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City to adjust water-bill snafu



As of July 1, the new water rates jumped from \$3.81 to \$4.19 per 1,000 gallons, marking a 38-cent increase that amounts to a 10 percent hike. But the increase showed up on water bills for April through June.

Westland water consumers, billed prematurely for July 1 rate increases, should see some relief on their next quarterly bills, Mayor Robert Thomas said.

The city will try to reduce the next batch of water bills by the amount that customers overpaid for April through June.

"We're going to try to adjust those accordingly," Thomas said Monday.

"We're going to go back and try to look at each bill and make an adjustment and give (customers) a credit for what they were charged extra."

The water-bill snafu surfaced Aug. 3 when resident Paul Valovick, addressing the Westland City Council, voiced opposition to a 10 percent rate hike he received on his second-quarter bill from April through June.

Council members sided with him,

saying new rate hikes they approved weren't supposed to take effect until July 1. They blamed the administration for prematurely billing 8,247 customers.

"I don't think it's proper to make the rate increase retroactive," council President Sandra Cicirelli said during the Aug. 3 council session.

The new water rates jumped from \$3.81 to \$4.19 per 1,000 gallons, marking a 38-cent increase that amounts to a 10 percent hike.

Valovick showed the Observer a \$92.18 water bill indicating that he would have owed \$83.82 under the old rate system, which should have

remained in effect for the second quarter.

Finance Director Tim McCurley has estimated that city employees will have to work 1,400 to 2,000 hours to correct the problem and give water consumers a credit on their next quarterly bills.

"It won't be easy," Mayor Thomas said. "But we'll try to get it all done, and for the next billing cycle, (customers) should see a credit for additional money that was tacked on from the rate increase."

McCurley has admitted that past rate hikes have been tacked onto water

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Runner hits road to raise MADD money

Christopher Raymond is running like mad. Actually he's running for MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Raymond, chief probation officer for Westland 18th District Court, is using a marathon as a springboard to raise money for the financially struggling Wayne County chapter of MADD.

"He is putting a lot of dedication into this," Jenny Lozano, administrator of the Westland-based chapter, said Tuesday. "We are very proud that he has chosen to help us, and we hope to support him as much as we can."

Rising from bed about 4:30 each morning, Raymond is training for the 26.2-mile Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Bank International Marathon, scheduled for Oct. 18.

"I'm trying to run 20 to 45 miles a week," he said. "I used to run, and this marathon is giving me a good reason to get back into it. I have kind of lacked direction lately, so this is a way to regain it."

Raymond, 33, is seeking MADD pledges for his run, either in a lump sum or on a per-mile basis. He can be reached at (734) 595-8724.

"I've also been hitting bars to solicit money and talking to family, friends, businesses and city (of Westland) departments," Raymond said.

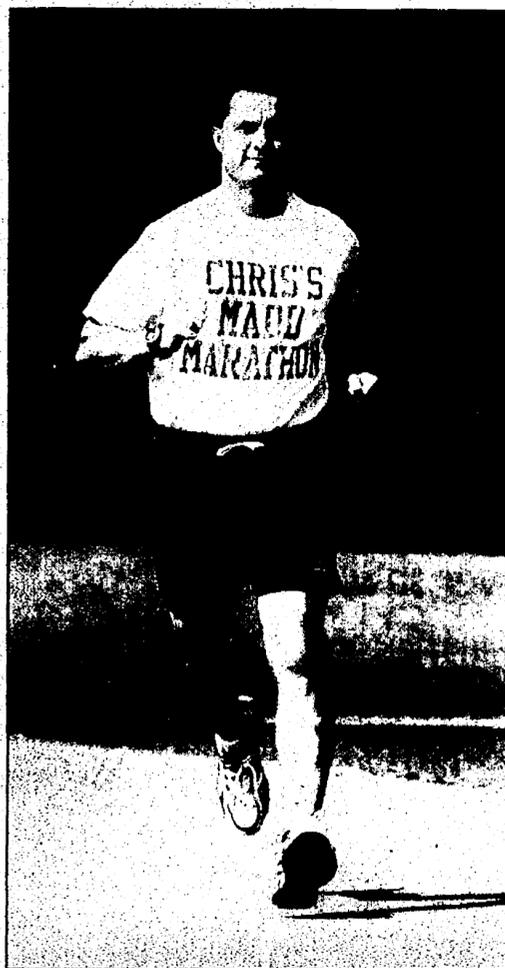
"As chief probation officer for the 18th District Court, I have developed a great respect for the work that MADD does in our community," he said.

MADD serves as a liaison between families of drunken driving victims and the court system.

The Westland court also has a program that sentences drunken drivers to appear before a panel of family members who lost loved ones in alcohol-related traffic accidents. Victims who suffered debilitating injuries also participate.

"Actual victims or family members of victims tell about the horrific experiences that they've been through," Raymond said. "They share their experiences and urge people

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On track: Christopher Raymond, 33, is seeking MADD pledges for his upcoming marathon run.

Driver's conviction upheld

A Garden City man, imprisoned for driving drunk and killing a Westland jogger in 1995, has lost an appeal to overturn his second-degree murder guilty plea.

Paul Raymond Sadler will continue to serve 10 to 20 years in prison for murdering Caryn Terese Casaz, who was killed in Hines Park while training for a marathon. She was 24.

"It was good news," the victim's mother, Mary Casaz, said after the family learned about the ruling from the Observer.

She said the family still can't rest easily knowing that Sadler's case could be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, although that decision hasn't been announced.

"You just hold your breath," she said during a telephone interview from Chicago.

Sadler, 45, appealed his own second-degree murder guilty plea by saying he didn't act with malice when his car veered off Hines Drive and hit Caryn Casaz on the evening of Sept. 13, 1995.

"He chose to drive his vehicle that night when he was drunk," Mary Casaz said. "Caryn has paid with her life, and we're paying each day for the rest of our lives. He will be free someday, and I just hope he has learned his lesson. I don't want him to kill someone else."

Sadler has claimed he passed out at the wheel, panicked when he hit something and then fled the scene.

A Livonia man who saw the incident

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Council to promote Gibbons to clerk job

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Acting City Clerk Patricia Gibbons is soon to be appointed as Westland's new city clerk.

Gibbons, who has served as deputy clerk since 1992 and was appointed acting clerk at the beginning of July, landed the job after her performance in interviews Monday night before Westland City Council. The city council is expected to approve her appointment at the next regular council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 17.

Gibbons, 51, would replace Clerk Diane Fritz, who retired after longtime service with the city on June 30. Fritz has been retained as a \$60-an-hour consultant for six months and is working on an as-needed basis to help in the transition. She served as clerk for 20 years before her retirement.

During a city council study session, Gibbons along with two other finalists for the job, Christine Hnatiw, Grand

Ledge clerk, and Linda Langmesser, Plymouth clerk, answered technical questions posed by city clerks from Oak Park, Rochester Hills and Novi.

Gibbons "hit the mark the most often" when answering the questions, according to Novi City Clerk Tonni L. Bartholomew.

With her working knowledge of the Westland clerk's office Gibbons would "hit the ground running," Bartholomew said. Bartholomew along with Oak Park City Clerk Sandra K. Gadd and Rochester Hills City Clerk Bev Jasinski asked technical questions based on their own experience as city clerks.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli also said Gibbons proved during questioning to know more about the job "no doubt about it."

"It was such a dramatic difference" between Gibbons and the other candidates, council member Richard LeBlanc said.

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In the cards



Good deal: Liberty Park Senior Community members and guests enjoyed a Vegas party recently. Poker dealer Bob Chinnavare deals out the next hand. Please see Page A3.

Food distribution

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times:

Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up commodities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20.

All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up commodities between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21.

Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick

up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for day of distribution.

For the month of August, commodities will include: ham, apple juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti and corn syrup.

For more information, call the Dorsey Center's hot line at (734) 595-0366.

The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services, which determines food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution.

PLACES & FACES

Town Hall

Westland Mayor Robert J. Thomas will hold his next Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood Drive, off of Newburgh Road, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads.

Teen night finale

Earth Angels, a local group of performing youngsters, will appear at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Bailey Center pool to entertain teens and middle school students attending their weekly swim night.

The cost is \$1 on the final teen swim night of this season, pool supervisor Debbie Lindquist announced. Anyone from the public also is invited - regardless of age - to the \$1, one-hour performance.

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not to drink and drive. It's a real positive experience.
 "It's not a finger-wagging session," he added. "People tend to have this idea that MADD is a group of very angry people who are constantly harassing courts and drunk drivers, but they're not. Their message is to be responsible and don't drink and drive. They're not this judgmental group of people who just chase people around screaming and yelling all the time."
 Just this week, Lozano joined other MADD chapter officials from across Michigan for a seminar including discussions about raising money to support anti-drunk driving efforts.
 "We're really trying to get

everybody to realize that they want to help us now, before they become a victim," Lozano said.
 Of Raymond's efforts, Lozano said, "he has always been not just a supporter, but beyond a supporter."
 To help Raymond raise money for his marathon, the Wayne County MADD chapter plans to advertise the event in its newsletter. The chapter is at 515 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.
 Although Raymond works for Westland District Court, he said the marathon is his own personal way of trying to help MADD.
 "This isn't like the court doing this," he said. "It's just me."

5-Star Chamber Expo set

A Five-Star Expo will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland, T
 The chambers of commerce involved include: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland.
 An exhibition table will include a white tablecloth. Packages available are: 8-foot or 10-foot table or space, \$100; 10-foot-

by-2 1/2 foot (no table) space for free-standing exhibits, \$100; contributing sponsorships including brochure, flier, newsletter and newspaper inserts, announcement at event, display table or space, chamber Internet home pages and admission tickets, \$300.
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trailed Sadler home and gave his address to police.
 In a new Michigan Court of Appeals decision, a panel of judges rejected Sadler's motion to have his murder plea reversed.
 In a three-page ruling, the court noted that Sadler's blood alcohol level of .21 was more than twice the legal limit after he stopped at a bar and drove away drunk. The decision also noted that Sadler had used cocaine the day before the accident and that he was suffering from flu symptoms.
 The court ruled that Sadler "disregarded the fact that he was in no condition to drive and chose to do so when he was barely conscious," resulting in Casaz's death.
 Judges also wrote that Sadler "never stopped his car after hitting the victim to provide aid, although he was aware of having hit a human being."
 Sadler's story has changed at times. Although he denied early on that he even knew he was on Hines Drive, he made statements during a plea hearing in front of Wayne Circuit Judge Michael Talbot that indicated otherwise. (See accompanying courtroom dialogue.)
 The appeals court concluded that Sadler's actions of driving, hitting Casaz and then fleeing the scene supported allegations that he acted with malice - and that the second-degree murder charge should stand.
 Sadler also had claimed that his murder plea should be declared invalid because another law - operating under the influence of liquor/causing a death - should preclude his prosecution for second-degree murder.
 Again, the appeals court rejected Sadler's claim, ruling that he could be held accountable under both laws.
 Sadler challenged only the murder plea, although he also is serving five to 15 years for OUIL/causing a death and two to five years for leaving the scene where Casaz died.
 Mary Casaz has described her daughter as a Ford Motor Co. engineer who played violin and guitar and who excelled in athletics.

Court: Statements supported charge

In rejecting Paul Raymond Sadler's motion that his murder plea be overturned, the Michigan Court of Appeals pointed to statements he made in Wayne County Circuit Court.
 The appeals court ruled that statements Sadler made to Circuit Judge Michael Talbot after the Sept. 13, 1995, accident supported a second-degree murder charge for the death of Caryn Casaz.
 What follows is the dialogue:
 Talbot: Apparently you've indicated to me that you were on Hines Drive when this accident occurred. And, you said you knew you had struck someone, you heard an impact?
 Sadler: Correct.
 Talbot: And did you have reason to believe at least, that there was some probability that it was a human being?
 Sadler: At that moment - Talbot: I mean, you said you panicked.
 Sadler: Yes, I did panic.
 Talbot: All I'm talking about at that point is some reason to believe that that was a human being?
 Sadler: I should have had a reason to believe that absolutely ...
 Talbot: Your heart was racing because you figured maybe you hit someone?
 Sadler: Yes, your honor.

Sadler's family has described him as a churchgoing father of two who had suffered a relapse while trying to overcome his alcohol addiction.

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hikes.
 Even so, city officials haven't indicated that they will try to correct past problems - but only the overbilling that occurred during the most recent second quarter billing cycle.
 Councilman Richard LeBlanc has voiced hope that the city can chalk the latest problem up to experience and hopefully "not incur any continued liability."
 For the latest billing period, Thomas said not all water consumers were overcharged. Some

customers won't get their new bills until September or later, he said, and they will be billed at the old rate.
 Only customers who received a bill in August faced overcharges, and they will get their money back in the form of a credit on their next bill, Thomas said.

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Viva Las Vegas

Place your bets: Below, Dolores Amolsch (left to right) spins the roulette wheel after Beatrice Harris, Anglin Gutowski and Ivy McHugh placed their bets. At left, Reba Roberts takes her chances in a game of five-card stud as part the Vegas party at Liberty Park Senior Community. The party was hosted by the Liberty Park Senior Community and the Fourmidable Group.



Games: Seniors at the Liberty Park Senior Community take their chances in a friendly game of poker. The seniors also played blackjack, roulette and plinko.

Duplex sprayed with gunfire

A Westland woman survived with minor scratches after her duplex was sprayed with gunfire from a rifle, a police sergeant said.

The incident occurred about 10:50 p.m. Aug. 5 when a male opened fire in apparent retaliation for an earlier dispute with other males visiting the victim's Bay Court residence, Sgt. Roy Buresh said.

"One of the rounds went into a kitchen where the woman was making supper and hit a cabinet, and pieces of wood flew into her," he said. "She got some minor scratches, but she didn't have any serious injuries."

The woman was alone at the time of the shooting; the males sought by the shooters weren't there, Buresh said.

The rifle used in the incident had been stolen a few weeks earlier during a break-in at another Westland residence, he said.

The man accused of shooting at the house is scheduled to appear today (Thursday) in

■ On Aug. 5 a male opened fire in apparent retaliation for an earlier dispute.

Westland 18th District Court for a preliminary hearing on two charges: discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and felony firearms.

The shooting charge carries a four-year prison term upon conviction. The felony firearms charge brings a mandatory two-year term if the suspect is found guilty.

A second man accused of accompanying him to Bay Court also faces a hearing on a charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, Buresh said.

The second man isn't believed to have actually fired the rifle, but he was charged because he is accused of accompanying the shooter, Buresh said.

Carjacking suspect arrested in Detroit

A Westland police officer trailed a Romulus carjacking suspect from Westland to Detroit on Monday, pursuing him until he was arrested, police said.

Officer Jon Torolski's actions led to the arrest of a 36-year-old man suspected in a carjacking that occurred one day earlier at a Romulus car wash on Van Born near Merriman, Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

"The officer did an excellent job in pursuing this car," Stobbe said. "No one was injured, and the suspect was caught."

The carjacking occurred about noon Sunday when a gun-toting man approached a driver at the car wash, seizing his wallet and taking his car, Stobbe said. The car was described as a 1990 Chevrolet.

The following day, Torolski was on patrol driving south on Inkster Road near Annapolis when he saw the stolen car on the same road at 9:21 a.m.

Torolski trailed the man south on Inkster to Ecorse Road, then east to I-94, then east to the Wyoming-Michigan Avenue exit in Detroit, where the suspect pulled into a gas station.

Torolski turned on his patrol car's overhead lights, but the suspect got out of the car, ignored commands to halt and ran off.

Michigan State Police also arrived on the scene and joined Torolski in a foot chase, eventually capturing the suspect in an alley and arresting him.

The suspect faces charges in Romulus for carjacking and armed robbery, Stobbe said. He was implicated in the carjacking during a police lineup, Stobbe said.

No charges are expected to be filed against a passenger who was with the suspect as Torolski pursued him. The passenger isn't suspected in the robbery and carjacking, Stobbe said.

Family left homeless in fire seeks apartment

A Friday afternoon fire that left a Westland family of six homeless started in a laundry room dryer, Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Harder confirmed Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the family remains in a hotel while searching for an apartment, Westland Salvation Army Lt. Charles Yockey said.

The family was left homeless after fire swept through their now-boarded-up residence at 32308 Kalamazoo, in the city's Norwayne neighborhood.

