Venning and Joe

Belanger. "Without them it would have been 20-1," CC coach Scott Tynan said. "Nothing went right for us."

The Shamrocks are now 1-1, opening the season with a 6-1 victory over East Grand Rapids on Saturday.

Eric Tessier led the Shamrocks with two goals. Bryan Cox, Brian Beardsley, Matt Secord and George Madias had one goal each. Madias had one assist.

Venning and Belanger split the goalkeeping duties.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

CASAZ 5K RUN

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Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the race starting at 9 a.m.

The entry fee is \$15 per person.

The race also includes walkers, wheelchair competitors and disable awards.

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LOCAL ROCKERS STAR

Jeff Gold knocked in the game-winning goal 6:52 into overtime Saturday to enable the Detroit Rockers to beat the Buffalo Blizzard 17-15 at Joe Louis Arena.

The victory ended a streak of 11 losses in 12 games for Detroit, which improved to 13-27. Buffalo slipped to 21-18.

Gold, from Plymouth, got the game-winner on an assist from

Dennis Brose, who scored three goals himself in the game — one of them assisted by Gold, just 4:38 into the first period.

Travis Roy and Lars Richters, both from Livonia Stevenson, also scored goals for the Rockers.

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPS

The Canton Impact under-13 boys soccer team finished on top in their age division at the Sonny Therrien Memorial Tournament, March 28-29, in Cincinnati.

The Impact, coached by Tom Masters and assisted by Bob Klump, held their opponents goalless (scores were 1-0, 1-0 and 4-0) to win their division. Against Team Cincinnati in the championship game, the Impact prevailed by a 3-1 margin.

Brad Westlund scored for the Canton team 13 minutes into the title match, but Team Cincinnati came back to tie the score before half time. Westlund scored again five minutes into the second half, and the Impact put the game

away after Brent Clodgio's direct kick was mishandled by the Cincinnati keeper and Evan Baker, following the shot, pounded it into the back of the net.

Members of the Canton Impact are Evan Baker, Jain Bryant, Brent Clodgio, James DeLos Reyes, John DeVries, Kyle Grenfell, Justin Hajduk, Steve Kacala, Brian Klump, Mike Masters, Tim Oswald, Jeff Packard, Tim Strabbing, Brad Westlund, Matt Wielechowski, and Steve Cox as a guest player, all from

Canton; Charlie Carlson from Plymouth; and Paul Giordano from Westland.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services still has a few openings for its men's adult softball leagues. League play begins late this month.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Wayne State University's Studio Theatre presents "Speed the Plow," by David Mamet, 8 p.m. at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$5 to \$7, call (313) 577-2972.

SATURDAY



18th century composer George Frederic Handel comes to life in "Hallelujah Handel! Angels in the Opera House," a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Young People's Series Concert 11 a.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$18 to \$7, call (313) 576-5111.

SUNDAY



Junior Actors of Ridgedale present "Where is Spring?" 1 p.m. at the Ridgedale playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. Admission \$6.50 includes meal, show, and visit with the Easter bunny. Reservations essential, call (248) 988-7049.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, presents "Tales of Beatrix Potter," Melikin Puppet Theatre's salute to spring 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Tickets \$7 (advance) and \$8 (at the door). No one under the age of 3 admitted to theater, call (313) 963-2366.



Magical musical: Dorothy, portrayed by Birmingham-native Jessica Grove, in a scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

FROM BIRMINGHAM TO OZ

Dorothy

FOLLOWS THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Birmingham-native Jessica Grove, 16, is having no trouble slipping into Dorothy Gale's ruby red slippers. She didn't need any special preparation.

"I didn't have to do a lot. I'm a girl from Michigan and Columbus, Ohio, which has lots of farm land around it. And going to New York was like going over the rainbow for me, a place I've always dreamed about," she said.

Grove (pronounced Grow-vay) played the role last May at New York's Madison Square Garden in a stage version of the MGM classic musical "The Wizard of Oz." Roseanne played the Wicked Witch.

Now Grove is in New York rehearsing for a yearlong national tour with Mickey Rooney as the Wizard and Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch. The show comes to Detroit's Fox Theatre April 10 for a two-week run.

Grove was born at Beaumont Hospital and lived a year in Birmingham before her father was transferred to the Columbus area. She has already accumulated an impressive resume including performances in Columbus in "Really Rosie," "The Sound of Music" and her favorite, a musical version of "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Yours, Anne." She has also toured before in a production of "Oliver."

And she had experience playing Dorothy. So she was ready when her agent called to have her fly to New York last year with her mother.

"They had me sing and read some scenes. I felt good about it, so Mom and I went to Macy's to cele-

The Wizard of Oz

What: 90-minute stage adaptation of the classic MGM musical based on L. Frank Baum's children's books.

Where: Detroit's Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., downtown Detroit.

When: April 10-26, 7:30 p.m. April 10; 11 a.m., 3 and 8 p.m. April 11, 18 and 25; 2 and 5 p.m. April 12; 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 15 and 17; 1, 4 and 7 p.m. April 19; 7:30 p.m. April 21 and 23; 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. April 22 and 24; and 1 and 4 p.m. April 26.

Tickets: \$17.50 to \$45.50, on sale at the Fox, Joe Louis Arena and all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call (248) 433-1515.

brate," she said. "I called my agent from Macy's and she talked to Julie Hughes, the casting director, and she said they wanted me to come back right away because the producer wanted to see me."

The young actress is excited about coming to Detroit, which she has only seen a couple times since her family moved away. And she's excited about performing with such seasoned performers.

"It's really a wonderful experience. I know not a lot of girls my age get to have," she said. "Lara Teeter, the actor who plays the Scarecrow, said to me, how many kids of my generation will be able to say they worked with Mickey Rooney. I know that's true because he's getting on in years, but I know he'll keep performing as long as he can."

Rooney, 77, is a true American icon. In the late 1930s and early '40s his face and personality defined the youth of his time in the same way that Elvis and the Beatles would for later generations.

Through numerous Andy Hardy movies and Mickey and Judy musicals, Rooney and Judy Garland were presented by MGM as the ideal of American youth.

When Garland was making movie history as the most famous Dorothy of all in "The Wizard," she and Rooney were also making Andy Hardy comedies. Their friendship began in childhood and ended with Garland's early and tragic death in 1969.

"We talked a little about her, but he gets choked up talking about her. He really had a love and respect for her," Grove said. "But he complimented me a lot and that means a lot from him. He had Judy in the back of his mind, but he says I bring my own individuality to the role."

Rooney called his young co-star "marvelous," and said she was a true professional who needed no advice from him.

The veteran trouper was curly polite, barking answers in his familiar voice over the telephone from his room at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Maybe it was because he was rehearsing his best Frank Morgan gruffness as the Wizard or maybe it was because he had just come from being on radio with Howard Stern, enough to unnerve anyone. In any case, he wasn't interested in giving long answers.

But then, when you've been performing since you were a toddler and your career spans practically the history of American movies, what's left to say. Rooney began appearing in movies when he was 6 years old in a series of "Mickey

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What: "Play By Play," a 12-hour marathon of short plays presented by Heartlands Theatre Company.
When: Noon to midnight Saturday, April 4
Where: Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield
Tickets: \$20, all-day; \$5, per hour; (248) 988-1094
■ Proceeds go to Heartlands Theatre Company, a nonprofit arts organization

Actors go distance for marathon

Every once in a while, Beverly Hainault-Buzinski gets to do some real acting. Something more than a restrained interpretation of a housewife for a sanitized industrial training film.

Yet for the first time in years a smile and a sense of relief spreads across her face when talking about opportunities in local theater.

Hainault-Buzinski of Rochester Hills will perform in "Leaving the Baggage Behind," one of the many short plays in the second annual "Play By Play" fundraising marathon presented Saturday by Heartlands Theatre Company at the Millennium Center in Southfield.

"We're bringing the theatrical community together under one roof," said Jan Radcliff, executive director of Heartlands. "No one really knows what anyone else is doing."

The prototypical American "have it your way" play festival showcases more than 50 actors and 29 playwrights, mostly from the metro area.

"Play By Play," a 12-hour theatrical deluge offers a steady flow of slice-of-life stories from five to 20 minutes, including monologues, skits, dramas and comedies.

"I thought the quality of plays last year was a fluke, but this year it seems even better," said Radcliff of Birmingham.

If one play doesn't catch your fancy, sit tight. In a few minutes another one will be on its way.

Ultimate networking

The format of continuous short plays is well suited to the contemporary attention span and remote-control sensibilities.

But in many ways, "Play By Play" is the ultimate insiders festival.

"We don't serve an audience as much as the artists in the theater community," said Radcliff, who organizes annual acting workshops with legendary thespian Uta Hagen, and a summer festival of new plays.

At "Play By Play," up-and-comers are given their due alongside the established names. And overall, the local theater community revels in a cathartic networking bliss.

"The only drawback is deciding whether the best place to socialize is in the theater or the lobby," said Gillian Eaton of Plymouth, who'll perform and direct her playlet, "Bread and Marge."

Please see ACTORS, E2



Rehearsing: Kirk Hanley of Farmington rehearses for Heartlands Theatre Company's "Play by Play."

MUSIC

Suicide Machines rages at a furious speed

The Suicide Machines subscribe to the belief that many albums suffer untimely deaths. They aren't satisfying all the way through.