Yockey immediately began

seeking help for the family, and he strongly commended the community for responding with donations of clothing and money.

The Salvation Army placed the family in a hotel room until they can find a new residence, and an apartment search has begun, Yockey said.

When the fire started, a mother and her four children were at home along with two other youngsters she was baby-sitting, Harder said.

They managed to escape without injury, but Harder said the residence was badly damaged.

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"Pat's had a good trainer too," Council President Pro Tem Sharon Scott said.

"Diane has given her opportunities to learn. Diane has done a lot of work with her," Councilwoman Justine Barns said.

The other candidates came from smaller communities where they were doing other duties besides the clerk's duties, Barns said.

Their job descriptions were different, Scott said.

"I really thought this was going to be tough at the end," Scott said, adding that she thought the oral board was real-

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ly the deciding factor.

Gibbons said she was surprised she was chosen because she didn't know how the other finalists did during the interviews. But she was pleased with her own interview. "I was very happy with myself," she said.

Gibbons will be paid \$59,618 or 85 percent of the full-time clerk's salary for the first six months. The salary will be reviewed after six months, according to Cicirelli. Council

members also plan to draw up a performance evaluation document for the clerk's position which they haven't done in the past.

Gibbons has been a city employee since 1977 serving in jobs in many city departments. She has worked in the clerk's office for about 10 years. A 30-year Westland resident, Gibbons and her husband, Michael, have three grown daughters and one grandson.

Social Security and public safety issues will be discussed by a senior citizens' conference Friday morning, Aug. 21, under the co-sponsorship of state Reps. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, and Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

The program is free to local seniors, said Kelly, whose district includes Garden City.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast in the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh north of Marquette.

From 9:45-10:30 a.m., seniors will hear from Pam Dobrowski of county senior services, Nell Thompson of Senior Alliance on

Social Security and public safety issues will be discussed by a senior citizens' conference Friday morning, Aug. 21, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh north of Marquette.

On public safety issues, seniors will hear from Westland police Sgt. Jeff Gillespie and Westland Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields.

Legal issues will be discussed from 11-11:45 a.m. by James Wilson.

Kelly and DeHart want those planning to attend to register by Monday, Aug. 17. Registration can be made by writing Kelly at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing 48909-7514 and providing name and address as well as the number of persons to accompany you, or by calling the Friendship Center at 722-7632.

Medicaid services, and Harvey Hollands of the American Association for Retired Persons on Social Security issues.

OBITUARIES

ANDREW JOHN MCMEECHAN

Services for Andrew John McMechan, 63, of Westland were Aug. 11 at the Kirk of Our Savior Church in Westland with the Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating. Mr. McMechan was born June 30, 1935, in Flint and died Aug. 8 in Wayne.

He was a resident of Westland since 1959.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict and was a member of Kirk of Our Savior.

He worked for 6M, retiring in 1985.

Survivors include: wife Ada M.

McMechan; children Susan (Kirk) Young of Temperance, Colleen (Clifton) Williamson of Westland, Danny and Scott McMechan, both of Westland; sister Martha Krueger of Lewiston, brother Sam (Judy) McMechan of Inverness, Fla.; mother Margaret McMechan of Florida; four grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes may be sent to Kirk of Our Savior or Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne.

Summer concert Sunday

A variety performance, featuring music from the '50s through the '90s, by Detroit Breakdown will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Performing Arts

Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Rain location is the Bailey Center. The concert is free.

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A. Housing Rehab. Administration	City-wide for Income Eligible Families	Administer General Rehabilitation Program, Emergency Repair, Barrier-Free and Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Repair standard units to meet City codes and eliminate health and safety hazards.	\$109,563
B. Housing Rehab. Program	City-wide for Income Eligible Families	Fund loans, grants, and deferred loans to provide financing to complete program listed under Item #1.	\$125,000
C. Easement Removal Norwayne Subdivision, Phase III	Census Tract 5685-Norwayne Subdivision East of Venoy to Merriman Road.	Pedestrian walkways located between rear yards in the Norwayne Subdivisions have been used by juveniles and youth gangs for criminal and nuisance activities against abutting homeowners. To abate these problems, the City proposed to vacate the pedestrian easements and deed the property to the adjoining properties. The City will remove the concrete walkways, plant grass and install new fencing along the centerline of the easements. Side yard fences will be extended to the new rear yard fence. Locations for the project include pedestrian easements east of Venoy including Mason Ct. east to the east leg of Grand Traverse and several small easements connecting Merriman Rd. to various court streets.	\$109,521
D. Carver Subdivision (Currier Street) Infrastructure, Phase III	Census Tract 5690, South of Owens Street, East of Middlebelt	Install 8" concrete road and curb/gutter, 10" sanitary and storm sewers; and make minor upgrades to existing water line and service for Currier Street, a platted subdivision road that has not been built. Install a boulevard entrance and extend Irene Street to connect Currier at its eastern extremity. Road to be installed as a catalyst for development of approximately (32-38) new homes on 60'x120' lots to be built by a private developer. The city will request reimbursement for pre-award costs as provided in the block grant regulations at (24 CFR 570.200(G), March 1996) to expend the necessary project funds in one fiscal year. Additional financing will be provided by the City's General Fund (\$200,000) which will be added to three years of \$125,000 funding increments. The total project cost is estimated at \$575,000 including engineering and contingencies. The advanced funds from the city will be repaid with CDBG funds over a 1-2 year period.	\$125,000
E. Rehab. Code Enforcement	CDBG Target Areas	Manpower allocation for inspection work for rehabilitation projects citing code violations and work write-ups for single and multi-family unit rehabilitation projects. Also, the Building and Police Departments will assign officers in target areas to cite building code violations and hazard/nuisance conditions including junk vehicles.	\$10,000
F. Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Substation Development, Phase I	Census Tract 5690	Provide for the engineering, development costs, site-work etc. to construct a Fire/Police Substation at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads. The Substation would be built on city-owned, tax-reverted property. The fire Substation would be manned full-time and the apparatus room would have a specially equipped mini-pumper/ALS Rescue vehicle to be purchased at a future date. An office will be constructed for Community Policing and this will be manned on a part-time basis. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$418,943 to be funded as follows: a total of \$150,000 in Year 1998 CDBG funds; \$168,943 of the reprogrammed funds (remaining fund balances from prior years activities); and, the city advance \$100,000 from its general fund. The city will request in its CPAP application to HUD for reimbursement of the \$100,000 of pre-award costs as provided for in the block grant regulations at 24 CFR 570.200 (g), March 1996. The advanced funds from the city will be repaid for CDBG funds over a 1-2 year period.	\$150,000 (CDBG) \$168,943 (Reprogrammed Funds)
G. HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program	Census Tracts 5690 (Carver Sub) and 5685 (Norwayne)	Funding to be used to continue exiting HOME Rental Rehab in targeted neighborhoods. Anticipate 15 projects with 28 dwelling units for renters at 60 percent of median income. Must bring units to currently adopted BOCA existing housing code.	\$264,600
H. Set-Aside to Non-Profit Community Housing Development Organization	Census Tract 5690, Carver Subdivision	Peoples' Community hope for Homes (PCHFH) has been selected as the CHDO to implement affordable housing projects and to initiate the Carver Subdivision Revitalization. Funds will be used for the construction of housing on vacant lots. Another program will provide for acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of homes that are currently vacant. PCHFH has an approved Neighborhood Preservation Plan through the State of Michigan which will provide funding for the Carver Subdivision Revitalization to include new in-fill housing projects	\$75,600

It has been determined that such request of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Westland has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a Statement are as follows:

- Housing Rehabilitation Administration - Administrative activity only.
- Housing Rehabilitation Program - Code and health/safety repairs to existing structures only. No new construction.
- Easement Removal Norwayne Subdivision Phase III - Remove a secondary walkway bisecting rear yards at the request of the police Department and homeowners to reduce vandalism and juvenile gang activity.
- Carver Subdivision (Currier Street) infrastructure Phase III-install infrastructure for new road and up to (32) homes in an area which is appropriately zoned and previously platted.
- Reha Code Enforcement - Provide manpower for inspection work for rehabilitation projects and for Buildings and Police Officers assigned to target areas to cite building code violations and hazard/nuisance conditions.
- Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Substation, Phase I - Provide for engineering, development cost, site work, to construct a Fire/Police Substation at the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene Roads.
- HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program - Make code and health/safety repairs to existing structures only. No new construction.
- Set Aside to Non-Profit (PCHFH) - Conduct affordable housing activities in an existing neighborhood for a total of 5-10 units per year.

The Environmental Review Records document the environmental review of the projects and more fully set forth the reasons why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Records are on file and are available for public examination at the Office of Community Development Programs, Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of said projects are proposed to be conducted, prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Westland to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at 32715 Dorsey Road, on or before August 28, 1998, at 5:00 p.m. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of Federal funds or take administrative action on the within projects prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

3. CERTIFICATION: The City of Westland will undertake the projects described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-387). The City of Westland is certifying to HUD that the City of Westland and Mayor Robert J. Thomas, in his capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Westland may use the Community Development Block Grant Funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is one of the following basis:

- That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Office of the applicant or other officer of the city; or,
- That the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at 17th Floor, McNamara Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after September 21, 1998 at 5:00 p.m., will be considered by HUD.

ROBERT J. THOMAS, Mayor
City of Westland

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING July 27, 1998

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none. Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Cummings.

Item 07-98-353

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch:

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of July 20, 1998.

AYES: Unanimous

The following items were taken off the agenda with the Mayor and Council's approval.

- Accounts Payable, as listed.
- DPS Purchases
 - Bagged Cement and Mortar
 - Asphalt Mix and Tac Coat
 - Ready Mix Concrete
 - Yellow Fill Sand

The Mayor with Council approval agreed to suspend the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor. After discussion the Council resumed normal rules of order.

Item 07-98-354

Moved by Wayrick; supported by Briscoe:

RESOLVED: To adopt the 1998 Council Goals.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick.

NAYS: Councilmember Kaledas.

Motion passed.

Item 07-98-355

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek:

RESOLVED: To declare Tuesday, July 21, 1998, a natural disaster and approve the Statement of Authority to Exercise Emergency Powers and Duties.

AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a whole discussed the following items:

- Engineers Report - Beechwood Project.
- Payment #2 - John Pietras Memorial Pool.
- Intergovernmental Agreement with 21st District Court.
- Purchasing Policy.
- Fee Resolution-Planning and Engineering.
- Purchase of Office Supplies.
- Letter of Understanding regarding the building inspector.
- Garden Oaks Development.

Item 07-98-356

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek:

RESOLVED: To approve Camp Services Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$76,532.50. Appropriation #401-401-332.366, for the John Pietras Memorial Pool Project.

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick.

NAYS: Councilmember Kaledas.

Motion passed.

Item 07-98-357

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick:

RESOLVED: To approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Garden City and the Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association, for the pay grade reclassification for the position of Building Inspector (effective July 1, 1998).

AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick.

NAYS: Councilmember Dodge.

Motion passed.

Item 07-98-358

Moved by Waynick; supported by Briscoe:

RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss Attorney's Opinion and Labor Negotiations.

AYES: Unanimous

The Council returned from closed session and the meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Friends of Rouge relocate offices closer to river

Friends of the Rouge are calling it a move "upstream." The non-profit group officially moved on July 1 from its offices in downtown Detroit to the Dearborn Heights campus of Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

The move marks a new partnership between HFCC, the city of Dearborn Heights and Friends of the Rouge, said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge.

"The city of Dearborn Heights has hired us to provide the public education plan," Graham said. "We're working with them and the college to use our programs to use a public educational plan for Dearborn Heights."

"In exchange for that, we've got office space."

The program helps Dearborn Heights meet watershed permit guidelines regarding public education, Graham said. Other communities, such as Livonia, Westland and Garden City, also have expressed interest in the program.

Graham likes the new digs, particularly in a community college.

"I think it's going to give us greater opportunity for outreach into communities. Our general accessibility has

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Jim Graham
—executive director

increased from being downtown. There it was difficult to find parking and we were located on the ninth floor.

"Now, we're in a one-story building and we're right at the Rouge River. Down the hill from us is the river. It's closer to the heart of our membership." Graham was referring to the volunteers and the Rouge itself.

The proximity will help with accessibility to more people, community groups, schools and public officials.

The Urban Watch program calls for about a dozen selected volunteers to monitor the river's water quality and check for illicit discharge into the river, also part of the stormwater permit discharge guidelines.

"It can detect things like sewage, metals and other things that can help narrow the sources of those contaminants entering the river,"

Please see **ROUGE, A16**

State aid Colleges see increased funds from Lansing

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Community colleges will get \$282 million in state aid, up \$11 million from what Gov. John Engler proposed last winter and good news for Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College.

"This budget reaffirms my commitment to make more resources available to more students," Engler said as he signed the bill.

The governor had asked for no dollar increase for state aid, arguing that the two-year colleges would reap a cost cut by having to pay 5.9 percent less into the retirement system.

But lawmakers refused to buy his argument. The Senate voted \$279.1 million, the House \$283.5 million, and the final conference

report compromised at \$282 million.

OCC will get a 1.94 percent hike to \$20.2 million — "unexpected good news," said Clarence Brantley, vice chancellor for administrative services and chief budget man.

"We constructed our 1998-99 budget with no increase in state funding. We will place this (new) money in the fund balance as a buffer against unexpected shortfalls."

Schoolcraft will get \$10.98 million, up about 3.7 percent.

Butch Raby, vice president of business services at Schoolcraft, said the college didn't expect that much state aid.

"We had proposed a 1 percent increase in the state appropriation, knowing that the governor had proposed zero, but that the House and the Senate would

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Butch Raby

—vice president of business services at Schoolcraft College

increase what the governor proposed," Raby said. "We're always pleased that the appropriation is higher than what we budgeted."

Engler hoped aloud that community colleges, "with this extraordinary support," would hold down tuition increases.

OCC in fall will raise tuitions for the first time in four years.

It will charge in-district students \$47 per credit hour, up \$1 or 2.2 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$79.50, up \$1.50 or 1.9 percent; and non-Michigan residents

\$111.50, up \$2.50 or 2.3 percent.

Schoolcraft will charge in-district students \$54 per credit hour, up \$1 or 1.8 percent. Out-of-district Michigan residents will pay \$76, up \$2 or 2.6 percent; and non-Michigan residents \$115, up \$1.

Since the rates are below consumer price inflation, students' families will be eligible for state personal income tax credits.

The state aid bill goes to base operating budgets.

Please see **COLLEGES, A7**

Bond issue called largest in state history

The Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport completed the largest bond sale ever completed for a U.S. airport and the largest tax-exempt bond issue in Michigan history, according to the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, a law firm that acted as co-bond counsel for the bond issue.

The bond issue of \$1,017,890,000 closed on July 16. The effective interest rate on the bonds was 5.29 better than the county's projections.

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Stevenson Middle School honor roll listed

The honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 1997-98 school year at Stevenson Middle School includes:

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DANIEL BEARD, KEVIN BECKER, CARL BEDNARK, MEGAN BEGAROWICZ, SAMANTHA BENNETT, DAVID BERRY, JENNIFER BLOOMER, TODD BOARDMAN, SHAUN BORTON, DERRICK BOW, BRITTANY BOWER, BRYAN BOYD, ANTHONY BRANDT, PATRICK BRANKOVICH, REBECCA BROOKS, BRANDON BROWN, SHE-NELLE BROWN, STEPHANIE BROWN, SEAN BRUCK, DAVID BURGESS, AMY BURNS, KELLY BURNS, TODD BUSH, DAVID BUSKEY, BREANNE BUSSARD, ANDREW CAMERON, NATHAN CAMPBELL, AMY CARAM

CHRISTINA CARLSON, CLARENCE CARTER, COURTNEY CARTRETTE, CRISTIN CASEY, DARLENE CASTERWILER, ALLEN CASTRO, ANDREYA CHAPMAN, AARON CLARK, CHRISTOPHER CLARK, KIMBERLY CLARK, REBECCA CLARK, ROBERT CLARK, KAITLYN CLEMENTE, JENNIFER COFFEY, SUSAN COFFIN, CAITLIN COLWELL, JENNIFER COLWELL, LINDSAY COOK, ASHLEY COOPER, THOMAS COSGROVE, JAMES COSTELLO, MARIA COSTELLO, JESSICA COULTER, KELLI CROFTON, JENNA DAHN, KENNETH DAHN, KIMBERLY DALLAS, BEATA DANOWSKI, STEVEN DARISS, JULIE DAVIS, KIMBERLY DAVIS, KRISTAL DAVIS, KRISTY DECKER, NICOLE DEE, JENNIFER DESROSIER, ROBERT DESTRAMPE, BECKY DEVORE, DEBRA DEWULF, EDMOND DICK, BRANDON DICKERSON, JENNIFER DRENNEN, ORLIN DROELLE, THOMAS DROTAR, JAMES DUNNY, MICHELLE

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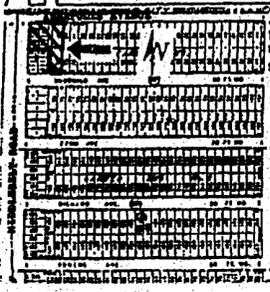
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, which affects property at the following location:

#1985, Public Hearing for Rezoning from CB-3 and R-5 (General Commercial Business and Single-Family Residential District) to CB-4 (Vehicle Service District) Lots #13 to #18 and #19 & #74 of Carver Subdivision, SE Corner of Middlebelt Road and Annapolis Avenue, SW-38, Salem Bseleh.



Present Zoning: CB-3 and R-5 (General Commercial Business and Single-Family Residential)
Proposed Zoning: CB-4 (Vehicle Service)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 1, 1998.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

Publish: August 13, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 29-W-29 AND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FEES IN CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46-1 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section 46-1, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

The fees for the indicated licenses, permits, inspections and certificates shall be as shown below:

Planning Commission	
Rezoning Petitions and Hearing:	
1 Acre or less	\$450.00
Over 1 Acre	\$500.00
Rezoning Text Amendment	\$450.00
Rezoning Sign (\$50.00 returned upon receipt of sign)	\$100.00 deposit
Subdivision Approvals:	
Preliminary Plat	\$150.00 + \$8/lot
Tentative Preliminary Plat	\$225.00 + \$8/lot
Final Preliminary Plat	\$225.00 + \$3/lot
Final Plat	\$225.00
Hearings on lot and acreage split applications	\$ 78.00
Each hearing on Site Plan and each Special Land Use Approval:	
Commercial/Industrial	\$373.00 + \$11/acre
Multi-family	\$373.00 + \$1/D.U.
Revised Site Plan Approval	50% of current site plan approval fee
Mechanical Amusement	\$373.00
Hearing on Special Planned Development (PUD) preliminary plan:	\$373.00 + \$11/acre
Revisions	50% of original fee
Final plan	\$112.00 + \$11/acre
Special Meetings	Regular Fee plus \$392.00
Abandonment of Alleys, Streets and Easement (To Planning Commission and then to City Council for Public Hearings)	\$336.00
Tree Permit Application	\$100.00
Zoning Confirmation Letter	\$ 50.00
Deposit for removal & copy of Planning Dept. Documents	\$ 50.00

Section 2. That all other provisions of Chapter 46 of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Adopted: August 3, 1998
Effective: August 13, 1998
Publish: August 13, 1998

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

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Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August. (734) 729-6783

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GARDEN CITY WEST

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A reunion is planned for Oct. 2. (313) 886-0770

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Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at Crystal Gardens, Southgate. (734) 285-4808 or (734) 344-4424

SOUTH LAKE
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SOUTH LYON
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STERLING HEIGHTS
Class of 1988
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STERLING HEIGHTS HENRY FORD
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Class of 1978
Nov. 7 at Oak Hall in Wyandotte. (248) 360-7004

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Class of 1978
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Class of 1973
Oct. 3 at Roma's of Garden City. Terri Laraway, 31035 Barrington, Westland 48186 or (734) 729-6023

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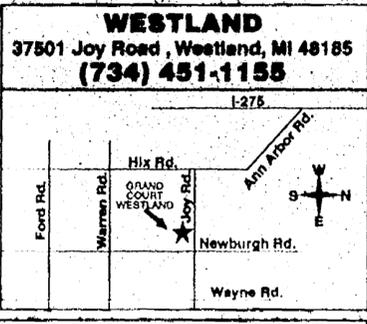
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Here are more state budget highlights

Here are highlights from some of the other budget bills Gov. John Engler signed since the Legislature adjourned July 3:

■ **Roads** - \$2.8 billion to the Department of Transportation, including more than \$300 million in new federal money under the TEA-21 law. The total is \$120 million more than Engler had expected when he presented his budget Feb. 12.

■ **Jobs Commission** - \$108.5 million, including a \$550,000 increase (to \$8 million) for the Travel Michigan program. Lawmakers cut about one percent from the governor's overall request.

■ **Revenue sharing** - \$1.4 billion for local units in the general government budget. Sen. Glenn Steil, R-Grand Rapids, complained that no action was being taken under his Senate bill that would more evenly distribute aid to townships as well as older cities.

■ **Natural Resources** - \$48.7 million, about \$600,000 more than he had requested, as the state's share of a total \$228 million DNR budget. New: a video and youth outreach program of \$1.4 million; portable radios for conservation officers for \$600,000.

Also: another \$1 million for the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (to a total of \$3.4 million) to reopen Camp Alberta at Baraga; a new fish hatchery at Gaylord; and \$85,000 for a Michigan State University study to control

"swimmer's itch" in lakes.

■ **Environmental Quality** - \$92.6 million in state money, up nearly 8 percent over the current year and almost 1 percent more than the governor recommended. New items: \$53.4 million for cleaning up contaminated sites with priority for public health dangers and redeveloping contaminated "brownfield" properties.

■ **Welfare** - \$2.9 billion total for the Family Independence Agency, including \$1 billion from the state and the rest from the federal government. It's about what Engler had proposed.

Engler said that since March 1994, welfare caseloads have

dropped 50 percent to the lowest point since August 1971. The June caseload was 116,737. Meanwhile, day care costs are rising as former welfare clients go to work.

■ **Prisons** - \$1.44 billion, up 5 percent from the current year. Engler said the Department of Corrections will need 5,400 more prison beds in the next four years. The state has saved \$1 billion in infrastructure costs due to double bunking and other efficiencies, he added.

■ **State police** - a total of \$351.5 million, 1 percent more than he had recommended. Included is \$5.1 million for troop-er recruit schools.

Colleges from page A5

In addition, Engler signed a bill to provide \$20 million for scholarships to community college students enrolled in technical training programs leading to either a certificate or associate's degree.

OCC will get \$1.6 million of the \$20 million pot. It will help pay for 1,800 scholarships - more than double the number of the next highest provider, neighboring Macomb Community College, "a lion's share," in the words of Chancellor Richard Thompson.

Thompson said the 1,800 scholarships will cover a two-

year cycle and be given to about 750 students because some will be in two-year associate degree programs and others in shorter certificate programs.

Raby expected to hear within days what Schoolcraft will obtain.

The Engler program also provided \$30 million for five new technical training centers statewide. OCC is expected to apply for some of those funds.

Technical training centers are part of the \$108.5 million in state funds going to the Michi-

gan Jobs Commission, a successor to parts of the Labor and Commerce departments. The Legislature cut about \$500,000 from Engler's request.

Engler also signed an \$870 million bill for the Department of Education, about 1 percent more than he had requested.

New is \$5 million for a Governor's Reading Plan, a comprehensive literacy program to reach the first three grades. It will provide \$300,000 in matching funds for a National Geographic Society endowment for geography education.

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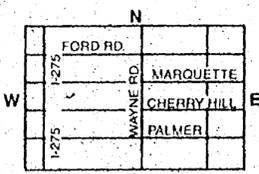
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Watchful eyes: Carol Clements (left, top photo), a naturalist at Wayne County parks, looks for birds with children at the Nankin Mills Summer Nature and History Day Camp. David Kalvel of Westland (lower photo) watches a heron through binoculars. Youngsters can spend as long as one week at the camp, getting involved in games and crafts, and learning a lesson in birds, mammals, reptiles and history.



Youngsters get a bird's eye view

County hosts nature program

Wayne County parks recently ended its first year of Summer Nature and History Day Camp at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Carol Clements, parks naturalist, was pleased with the camp in Hines Park, and hopes more residents participate next summer when she expects it will return.

"We hope that more people will learn about it," Clements said.

More than 40 children in kindergarten through sixth grades participated in the July summer camp. Clements said her goal with the program was to have the children enjoy outdoor experiences and help them build self-esteem.

The children enjoyed games, crafts, learning lessons on birds, animals and reptiles, and the history of the building.

The children saw green and gray-blue herons, a kingfisher, a red-bellied woodpecker and a snapping turtle. Children made masks of birds, and tasted grape leaves and raspberries.

"The last day (of the week-long camp) they learn about history, about native Americans in the area, settlers and the grist mill," Clements said.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990.



All about birds: Justin Liedel of Canton looks through his bird mask he made in crafts to learn about birds at day camp.

Trailblazers hold reunion

The 70th Infantry "Trailblazer" Division of World War II will hold its biennial reunion Sept. 2-6 at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis.

The Trailblazers left from Boston en route to a landing in Marseilles, then committed to action in Alsace on Dec. 27, 1944. They caught the brunt of Hitler's final offensive, "Operation Nordwind."

The Trailblazers stopped the elite 6th SS Mountain Division (Nord), tragically sustaining the third highest casualty rate — 58 percent of their ranks — for any American division during the

VETERANS

war. Following their successful defense, the Trailblazers took the offensive in Germany, through Wingen, Phillipsburg, Forbach, Spicheran Heights and Saarbrücken, enduring 86 consecutive days of battle.

Their heroic actions won them the Distinguished Unit Citation, three Battle Stars, 13 Distinguished Service Crosses, 228 Silver Stars, 11 Legions of Merit, 16 Soldier's Medals, 1,469 Bronze Stars and 36 Air Medals.

The Trailblazers were in Frankfurt on May 8, 1945, when Germany surrendered.

The Trailblazer division was inactivated in October 1945 at Camp Kilmer, N.J. It was reactivated at the 70th (Training) Division in March 1952 at Fort Wayne in Detroit and it spent many years in the area. The majority of the men in the training division were from Michigan.

For further information, contact Louis Hoyer, 5825 Horton, in Mission, KS 66202 or at (913) 722-2024 or George Marshall, 8214 E. Highland, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or at (602) 945-5288.

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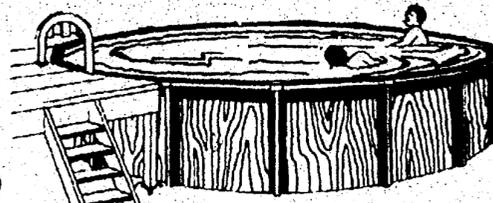
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Road improvements continue

The year 1998 has proven to be the biggest construction season for Wayne County roads, according to county officials.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's pledge to improve all 141 miles of the county's worst roads has led to the county's expected improvement of 58 miles of these roads for \$50 million this year, also making it largest of a three-year bond program McNamara announced last year called Partnership '98.

The plan combines a \$60 million county bond issue with existing federal, state and local matching money for a three-year investment in county roads of more than \$130 million.

Last year 35 miles of roads were completed. In 1999, 48 miles will be fixed.

This year's completed resurfacing projects include: Ann Arbor Trail between Ann Arbor Road and Beck in Plymouth Township; Eight Mile east and west of Haggerty along the city limits of Livonia, Northville and Novi; and Haggerty between Joy and Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

Canton Center Road in Canton Township will receive a facelift. Concrete paving is under way on the Belleville-Canton Center intersection south of Michigan Avenue. One lane of traffic is being maintained in each direction.

County officials expect to improve 58 miles of roads this year to the tune of \$50 million, the largest of a three-year bond program to resurface and repair 141 miles of county roads.

Temporary lane closures are expected to cause delays on Canton Center between Sheldon Center and Joy during the resurfacing scheduled to be completed this month. Traffic will be maintained on one lane in each direction on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Ford until this phase of the resurfacing project is completed in November.

Cherry Hill between Ridge Road and the Wayne County line in Canton will be resurfaced this month. Temporary lane closures may cause minor delays.

Five Mile Road between Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford will be resurfaced between now and October. Crews have begun removing existing asphalt. Traffic will be maintained one lane in each direction.

Work is nearly completed on two northbound stretches of Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile roads in Northville, and Seven and Eight Mile roads. Traffic is still being maintained one lane in each direction as contractors prepare the Five Mile Road pavement from Haggerty to the I-275 bridge prior to resurfacing.

Hines Drive will be resurfaced

in three segments — from the Plymouth-Plymouth Township line one-quarter mile east to Haggerty, between Northville and Wilcox roads, and an area spanning two miles east of the Northville Township line. Workers will resurface within the next two weeks. Traffic will be controlled by a flag person. Brief delays may occur during paving.

Hines Drive also will be resurfaced this fall between Newburgh and Haggerty roads once the Newburgh Lake restoration project is completed.

Joy between Farmington and Middlebelt along the Livonia and Westland city limits will have lane closures during resurfacing during August and September.

Temporary lane closures can be expected along Plymouth Road between Haggerty and Eckles in Plymouth Township as work begins shortly for minor

repairs and resurfacing.

The intersection at Ridge Road and North Territorial in Plymouth Township will be resurfaced. Schoolcraft between Wilcox and Haggerty also will receive another layer of asphalt in August. Wilcox between Hines Drive and Schoolcraft will be resurfaced and lane closures can be expected in August.

Work crews have reduced traffic to one lane in each direction on Seven Mile between Newburgh and Wayne in Livonia during the reconstruction and widening of Seven Mile. That work will be completed Nov. 15.

Warren Road will be widened at the intersection of Inkster Road at the city limits of Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Westland. Traffic will be maintained at one lane at all four quadrants of the intersection.

Other county projects include: the resurfacing of Seven Mile from Telegraph to Grand River in mid-August; resurfacing of Middlebelt in two segments in Livonia, from Joy to Plymouth roads and from I-96 to Five Mile in September.

\$1.2 billion proposed for road, bridge repairs

The year 1999 will bring more road and bridge repairs to the tune of \$1.233 billion, Gov. John Engler announced Aug. 3.

The money will be used to repair and rebuild 1,625 miles of roads and rehabilitate 310 bridges across the state.

Among those improvements in western Wayne County will be a five mile stretch of reconstruction of I-275 from Five Mile north to I-696 in Oakland County. Also, two bridge repairs will be completed on southbound I-275 — under Joy and under Palmer.

These projects are "just the tip of the iceberg" to bring nine out of every 10 roads to good or fair condition within 10 years, Engler said.

"At the same time, our commitment to fixing our current system of roads is clear, as only 7 percent of our 1999 budget will be dedicated to new road construction," Engler said. Engler credited

passage of the Build Michigan II plan, the full impact of the recently-passed federal transportation bill and the Michigan Department of Transportation's continued reorganization for the investment in road and bridge repair.

Road and bridge investments for 1999 include: \$434 million to repair and rebuild roads; \$258 million for maintenance; \$175 million in bridge rehabilitation and preventive maintenance on bridges; \$88 million in new road construction with the balance of the budget (\$41 million) invested in safety improvements; federally mandated programs (\$97 million); economic development fund and TEA-21 high-priority projects (\$36 million); the completion of the state's critical capacity projects (\$68 million) and other support activities.

Internet users can contact www.mdot.state.mi.us for a specific list of road and bridge projects for 1999.