"There's too much filler, not enough killer," singer Jay Navarro said.

On the punk band's latest album "Battle Hymns" (Hollywood Records), The Suicide Machines put up a tough fight against that theory. The album is a 22-song, 29-minute lesson on the band's thoughts on racism ("Hating Hate," "Black and White World"), friendships gone sour ("Give," "Pins and Needles"), war ("Confused"), the environment and pesticides' effects on it ("DDT"), and trust ("Empty Room").

With the help of racing guitars and machine-gun drums, The Suicide Machines quickly get to the point.

"We can put all the elements of a song into a small amount of time. Not very many bands can do

Who: The Suicide Machines
What: Perform with special guests Telegraph
When: Friday, April 17. Doors open at 7 p.m.
Where: Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac.
Why: To celebrate the release of its sophomore album "Battle Hymns," on the Disney-owned Hollywood Records, due in stores Tuesday, April 7.
How: Tickets are \$8 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961malt.com>. Hollywood Records' website is <http://www.hollywoodrec.com>.

OTHER EVENTS

Fans of The Suicide Machines will also get the chance to dunk singer Jay Navarro on 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Record Time, 27360 Grotto Road, Roseville. When someone buys a CD or cassette copy of "Battle Hymns," he or she gets a shot at Navarro in the "punk tank." Call (810) 776-1550 for more information.

that," guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky said.

The tirade leaves listeners with one of two feelings, Navarro explained.

"You either want more or you're satisfied. Both reactions are good."

"Battle Hymns," which hits stores Tuesday, April 7, is much more political than The Suicide Machines' debut "Destruction By Definition" (Hollywood Records).

"I had a lot more to say about things in general," said Navarro, a Berkley resident who attended Livonia Franklin and Churchill high schools.

"The lyrics got more personal, and we admit that we're as confused and frustrated as everyone else when it comes to screwed-up politics. Being from Michigan, we all write from that local perspective. The factory down-the-river spills-out-pollution,

Please see MACHINES, E2



Celebrating release: The Suicide Machines - from left, vocalist Jay Navarro, guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky, drummer Erin Pitman, and bassist/vocalist Royce Nunley - celebrate the release of its sophomore effort "Battle Hymns."

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unregulated and unconcerned, we see a lot of racial tension, a lot of hate groups. Our surroundings affect us personally and in our songwriting," he added.

Lukacinsky, a Farmington Hills resident, added that those issues inspired the album title "Battle Hymns."

"It has nothing to do with violence. Instead, it's more about battling ignorance and racism. The music is therapeutic - it's a good way to get stuff out of our system. I hope that when people listen to the album they get the messages. But even with the seriousness of the music, we're definitely not trying to be preachy. We try to always keep sight of the fact that this band is mainly about having fun," he explained.

Weaving back and forth between ska, punk and hardcore, the music of "Battle Hymns" keeps the mood of the album upbeat.

"The issues that we bring up are depressing, but the music counteracts that. It makes it fun," Navarro said.

The album was recorded in December with producer Julian Raymond, who also produced "Destruction by Definition," and mixer Chris Lord-Alge. Lukacinsky described the album as "a lot less produced. There's no second guitar parts, no horns, no keyboards. But sonically, this record is phat."

Lord-Alge's influence gave "Battle Hymns" less of a pop sound than "Destruction by Definition."

"Chris is a different mixer than Jerry Finn (who worked on 'Destruction by Definition'). He was into more of a pop sound. This guy is into more of an in-your-face phat mix," Lukacinsky explained.

Quick success

The Suicide Machines - which also includes bassist/vocalist Royce Nunley of Redford and drummer Erin Pitman of Dearborn - formed in 1991 and soon thereafter opened for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones at the band's second Detroit show.

Its reputation as an energetic live band led to gigs opening for Rancid in Detroit in 1993 and 1994. The Suicide Machines, a former Observer and Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year,

organized its own tours in 1994 and 1995.

After releasing two self-produced recordings, The Suicide Machines made its major-label debut with "Destruction by Definition" in 1996. Named "one of the best American pop albums of '96" by Alternative Press magazine, "Destruction by Definition" has sold more than 200,000 copies and landed at No. 15 on Soundscan's 1997 ranking of alternative new artists.

Besides touring with the U.S. Warped Tour, The Suicide Machines played its music to audiences in Eastern Europe and Japan.

"Prague is the most amazing city. Honestly if I were to move to any city in the world, that's one of them," Navarro said.

With "Battle Hymns," The Suicide Machines is hoping to expand its touring schedule to include Australia.

"We want to take the music to as many places as we can. Those people want to hear our music too," Lukacinsky said.

The Suicide Machines will kick off its U.S. tour Friday, April 17, with an all-ages show at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Touring, Lukacinsky explained, helps the band hone its sound.

"The real growth comes from live shows. I can see from the last album that the music has come a long way. The music, the songwriting, you can really see the progression," he said.

"Destruction by Definition" is what it is. It's a different record.

It has more of a pop type of sound. The next album might be a collection of love songs."

"This is what The Suicide Machines is all about. This is the pinnacle of what we've been doing for the last seven years. I want people to understand that we're not going to make the same album every time," he added.

The bottom line, according to Navarro, is that the band is satisfied with "Battle Hymns."

"We're happy with the way it came out. A lot of albums you can't listen to the whole thing," Navarro added saying his album is different.

"We're not shoving our ideas down anyone's throats. You can take it or leave it."

Actors from page E1

While the work of actors, directors and playwrights appear as a smörgåsbord, there's a unmistakable camaraderie.

The general attitude is that artists have to create opportunities for themselves.

Coming together

For Hainault-Buzinski, a founding member of the mid 1970s theater group Roadside Attractions - the precursor to the Attic Theatre - on-stage performances have been infrequent since her days a decade ago performing Shakespeare.

It's the same story for many actors across metro Detroit who patch together free-lance acting assignments to support their insatiable yearnings as serious thespians in search of a compelling script, stage and audience.

As anyone bitten by the theater bug can attest, theater might be the ultimate artistic laboratory to appreciate human motivations, but it's a lousy place to make a living.

"Part of being an actor is thinking on your feet, creating your own work," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington, who will perform in three short plays, "Labor of Love," "Hypothetical Situation," and "Paternity Ward."

A self-described "struggling actor," Hanley said he often has several auditions per week for industrial films and voice-over work.

"(Play By Play) is a way to get your work out there," said Hanley. "You can see the process of how a play comes together."

In fact, "coming together" is also an appropriate description

for the theater community.

For many of the participants in "Play By Play," there's a hope that the marathon is both a catalyst and a microcosm of the

changes ahead.

Local participants

Kitty Dubin, Loretta Higgins, Jan Radcliff, Joyce Uzelac of Birmingham; Marshall Zweig of

Bloomfield Hills; Shirley Benyas of West Bloomfield; Steve Dombrowski; Dean Vanderkolk of Clarkston; Kirk Hanley of Farmington; Sarah Kamoo of Lathrup Village; David MacGregor of

Livonia; Elaine Kaiser of Novi; Gillian Eaton of Plymouth; Beverly Hainault-Buzinski of Rochester Hills; Chris Guyotte of Southfield; Diane Pickert of Troy; P.W. Henry of Westland.

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McGuire" shorts two years before the Detroit Fox Theatre opened (in 1928). He was the No. 1 box office attraction for three years in 1938-40, has been nominated for three Academy Awards, honored with two special Oscars and won the Golden Globe and Emmy for his performance in "Bill." He has also been a hit on stage in the long-running "Sugar Babies."

He wouldn't name a favorite film.

"After 360 pictures what are you going to say. I enjoyed doing a lot of them," he said.

He also didn't want to talk about this production ("It's fine, great for the kids") or the original "Wizard" and its star.

"I don't believe anyone knew what it would become, it's one of

those cult films," he said and then reeled off the names of the film's famous stars (Ray Bolger, Jack Haley, Bert Lahr, Frank Morgan, Margaret Hamilton) as the reason for its endurance.

He said he can't wait to come to the Fox and has good memories of Detroit from performing here in "Sugar Babies" at the Masonic.

He has a practical approach to show business.

"I enjoy getting a check every week. I love it. No, really I love the business, I'm happy to be performing," he said.

Rooney recently completed filming on "Babe in Metropolis" featuring the talking pig and scheduled for Thanksgiving release.

'I'd really like to do a show on Broadway and stay a few months, originate a role, make a cast album because that's really the best way to become known.'

Jessica Grove
Dorothy in 'Wizard of Oz'

Jessica Grove still has more starry views of show business and a set of goals and ambitions.

"I'd really like to do a show on Broadway and stay a few months, originate a role, make a cast album because that's really the best way to become known," she said.

And when this tour is over? "I just got my driver's license and I can't wait to drive," she said.

Meanwhile, for the next year or so, she'll be dancing down the yellow brick road with Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion.

Wayne State hosts conference on dance

Michigan Dance Archive is co-sponsoring "Dance Preservation in Michigan for the 21st Century," a conference on the campus of Wayne State University Friday-Saturday, April 24-25.

For registration information, call the Wayne State University Dance Department at (313) 577-4273.

Dance resources and information are becoming readily acces-

sible through the Internet, CD-Rom information storage and retrieval, and digital imaging technology.

The conference offers a series of "getting started" presentations and networking opportunities to Michigan dancers and archivists.

Guest speakers include Carolyn Adams (artistic director of the New York State Summer School of the Arts, School of the

Dance; curator at the American Dance Legacy Institute, co-director of Harlem Dance Foundation, and principal dancer with Paul Taylor from 1965 to 1982) and Leslie Kopp (executive director of Preservation, Inc., New York, and editor of Afterimages, the newsletter of performing arts documentation and preservation).

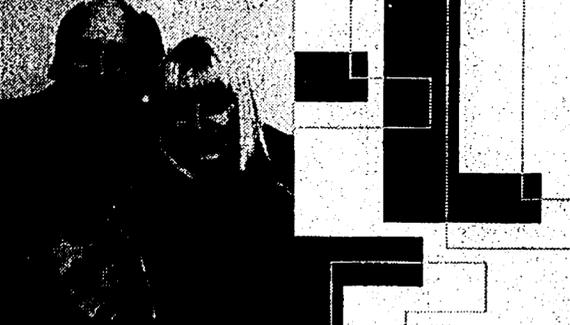
Will Smith (technical director of the Ohio State University Multimedia Dance Prototype

Lab) will give an in-depth discussion and demonstration of CD-Rom technology.

On the evening of Friday, April 24, a dance concert featuring the Detroit Dance Collective, Karen Prall's Artistry in Motion, Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling and Co., and the Wayne State Dance Company will be presented in the new Maggie Allesee Studio in the Wayne State Dance Department.



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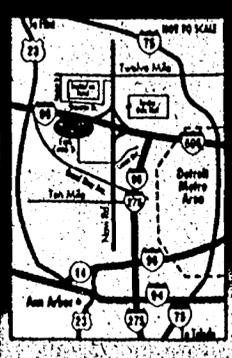
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THEATER

'Charlotte' spins a delightfully humorous web

"Charlotte's Web" continues through April 26 at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville. Show times 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until April 26. Weekday performances 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 13-17. Tickets \$6.50, call (248) 349-8110. BY LIBBY PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

The classic story "Charlotte's Web" has warmed the hearts of many, so will the Marquis Theatre's latest production of this familiar tale. Twenty smiling faces, wonderful scenery, and lots

of audience participation will keep most of the youngest theatergoers entertained throughout the entire performance.

Once the lights have gone down, and the overture has ended, the audience is welcomed by the humorous and amusing rat, Templeton, played by Steve Tadevic.

Tadevic is such as natural, and immediately loved by all, although his character probably would hate to have anyone feel such a strong emotion for him.

Wilbur, the "radiant and humble" pig, is portrayed by Chris

Kirouac. Also a crowd pleaser, Kirouac has exaggerated gestures and some terrific movements. Not only is he some pig, but also some actor.

Charlotte, the sweet, yet strong spider, is performed by Kathleen Coleman-Lozelle. Her elegant and graceful moves, along with the aid of her costume, truly turn Coleman-Lozelle into a willow spider.

Barnyard friends, the Old Sheep, portrayed by Jackie Marns, and the Goose, portrayed by Emily Wilk, add a light-hearted touch which mixes well with

the music and choreography. Wilk, along with her Goslings, Elyanno Rosenthal, Jamie Somerville, and Jessica Menyhart, do a snappy little number, showing off how talented these cast members are.

Some other fine performances can be seen with Ken Haering portraying Uncle Zuckerman, Stacie Guerreso portraying Fern, Justin Wilk portraying Lurvey, the Indian Chief, the Fair president, and the gifted Children's Chorus.

Zuckerman's Barn has been created with precision and cre-

ativity. The web spun by Charlotte is cleverly crafted and serves its purpose well. The fair scene, a painted backdrop, takes the audience to a realistic state fair with a ferris wheel and ticket booths. Both are nicely constructed and transform the Marquis from a theater to a rural area.

Probably the best aspect of this musical is the audience participation. Dialogue, as well as lines, in the music draw everyone into the action on the stage, along with the action in the aisles. Not only does this grab

everyone's attention, but sustains it for over an hour. No one should be bored during this theater production.

If you are looking for a great performance with a meaningful story line, energetic actors, and lots of fun, plan to attend the Marquis Theatre's performance of "Charlotte's Web." Everyone will have a terrific time.

Libby Prysby, a junior at Groves High School in Birmingham, has been involved in community theater for over 10 years.

Redford singer performs Requiem

Dramatic soprano Julie Rose of Redford will be a featured soloist with the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra in the Verdi Requiem 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church on Mack at Outer Drive.

Tickets are available at the door for \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and \$5 students. For more information, call (313)885-0744.

Rose has toured Europe seven times, giving more than 40 concerts in Germany, Austria,

Switzerland, England, Italy and Poland. She has also performed as a guest soloist with many local orchestras. She is soprano soloist and cantor at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit and has often appeared in the popular Cathedral Culture Series. She has also sung as a chorister with the University of Michigan Choral Union and the Michigan Opera Theatre Chorus.

Rose has performed in Fanshawe's "African Sanctus" at

Wayne State University, Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" at Ford World Headquarters and Fauve's "Requiem" at Blessed Sacrament. Upcoming performances include the Mozart "Coronation Mass" in Salzburg, Austria in July.

Rose is also a master gardener, author of several textbooks and a chemistry teacher at Eastern Michigan University. She lives in Redford with her husband, Mark.

Rockettes looking for a few good legs

Radio City Productions will host an open casting call for all qualified performers including Rockettes Wednesday, April 8 at the Wayne State University Dance Department, 3317 Old Main Boulevard, third floor, Detroit. For more information, call the Audition Hotline (212) 632-3630.

The Radio City Rockettes are looking for dancers to join the troupe of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular which returns this holiday season to the Fox Theatre. In 1997, the legendary show was seen by a record 1.7 million people in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Missouri. The Detroit production, presented by Hudson's, was completely sold out.

Radio City Productions is looking for more Rockettes, more dancers, more singers, and more children to perform in this year's holiday extravaganza. All Rockettes, dancers and singers must be at least 18 years of age. Call backs will be held the day after audition. Christmas Spectacular rehearsals begin in mid-October with performances running from mid-November to December.

Auditions for Rockettes, who must be between 5 feet 5 1/2 inches and 5 feet nine inches, start at 10 a.m. Performers must be prepared to learn tap, ballet and jazz combinations.

Auditions for male dancers begin at 1 p.m., followed by female dancers at 2 p.m. Dancers should be prepared to learn ballet and jazz combinations. If you

also sing, bring music. All female dancers must work on pointe and have their pointe shoes with them to audition. There is no height requirement, though some costumes limit vision.

Auditions for singers begin at 4 p.m., children's auditions at 5 p.m.

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THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Scott Joplin," a musical play about the king of ragtime with music by Scott Joplin, through Sunday, May 24, at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE
"The Wizard of Oz," with Mickey Rooney as The Wizard, American Music Classics host Bob Dorlan as Uncle Henry and the understudy to The Wizard, Eartha Kitt as the Wicked Witch of the West, and Jessica Grove as Dorothy. 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, and Friday, April 17, 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 23, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$45.50 (main floor and mezzanine), \$32.50 and \$17.50, with school and group discounts available. (248) 433-1515/(313) 596-3211

HEARTLANDS THEATRE COMPANY
"Play By Play," a 12-hour marathon of 10-minute plays written by local and regional writers, noon to midnight Saturday, April 4, Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$20 for all-day passes, \$5 per hour, benefits Heartlands' "Playscape '98." (248) 988-1094, ext. 1.

MEADOW BOOK THEATRE
"Murder By Misadventure," a mystery-writing duo plots the perfect murder, through April 12, at the theater at Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Students, seniors and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
"Perilous Times," with Tommy Ford, tells the story of a man's life and decisions after his angel shows him the life of a man who lived almost 2,000 years ago. Tuesday-Sunday, April 7-12, at the hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday (\$16.50), 8 p.m. Thursday (\$19.50 and \$21.50), 8 p.m. Friday and Sunday (\$21.50 and \$24.50), 8 p.m. Saturday (\$21.50 and \$26.50), and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (\$21.50 and \$24.50). (313) 963-2366

FLOWSHARES THEATRE CO.
"A Rain in the Sun," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Museum of African American History's Dr. Charles H. Wright Theatre, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. \$15-18, with discounts available for Flowshares subscribers, MAAH members, students with ID, and seniors ages 60 and older. (313) 872-0279
"RENT"
Benefit premier Wednesday, April 8, for Congregation Shir Tikvah in Troy, at the Fisher Theater, Detroit. \$75, \$125 and up includes buffet dinner donated by Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation. (248) 706-1703. Special Shabbat service 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 3, to thank "Rent" honorees and honorary chairpersons, for location, call (248) 619-9669

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
"Moon Over Buffalo," by Ken Ludwig, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$8. (313) 462-4409

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY THEATRE
"Children of a Lesser God," a love story by Mark Medoff. Thursday-Sunday, April 7-19, Varner Lab Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, student matinees 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, April 7-8, sign interpretation 8 p.m. Friday, April 17. \$10, \$8 seniors, \$5 students. (248) 370-3013

UM THEATRE
"Antigone," Sophocles' powerful Greek tragedy set in Kenya during the 1930s. Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 12, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 12, at the Trueblood Theatre, inside the Griet Building at State and Huron streets, Ann Arbor. \$14, \$7 students with ID. (734) 764-0450

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE
"Finian's Rainbow," directed by Tony Award-winner Judy Dow Rumelhart, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 2-4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the college, 4900 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$12 and \$15, \$5 and \$7 for students. (734) 973-3623

WVH MILBERRY THEATRE
"A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4; "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2; "Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

DIVISION OF THE DYING CHILD
"Anything Goes," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the church, 1001 N. Silver Lane (west of Telegraph Road, south of Ford Road), Dearborn. \$5.50 adults and \$2.50 with ID, \$4.50 seniors and children. (313) 862-1990
STRAWBERRIES
"The Wizard of Oz" continues through April 8, Dearborn Theatre, 415 S.