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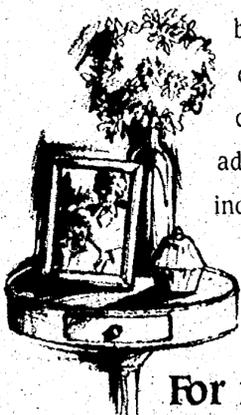
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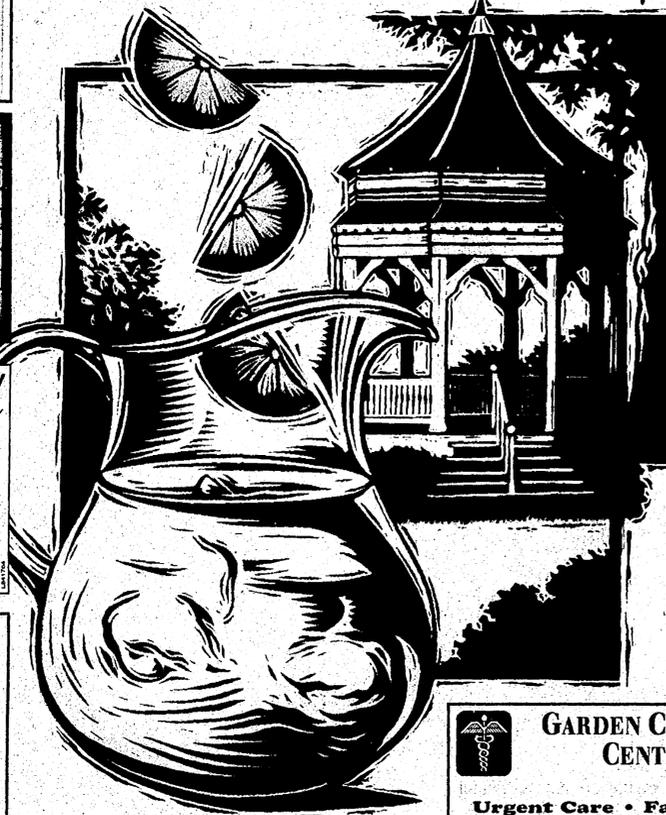
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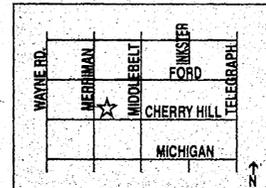
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Downtown bound DDA gets hands-on director

There's a new face in town, that of Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Steve Guile.

Guile is Westland's first DDA director and will be responsible for development efforts along Ford in both directions throughout Westland and along Wayne Road south to the city limits.

Guile, 49, comes to Westland from Plymouth, where he was hired by Plymouth DDA members in 1992 to help oversee the \$2.5 million streetscape improvement project. He had successfully overseen a similar project in Dowagiac, so he has experience both in the metro Detroit area and in a smaller outstate community.

Westland officials are excited about Guile's arrival. "He brings so much to the table, so much experience," said local chiropractor Kim Shunkwiler, Westland DDA chairman.

Guile will be busy getting organized and developing a strategy for talking to developers, "getting out and meeting the businesspeople within the DDA. It's a big job," said Shunkwiler last week. "I think he's the guy for the job."

Guile had some critics in Plymouth but was acknowledged to be a hands-on guy who would pull weeds alongside workers if that's what was needed. A job like his is bound to attract a certain number of critics, and criticism doesn't

mean he isn't qualified.

The Observer wishes Guile well in his new endeavors. Plymouth is certainly a different community from Westland, and its development needs are different. Downtown development remains important in Westland, however, even though it does not have Plymouth's traditional downtown.

"So we have some different challenges," said Shunkwiler. "We can be something different and something better."

Westland residents and businesspeople are proud of their community and want its development to reflect that pride. Meanwhile, Westland's DDA visions, as outlined by the HyettPalma firm in May, are ambitious and will require dedication and hard work and maybe even a little luck to implement.

The job will require a dynamic leader who can bring many community and business leaders together to move the project forward.

Guile appears to be the man to handle the job in Westland now, and we wish him well.

Perhaps one day you'll be driving, or even walking, along Ford or Wayne roads and pause to look at how attractive your surroundings are. The Downtown Development Authority has a great deal to do with making that possible and having a full-time staffer on board to oversee such efforts will be an asset to our community.

2 good laws deserve praise

We have lashed the Legislature for its late-hour votes, its sausage-making habits, and its inflation of partisan issues.

So it is incumbent on us to praise our heroes and heroines in Lansing for rising to a bipartisan occasion with some good laws. Top examples: organ donor laws and efforts to outlaw "date rape" drugs. These laws, when implemented by an informed public, literally will save lives.

One set of new laws will require the secretary of state to include organ donor information when drivers renew, or apply for new, Michigan licenses or for state identification cards. Applicants will receive a postage-paid card they can sign and return to be listed as willing organ donors in the event of their unexpected deaths.

The secretary of state would forward the applicant's name and address to the state central organ procurement organization. In other bills, the Legislature provide \$40,000 for producing a pamphlet explaining the organ donor program and \$64,000 for the return postage cards.

The willing donor would have a statement to that effect on his or her driver's license or state identification card.

Michigan ranks 45th among the 50 states in the number of people who are registered organ donors. More than 2,000 people are on organ transplant waiting lists. An estimated 11 patients per month die because donated organs are unavailable.

In short, lawmakers assume Michiganders will respond to the request to be organ donors once they know it can be done and is needed. We think they assume correctly. Michiganders can and will be more generous in helping others live through the ultimate act of recycling organs.

The bipartisan team included Democratic Reps. Lingg Brewer of Holt and Lynne Martinez of Lansing and Republican Sen. John

Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Meanwhile, the Legislature has passed Schwarz's bill to outlaw GHB, gamma-hydroxybutyrate - the "date rape" drug. The new law classifies GHB as a Schedule 1 controlled substance, along with opium and hallucinogens.

"GHB is particularly dangerous because anybody can buy the materials to make it over the counter and cook it up in a kitchen," said Schwarz during Senate debate.

A sexual predator can slip it to a young woman in a drink and rape her when she passes out. The drug also causes a loss of memory so that the victim can't even identify her assailant. Administered too freely, GHB can even cause death.

There are, of course, severe punishments for possessing and using GHB. That's if the predator is identified, caught, tried and convicted.

It would be much better, according to our Aug. 6 Community Life section report, if women were taught to prevent such tricks. Ilene Zisk of First Step in Canton says growing numbers of area women are becoming victims, particularly in the last two years. Target population, she says, is college women.

Warning signs: The victim appears drunk but has no odor of alcohol on her breath; her speech is slurred, her face not animated, her body limp; she's confused, dizzy, drowsy, speaking incoherently.

Preventive steps: Don't accept a drink from someone you don't know well or trust; at a bar, accept drinks only from the bartender; watch your friends' behavior; keep your eye on your glass and never leave it unattended.

So our Michigan Legislature deserves a collective, bipartisan pat on the back for passing these laws.

But it will be up to the people - those who have the attitude of being their brother's and sister's keepers - to donate organs and guard against drug-passing predators.

Technology trend



Senior skills: It's a sign of the times lately as people of all ages key in on computer skills training. Above, George Weber, 81, types in his password for e-mail recently at the Taylor Towers computer lab.

LETTERS

Value is beyond MEAP

A school, whether small or large ("Large schools often perform better than small ones," by Tim Richard, July 23) is more than the MEAP scores! Using MEAP scores as the basis for comparing "performance" is weak and insufficient. As an adult, I would not want one score to reflect my value, nor would I want one score to illustrate my potential.

The success of a student and a school is multidimensional. The successful student and school is a culmination of many facets within a school and school district. These facets include, but are not limited to: grade point average, community service program, self-esteem initiatives, attendance, academic achievements, athletic achievements, SAT and ACT scores, artistic expressions, literary endeavors, technological victories, triumphs of the underdog (academically and athletically), dropout rate, percentage of college-bound students, academic teamwork successes, daily acts of maturity and acceptance of diversity. Intellectually, these create a picture of the "better" school. So, save the MEAP scores for the politicians. Universities and corporations desire more in a student than success on the MEAP test.

Please use your forum to identify school districts that strive to create a multifaceted individual that benefits our society. Stop pitting schools and school districts against each other to create an individual who can only be successful on the MEAP test. Challenge school districts to actively pursue strategies that allow a "whole" individual to leave the institution and make their world a better place to live. You are part of a medium that will assist our society in transforming their mind-set to appreciate the "whole" student and not just one part. Help spread the word that "better" means so much more than just one MEAP score!

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Music Isn't educational frill

After learning that the Livonia Public Schools no longer provides instrumental music instruction to its elementary school students, the Livonia Arts Commission, at its July 28, 1998, meeting, unanimously supports the return of this program to the Livonia Pub-

lic Schools.

In the past, during times of financial problems faced by the Livonia Public Schools, the role of education in the arts has come under increasingly close scrutiny as school administrators have sought to balance their budgets. Many of the people are able to dismiss music and the other arts as educational "frills," they find them the logical targets for reductions in school finances. Some school officials and teachers alike may find this too difficult to schedule and not worth the bother. We strongly disagree.

The many values of this instrumental music program offer several reasons for re-establishing this program. But there are more far-reaching goals for bringing instrumental music to the elementary schools.

A brief "trip" through the research report on the Internet by anyone seriously interested in the role of music in academic subjects, social and emotional adjustments, physical development, general cognitive and intellectual growth would convince thoughtful people of its value.

J. Hanshumaker in the Bulletin of the Council for Research in Music Education, comes to these major conclusions; no distinctions are made between music and other arts education.

1. Arts education facilitates language development and reading readiness.

2. Art activities are valued by schoolchildren.

3. Arts activities foster positive attitudes toward school and result in lowered rates of absenteeism.

4. Direct music participation enhances the development of creativity.

5. Arts education facilitates social development, personality adjustment and general intellectual development.

From a practical point of view to say that music and arts education are "frills" finds no objective support. Education is the best and most important way to help children develop to their full intellectual and personal potentials.

The Arts Commission strongly encourages the return of instrumental music instruction to the elementary students in the Livonia Public Schools. The residents in Livonia have always been proud of their schools. Let us continue to do the best we can for our students.

Robert Sheridan
 chairman, Livonia Arts Commission

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 How do you feel about Geoffrey Fieger for governor?



"I think it's entertaining."
 Art Koumolan



"I think he's an absolute idiot."
 Janet Huegll



"I hope it's a lost cause."
 Mary Lou Smith



"I think I kind of voted for him because he was different."
 Shella Bellin

We asked this question at the Kroger on Ford Road in Westland.

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POINTS OF VIEW

'Downtown' vacation trek: Lights are much brighter

Vacations can be fun and relaxing. They can also be educational, informative and related to my professional responsibilities.

That's what I learned in early July when I spent most of my two-week vacation driving through and stopping at numerous small towns on the Wolverine side of Lake Michigan.

That included Holland, Grand Haven, South Haven, St. Joseph, Muskegon, Ludington and Manistee.

There's a reason why I have a special interest in the downtowns of small and medium-sized cities.

I have covered the ongoing ups and downs (now it's in an up period) of Garden City's efforts to upgrade its downtown business section at Ford and Middlebelt for most of the past 32 years.

First, let me admit that I thoroughly enjoyed Lake Michigan beaches,

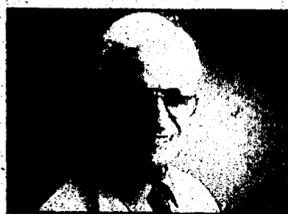
scenery and dunes along the southwest and central-west stretches of our state.

I had never seen that region of Michigan before.

Fortunately, the cities I visited, with the exception of Muskegon, had breathtaking views of the lake and well thought-out plans and designs for their downtowns.

Unfortunately, Garden City doesn't have a major lake on its front door — though there is a smaller pond on the south end of the city immediately following a heavy rain which floods numerous residential streets.

Those Lake Michigan communities also don't have a major state highway running through the middle of the downtown business section. That forces city and business owners to get on bended knee every time they want to have a banner strung over Ford



LEONARD POGER

Road.

During my Lake Michigan vacation, I was particularly impressed with what Holland, Manistee, St. Joseph and Ludington did for their downtown buildings and appearances.

Manistee, especially, has a tasteful and customer-appealing facade plan for its downtown structures, of which many are close to 100 years old.

The streets were busy with tourists, as I expected. But there were also many locals going about their business.

The streets were clean, the storefront windows were interesting, and parking was easy to find.

Ludington also had another advantage of a major lakefront.

A channel from Lake Michigan cutting behind the main business strip was utilized by a restaurant owner who built a deck and encouraged customers to eat their meals outside and enjoy the water and passing boats.

While Garden City can't create a lake in front of the world's first Kmart store on Ford at Middlebelt, officials can still continue to look for ways to think of big and small design features for buildings that would attract customers.

Too many times, the city's down-

town is merely a blur to drivers speeding to their jobs or homes at rush hour.

Sometimes, there is a benefit for them to slow down a bit and notice the recent changes.

While Garden City and its sister communities with traditional downtowns — Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and Farmington — are struggling economically against the nearby regional malls, there is hope.

A little imagination can go a long way toward making downtowns more attractive — and it's less expensive than demolishing older buildings and replacing them with sterile looking structures taken from a consultant's cookie-cutter design book.

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Fieger-led ticket doesn't scare off all hopefuls

Everyone but party chair Mark Brewer is predicting disaster for the Michigan Democratic ticket Nov. 3. Even if gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger learns to curb his tongue, he still is "not yet novice" in his knowledge of civics. He'll go down, hard.

So why, then, are other candidates eager to be on the ticket with him, for example, as attorney general? Are they gluttons for punishment?

The reasons are many.

First, the man at the top of the ticket has short coattails because Michigan voters are notorious ticket-splitters.

Recall President Johnson crushing Republican Barry Goldwater by a million votes in 1964, and Gov. George Romney trouncing Democrat Neil Staebler by 393,000.

Recall Gov. John Engler winning in 1994 by 710,000 over Democrat Howard Wolpe, but Democratic Attor-

ney General Frank Kelley mowing down the GOP's John Smietanka by 444,000.

Look at the 1994 results another way: The Republican dropoff between Engler and Smietanka was nearly 626,000 or 20 percent of those who went to the polls. That's an enormous amount of ticket splitting.

The farther down the ticket you go, the greater become a Democrat's chances for survival if there's an Engler landslide.

Second, a Democratic candidate who makes a good impression running for attorney general, even if he or she doesn't win, is in an excellent position to try another day.

At this writing, Fieger hasn't announced who else he wants on the ticket, and if he's smart, he'll let the Aug. 28 state convention decide. But unusually high numbers of Democrats are courting him and the party for the AG nomination.

Carl Marlinga, the Macomb County prosecutor, has been waiting in the wings for higher office for most of the 1990s. Even if he isn't nominated or elected, he's timber for any spot in 2002.

Bob Ficano, after 15 years as Wayne County sheriff, is still the polite, even-handed practitioner of his youth. A nomination for attorney general, even if he doesn't win, could give him high visibility to succeed Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara in four years.

(Incidentally, why hasn't McNamara, who is in his 70s and whose wife wants him to retire, groomed an obvious heir who would be accepted by the voters? Aren't good executives supposed to groom successors?)

Jennifer Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel, seems to have excellent prospects, despite her loss in the state Supreme Court on the real estate transfer tax and her loss in the

Court of Appeals in a lawsuit against the governor. Even if only nominated for attorney general, she would be nicely positioned to succeed aging Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair in a couple of years.

Ditto with Sen. Chris Dingell, Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro and a half-dozen others.

Third, the Democratic nominee might just win. At least that was the mood when the brass got together for the "unity breakfast" Aug. 5.

Engler has ordained Scott Romney, son of the former governor and part of the big Honigman Miller firm in Detroit, as his candidate for attorney general. At 57, Romney has never run for as much as township trustee, let alone served in any elective or appointive office.

There are nice questions about whether he has even practiced public sector law. I won't recount the other issues Democrats plan to raise



TIM RICHARD

against Romney until he has had a chance to speak to them. Suffice it to say the Dem hopefuls aren't the least bit afraid.

That's why a lot of Democrats aren't afraid to be on a Fieger-led ticket.

Footnote: It's fashionable to deplore the decline in voter participation. Well, not this year. On Aug. 4, the turnout was 1,408,928, up 13.7 percent over 1994.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His voice mail number is (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

Entrepreneurial government's an idea whose time has come

Reading publications entitled "Award Winning Joint Projects" ordinarily is not the way I'd prefer to spend my time.

But this particular booklet, put out jointly by SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (Metropolitan Affairs Coalition), turns out to be great reading. It details a bunch of joint projects undertaken by local governments in this area that both cut costs to taxpayers and improve community services.

They are part of a growing movement toward something called "entrepreneurial government," the term coming from Tim Richard, who covers governmental doings for this newspaper.

The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when the revenue base was growing, but they have proven largely clueless at doing more when revenue was shrinking. In response to this problem, some governmental leaders are trying to learn the habits of entrepreneurs, who run their businesses by finding ways to cut costs, improve productivity, innovate and even take risks.