Family show: In a festive salute to the spring holidays, Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit, will present Chicago's Melikin Puppet Theatre's "Tales of Beatrix Potter," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Parents should bring their cameras and plenty of film as the young theatergoers will be greeted by live costumed characters, including Youtheatre's Bunny Mother, in the lobby before and after each performance. Tickets \$7 (advance) \$8 (at the door). No one under the age of 3 will be admitted to the theater. Call (313) 963-2366.

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"Murder Italian Style Part 3," an audience participation murder-mystery comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through May 16, at Fiorelli's Restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. Non-smoking dinner theater. (313) 782-1431

JD'S MACOMB THEATRE
L'Anse Creuse High School Choir's "A Tribute to the Movies" dinner theater, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5, and 6 p.m. Monday, April 6, at the club, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. (810) 783-6400, ext. 7989

YOUTH

EMU THEATRE
A theatrical adaptation of "Arm in Arm," a children's book by written and illustrated by Remy Charlip, recommended for ages 5 and up, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5 at the Sponberg Theatre on EMU's campus, Ypsilanti. \$7 Thursday, \$12 Friday-Saturday and \$10 Sunday, \$5 children ages 5-12 all performances. (734) 487-1221

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 4, 18 and 25, and Sundays, April 5, 19 and 26, and Monday-Friday, April 13-17, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Children ages 3 and younger will not be admitted. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"The Wizard of Oz," Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, April 11, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. show Saturdays, and 1 p.m. lunch and 2 p.m. show Sundays. \$7.50 includes lunch. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

CERAMIC AND DOLL EXPO
Noon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. \$4. Open competition entries accepted between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the TAN entrance. (847) 223-8555/(734) 287-2000

COLLAGE VI
A concert spotlighting Schoolcraft College's Chamber Singers, Community Choir, Wind Ensemble, SCool JAZZ and SCool JAZZ PRIME, the computer-generated MATS MIDI Band, and the piano program, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, in the RACM Center Community Room, 1751 RACM Center Road (south of Ford Road,

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"VIVA LAS VEGAS"
As part of the Capitol Theatre's Faux Fest '98, featuring Lou Nelson as Tom Jones, Lee Tisonne as Engelbert Humperdinck, and comedian James Kirkham, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the theater, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario. \$15 (Canadian), includes G.S.T. (B19) 253-8065 or http://www.mnsl.net/~capitol or e-mail capitol@mnsi.net

EASTER

EASTER EGG HUNT
The fourth annual hunt begins with a children's musical program by Marc Thomas, 1,000 eggs (stuffed with candy and coupons for prizes) will be hidden around the cemetery office and meadow grounds, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Acacia Park Cemetery, 31300 Southfield Road (north of 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills. (248) 648-4228/(313) 554-5310

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Children, ages 3 1/2 to 10 years, will search for eggs hidden by Mr. Bunny 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, bring your own basket, finders of 12 golden eggs will receive a basket full of candy and prizes, sponsored by West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, at Marshbank Park, on Hiller Road north of Commerce Road, West Bloomfield. \$5 West Bloomfield residents, \$7 non-residents. Tickets must be purchased by April 3. (248) 738-2500

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICAN GIRLS TEA
2-4 p.m. Sundays, April 5 and 19, Mary Denning Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland. \$12 children, \$6 adults. (734) 261-3680

"BIRDING AT HAVEN HILL"
Nature walk, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Goose Meadow parking lot at Highland Recreation Area, 5200 E. Highland Road (M-59), White Lake. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (248) 685-2187

"FROGS AND TOADS OF MICHIGAN"
Slide presentation introduces visitors to frogs and then they get to see the amphibians up close during a walk, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Annex parking lot at Proud Lake Recreation Area, 3500 Wixom Road, Milford. State motor vehicle permit required for entry. (9248) 685-2187

MAGI'S ROUND BALL CLASSIC
6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$9 reserved, \$5 general admission. Superfan seating available. Children ages 12 and younger and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$2.50 off \$9 and \$5 tickets. Groups of 15 or more receive \$2.50 off all seats. (248) 377-0700 or http://www.palacenet.com

FRED PENNER
Saturday, April 4, concert at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester, cancelled. Refunds available at point of purchase. (248) 377-3300

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS
Opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 and continues through April 12 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$12 and \$8 reserved, \$5 general admission. Children ages 12 and younger, and seniors ages 65 and older receive \$2 off \$12 and \$8 tickets for all shows except 7:30 p.m. April 9, and 11 a.m. April 10 shows. Groups of 15 or more receive \$4 off all seats except 7:30 p.m. April 9 and 11 a.m. April 10 shows. Opening night tickets \$4. Friday matinee tickets \$5 (groups of 15 or more \$3). Free parking. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

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PASSOVER STORYTIME
9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, Intergenerational storytelling, from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. everyone is invited to try their hand in making Charoset (a traditional fruit and nut mixture eaten for Passover), recipes will be provided, at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. (248) 987-4030

WADE CARNIVAL
With rides and games, Friday-Sunday, April 3-19, Gibraltar Trade Center, 15525 Rancho Road, Taylor. 3-11 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 3 p.m. to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays-Sundays. (734) 287-2000

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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "Hallelujah Handel" which is filled with more than 12 excerpts of Handel's music and dramatic storytelling, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18 to \$7. (313) 578-5111

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With flutist Alexander Zorjic and pianist Dave Wagner, formerly of WQRS, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Shrine Chapel of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$12 and \$20 with an afterglow reception. (248) 683-1750

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With Conductor Donald Runnicles and pianist Eldar Nebolsin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111

"HARP HEAVEN"
University of Michigan music students perform as part of the "Crossant Concert," 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12 rows 1-5, \$9 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

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British virtuoso six- and 10-string guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$25 rows 1-2, \$15 rows 3-5, \$10 general admission. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Good Friday" concert features the St. Genevieve Interdenominational Festival Choir performing Rutter's "Requiem," 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison Ave., (one block south of Five Mile, east of Middlebelt), Livonia. \$12.50. (248) 645-6666/(734) 421-1111

MADONNA UNIVERSITY STUDENT REGONAL
Featuring Melissa Radwion of Garden City and Karla Fischer of Farmington, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the university, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Donation to the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5715 or http://www.munet.edu

MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT
Organ concert with Kenneth Sweetman and Kevin Bylisma playing the music of Bach, Brahms, Franck, and Pachelbel during Lent, 12:35 p.m. Thursday April 2, following 12:10 services, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage at the median of Jefferson Avenue at the foot of Woodward Avenue. (313) 259-2206

OWAIN PHYFE
9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 2, and with the New World Renaissance Band, 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 9, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (renaisance) (248) 399-6750

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Double Your Pleasure" concert featuring father and son pianists Joseph and Michael Gurt performing Poulenc's "Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Novi High School Auditorium, 24064 Taft Road, Novi. \$12, \$10 seniors/college students, \$8 children K-12th grade. (734) 451-2112. Afterglow at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

SUSANNE MENTZER
Mezzo-soprano Mentzer and pianist Craig Rutenberg perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, Michigan League, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$15 and \$25. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

"PALM SUNDAY MUSICALS"
With soprano Deborah Frantczak and pianist Edyta Doroba-Jaros, 3 p.m. performance followed by dinner, Sunday, April 5, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$25 suggested donation, \$15 students, \$12.50 children. (248) 689-3638

POPS/SWING

BIG SANDY AND HIS FLY RITE BOYS
With Swingin' Demons and Starlight Drifters, 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, 18 and older. (swing/rockabilly) (248) 339-2362 or http://www.961melt.com
IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Cross Street Station, 611 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (swing) (734) 485-5050

AUDITIONS

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN PRODUCTIONS
Auditions children ages 8-14 and "little people" for roles as Munchkins for "The Wizard of Oz" at the Fox Theatre, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the theater's grand lobby, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Participants must be no taller than 4 feet 10 inches. (313) 696-3288
MICHIGAN THEATRE AND DANCE TROUPE
Open auditions now through August for dancers ages 16 and older, by appointment only 2 p.m. Saturday. The performing arts company regularly appears year round. (248) 552-5001
RADIO CITY PRODUCTIONS
Open casting call for dancers to join the

Radio City Christmas spectacular, Wednesday, April 8, Wayne State University Dance Department, 3317 Old Main Boulevard, third floor, Detroit. Rockettes, dancers and singers must be at least 18 years of age. Rockettes auditions at 10 a.m.; male dancers 1 p.m.; female dancers 2 p.m.; singers 4 p.m.; children 5 p.m. (212) 632-3630.