Here's an example from Livingston County, which used to be mostly serene, rural farm country, but today is the fastest growing county in Michigan.

Going back to 1989, the Brighton Post of the Michigan State Police provided county residents with 911 emergency services. But the explosive growth of the county soon stretched to the breaking point the system's capacity, and it had to be abandoned.

At that point, government leaders in Livingston County could have thrown up their hands and let individual communities such as Brighton and Howell go their own separate ways in providing 911 emergency services, each with its own overhead costs. But the County Board of Commissioners authorized a study that determined that a shared countywide emergency dispatch system would save money and improve service.

In the fall of 1997, Livingston County voters approved by 57 percent the largest emergency telephone surcharge in the state for a new 911 system. The total charge per one-party line is capped at \$3 per month. For that, Livingston County residents get a totally new 911 communications system and dispatch facility, designed to meet the growth requirements of the county into the next century.

Another example comes from Novi, formerly little more than the old name for the sixth (in



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The idea is that historically governments have been pretty good at doing more and more when the revenue base was growing.

Roman numerals, No. VI; get it?) stop on the interurban street railway, but today a mushrooming community surrounding enormous shopping malls.

In 1995, the Novi Community School District realized it needed to build new schools in response to increasing population, while the city woke up to the fact that it had better acquire some land for parks and recreation before the entire community got paved over. But the only site available was too big for either use.

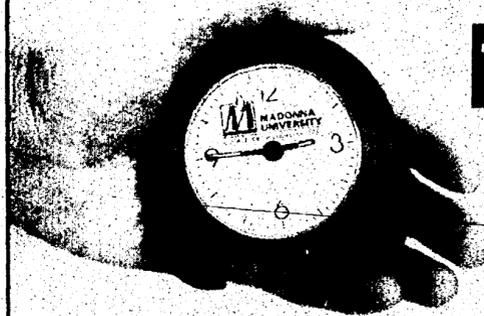
Voila! Enter entrepreneurial government! Leaders from the city and the schools got together to buy 100 acres of land on 10 Mile for joint use.

Both city and school benefited from reduced costs for land acquisition and site development. New elementary and middle schools will come on line in 1999 and 2000 to serve Novi kids. And more than 60 acres of athletic fields, tennis courts, woodlands and wetlands are now available for community residents.

I happen to believe that entrepreneurial government — the habits of mind that focus on getting more — are the wave of the future in local government. Maybe folks running for governor and for the state Legislature would like to address this idea as the campaign gets under way.

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Golfers will be challenged by the new Inkster Valley Golf Course while supporting Rouge River restoration at the first annual Friends of the Rouge golf outing on Friday, Aug. 28.

The Inkster Valley course meanders along the flood plain of the Lower Rouge River, demanding shots over and around wetlands, forests, meadows and the river. The course was designed to reduce the amount of fertilizer and pesticides it requires, and built to allow very little direct runoff of rainwater from its fairways into the river.

The course is located on Mid-

debelt Road just north of Michigan Avenue in the cities of Inkster and Westland.

The Friends of the Rouge golf outing will feature a four-person scramble format with prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; first, second, and third place teams and door prizes.

For an entry fee of \$100 per person, golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, continental breakfast, lunch, gifts and prizes. The entry fee will also include a Friends of the Rouge membership for 1999.

Sponsorships of each hole are also available at \$250 each. For

detailed information, contact George Hubbell or Erich Ditschman of Hubbell, Roth & Clark Environmental Consultants in Bloomfield Hills at (248) 338-9241.

Make checks payable to Friends of the Rouge, and mail them to Friends of the Rouge, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights 48127. Friends of the Rouge, which sponsors the annual Rouge Rescue river cleanup, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Rouge River watershed through education and citizen involvement.

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said Graham. "We hope to demonstrate the effectiveness of local monitoring to the state.

"We think it's a valuable help to the state, which has very limited surface water quality monitoring these days."

Friends of the Rouge's new address is 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights MI 48127. People can reach Friends

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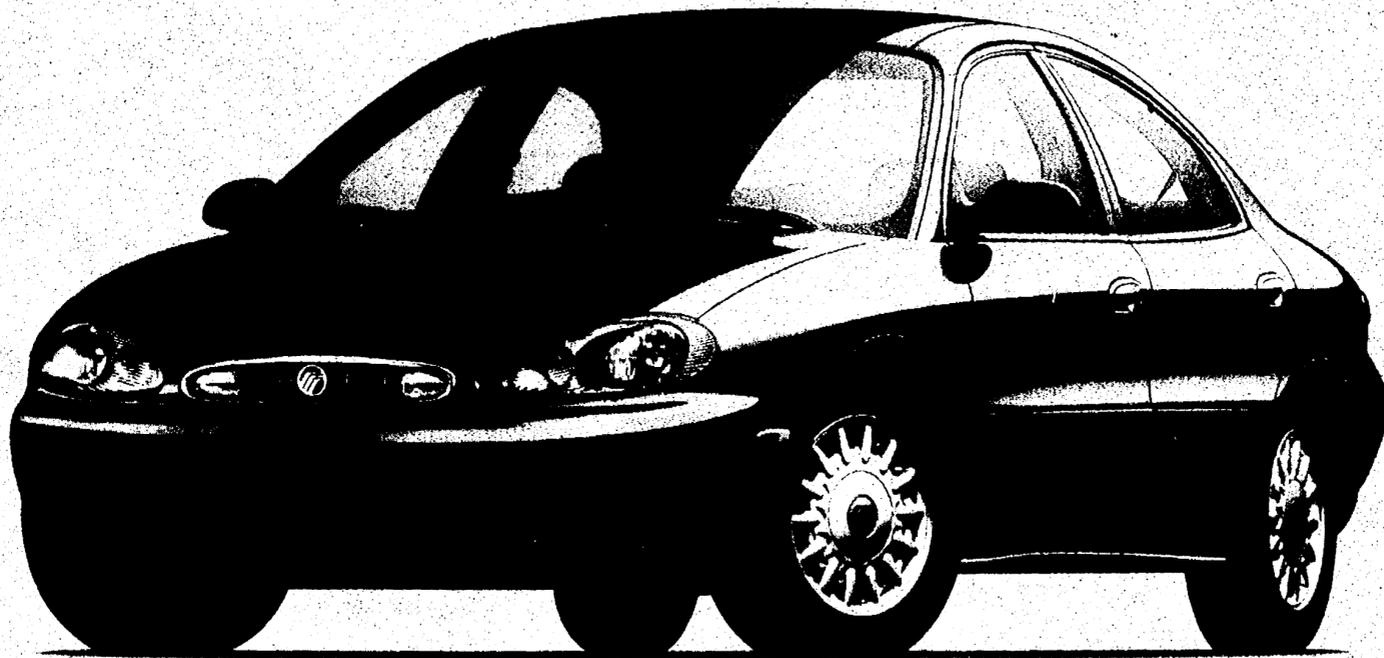
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Historic cars bring back memories

America's long-standing love affair with the car is evident in the huge numbers of people of all ages who turn out for the Dream Cruise. For those who restore old cars, however, it's really a love-hate relationship. Nowhere is that ambivalence clearer than with my husband Don who is restoring a 1948 Plymouth Special Deluxe he has owned since he was 16.

The project has taken on a life of its own. When Don and I celebrated our 25th anniversary, he gave me an emerald ring, and I gave him car parts.

Just before Don stripped the Plymouth down to bare metal, we participated in an old car show. The eclectic mix ran the gamut from Model T's through sports cars and from pristine trophy winners to diamonds-in-the-rough. Some had gained singular historic significance like the car Joe Kennedy drove while ambassador to England.

Even though our car was not fancy, many people were excited to find it. Some said that model was the first car they had owned as newlyweds. Others fondly recalled how it had been their childhood family car.

In addition, old cars have a characteristic smell. The sniff alone transports us back in time to the Sunday drives or trips to the beach of long ago.

A few folks asked if they could sit in the car. One man touched the dashboard and sighed. "Look at this," he told his 12-year-old son. The boy's eyes waxed heavenward as he endured his father's animated tour of interior details and the recollections they evoked.

Another owner received a similar, nostalgic request. This time, a man climbed into the back seat and took hold of the overhead strap. With a contented smile, he said, "My grandparents always told me to hold onto the strap when we were driving."

The war years

World War II created a break in car production. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the War Production Board ordered the complete changeover of automobile factories to military production, so models date either through 1942 or from 1946.

Even so, the war produced an era when automobile and airplane history were closely interwoven. Early in 1941, for example, Ford Motor Company began building the Willow Run Production Facility (currently General Motors' Hydra-Matic plant) to produce B-24 Liberator bombers, using assembly-line methods. Ford also constructed Willow Run Airport for transport of the new planes.

During the automobile production hiatus of the mid-1940s, people had to make due with cars they already had. Gas was also rationed. Moreover, even if you had ration coupons, fuel was often unavailable. Countless Americans disposed of their pre-war cars — even favorites like my grandparents' Ford Mercury.

Also, scrap metal drives were in high gear during the war. Many an old car was returned to the foundry, melted down and transformed into planes that saw duty in Europe and the Pacific.

By 1946, automobile manufacturers had a captive audience — a car-hungry nation that craved a return to normal life. Postwar models were slightly restyled versions of the 1942 designs. The public didn't care. The demand was so high that cars remained essentially unchanged from 1946-48.

The courting car

Don bought the Plymouth in 1963. We met in college soon after, and the '48 became our courting car. Then, though, it was just old. Time had to pass for it to acquire the character and charm it has today as an historic vehicle. Still, our friends loved it.

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The signs are out all over, and Michigan Gov. John Engler has been heard to refer to it as "Jobzilla."

With the state's incredible growth of more than 700,000 new jobs since 1991, it's no wonder the two words used most often by employers are help wanted. The signs are popping up everywhere and they've become local proof of plummeting unemployment rates statewide and nationwide.

Because the best paying jobs are the first to go, minimum wage positions aren't getting filled as quickly. And anyone who visits fast-food restaurants feels the pinch when the service isn't so fast.

The U.S. unemployment rate for June was a low 4.5 percent in June, while Michigan's jobless rate held steady at 3.6 percent, the second consecutive month of the lowest rate since the Michigan Employment Security Agency began compiling seasonally adjusted estimates in 1970, according to the Michigan Jobs Commission.

It's a trend that is putting employers who are looking for employees and have some basic requirements like depend-

ability, employers like Ralph Barber who, with Ken Mehl, is co-owner of the Blarney Bay Sports Bar and Grill in Westland.

"We just bought the place and what I'm looking for is people who are courteous, have a nice smile and personality and people who can work with the public," said Barber who keeps in mind that he has to provide a work environment that's pleasant, if he wants to attract and keep the best people. "If they don't like it here and feel that they don't fit in the group, it's easy to go down the street, because they know that everyone is hiring."

"We try to make a nice comfortable work setting and make it so everyone is happy when they come in. That's our main objective, not that that's possible 100 percent of the time, but as best we can."

Rosemary Garcia, office manager of MG



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Tool and Engineering, said the best way to be sure you're hiring a good employee is to know about the person ahead of time.

"It's very difficult to hire good, professional people," Garcia said.

Precision is the hallmark of the Plymouth prototype shop, where work is done to the tenth of a thousandth of an inch. That kind of detail calls for experienced workers.

"They get top wages and benefits, but we don't look for guys who just want a paycheck," Garcia said.

Some applicants try to bluff their way through interviews and if they're hired, she said, they don't last long — "If there's someone who is trying to fake it, they won't make it."

While it's still possible to find employees

who take pride in their work, Garcia said, it's not commonplace.

"We really try to employ people that the boss would have known through the industry, but that's not always possible," Garcia said. "To hire a guy from the street for this kind of work is hard unless someone is out there and by chance is unemployed. They have good benefits, good wages and he (the owner) treats them pretty well. And he expects them to work."

Judging character

James A. Speers, president of A & Jay Wholesale Auto Parts in Redford Township, said he's become a good judge of character.

"All you have to do is read the (classified) ads and they're full of detail of what people are looking for," Speers said. "Everybody wants the same thing. Somebody with half a brain, dependable and can tell time and get there in the morning."

Speers said he believes employers shouldn't have to bribe employees.

"If they're worth their salt they will make progress in any organization and their wages will go up and their type of job will get better," Speers said. "But when they start out saying, 'What are you going to do for me?' that doesn't work. They have to prove their worth to the employer."

After years of experience, Speers said, he gets a "gut feeling" for who will and who won't make good workers and "hopefully you're not wrong too much of the time."

"When you've been at it as long as I have, nothing surprises you," he said. "A lot of people, especially young people, just don't have a clue to what it means to work."

Finding employees who follow a solid work ethic isn't easy to find, said Speers, suggesting that one way to make people

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Gather together all your personal papers. You will need a Social Security card, and depending on the job, birth certificate or other proof of age, school records, military records and union membership card.

Try to find three people who know your abilities and ask for permission to name them as references. Get their business titles, addresses and phone numbers to list on the application. Teachers, clergy members and leaders of groups you've been associated with are good people to list. However, don't list relatives.

Make sure you're looking for the right type of job based on your interests, experience, aptitudes and education. Know your qualifications and abilities and be sure that you can present them at a job interview.

When you get a job interview, find out as much as you can in advance about the company. Then

try to show the employer how you can be valuable to him or her.

If you can get the company's application form in advance, practice filling it out. Ask somebody you respect to review the work. Send one copy to the employer; save the second copy to review before the job interview. Be neat and brief but provide thorough information.

Get a good night's sleep before the interview so you're fresh and alert. Be clean and neatly groomed. Avoid fashion fads, extreme hairstyles and heavy makeup.

Go to the interview alone. The employer wants to talk only with you.

Be on time. Better yet, be five minutes early so you can compose yourself. Announce yourself promptly and courteously to the receptionist, and while you're waiting, sit up and look alert. Somebody may notice you, and first impressions are important.

Great your interviewer in a poised and friendly manner, but show respect and don't become too familiar.

Look interested and enthusiastic. Don't slouch in the chair and don't be nervous (a few deep breaths will help). Look at the employer; don't stare off in the distance. Don't chew gum.

Talk clearly and distinctly without slang expressions; don't mumble. Answer all the employer's questions accurately, honestly, frankly and promptly. Don't exaggerate or talk too much. Let the employer lead the conversation.

Sell yourself. Show how your training and experience can make you valuable for the job you are seeking. Be prepared to discuss the infor-

mation on your application. Be specific about the job you want (don't say you'll "do anything") but be flexible in considering other jobs with the company.

Don't argue with the interviewer and don't criticize others, including past employers or co-workers.

Don't discuss your personal life, your domestic problems or financial troubles unless the employer asks or if they may have some bearing on a possible job. An employer is mainly interested in what you can do for the company.

Be realistic in discussing wages and while you may ask about vacation time and fringe benefits, don't dwell on them. Jobs go to applicants who are interested in the company.

Find out where you stand. Call the employer back or see if he or she prefers to call you back. If you don't get the job, ask to be considered for other openings.

Don't be discouraged, if you don't get the job. Ask the employer why not, and profit from his or her advice. (Employers hire people who are properly dressed; who are serious and considerate; who have the right training and ask for realistic wages; and who are friendly and self-confident. Does that sound like you?)

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Early examples fuel community service



Margaret Harlow

Margaret Harlow is no stranger to being honored for volunteer work. She has been recognized as Westland's First Citizen and Business Person of the Year and is a recipient of the Athena Award.

Her latest honor comes from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council, which recently saluted her as a 1998 Woman of Distinction for the positive effect she has made on her community.

"I was surprised and pleased to be the only one from this area," said Harlow, co-owner of Harlow Tire in Westland. "I just do what I do and don't have something like this in mind when I do it. There are a lot of others here who deserve this."

Harlow was nominated for the honor by Westland Chamber of Commerce President Bonnie Carre. Active in the Girl Scouts, the two women met when Carre came to the area as a branch manager for NBD Bank.

"She's very active, too," Harlow said of Carre, who announced Harlow's selection at a Rotary meeting. "Before the start of the meeting, she walked in with flowers and asked to make an announcement. The club fined me \$1; they could have fined me \$3."

When it comes to giving back to the community, Harlow was introduced to the idea while growing up in Plymouth, where she watched friends of her parents get involved in the community. She "looks up to those friends" and sees them as

"kind of like mentors."

The first time

Her first-time venture into volunteering was collecting for Easter Seals. She stood in front of the Penn Theater with friends, collecting money and giving out flowers.

When her three children were in school, she got involved with school, serving as a room mother for 15 years at Schweitzer Elementary School. She became actively involved in the family business by the time the children were in junior high school, but she continued to make time for their activities.

Today, son Jeff is a certified public accountant at Miesel-Sysco Services; daughter Michelle is a "great" teacher in Farmington, and youngest son Jeff is attending Eastern Michigan University and working in the family business.

"Work can't get in the way of your family," she said. "You need to go to the conferences, the gymnastic events. I raised a very successful family, and that's the greatest tribute in life."

"All these other things don't mean nothing if my own kids hadn't grown up to be healthy, strong adults."

Harlow says her involvement has evolved. She's not certain how she got where she's at, but it's all because "one thing leads to another."

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Gerlach-Attwood

Gary Gerlach and Sandra Kay Attwood were recently married at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. The Rev. Chris Richards and Steve Andrews of Kensington Community Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Warren and Virginia Attwood of Canton. The groom is the son of Robert and Nancy Gerlach of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Chrysler Corp.

The groom also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Dow Automotive.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, they are making their



home in Rochester.

Welch-Dacre

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Welch of Plymouth announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Olivia Jean, to Brent Andrew Dacre, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dacre of St. Joseph.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as an office manager for a doctor's office in Dayton, Ohio.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School, a 1994 graduate of Hope College in 1994, and a 1997 graduate of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is employed by Tobias Funeral Home in Dayton,



Ohio.

An August wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Pidruzny-Murzin

Julie Marie Murzin and David Allen Pidruzny were married May 23 at Central City Park Gazebo in Westland by the Rev. Ralph Fischer.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Kathy Murzin of Garden City. The groom is the son of Richard and Karen Pidruzny of Yorba Linda, Calif.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed as a customer service representative for Active Aero Charter Inc. in Belleville.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is a mechanic's assistant at Johnson Controls Flight Department in Belleville.

The bride asked Theresa Murzin, Michele Sellers, Wendy Nigro and Jody Pidruzny to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Carl Buck-



holz, Dan Rutenbar, Jeremy Anderson and Chris Pidruzny to be his attendants.

The couple greeted guests at Bailey Recreation Center in Westland. They are making their home in Belleville.

Farchione-Salice

Anthony and RoseAnna Farchione of Farmington Hills announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gina Elise, to Paul Salice, the son of Anthony and Maria Salice of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Livonia and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and occupational therapy.

She is employed as a registered occupational therapist by the Detroit Medical Center at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of



science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed by General Motors.

An August wedding is planned at Divine Child Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Pucher-VanGoethem

Michael and Elaine Pucher of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Cheryl, to David Robert VanGoethem, the son of Michael and Helen VanGoethem of Linden.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She is employed as a computer consultant for Compuware Corp.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Linden High School and a 1991 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed as an environmental consultant and civil engi-



neer for Fitzgerald Henne and Associates Inc.

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

Nikou-Nigro

Tim and Marika Nikou of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Katina, to Kurtis Allen Nigro, the son of Joy Bernicker of Bullhead City, Ariz.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed as a manager at Ann Taylor in Laurel Park.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Hisperia High School in California. He is employed with E.L. Commercial Interiors in Livonia.



An August wedding is planned at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth Township.

Ritchie-Dilworth

David and Betty Ritchie of Saline announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann Leslie, to Lawrence Michael Dilworth, the son of Joyce Dilworth of Livonia and the late Lawrence Dilworth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saline High School, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Johnson Controls.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed by ANR Pipeline.

An August wedding is planned



at the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island.

Richert-Van Meter

Rolland and Sandra Richert of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lesa Dawn, to Chad Matthew Van Meter, the son of Cynthia Katt and Perry Van Meter, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in communication: broadcasting and theater/speech.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Concordia High School in Fort Wayne and a 1998 graduate of Spring Arbor College with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy/religion and English.



An August wedding at Edward Hines Park is planned.

Zelek-Biron

Greg and Nancy Zelek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Anne, to Douglas John Biron, the son of Bob and Judy Biron of Highland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in graphic design. She is employed with Precision Color in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lakeland High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in engineering-logistics management. He is employed with Denso International in Southfield.



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Metro Council gives Silver Award to 4 Cadette Scouts

Four Cadette Girl Scouts from St. Michael School have been named recipients of scouting's Silver Award - the highest honor a Cadette Scout can earn - by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

The Silver, which also is Girl Scouting's second-highest award, recognizes individual efforts and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

It took two years for Kate Blaharski of Westland, Jessica Grima of Redford and Stephanie Grima and Kristen Palombo, both of Livonia, to complete the five requirements for the award.

The girls are members of Troop 1940, led by Rita Grima and Sheri McCrohan.

The first step was to earn three interest-project patches related to their community service projects. They then earned the Dreams to Reality patch, which allowed them to explore and learn more about career options for the future.

The third step was earning the Cadette Scout Challenge pin. The girls were challenged to learn more about themselves, relating to others, developing



Top honor: Kate Blaharski of Westland, Jessica Grima of Redford and Stephanie Grima and Kristen Palombo, both of Livonia, spent two years completing the five requirements for Girl Scouting's second highest honor: the Silver Award.

values and contributing to the community while also learning more about Girl Scouting.

The Leadership pin was the fourth step. To earn it, each girl needed to do 25 hours of leader-

ship activity. Some of the girls worked with younger troops, planning meetings, projects and

badge work. They also worked with the 11 other scouts from their troop in planning, organizing and putting on a Brownie Scout overnighter for some 90 girls.

The fifth and final step involved a 30-hour community service project. Each of the four scouts picked their own project, which involved service outside of scouting. It had to include planning, organizing, leadership and documentation of the 30 hours.

Once the project was completed and documented, it was given to the Girl Scout Council for its review and approval. The girls were notified of their approval in mid-May and received their awards May 27 at the Council Honor Reception.

Kate Blaharski, a Girl Scout for eight years, made helping orphan children and families in the Dominican Republic her project. She started by contacting a religious order which works with those people and inquiring about their needs.

She began collecting needed items, soliciting donations from local stores, neighbors and families. Then Kate, who will be a freshman at Ladywood High School next year, packaged the items and had them flown to the Dominican Republic.

Jessica Grima, in Girl Scouts seven years, contacted the oncology center at Mott Children's Hospital to find out what pediatric patients needed. She organized and collected small toys in her neighborhood from fellow students, friends, businesses and families.

The items were packaged and driven to the hospital, where

Jessica, who will be an eighth grade student at Pierce Junior High School in the fall, presented them to the staff. The toys are being given to the children after chemotherapy treatments.

For her project, Stephanie Grima, in scouting nine years, contacted an orphanage in Korea to ask what was needed. During the summer, she worked at Korean Culture Camp and spoke to parents, informing them of her project.

A freshman-to-be this fall at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Stephanie was able to collect items from those families as well as from local stores, all of which she packaged and had flown to South Korea. As a thank-you, she received photographs of the children dressed in the outfits she had collected for them.

Kristen Palombo has been in Girl Scouting for eight years. For her project, she contacted Children's Hospital of Southeast Michigan to ask their needs before soliciting donations from more than 91 stores and businesses.

In her solicitations, the future freshman at Mercy High School in Farmington discussed her project in detail with many of the store managers and was able to collect enough miscellaneous items to fill 105 shopping bags.

She delivered the bags to the hospital, then distributed the items to the children herself.

The four scouts plus the 11 other members of their troop were recently bridged-up to Girl Scouting. They plan to pursue the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest award.

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Donald and LaDonna Mey of Palm Harbor, Fla., formerly of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a buffet reception at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

The couple married May 15, 1948, in Sylvania, Ohio. She is the former LaDonna Roome.

They have three children - Anita Kemsley of Livonia; David of Brighton; Lynn Mey of Dunedin, Fla. - and six grandchildren.

He retired 15 years ago after working for CSX for 33 years. She worked at brokerage firms in Plymouth for 12 years.

He is active in the Highland



Lake Men's Chorus and the Highland Lake Community Patrol.

Joanides

John and Joan Joanides of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering and dinner.

The couple married May 9, 1948, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Detroit. She is the former Jean Pantoleon.

The couple has three children - Katherine, Elizabeth and the late Charles - and two grandchildren.

John Joanides is president and member of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church board and is active in sports



including bowling and golfing. She sings in the church choir.

Calder

Alex and Janette Calder of Livonia celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a second honeymoon in Frankenth.

The couple married June 1, 1933, in Highland Park. She is the former Janette Wolcott.

The couple, 47-year Livonia residents, has four children - George, Neil, Gary and Keineth - and five grandchildren.

He retired in 1969 from the U.S. post office after serving 28 years as a letter carrier. She is a homemaker.

He was an avid golfer until a few years ago and shot a hole-in-



one when he was 80 years old. She used to sew.

Rust

Edward C. and Loretta L. Rust of Redford Township will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 28 with a Mass at St. Valentine Catholic Church followed by a private reception at the Dearborn Inn.

The couple married Aug. 28, 1948, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Detroit. She is the former Loretta L. Juver.

They have eight children - Patrick and his wife Marie of Detroit, Kathleen and her husband Bob Hurley of Redford Township, Daniel and his wife Joi of Detroit, David (Brother Benedict) of Trappist, Ky., Sharon and her husband Bob Curry of Brighton, Mary Lynn and her husband Mike Brown of Canton Township, Susan and her husband Mike Blankenship of Dearborn Heights and Paulette and her husband Jeff Fleischer of West Minister, Colo. - and 11 grandchildren.

He retired in 1984 from Sears Roebuck and Co. after working



as a power tools and appliance salesman for 20 years at the store's Oakman Boulevard location and 20 years at the store's Livonia Mall location. She was a homemaker.

Edward Rust has served as an usher at St. Valentine for 31 years and is active in the men's club. She is a member of women's altar sodality at the church.



Blazok

George and Frances Blazok of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18 by renewing their vows during Mass at St. Agatha Catholic Church, followed by a reception.

The couple married July 10, 1948, at St. Florian's Church in

Hamtramck.

The Blazoks have five children - Rick and wife Cindy of Livonia, Denny and wife Jackie of West Palm Beach, Fla., Chris of Kewaskum, Wis., Sue and husband Dennis of Detroit, and Sharon of Redford. The couple also has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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YOUNG CONTINENTALS

The Young Continentals will present their 1998 Give 'Em Hope Tour at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, east of Haggerty, Livonia.

Made up of 30 singers, dancers and technicians, The Young Continentals will provide a message of hope through music, drama, choreography and personal testimony. There will be no admission, however a freewill offering will be taken to defray the cost of the program ministry.

For more information, call the church at (734) 464-0211.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Table rentals are available for the Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Space, including one table, is \$20, and racks are an additional \$5. The sale will feature used children's clothing, toys, furniture, equipment and maternity clothes. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Kayla at (734) 595-8712 or (734) 425-4462.

Sacred Heart Church will host a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 29126 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Children's clothing, baby furniture and maternity items will be for sale. Admission will be \$1. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

NEWBURG SINGLES

The Newburg Singles will meet at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, in the parlor of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Rick Anderson will talk about his trip to The Holy Land. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

Mission team helps to raise walls at camp

Their destination was Belize and for 13 adults, their one-week stay in the Central American country marked the start of a new era for foreign mission ministry at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The group went to Belize to pitch in with materials and labor for a large construction project in the northern district of Orange Walk. The project is the joint effort of Rivers of the World and the local church in the city of Orange Walk Town.

Located on a parcel of land on Honey Camp Lagoon, the project is focusing on building a totally self-contained camp, including sleeping quarters, kitchen, dining/meeting hall, showers and lavatories, safe water supply and generator house.

The facilities are used as a recreation center for youth, clergy and other groups and a training camp for ROW expeditions in countries like Cuba and Vietnam. ROW is an international exploration and medical missionary organization headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

St. Paul's adult mission team focused its efforts for the week on completion of cinder block walls for a number of buildings. They worked along side a team of five Belizean masons from the local church.

Everything was done by hand, including hauling water from the lagoon, mixing ingredients for the mortar and concrete, building forms and wire reinforcements and pouring the support columns and headers. The tropical climate made it essential for team members to take short rests and water breaks to prevent dehydration.

At the end of the week, the team had accomplished more than it had planned with the completion of all walls on a cabin and the water purification building. In addition, about half of the perimeter walls were laid for the shower and lavatory facility.

As a reward for work well done, the group was given a day off to enjoy either the Mayan ruins of Lamanai or go on a snorkeling trip to a barrier reef of the island of Ambergris



Done at last: Members of the mission team from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church join with five Belizean masons in front of a partially finished cabin they worked on during the team's one-week trip to the Central American country.

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The success of the mission trip has members of St. Paul's

discussing plans for future missions to help complete the project at Honey Camp Lagoon.

MINI CARNIVAL

Praise Chapel will have a mini carnival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at the church, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. There will be free games, a watermelon-eating contests and popcorn and lemonade available for 25 cents each and hot dogs for 50 cents each. For more information, call the church at (734) 467-4848.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will meet for country line dance lessons with Nancy Klein and a meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Hag-

gerty south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$5. Refreshments will be provided.

INTERFAITH RELIEF

Redford Interfaith Relief is offering a volunteer recruit and training workshop 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads.

RIR is a joint venture of all churches in Redford to meet the increased demand for food in the

area. The pantry opened its doors in February and to date has served more than 700 residents.

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RIR is at St. James Church. It's open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For more

information about being a volunteer, making donations or receiving services, call Paula at (313) 387-9802.

SHARING TESTIMONY

Dave Clark, a prolific songwriter who has written songs for such artists as Glenn Campbell and Sandi Patti, will share both his testimony and music at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Aug. 16, at Canton Community Church, 41600 Ann Arbor Trail, between Haggerty and Lilley roads, Canton. For more

information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

SUMMER JAMBOREE

Tri-City Christian Center will host a Summer Jamboree at 7 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Aug. 16-19, at the center, Michigan Avenue and Hannan Road, Canton. The free program will offer fun, games and prizes and drama for children. For more information, call (734) 326-0330.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Warren Rd. Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Space Mission Bible Camp," Monday-Friday, Aug. 17-21, at the church, 33445 Warren Road at Farmington Road, Westland. Countdown will begin at 6:30 p.m. with re-entry at 8:30 p.m. Preschoolers through fifth graders will learn that God helps them in all aspects of life. For more information, call Pastor David Powless at (734) 458-7301. The church's Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary), the sermon series for August is "The Second Coming."

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will have its vacation Bible school 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 17-21, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The program is for children age 4 through sixth graders. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

HEALTH SEMINAR

Graeme Coad, chaplain of Hallelujah Acres in Shelby, N.C., will share his journey to health through diet changes after being diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer, at a free health seminar, "How to Eliminate Sickness," at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Crestwood High School auditorium, 1501 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call Nancy Rigby at (313) 563-7236.

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GC driver victorious

Ken Ahlgren of Garden City captured the 20-lap ARCA Figure 8 feature race Saturday at Flat Rock Speedway.

Ahlgren picked up his second win, the first since opening night.

Redford's Tom Selmi finished third in the 25-lap ARCA Street Stock feature, while Redford's Rich Frantz was seventh.

In the 150-lap ARCA Late Model feature, Mike Morris and Steve Cronenwett, both of Westland, finished 19th and 22nd, respectively.

Sting icers undefeated

Livonia Sting, a group of hockey players from Livonia Stevenson High School, recently captured the Royal Oak Summer Conditioning League with a 5-1 victory over Clarkston after a 6-3 semifinal victory over Walled Lake Western.

Sting, coached by Stevenson varsity coach Mike Harris, who is 51-4-3 in his four seasons with the Spartans in the Suburban High School Hockey League.

The Sting finished the summer with a 13-0-1 record with other victories coming against Birmingham Brother Rice, Royal Oak, Walled Lake Central and Waterford Mott.