SANDEE RAGER
Holds auditions for five men and five women ages 18-45 her original play "Silent Thoughts," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, April 8-9, Adray Auditorium, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Performances June 18-21 and 25-28. (313) 513-8995

SECOND CITY
Looking for actors to join Second City - Detroit's mainstage, touring, business or the new Children's Theatre improvisational casts. Actors can be non-equity or equity and should have extensive stage and performance experience. Strong writing skills, singing ability and an improvisational background are a plus. Auditions by appointment only, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call Julie Clement at (313) 965-2222 before Tuesday, April 7, for an appointment.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Seeks a chorus director for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m., two formal concerts in May and December, and various other local community engagements. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138

JUNIOR ACTORS OF RIDGEDALE
Auditions for "Charlotte's Web." Thursday, April the playhouse, 205 W Long Lake Road, Troy. Need youngsters ages 10-18, call (248) 988-7049.

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY
"Mozart Requiem," co-production with the Detroit Archdiocesan Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Ave. (at Belmont), Detroit. \$12, \$9 students, only in advance. (248) 546-0420

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 2, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (trumpet/bass/piano trio) (248) 645-2150

GEORGE BENSON TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (sax/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

SEAN BLACKMAN AND JOHN ARNOLD
7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Colangelo's, 2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. ("gypsy jazz") (248) 334-2275

HENRY GIBSON TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums trio) (248) 645-2150

ALEX GRAHAM QUARTET
8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$15 rows 1-5, \$10 general admission, \$5 students. (734) 769-2999 or http://www.peus.com/kch

CHARLES GREENE
7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays, April 3 and 10, 7:11 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (jazz pianist) (248) 399-6750

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Java Master, 33214 West 14 Mile, east of Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-7393; 7-10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 West 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-3033; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42876 Grand River, Novi. (248) 305-7333

KIMMIE HORNE
7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free. All ages; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 818-2075/(248) 852-0550

ISABELLA
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1600

LORI LEFEBRE AND THE JIMMY LEE TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

PHILIPPE LEJEUNE AND JEAN-PIERRE BERTRAND
5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Sam's Pizzeria and Cantina, 2215 Wyandotte Blvd. (at Randolph), Windsor, Ontario. \$12 (U.S.). In advance at South Shore Books, 184 Pitt St. W, Windsor, Ontario. (519) 253-9102/(519) 944-9798

KEVIN MAHOQANY
Vocalist in the movie "Kansas City," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, April 8-9, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance, 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 or http://www.99music.com
MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest guitarist Steve Carrier, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, and guest

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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trombonist Ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover plus with dinner (served until 8 p.m.) and a \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

CARL MICHEL
With Michael Graye, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; With his group, 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838/(734) 668-7652 or PlayOnRec@aol.com

JEANNINE MILLER
Vocalist and flutist performs with pianist Vince Shandor, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursdays, and 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-2002

RANDY SCOTT
7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Somerset North, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge Highway, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 816-2075

HARVEY THOMPSON TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (vocal/piano/bass trio) (248) 645-2150

TRANSMISSION
With Polignat Plecostomus and DJ Bubblicious, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (acid jazz) (734) 996-8555

TRUE STORIES
8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 4, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave. (at Center Street), Royal Oak. Free. 25-cent surcharge on drinks during live entertainment. (248) 546-1400

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUSDON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (734) 643-6911/(248) 360-7450

LOS FABULOSOS CADILLACS
With Cherry Popplin Daddies, 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (Latin/swing) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, and 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Luciano's, 39031 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. Free. All ages; 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Ardo's, 27900 Hoover Road, Warren. Free. All ages. (English/Italian/Spanish pop standards and originals) (810) 263-6540/(810) 582-0080

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE
Hosts an open jam for string band musicians, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 662-3371

LISA HUNTER
9-11 p.m. Friday, April 3, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages; Hosts open mic night, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Gargoyles Coffee House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (folk/pop) (734) 769-2020/(248) 745-9790

JAMES KEELAGHAN
With Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JENNIFER KIMBALL
Formerly of The Story, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JAN KRIST
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 10-11, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 861-8101

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT
With Keller Williams, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (bluegrass) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"GRAND WAYZOOOSE"
Featuring short readings by poets and fiction writers from Michigan and Ontario, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Capitol Theatre's Joy Family Theatre, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor. Free. All ages. (519) 253-8065 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol/ or e-mail capitol@mnsi.net

DANCE

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER
Through Sunday April 5, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 874-7850

ANN ARBOR DAWN DANCE WEEKEND
Three day spring music and dance party featuring contra, swing, square, Scandinavian, English country, Scottish, singing, jamming, and a concert by Jive at Five, Friday-Sunday, April 10-12, Scarlett Middle School, 3300 Lorraine, Ann Arbor. \$7-\$20. (734) 665-8863

DANCE ENSEMBLE WEST

"Dance Collection-1998" with performances by the company's senior and junior divisions, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4, the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, Canton Center and Joy roads, Canton. \$9. (734) 420-4430

FIRST SATURDAY CONTRA DANCE
With the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance, and music by Dave Orlin and co., 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 769-1052

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE
8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 2-3, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$60. All ages. (313) 983-6611

STREB: POPOACTION
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$15-\$35. (800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Joey Kola and Joey Bielaska, Thursday, April 2 (free), and Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$14); at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 8 p.m. Sundays for new talent/Third Level improv. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Maryellen Hooper, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner show package), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2 (\$9), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080/741-0022

SECOND CITY
"Down Riverdance," 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$10), Thursdays (\$10) and Sundays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays (\$17.50) and Saturdays (\$19.50), through spring: "Seven Knives for Seven Lovers," a performance by The Second City's Training Center graduates, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5 (\$4), at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-2222

SUZANNE WESTENHOFER
7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JOHN WITHERSPOON
As part of FM 98 WJLB's CoCo's House of Comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$27.50 in advance. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM/SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit: "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

GREENFIELD VILLAGE
American Girls Museum Program based on the character of Samantha Parkington, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 6-10, and 13-11 the village, Dearborn. \$40 includes light refreshments and the 2 hour and 45 minute-hour program. (313) 982-6180

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

ALL HAIL ME
9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$6. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 465-5154

JOSLYN B. AND THE DETROIT STREET PLAYERS
9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

THE BACKDOORS
7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 778-6404

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS
9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 451-1213

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, Bachelor's, 1987 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, Corradi's, 1090 Rochester Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-2295/(248) 588-3471 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com

NORMA JEAN BELL AND THE ALL STARS
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through June 27, Becci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (variety) (248) 253-1300

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Sundays in April, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren Road (one block east of Telegraph Road), Dearborn Heights. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005 or http://members.tripod.com/~BennyJet/

THE BEVIS FROND
With Brother J.T., and Vibroflux, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, The Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (psychedelic) (313) 833-6873

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

"BIG TOWN BARN DANCE"
With Eddie Jackson and the Swingsters, Whistle Stop Junction featuring Gino Fanelli, formerly of The Del-Kats and Gino and the Long Valley Boys, Tip Top Daddies, and the Big Barn Combo, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in April, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLACK BEAUTY
15 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 644-4800

BLACK FUZZ
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 421-2250

BLUE CAT WITH KEN MURPHY
9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUE-EYED SOUL
With Son of Adam, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

BLUE RAYS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

THE BURROS
10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Mount Chale, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 549-2929

BRIDGE
9 p.m. Thursday, April 2-Saturday, April 4, and Thursday, April 9, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 451-1213/(313) 581-3650/(248) 543-4300

CHROME
Featuring Helios Creed, with Silver Apples and DJ Greg Baise, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (noise rock) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStick@aol.com

ERIC CLAPTON
8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$62.50 and \$45. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

MARC COHN
With Kacy Crowley, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$22.50 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

DICK DALE
With The Paladins, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (instrumental surf/rockabilly) (313) 833-POOL or MajeStick@aol.com

DIAMOND DUKES
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

DISCIPLINE
With Space Nelson, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (prog rock/rock) (313) 875-6555

DIVESPIRE
With Sunday Afternoon Trio and Nalling Petty, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

EARTHMOVER
With Suburban Delinquents and 20 Dead Flower Children, 5 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 in advance. All ages. (punk/rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

OLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MARK EITZEL
Formerly of American Music Club, with Sue Garner of Run On, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (singer/song-writer) (313) 833-POOL or http://www.99music.com

EXTORTION
8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, The Palladium Music Club, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 778-6404

THE REV. MARG FALCONBERRY
10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

FEEDER
With Addict, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 4,

The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
9 p.m. Friday, April 3, and Wednesday, April 8, Captain Tony's, 30919 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 288-6388

5 TON CREEK
10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/funk) (248) 332-HOWL

FRIENDS OF BOB
With Twist of Fate, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, JD's Entertainment Center, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$6. 18 and older. (rock/cover bands) (810) 465-5154

FOULSH MORTALS
10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (734) 421-2250/(810) 731-1750

JULIE FOUNTAIN
8 p.m. Friday, April 3, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (acoustic) (734) 416-9288

4TH FUNKTION
With Pork Barrel Salamander, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 3-4 Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800