Members of the Sting include: Kevin Marlowe, Chris McComb, Matt McLeod, Bob Pruchnik, Mike Walsh, John May, Tim Allen, Mike Zientarski, Nick Harris, Nick Lang, Ryan Sinks, Willie Wilson, Dan Wilson, Jason Gildersleve, Mark Mink, Eric Mink, Mark Nebus, Mike Nebus, David Bonello, Alex Piotrowski, Mike McCowan, Adam Heseltine, Joe Suchara, Chris Williams, Dennis Queener, Mike Majkowski and Jon Katulski.

Former team captain Jeff Lang served as assistant coach. Team sponsors include Mike and Diane McGowan of McGowan's Sports Shop on Five Mile Road, just East of Farmington.

S'craft needs runners

New Schoolcraft College coach Nancy Gavoor is seeking cross country runners for the upcoming season (scholarships available).

For more information, call Gavoor at (248) 471-4005.

Meet Chief grid coaches

The Canton Chiefs "Meet the Coaches Night" will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Canton High School.

All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Canton Football Booster Club president Judy Dent at (734) 397-3046.

Volleyball coach wanted

Ladywood High School is seeking a varsity volleyball coach for the 1998-99 season.

Those interested should send a resume to: Sal Malek, Athletic Director, Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Mi. 48154-5099.

Soccer coaches wanted

The Livonia Family YMCA is seeking two boys under-9 recreational coaches for the eight-week season, which begins Sept. 12.

Candidates must be energetic, love children, be dedicated to having fun, emphasize teamwork and show plenty of patience.

Games will be played on weekends with one to two practices per week.

For more information, call Chris Nolan at (734) 261-2161, Ext. 3324, or Deb Robinson at Ext. 3309.

Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 11-year-old Michigan Indians Baseball Club (1999 season) will be at noon Saturday, Aug. 22 at Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988.

The Indians play approximately 55 to 60 games (including tournaments).

For more information, call Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0695.

For Michigan Indians Mickey Mantle (16-and-under division) call Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793.

Concealed places 4th at World Series

Concealed Security's bid for a World Series 11-under championship fell just shy in Tarkio, Mo.

Livonian Lou Pirronello has coached travel baseball teams for more than a decade and none came closer to a national championship than this year's Concealed Security 11-year-old team.

Emotionally, at least. Concealed finished fourth at the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Tarkio, Mo., bowing out with an 8-4 loss to Baltimore, Md. on Friday night.

The loss came 24 hours after Concealed suffered a heart-breaking 13-12 defeat to eventual champion San Diego, Calif., which rallied for three runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Indians go 2-2-2 at Series, C2

Pirronello's 17-year-old team in 1995 finished fourth at the Connie Mack AAU national championships but that team's final loss was more lopsided.

Concealed and San Diego were the only two unbeaten teams remaining in the field when they met Thursday night and each could state a case for being the favorite at that point.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) and Ryan Shay (Garden City) were named to the all-tournament team for right field and shortstop, respectively. Each batted over .500.

"We won eight in a row, beat all the big boys from Texas, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Mexico, southern teams that notoriously dominate the World Series," Pirronello said. "This and the 17-year-old team with (J.J.) Putz,

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Jump start

Livonia D.C.I. wins 1st 3 in Johnstown

Rams head to Louisville, Ky., C3

Livonia Decision Consultants Inc. won its first three games before losing one at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

In a battle of unbeaten, D.C.I. lost for the first time on Tuesday to the Arlington Senators from Washington D.C., 19-8, at St. Michael Field outside Johnstown. No details were available at press time.

The loss dropped D.C.I. to the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. D.C.I., the champion of the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, played another game Wednesday.

Details will appear in Sunday's Observer editions.

Here are results from the first three games:

D.C.I. 9, Baltimore 8: D.C.I. held on to win a game that was resumed Tuesday morning after being suspended due to rain in the seventh inning the day before. It was the second game D.C.I. won by a score of 9-8.

D.C.I. trailed 5-4 when the game was suspended.

Matt Pike, a pickup from the Michigan Lake Area Rams, gave D.C.I. instant momentum when the game resumed, hitting a mammoth home run in the seventh to tie the score 5-5. A walk to Jamie Linton and a double by Ron Blackmore (Livonia Churchill/Henry Ford Community College) gave D.C.I. the lead for good, 6-5.

Mike Daguanno (Farmington Hills/Detroit Catholic Central/U-D Mercy) tripled to open the eighth, leading to three more runs and a 9-5 lead.

Please see **DECISION**, C3

Spartans make splash

SWIMMING

Four members of the Livonia-Novi Spartan Aquatic Club earned places last weekend in the 11-12 year-old division at the 1998 Michigan Swimming Long Course Championships held July 30-Aug. 2 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium in Ypsilanti.

Ashley Eilers earned zone qualifying times, equivalent of the National AAA time standards, in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyles.

Eilers finished fourth in the 50 freestyle (29.71); sixth, 100 freestyle (1:05.37) and 100 backstroke (1:20.07); seventh, 100 butterfly (1:17.74); eighth, 200 freestyle (2:26.2); 11th, 50 backstroke (36.82); 14th, 50 butterfly (34.48); and 19th, 200 individual medley (2:55.84).

Michelle Aristeo took a third in the 100 backstroke (1:17.67); 10th, 200 freestyle (2:33.81); and 18th, 50 breaststroke (42.44).

Elizabeth Cambridge placed sixth in the 100 butterfly (1:17.62); 12th, 50 backstroke (36.91); 12th, 100 breaststroke (1:29.0); 13th, 50 breaststroke (41.06) and 50 butterfly (1:23.74); 15th, 200 IM (2:51.58); 18th, 200 freestyle (2:28.23).

Andrea Giczewski placed 13th in the 50 backstroke (37.06); 19th, 100 butterfly (1:27.98); and 23rd, 50 butterfly (36.6).

The foursome of Cambridge, Giczewski, Eilers and Aristeo combined for a third in the 200 freestyle relay (2:07.23).



'Craven' success: Canton Township resident Charlie Craven was in championship form at the National Indoor Speed Roller Skating Championships, bringing home the gold medal in the Junior Division.

Craven brings home gold

Charlie Craven, who will be a senior this fall at Plymouth Canton High School, captured a gold medal in the Junior Division (ages 16-17) at the 1998 National Indoor Speed Roller Skating Championships, Aug. 1-5, in Fresno, Calif.

Craven, a member of the Great Skate Wolverine Inline Roller Speed Skating Club of Roseville, is coached by Robb Dunn and Jay Ingram.

The 17-year-old Craven took placements at 500, 1,000 and 2,000 meters, earning 70 of a possible 90 points, 20 ahead of the second-place finisher in the USA Roller Skating-sanctioned event.

Craven also was the overall, road and high-

point champion at the Banked Track and Road Inline Roller Speed Skating Championships last May in Colorado Springs Colo.

He earned of four qualifying spots on the 1998 U.S. Junior World Team which will compete next month at the World Roller Speed Skating Championships in Piombino, Italy.

Craven has also participated in the Professional Inline Racing Series since January where he currently ranks first in the Junior Division.

The series ends Saturday in Downers Grove, Ill.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE GABLE

Palace hosts: Eve Claar (left) and Mary Rogers are former Observer & Eccentric girls basketball stars now keeping busy behind the scenes for the Detroit Shock, one of two new teams in the Women's National Basketball Association.

Former WLAA standout markets 1st-year team

As the National Basketball Association endures a players' lockout, a pair of former star athletes from Oakland County are helping fans lock into some new excitement at the Palace.

North Farmington graduate Eve Claar and Birmingham Marian graduate Mary Rogers are two of the marketing leaders for the Detroit Shock, a first-year team in the two-year-old Women's National Basketball Association.

The Shock's target audience may be women and youngsters, but it's gaining

Shock treatment

The Detroit Shock's remaining regular-season home game, at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 against the New York Liberty, is Fan Appreciation Night at the Palace.

About 4,000 tickets remain on sale. The Shock expect to set a new regular-season attendance mark on this night and fans have the opportunity to win a Buick Regal, Sea-Do, player jerseys and other souvenirs.

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its share of male viewers. Male chauvinists are in the minority, they say.

"Many more men support it than bad mouth it," Rogers said. "If they come out and see it and experience it, then they'll know they just couldn't keep up with these girls. They are a bunch of classy

ladies and wonderful people.

"The public has really taken to it and it gives girls playing in grade school and high school something else to

Please see **SHOCK**, C5

Indians finish banner year

The Michigan Indians Willie Mays (10-and-under) baseball team finished 2-2-2, advancing to the championship round of the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series in St. Louis, Mo.

The Indians, who finished the summer 40-13-3, were eliminated by the Quad City (Ill.) Hitmen, 7-4, and the Virginia Cannons, 8-4.

In preliminary round play, the Indians beat the Balwin (Mo.) Barons, 7-4 and the Mount Juliet (Tenn.) Knights, 11-0.

The Indians also tied the Barlett (Tenn.) Redbirds, 9-9, and Olive Branch (Miss.), 4-4, to take second seed in their

SANDLOT

division.

Members of the Indians, managed by Nick Marrone, include: David Carey, Shawn Little, Craig Post, Canton; Kyle Gendron, Greg Marrone, Plymouth; Eddie Duggan, Stephen Merlo, Livonia; Shawn Dunford, Westland; Craig LaPlante, Whitmore Lake; Nathan Sarkissian, Nick Sarkissian, South Lyon; Garrett Ruthig, Brighton; Andrew and Ben Davis, Dearborn Heights.

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Sarkissian are assistant coach. The team statistician and scorekeeper is Mike Duggan.

Team sponsors included Northwest Airlines, Hewlett Packard, Great Lake Bancorp, Standard Federal Bank, J.S. Trudeau Concrete Forming Inc., Federal Mogul Corp. Judge Vincent J. Brennan Foundation, Victory Packaging and R.J. Dougherty of Livonia.

The Indians captured three tournaments this year including Traverse City, Canton WABA Classic and the Sylvania, Ohio Firecracker Classic.

They also took second in the Great Lakes Memorial in Canton and a third in the Battle Creek Mayors Invitational.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

AREA GOLF DIVOTS

Trish Murray of Livonia carded a 73 Saturday to finish third in the Michigan Women's Publix State Tournament held at Hawk Hollow in Bath.

Joan Garety of Rockford was medalist with a 70, two strokes ahead of Ann Lauer of Auburn Hills and three shots in front of Murray.

Eighty golfers competed in the one-day tournament.

In sectional qualifying for the U.S. Golf Association Amateur Championship Monday at the University of Michigan Golf Course, Scott Wingfield of Grand Blanc shot 71-66 to take medalist honors with a two-round total of 137.

He will be joined Aug. 24-30 at the U.S. Amateur at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y. by Scott Harris of Troy (68-73/137) and Michigan Amateur champion Shawn Koch of Howell (71-71/142).

Other area scorers included Matthew Wiley, Westland, 75-74/149; Andrew Chapman, Plymouth, 76-74/150; Kevin Janasik, Livonia, 77-73/150; Gary Kraus, Livonia, 77-78/155; David Higham, Livonia, 78-80/158.

In Monday's U.S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying at Jackson C.C., three Australians earn berths include David Gleeson of Dalby, 67-72/139; Geoff Ogilvy, Beaumaris, 71-70/141; and Cameron Percy, 71-70/141.

Alex McLuckie of Livonia shot 76-80/156.

WESTLAND FALL SOFTBALL

Open registration for Westland Department of Parks and

Recreation Men's Class C League softball will be through Friday, Sept. 4.

League play will be at 6:30 p.m., 7:40 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday (double-headers) at Jaycee Park. There will be a maximum of eight teams per division.

Returning teams can register through Monday, Aug. 24. A manager's meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Bailey Center.

League play opens Sept. 14 and runs through Oct. 30 (no playoffs).

The registration fee is \$205 per team (includes \$30 forfeit fee). There is a \$15 fee per non-resident not to exceed \$100.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

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The annual Rick Mahorn and Friends Basketball Camp tips off from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road (off Michigan Avenue).

The weekend kickoff includes Jamit Talent Search, advance registration, networking, free scholarships and refreshments.

The camp will also be from 12:30-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Royal Oak Dondoro High School, 709 N. Washington Street, off 11 Mile and Catalpa roads.

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The weekend will help promote sound emotional and spiritual development through education and cultural awareness.

For more information, call

Leau'Rette Douglas at (313) 791-8258 or (248) 557-0021.

LIGHTNING COMES CLOSE

The Plymouth Lightning '81, a girls' under-18 premier soccer team, finished second at the Cherryland Invitational Soccer Tournament July 31-Aug. 2 in Traverse City.

After an opening 2-2 tie with the Livonia Meteors '82, the Lightning '81 defeated the GLS Wing, 3-1, and the USL Vitesse '81, 2-0, to advance to the championship game against the Livonia Meteors '81.

The game ended in a 3-3 tie following regulation time and two overtime periods and was decided in an Major League Soccer style shootout, with the Meteors prevailing.

This successful tournament performance follows a fourth place finish for the Lightning '81 in the All-American Girls Invitational held in Blaine, Minn. in early July, where the team competed against teams from Minnesota, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania.

Members of the Lightning '81 include Kelly Connell, Jenny Fisher, Emily Kaatz, Kristin Kopsenski, Emily Neidam, Vicki Palis, Kristina Seniuch, and Sarah Ware of Canton, Sarah Debien, Danelle Filip's, Theresia Radtke, Cheron Rice and Andrea Weinman of Plymouth, Nicole Angelocci and Kristin Shea of Novi, Susan Fisher and Jessica Roberts of Trenton, and Tara Robertson of Ann Arbor.

The team is coached by Glenn Kaatz and John Debien.

Rams enjoy extended stay at Series

The Michigan Lake Area Rams capped a winning season with an extended appearance in the Continental Amateur Baseball Association 15-year-old World Series in Crystal Lake, Ill.

The Rams advanced to the fourth round of the championship losers bracket Aug. 6 before falling in 11 innings to Puerto Rico, 5-4.

The Rams, were 7-4 in the tournament and ended the season with a 44-23 record.

The Lake Area roster consists of Scott Miller, Farmington Hills; Mark Lundquist, West Bloomfield; Kevin Entsminger, Canton; Justin Gerwatowski, Northville; Charles Haeger, Plymouth; Anthony Coratti and Thomas Larson, Novi; Garrett Ignasiak, Waterford; Joshua Odom and Bob Wilson, Livonia; Gary Pearson, Dearborn Heights; Brandon Siemens, Riverview; Sal Pappia, John Picco and Robert Tessier, Ontario.

The Rams are managed by Dick Miller of Farmington Hills. The coaches are Greg Haeger, Sr., of Plymouth and Todd Miller of Farmington Hills. The business manager is Dennis Lundquist of West Bloomfield.

The Rams started the CABA World Series with a 2-0 victory over Georgia.

After a 15-12 loss to Florida, the Rams won their next three: 4-0 over Crystal Lake, 12-4 over

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Brooklyn scored three runs in the top of the ninth before Andrew Maki, who relieved Tim Miller (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State) in the sixth, pitched out of trouble for the win.

Leading D.C.I.'s charge was Daguanno, who had a double and triple among his three hits and scored three runs.

Pike added a triple among his 3-for-5 performance.

Blackmore went 2-for-6, including a double, with one RBI. Pike, catcher Chuck VanRoby (Henry Ford) and outfielder C.J. Ghannam (Farmington Hills Harrison/University of Michigan) had two RBI each.

D.C.I. 13, Schenectady (N.Y.) 11: D.C.I. ran its record to 2-0 with this win on Sunday at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

Winning pitcher Tim Donohue allowed one run on one hit in five innings of relief, coming in with the score tied 8-8 and runners on second and third with no outs in the bottom of the fifth.

Donohue walked the first batter he faced and a wild pitch put Schenectady ahead 9-8 before ending the rally. He finished with four walks and five strikeouts.

"I'm usually a starter, but the team got in a little trouble and asked me to go to the bullpen," Donohue said. "I started to get my change-up over for strikes and felt comfortable after (the walk and wild pitch)."

D.C.I. scored four runs in the top of the eighth to take the lead for good.

Linton led off with a walk and a wild pitch put him on second base, leading to an RBI single by Storm Kirschenbaum. Blackmore followed with a game-tying double and Billy LaRosa added a two-run single.

LaRosa finished the game 4-for-5.

Donohue retired 12 straight batters at one point before walking consecutive batters with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. He struck out the last batter, however, to preserve the win.

Donohue was pitching in relief of Pike, who allowed 10 runs, all earned, on 12 hits in four innings.