FUNKTELLEIGENCE
With Uncle Booby, 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 485-5050

GRR
10 p.m. Friday, April 3, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 683-5458/(248) 543-4300

GOVERNMENT HONEY
9 p.m. Sundays in April, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road (one block north of Five Mile Road), Redford. \$3. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

THE GRUESOMES
9 p.m. Saturday, April 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

JOHN HAMMOND AND LITTLE CHARLIE AND THE NIGHTCATS
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. \$18 day of show. All ages. (blues) (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com

COREY HARRIS
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (blues/rock) (734) 996-8555 or http://www.99music.com

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 455-8450

HOWLING DIABLOS
With Universal Storm and 20 Dead Flower Children, 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (funk/rock) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

HUFFAMOOSE
With Jill Jack, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. 19 and older. (blues/rock) (734) 996-8555

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
With Myzery and Twiztid, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$12 and \$15. All ages. (rap) (313) 961-5451

IVY
With Steve Pultz of the Rugburns, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (pop) (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

JILL JACK
10 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With The Rivermen and Jo Serrapere, 8 p.m. Friday, April 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 332

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or http://www.themagicbag.com

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
10 p.m. Friday, April 10, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (734) 421-2250

JAMPACT
With Charles Allen Martin, 9 p.m. Sunday, April 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

ROBERT JONES
7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave. (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. \$10 donation. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 532-0546

MIKE KING
Acoustic performance, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With his band, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Cover charge. 21 and older; With his band, 10 p.m. Friday, April 10, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 544-1141/(810) 731-1750/(248) 683-5458

LEO KOTTKE

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (acoustic guitarist/song-writer) (734) 761-1451

KUNO FU DIESEL
9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 485-5050

JOHN D. LAMB
9:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic pop) (248) 349-9110 or http://www.jdlamb.com

ADRIAN LEGG
8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. ("acoustic finger-style guitarist") (248) 544-3030

MOVIES

'Lost in Space' needs someone at the helm



JOHN MONAGHAN

I spent way too much of my young life parked in front of the television set watching reruns of 'Lost in Space.' I liked it better than 'Star Trek.' It had more monsters.

So imagine the pain, the pain of seeing it botched so badly on the big screen.

The inevitable 'Lost in Space' movie, which opens Friday, may have better special effects, but it can't make up its mind between serious science fiction and Baby Boomer camp.

The original show ran for three seasons starting in 1965 and the plot remains much the same. The Robinson family are pioneers, circa 2058, who set off to colonize other planets. Joining

them is Don West, the fighter pilot who grumbles about hauling the family across the galaxy.

Enter the evil Dr. Smith, a resistance-led saboteur who programs the Robinson's robot to crush, kill, and destroy them shortly after takeoff. When that plot fails, he's stranded on the now runaway ship.

Add to this the same old sexual tension between pilot West, and Robinson daughter Judy, and you've got the basic elements of the old show.

So where does the movie go so wrong? By not having a firm grasp on the material. By now, rules have been established for turning old TV shows into viable movies. When the material is good to start with, like 'The Fugitive,' a decent movie can still result.

When it was hokey to begin with, like 'The Brady Bunch,' it's best to not take things too seriously. Betty Thomas, director of

the first 'Brady' movie, had a fondness for the material and knew how to poke fun at it while still being somehow reverent.

There's no doubt that the forces behind 'Lost in Space' (namely writer Akiva Goldsman and director Stephen Hopkins) genuinely like the show, but they never have a grasp on what made it special. Certainly it wasn't the special effects but the imaginative way it presented crazy science fiction concepts with a definite sense of the absurd.

Here you've got serious scientific musings about the nature of time travel. In the next breath you've got Mimi Rogers delivering lines to the kids like, 'stop it you two, or we're going to turn this ship right around.' There's even a lame 'night mama'-style 'Waltons' joke.

Remember Penny's friend the space monkey? It's back as Blorp, a computer-generated

creature that looks even sillier than the Irwin Allen TV version (and that was just a dazed chimp with antennae glued to its head).

The performances run the gamut, from Gary Oldman, desperate to camp it up even more as the fussy Dr. Smith, and William Hurt, steadfast in the role of patriarch John Robinson. Beware of inordinate screen time devoted to TV heartthrob Matt LeBlanc as Don West. He pines next to Mark Goddard, the show's original, who gives the young hotshot his flight instructions.

In a long line of cameos, June Lockhart (mother Maureen) shows up as Will's school principal while Angela Cartright and Marta Kristen (the original Robinson daughters) appear as reporters. Bill Mumy and Jonathan Harris (Will and Dr. Smith in the old show) reportedly wanted more than a walk-on so boycotted the project altogether.

Of course the everything-including-the-kitchen sink approach to 'Lost in Space' can yield some entertaining results. Frightening intergalactic spiders



Family adventure: Jack Johnson (left to right), William Hurt, Mimi Rogers and Lacey Chabert star in 'Lost in Space.'

free-fall from a ghost space ship and attach to the Jupiter 2. And there's a nifty cryogenics tube that freezes the family in flight.

The whole project ultimately goes the direction of the old series. What starts out as something genuinely cool panders more and more to the kiddie audience by the end. Still, when

the electronic version of the old 'Lost in Space' theme song rolls over the closing credits, I know I'll be back for the sequel.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table with columns for cinema names and movie listings. Includes sections for General Cinemas, HUSH, U.S. MARSHALS, TITANIC, BLUES BROTHERS 2000, etc.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre - Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

'Taste of Cherry' (Iran-1997). April 3-5 (call for showtimes). In a story reminiscent of our own Dr. Kevoorkian, a man drives through the outskirts of Teheran, searching for a stranger to assist in his suicide.

'The Long Way Home' (USA-1997). 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 6. The Oscar-winning documentary that focuses on the plight of those that survived the Holocaust, chronicling the often torturous years following their liberation from the camps.

'Magic Bag' - 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

'Boogie Nights' (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2. A nearly epic look at the salad days of the porno industry in the late '70s and early '80s where a not-too-bright busboy (Mark Wahlberg) becomes a star. Burt Reynolds and Julianne Moore copped Oscar nominations (but

lost) for their supporting roles.

'Wag the Dog' (USA-1997). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8. Prophetic, to say the least. When the President is found dallying with a young girl, Washington spin doctors try to avert media attention by staging a fake war.

Dustin Hoffman has his best role since Rain Man as the Hollywood producer called in to pull the whole ruse off.

'Main Art Theatre' - 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

'Mrs. Dalloway' (Britain-1997). When a woman (Vanessa Redgrave) encounters a man she knew some 30 years earlier, it causes her to reevaluate the path her life has taken. Based on a novel by Virginia Woolf.

'The Real Blonde' (USA-1998). From Tom DiCillo, director of 'Living in Oblivion,' comes this romantic comedy set in New York City about a group of characters whose lives intertwine in the superficial world of fashion and entertainment. Matthew Modine and Daryl Hannah star. Starts Friday.

'Niagara Niagara' (USA-1998). Two misfits meet while shopping at a story in upstate New York in this contemporary melodrama. Starts Friday.

'Redford Theatre' - 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

'Ben-Hur' (USA-1959). 8 p.m. Friday, April 3; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 4 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Charlton Heston stars but that chariot race still highlights this story of the conflict between Jews and Romans during the time of Christ. Always a must on the big screen.

'Windsor Film Theatre' - 2135 Wyandotte Street, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. (\$5.25 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)

'The Tenant' (France-1976). 7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 3-5. Roman Polanski directed this paranoid psychological thriller about a man (Polanski) plagued by weird goings-on in the apartment house he lives in.

'Kiss or Kill' (Australia-1997). 9:15 p.m. through Sunday, April 5. An Australian film noir about a pair of con artists who get mixed up in murder.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 3

'BARNEY'S GREAT ADVENTURE' Fun-filled musical adventure stars America's popular and lovable dinosaur.

'LOST IN SPACE' Based on the popular TV series, the space traveling Robinson family wanders from planet to planet in their quest to return home. Stars William Hurt, Mimi Rogers.

'MERCURY RISING' Action thriller centers around a nine-year-old autistic savant who is chased by government assassins after inadvertently deciphering a secret military code. Stars Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, April 6

'PRAYER'S CLUB' Provocative peek behind the scenes of a small-time gentleman's club. Stars Ice Cube, Jamie Foxx.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 10

'NEIL SIMON'S 'THE ODD COUPLE II'' Sequel to the 1968 comedy hit reunites Felix and Oscar who get terribly lost on the way to the wedding of their children. Stars Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau.

'SPECIES 2' Sequel to the 1995 sci-fi thriller, the offspring of genetically-engineered Sil make life both fun and fatal for the people on Earth.

'NO LOOKING BACK' Contemporary drama centers around a small-town woman who finds the courage to leave her past behind. Stars Ed Burns, Lauren Holly.

'MY GIANT' Comedy about a third rate talent agent who discovers a seven foot seven-inch giant that he thinks could be his ticket to the top. Together they set off on a road that leads them to the most unexpected of happy endings. Stars Billy Crystal, Kathleen Quinlan.

'THE BIG ONE' Michael Moore has returned to America's Heartland to try to figure out why our corporations post ever higher profits, yet continue to downsize. Stars Michael Moore, who also directed, Garrison Keillor, Studs Terkel.

'CITY OF ANGELS' A restless angel must choose between Eternal life and passionate love. Stars Nicholas Cage, Meg Ryan, Dennis Franz.



Great adventure: The search for a magical egg lands Barney and his friends Marcella (Kyla Pratt), Abby (Diana Rice) and Cody (Trevor Morgan), in the middle of the Apple Valley parade.

'3 NINJAS: HIGH NOON AT MEGA MOUNTAIN' An action comedy about the unstoppable Ninja brothers. They're on vacation to Mega Mountain amusement park and find themselves up against the evil bandit queen Medusa when she takes over the park and holds it for ransom. Stars Hulk Hogan, Lonnie Anderson.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 17

'BUTCHER BOY' Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre, an ironic look back at the time and place in recent Irish history, as well as a funny, startling and compassionate explanation of the forces, both social and emotional, that send a child spinning extravagantly out of control.

'NIGHTWATCH' Suspense thriller about a law student who takes a part time job as a night watchman in a hospital morgue just as a serial killer gas began to terrorize the city, and the clues left make him the prime suspect. Stars Nick Nolte, Patricia Arquette.

'MAJOR LEAGUE: BACK TO THE MINORS' The baseball comedy series continues when a former minor league pitcher accepts an offer to manage a midget Triple-A team. Stars Scott Bakula.

'THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTION' Romantic comedy about a woman who leases a room in her apartment to a gay man and then finds herself falling in love with him. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Alan Alda.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 24

'THE BIG HIT' Action thriller about a quartet of freelance guns-for-hire who may have gotten involved in one job too many and find that a hit is now out on them. Stars Mark Wahlberg.

'HOPE FLOATS' When a woman's picture perfect life comes crashing down around her, she returns home to start over. There her life becomes even more complicated, but she finds the strength to reclaim her life and rediscover something she had almost given up on, hope. Stars Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick, Jr.

'SLIDING DOORS' What if one split second had the potential of sending your life in two different directions? 'Sliding Doors' is a contemporary love story that follows a woman's life beyond that deciding moment - down two different paths. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow.

STREET SCENE

Songwriter Marc Cohn returns from family break

Introspective singer/songwriter Marc Cohn earned a Grammy in 1991 for "Best New Artist," and had a hit single with "Walking in Memphis." Two years later he followed it up with "The Rainy Season" but realized that there was something much more important than music.

His children. "I took four years off because I wanted to be with my children and have a little bit of my life as opposed to just life on the tour bus," Cohn explained. "Part of why I took such a long break is that's all I did was tour. I toured almost non-stop for almost 14 months."

His marriage also fell apart. All those elements inspired "Burning The Daze," his third effort which hit stores Tuesday, March 17.

"Being with my kids, it certainly had an effect on me. There's no songs here specifically about them. But I spent most of

my time with them, that impacted me in every possible way. This record would have been different had I not (spent time with them)," he said.

The confessional, emotional album tracks Cohn's need to find salvation and to understand love. On the album, he is joined by a variety of artists including Roseanne Cash ("Olana"), Patty Griffin ("Healing Hands" and "Already Home"), and T-Bone Wolk ("Valley of the Kings").

"I met them (the guest musicians) all different ways. Roseanne is a friend of mine and married to my producer and best friend. There was kind of a family atmosphere there. Patty was just somebody that I really admired and thought was a great singer. I was looking for a specific sound and Patty was that sound. She was nice enough to fly down and do it," he said.

In a rare move, he collaborated with someone to write a song.

"Turn to Me" was written with Kevin Salem.

"That's the fun part of the process. Songwriting for me is a pretty solitary process. I don't collaborate often. When you get into the recording stage of things, that is really a collaborative effort. I have the most fun doing that."

Although he worked with a family of musicians on "Burning the Daze," he will be joined only by a guitarist at his show Thursday, April 2, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

"That's always been the way I've liked it the most. It's the most intimate way to present the songs. In a way, it shows people a more authentic view of the song. It's as close as the way it sounded when it was written."

Ironically, this is his first performance in the Detroit area, he said.

"It's probably nothing person-

al," Cohn said with a laugh.

"Sometimes you go to a place and there's a certain radio station that's really been supporting you. Maybe there's not an appropriate venue on the night that you're nearby. You kind of have to set up a tour to find which places work on. I've never played Nashville, either, which is a major music mecca."

For this album, however, he's hitting as many cities as possible.

"It exceeded everyone's expectations," he said, about the album. "I'm committed to really giving this record everything I have."

Marc Cohn with special guest Kacy Crowley perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$22.50 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>.

The Livonia-based rock band Space Nelson plays Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, on Saturday, April 4, in support of its debut CD "Cutting Edge. Pinball." Opening the show is the local prog rock band Discipline. For more information on the show, call (313) 875-6666. Those who can't make it to the show, can hear tracks off of "Cutting Edge Pinball" on radio station CIMX's "Homeboy Show" at 10 p.m. Sunday, April 5.



He's back: Marc Cohn spent time with his family and now he's back performing.

"OzzFest" will make its way to Pine Knob Music Theatre on Thursday, July 23. This year's lineup includes Ozzy Osbourne, of course, Tool, Megadeth, Coal Chamber, Incubus, Kilgore, Limp Bizkit, Melvins, Monster Machine, Sevendust, Snot, Soulfly, System of a Down, Two featuring Rob Halford, and Ultraspank. Look for ticket information soon.

'Antigone' raises old themes in new setting

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

It's nothing profound or anything, but here's my thought for the week: Not only is there nothing new under the sun, but the sun is really, really old. My little maxim responds to an observation that people's frame of

reference encompasses only the most recent sliver of the timeline of human existence. Eavesdrop over breakfast at a Bob Evans some time. You can actually hear patrons claim that any story that can ever be told has already been done by "I Love Lucy." That may be true, but something had to have happened before Lucy started babalooing or she wouldn't have had any stories to tell.

This week on Backstage Pass on Detroit Public Television, we're stretching both ends of the cultural timeline. At the old end, we'll look at some classical Greek tragedy, which was probably based on something even older, like *The Honeyymooners*.

We sent our own Gary Anderson to the Trueblood Theatre on the University of Michigan campus to check out the Theatre and Drama Department's production of "Antigone." I asked for some background for those of us who didn't retain our Cliff's Notes. "Antigone" is a major classic, over 1,000 years old, written by

Sophocles, one of the oldest playwrights known to man."

So, what's it about? "The title character, Antigone, seeks to bury her brother, Polynices." How did he die? Gary had to really remedial me here. "Antigone is the third play in the Oedipus trilogy. Oedipus is both Antigone's father and brother. In the first play, "Oedipus Tyrannus," Oedipus killed his father, the king, and married his mother, the queen, thereby assuming the throne. Only he doesn't know that they're his mother and father at the time. When he finds out what he's one, he blots his eyes out and leaves the throne and becomes a wanderer.

"In the second play, "Oedipus at Colonus," we see Oedipus later in life, ready to die. He wants to find a resting place, but because of his tragic - and in some people's minds jinxed - past, he's not allowed to have rest. After some doing, he's finally buried at Colonus.

"In 'Antigone,' Polynices builds an army to destroy Creon, who replaced his father on the throne. He loses the battle and dies. Antigone brings her brother to the city gates of Thebes to be buried, and Creon refuses. Antigone fights the system." (Wasn't this an episode of "My Mother the Car?")

Handy history lesson, but what does it mean now? "The play has relevance to modern days, especially in this production, which explores the relationship of women to power. The

director, Glenda Dickerson, has even added an element of the death of Princess Diana, and the way Diana was perceived while she was alive. In the prelude to the play, Antigone is mentioned as "the people's princess."

"The director had updated the interpretation. The play is set in 1930s Kenya, during British colonialism. In this setting, Antigone has become westernized in her speech patterns, dress etc. When she fights for the cause of burying her brother, she becomes more African - more in touch with her past, her ethnic culture. This play is a great opportunity. Glenda is forcing many of these students to aspire to something greater. The artistic vision is strong. It's very engaging theater."

From an ancient play, we move to the contemporary movement

of Elizabeth Streb. Though referred to as a contemporary dancer and choreographer, she's uncomfortable with the terms, according to Backstage producer Katherine Weider. "She prefers the term 'PopACTION,' because it's very popular action-oriented. She doesn't even want to call it 'dance' because she's interested in action. It's not representational, it doesn't tell a story. It's about the pure physical action - bodies through space and time - and exploring the limits of that."

Also on the Big Show, we'll get in-studio performances from the Arianna String Quartet and singer/songwriter Mark Cohen. That's on Backstage Pass, tonight at midnight on Detroit Public Television, repeated tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

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DINING

Creative new chef makes a 'Landing' in Plymouth

Plymouth Landing has been around for a long time, but it's not the same since January when Chaz West left New York to take over as executive chef.

He and owner Jim Plakas, former mayor of Garden City, met through mutual friends. West left his job as executive chef for Ramada, moved here, and bought a house in South Redford.

Plakas has given West the license to "be as creative as he wants to be," and West is having a blast.

"We are here, and we're out to impress and give good service. I'm here, fresh out of New York," said West. "It's very creative cooking, something new. This is my first restaurant and I'm having a good time. It's a change of atmosphere, a slower life."

An animated chef, who enjoys making people laugh as much as he enjoys cleaning and cooking, West has a favorite saying - "Old is Gold."

The Plymouth Landing is located in the Markham Building, the oldest commercial building still in use in Plymouth. When the building was built in 1882. It's been a restaurant for 20 years, and Plakas is the second owner. He's operated it for the last nine-and-a-half years.

West begins his day at 6 a.m. cleaning. "I hate grease," he said. "You can eat off the floor, my kitchen is so clean."

Plymouth Landing reminds West of the first restaurant he ever worked at, a supper club in Niagara, New York.

His family lived near the club and West kept bothering the owners to hire him. "I went up to the door and said 'I want to be a chef.' I was 13, and the owners said I was too young."

He told him he could wash dishes, and when he turned 15 they hired him. A classically trained chef, West completed internships at hotels in Switzerland and Paris, and has won numerous awards for his cooking and presentations.

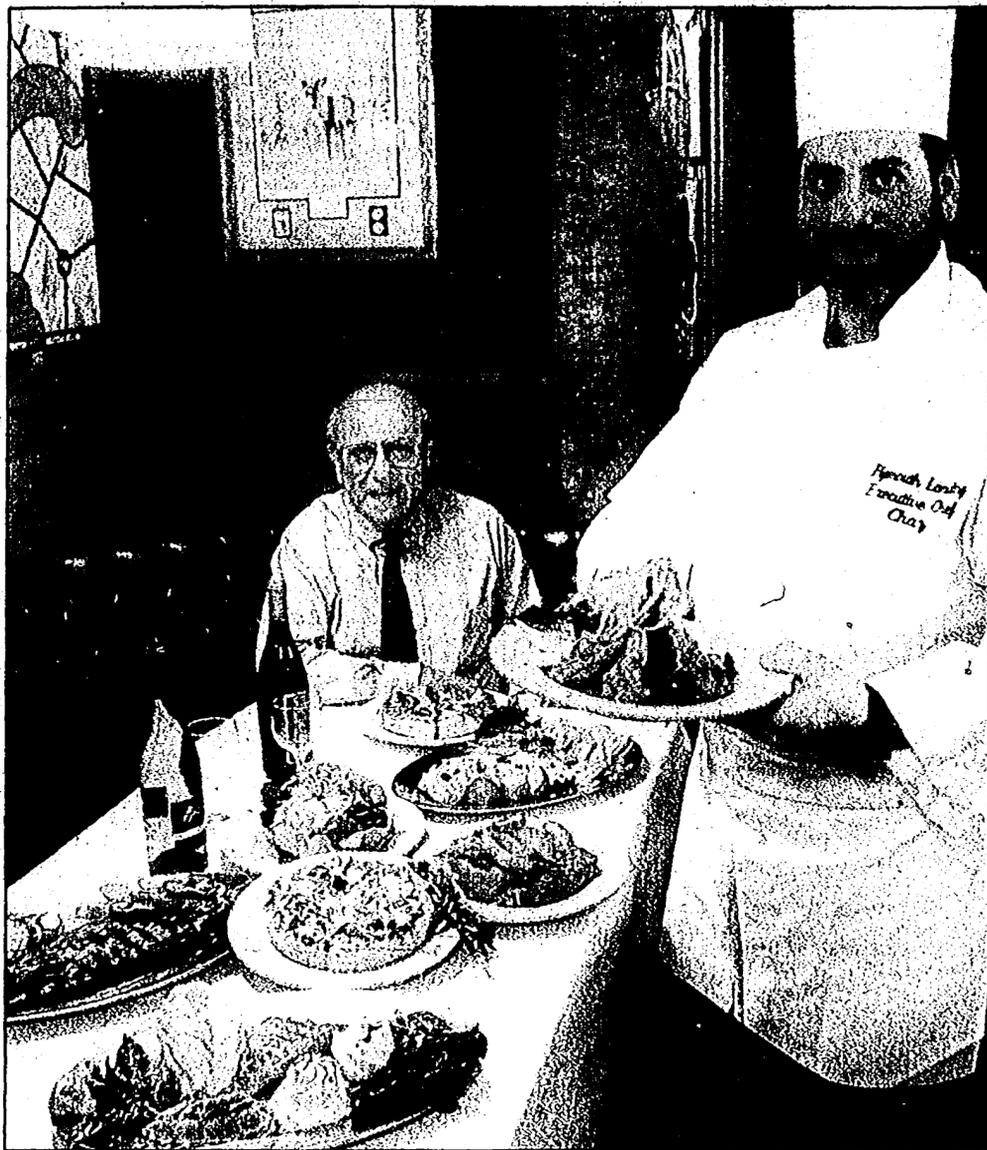
Cooking is an art, and West views every plate as a canvas. He recently made a peacock from a watermelon.

"Whatever our customers want, we have on hand," he said. "We can accommodate special dietary requests. Everything served is made fresh, with the highest quality ingredients. West uses fresh herbs and vegetables, and makes everything including desserts and soups from scratch."

For lunch, dinner, or just a snack, Plymouth Landing aims to please with an extensive dinner menu, which includes prime rib, seafood, veal, steaks, and pasta.

The lunch menu features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and lighter entrees such as Honey Lemon Chicken Linguini, Spinach Cheese Pie, and Orange Roughy Fish & Chips. Try the Greek Pizza, or a cup of Plymouth Landing's Signature Three Onion Soup. Be sure to ask about the daily specials, three are offered each day.

Customer favorites include prime rib, Jim's Whitefish, and Veal Frangelico served with



Plymouth Landing

Where: 340 N. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 455-3700
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday (bar stays open until 1 a.m., limited Casual Fare menu after 10:30 p.m.); 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, brunch served until 2 p.m.
Menu: Creative cooking with Greek, Italian and French flare, American fare also.
Cost: Lunch ranges from \$6.50 to \$12.95, dinner \$7.95 to \$21.95; brunch \$10.95 adults, \$5.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under.
Reservations: Recommended
Credit cards: All majors accepted
Banquet Room: For up to 50 people
Special event:
Easter Buffet - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 12, \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 children ages 5-10; no charge children age 4 and under. Menu includes ham and turkey, pasta with tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, roast pork with gravy, Polish sausage, rice pilaf, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet & sour cabbage, variety of salads, assorted pastries and desserts.
Ask about the VIP Club Membership for discounts for brunch, lunch and dinner.

salad and choice of baked potato, rice pilaf or garlic red skins and fresh vegetable of the day. Flaming "Opal" cheese is a popular appetizer.

There's also a Casual Fare menu with sandwiches and appetizers, such as Open Face Prime Rib Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich, Traditional Shrimp Cocktail, Wild Wings or Buffalo Wings that's available later in the evening.

West's baby back ribs are also popular with customers, and will be added to a new menu now in the works.

"He's involved, he's a chef and a teacher, and it's made a big dif-

ference," said Plakas. "He instills confidence in everyone around him."

Metro Detroit seems an

unlikely move for a chef with West's experience, but he has found much to like since moving here in January.

"Your prices, everything is much cheaper here than in New York," he said. "I like the people, they're not plastic. They are real, wholesome people."

Fabulous fare:
Jim Plakas (left), owner of Plymouth Landing, and Executive Chef Chaz West, present some of the new, creative dishes the restaurant has to offer.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, or lost the paper. Here are some of the restaurants we've recently visited:

Flying Fish Tavern - Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road, (corner of Maple Road) West Bloomfield (248) 865-8888. Hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. to midnight-Sunday. Menu: Casual neighborhood family eatery + serves comfort foods with special focus on fresh catches of the day. Cost: Appetizers and dinner salads \$4-8; sandwiches and burgers \$5.50-7; pastas \$7-9; big plates, specials and catch of the day \$9-15; desserts \$2-4. Reservations: For parties of six or more only. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Flying Fish is about food; good food at modest prices. But it's more than that. It's a place families will enjoy. Kid Stuff has its own menu spot. Little Tavern Burger with Fries, Grilled Cheese with Fries, Chicken Tenders or Pasta Marinara are served with a bottle of root beer for kids 12 and under. A game room in back makes children of all ages happy. Sports fans won't miss a down, face-off, slam dunk or homerun. TV monitors carry Fox Sports programming.

Wood-Ruff's - Where: 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519. Hours: Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sundays 4-9 p.m. Menu: Modern culinary twists on classics such as steaks, chops, duck and seafood served in a highly stylized, adult supper club atmosphere where jazz is king of sound. Cost: Starters \$3-7. Entrees \$14-24 accompanied by salad, starch as appropriate and vegetable garnish. Reservations: Recommended. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

Steve Woodruff believed downtown Royal Oak needed a restaurant catering to a mature audience who appreciate excellent food, exceptional service and great live jazz.

Mesquite Creek - Two locations, 45250 Ford Road, Canton (734) 414-0100; and 7228 Ortonville Road, Clarkston, (248) 620-9300. Open 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Menu: Steakhouse fare with great seafood. Mesquite Creek takes a Tex-Mex spin on everything they do, and uses Certified Angus Beef. Reservations: Sunday-Thursday for parties of eight or more. Credit Cards: All majors accepted. Cost: \$5-\$12 lunch; \$9-\$27 dinner. Children's menu available. Entertainment: Canton location - 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays, The Hits plays soft pop rock favorites.

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