Daguanno was 3-for-5 with an RBI and three runs scored. Blackmore, who scored three runs, Livonia Adray pick-up Eric Hardin and Linton had two hits each.

D.C.I. 9, ABCO Phillies (Philadelphia, Pa.) 8: Relief pitching bailed D.C.I. out in the first game as well as pick-up Nick Latra (Farmington/Central Michigan University) allowed three hits and one run in 4 2/3 innings as D.C.I. rallied for a 9-8 win in 11 innings over the ABCO

Phillies from Philadelphia, Pa.

Ghannam was the hitting hero in the first game played Saturday night at St. Michael Field.

Ghannam's one-out single down the third base line scored Tom Jones from second base. Jones walked and was sacrificed to second.

Blackmore led D.C.I.'s hitting attack, going 3-for-6 with an RBI and two runs scored.

D.C.I.'s ace pitcher John Stieger started and was relieved after allowing seven runs on 14 hits and four walks with four strikeouts through 6 1/3 innings. Latra silenced the Philadelphia bats the rest of the way, however. He struck out one and walked three.

D.C.I. played Brooklyn, N.Y., another undefeated team, in a winner's bracket game played Monday despite rain that had fallen most of the previous 24 hours.

Sunday night's marquee game at between the host team and Lansing, Mi., was rained out and several others Monday were delayed or postponed.

"They'd start them, delay them, start them, delay them," said Mike Mastovich, a sports reporter with the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat. "One started on one field and moved to another. We didn't have rain her for two weeks before that."

Pitching depth lifts Rams' hopes

The Michigan Lake Area Rams 20-under baseball team is assured of three games and it hopes for more at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series beginning Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

The Rams enter the tournament after finishing second in the Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association based in Livonia.

The Rams open round-robin play at 4 p.m. Thursday against the Long Island (New York) White Sox at Derby Field. Win or lose, they play again at 8 p.m. Friday against the host team Derby City, also at Derby Field, and at 1 p.m. Saturday against Washington at the University of Louisville.

The Rams will play at 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. Saturday depending on where they stand after three games.

The Rams have added five players to their post-season ro-

ster and they all either pitch exclusively or can pitch: Nick Newman (Livonia Adray), Bill Styles (Hines Park/Plymouth Salem/University of Detroit-Mercy), Jesse Wozniak (Hines Park/Garden City), Jake Reeder (Hines Park) and John Stieger (Livonia Decision Consultants Inc.).

Newman and Reeder are left-handers.

Stieger's addition is contingent on where D.C.I. finishes at the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament held this week in Johnstown, Pa.

Pitching might be especially important with this being an aluminum bat tournament. Players used wooden bats in the Adray loop.

Even without the pitching help, Rams coach Rick Berryman thinks he has a strong starting rotation of Josh Axelson (Michigan State), Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State)

and Tom Willerer (Indiana University).

Axelson is 4-3 with two saves and a 3.0 earned run average; Wampler is 3-1 with a 2.70 ERA and Willerer is 3-2 with one save and 3.58 ERA.

"I have three quality starters," Berryman said.

Mike Noonan (Redford Union/Adrian College) has been solid in middle relief, recording a 2-1 record with a 1.77 ERA, and another left-hander, Joe Davenport, has starting experience.

If needed, Berryman also feels he could use every-day players Matt Pike and left-hander Luke Humphreys (Redford Union/St. Mary's College), on the mound.

The eight-team field has players as old as 22, which isn't new to the Rams. There are four 22-under teams in the Adray Metro loop.

"It's not like we're stunned by it," Rams coach Rick Berryman

said. "What I'm pleased about is we're going down with plenty of pitching. When you go back-to-back it's what you need."

"I've got five spots (pick-ups) to burn and I used four and thought I'd gamble on Stieger. I hope D.C.I. does well but if we make it to Sunday and he's able to join us it gives us a quality pitcher who's ready. And if I get desperate I can use Humphreys."

The Rams hitting attack is led by cleanup hitter Aaron Lawson Farmington Hills/Wayne State), who has a team-high .411 average and 27 RBI.

Leadoff hitter Kevin Prater (Oakland University) is batting .360 with a team-high 25 runs scored and 15 stolen bases and 22 RBI. Catcher Joe Seestadt (Western Michigan) is hitting .316, second baseman Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madonna) .308 and Rickey Green (Oakland) .290.

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Wisconsin and 6-3 over Virginia.

Following an 11-9 loss to Washington State, the Rams edged Hawaii (1-0) and Arkansas (8-7) but lost to Alabama, 11-4.

Michigan stayed alive with a 7-4 win over Fox Valley, Ill. The Rams won the game in the bottom of the seventh on a grand

slam by Ignasiak. Picco, Odum and Lundquist had single RBI.

Haeger was the leading hitter with a .379 average. Lundquist hit .359 and had a team-high 17 RBI. He also led the Rams with 14 hits and eight extra-base hits, seven of which were doubles.

Papia, who was second with 12 RBI, batted .333 and Ignasiak

.324.

For the overall season, the team's top hitters were Lundquist (.387), Ignasiak (.362), Odum (.342), Siemens (.305) and Pearson (.304).

Ignasiak hit 11 home runs, Odum eight and Lundquist five. Lundquist was the RBI leader

with 70, followed by Ignasiak (64), Odum (53), Pearson (28), Haeger (26), Wilson (25), Siemens and Entsminger (24).

Picco led the pitchers staff with a 14-4 record, 132 strikeouts and 2.99 ERA. Wilson was 7-2, Entsminger 7-4, Tessier 6-3 and Siemens 3-1.

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SOFTBALL

Crews' sisters lead Madness

Mixed results in extra-inning games helped determine the path taken by the Motor City Madness fast-pitch girls softball team at last week's Amateur Softball Association 16-under World Series in Farmington Hills and Novi.

The Madness finished in 33rd place among 76 teams after a 3-2 record in the double-elimination tournament, including a 1-1 mark in extra-inning games on Thursday.

The Madness, which played most of their games this summer in an Ann Arbor collegiate league, ended with a 44-12 record.

Most of the Madness players have been together three seasons, recording a 130-27 record in that span. They finished ninth in the National Softball Association 14-under World Series two years ago and 28th in the NSA 16-under World Series last year.

The chance to show their ability to college coaches from across the state and country proved worthwhile, Madness coach Gar Frantz said.

"We had a fantastic year," Frantz said. "When I was coaching at third base and could look over the fence at UCLA coach Lisa Fernandez among about 100 other scouts that's quite overwhelming. It gave coaches to opportunity to come in and look at the class of 2000. That was very fulfilling to know kids got very good exposure. Whether they run with it is up to them."

The Madness opened with a 1-0 win over Texas Forest (Houston, Tx.) on Thursday, scoring a run in the 10th inning when the game was decided by the international tie-breaker.

The rule calls for each inning to begin with a runner, whoever made the last out the previous inning, on second base with no outs.

Winning pitcher Amanda Fitzgerald (Byron) threw a six-hitter, striking out six with no walks.

The Madness won after Stephanie Crews (Westland) singled to score Fitzgerald from third base. Fitzgerald started the inning at second base and was sacrificed to third base by Erin Carson (Farmington Hills Mercy).

The Madness' chances improved significantly earlier in extra innings when rightfielder Dana Falvo (Mercy) made a fine back-handed catch and threw the ball in on the line to prevent a runner at third base from scoring.

The Madness dropped into the loser's bracket after losing a heartbreaking 2-1 decision in 11 innings to the eventual champion USA Athletics from Santa Anna, Calif.

The score was scoreless through 10 innings.

Santa Anna scored a pair of runs after the first two batters struck out with a runner on second.

A base hit to centerfield scored the first run but not without controversy.

Centerfielder Stephanie Crews threw a perfect strike to the catcher and the runner "looked out," according to Madness coach Gar Frantz. "But the umpire ruled her hand got to the plate before the tag. It was a bizarre call."

The girl who collected the base hit landed on second after the throw to the plate and scored on

an infield error.

The Madness got one back in the bottom of the inning with Samantha Crews (Westland) scoring on a ground out by Laura Burkhart.

The Madness played another game on Thursday that wasn't completed until Friday morning. They won the rain-delayed game against the Tri-City Rage of New York, 7-2, after resuming the game in the fourth inning.

Fitzgerald earned the pitching victory, relieving Frantz in the fourth inning.

The Madness scored four runs in the fourth inning to go ahead to stay. Katie Cameron, Carson and Frantz had RBI singles. Samantha Crews drove in the other run with a sacrifice fly.

The Madness stayed alive with a 2-0 win over the CyFair Slammers (Austin, Tex.) later on Friday. Cameron led the hitting attack with three hits. Frantz and Theresa Flowers also contributed RBI singles.

Fitzgerald threw a one-hitter with eight strikeouts in earning the pitching victory.

The Snohomish Merchants from Seattle, Wash. eliminated the Madness 1-0 in an 11-inning game played later Friday.

Fitzgerald pitched in hard luck, allowing six hits and no walks with eight strikeouts.

A sacrifice bunt and a suicide squeeze bunt led to the Merchants' only run.

Frantz was on second base for the Madness to start the top of the 11th but there was no advancement as the Merchants made forceouts at third on consecutive sacrifice bunt attempts.

Compuware 9th in national tourney

Compuware finished in a three-way tie for ninth place in the 76-team Amateur Softball Association 16-and-under girls national fastpitch tournament at Founders Park in Farmington Hills.

Compuware won six of its first

seven games before losing a second time late Saturday to the Kansas City Lasers in 10 innings, 2-1.

The international tiebreaker rule was used to decide the game. The Lasers scored twice in the top of the 10th.

Compuware's Emily LaBar doubled to score Andrea Hillsey in the bottom half but was out trying to stretch her hit into a triple.

Lauren Fuerstanau, who won three of five games, was the los-

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achieve." Claar was a star guard at Central Michigan University where she earned a business degree before earning a master's degree in business and spending two seasons as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Claar, who also coaches the Lake Orion girls varsity basketball team, was hired a year ago as an account representative for the Pistons and Palace Entertainment, which also owns Meadowbrook and Pine Knob music theatres. She became Youth Programming Coordinator of the Shock when Detroit was named one of two expansion teams for the 1998 season.

Rogers, 28, graduated from Wayne State as the school's all-time leading scorer and has been employed by the Palace for six years, starting with an internship. She too was an account representative for the Pistons and Palace before her title changed to director of community relations for the Shock with their arrival.

"Just to walk into this building and work was great," said Claar, 25. "When I was younger I loved the 'Bad Boys' - during commercial breaks I'd emulate Isaiah (Thomas) out on the driveway. Working for a WNBA team is like icing on the cake. I'm already here and you give me this, too? It's outstanding to work with players and coaches who are really great people."

Ironically, Claar almost took a job in a similar capacity with the Detroit Tigers before opportunity knocked at the Palace. The Lake Orion coaching job and an opening at the Palace came simultaneously.

She credits John Ciszewski, an executive vice-president at the Palace and an AAU girls basketball coach in Lake Orion, for helping her land a job at the Palace.

"The day I was supposed to start, Lake Orion called and wanted to hire me as a coach," Claar said. "The commute (working for the Tigers and coaching at Lake Orion) was just not going to work."

During the three-month long season, which covers most of the summer, it's not uncommon for Claar and Rogers to work 60-70 hour weeks.

"We just try to be places and be seen," Claar said. "When I started researching the WNBA back in November, I would spend 30 to 45 minutes on the phone with people who just wanted to keep talking. I didn't understand it then - now I do."

Of course, with their basketball background, neither could pass up the opportunity to try out for the Shock in the spring.

Claar got to see how close she is to playing shape, matching up a lot in informal workouts against Nancy Lieberman-Cline, the Shock coach and one of the most popular woman players ever.

"I was very lucky to get to play with Nancy and I was matched up with her every time," she said. "I don't know if she was taking it easy on me but I held my own."

Rogers' best sport in high school was softball. She made all-state honors and turned down Division I college offers to play basketball for Division II WSU.

Perhaps she'll try out for a women's professional softball team should one come to Detroit.

Well, maybe not. "My true love was basketball," said Rogers, who also earned a master's degree from WSU. "It didn't come easy and I knew I could keep getting better at it."

Sounds like the perfect motto for the WNBA.

Selinger reappears: Claar reacquainted herself with former CMU placekicker Chuck Selinger, a 1990 West Bloomfield graduate, at last Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at the Palace.

Selinger was there working for General Motors Event Works, promoting an event for Shockfest, which takes place in the Palace parking lot before home games.

Selinger and Claar had to make double-takes when they ran into each other before the game.

Selinger is easier to recognize than most football players.

"I'm a kicker. I had my helmet off more than on," he quipped.

Selinger, who lives in Marshall, is also public relations manager for the Oldsmobile Scramble, the world's largest amateur golf tournament.

Michigan is hosting eight sectional tournaments Sept. 8. For more information call Selinger at (617) 278-1140.

'We got next' not just fancy slogan at Palace

Anina Cicerone loves the new Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association but you get the idea her favorite guard of all-time lives under the same roof.

Cicerone is the 7-year old daughter of Birmingham Marian girls basketball coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone, who in her playing days starred at point guard for the University of Detroit.

Lillie-Cicerone had Anina outfitted in a Shock jersey bearing the name and number of forward Cindy Brown, the WNBA's leading rebounder, at Wednesday's game against Los Angeles at the Palace.

Every parent's entitled to a little brainwashing. How many little kids can pronounce the names of Shock star guards Sandy Brondello and Korie Hlede, anyway?

"I like Cindy Brown - because she's on the back of my shirt," said Anina, who's as cute as she is tiny.

So her mother is still the best guard Anina knows, but her three-year-old brother Russell is a harder sell. The Shock players and his mother take a back seat to someone else.

"I like Michael Jordan," Russell said.

Ah, give him time. Although the Shock appear to be forming a strong fan base, even among the tiniest of people, Anina apparently still gives her most allegiance to her mother's



Korie in charge: Shock guard Korie Hlede (left) directs traffic vs. Los Angeles.

high school team. But it might help to have a mascot like the Shock's Zap to keep her company at Marian games.

"She's still more of a Marian fan," said Lillie-Cicerone, who has two Shock season tickets. "But it's hard to keep her interest the whole time. She's usually in the hallway playing."

Shock coach Nancy Lieberman-Cline has her son, 4-year-old T.J., already talking politically correct.

"All of them are my favorite," said T.J., standing off to the side of the court with some family friends while his mother was coaching.



Getting Zapped: Mascot "Zap" entertains Shock fans.

men, dubbed the "Baseline Bosnians," who bring their native land's flag along to cheer for their country's representative - 6-foot-8 center Razija Mujanovic.

Former Redford Bishop Borgess guard Regina Respert attended Wednesday's game with a friend. Her brother, Shawn, who has played for the Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors and Dallas Mavericks of the NBA, seemed intrigued by the thought of attending a WNBA game, she said.

But he passed on the invitation this night. "He told me 'That's good, pay close attention to how they play,'" said Regina, a player at Oberlin College in Ohio. "It's like studying. I want to take a few pointers back."

A group of grown women sitting behind one basket were having fun not acting their age. Alisa Collins, 31, Jackie Bass, 32, and Tracey Johnson, 30, all of Detroit, arrived with signs in hand.

These girls have a blast, whether the Shock win or lose.

"This is for us," Johnson said. "Pistons watch out. This is here to stay. You can actually talk to the coaches and players. They're not hiding from you."

The Shock Wave, the club's dance team, features high school aged boys and girls from across metro Detroit. Dancers Tricia Crawford and Stephanie Walker are constantly turning down requests to date from boys.

"We just kind of blow it off," said Crawford, who already has a boyfriend. "The fans are incredible, there is so much enthusiasm. It's like a family atmosphere."

Shock assistant coach Chris Collins, the son of former Pistons' coach Doug Collins, appreciates the players' talents.

"I love it, I'm having a blast," said Collins, whose sister plays collegiately. "The players have great attitudes, come to practice willing to learn. They don't play for the money right now and some of them are 35, 36, 37 years old, their bodies are breaking down - but they're still playing. It's a great game."

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Concealed from page C1

Mighty swing: Mark Pirronello (Livonia) fouls off a pitch for Concealed Security's 11-year-old team during district action against a field that included 12-year-old teams.



(Brian) Berryman and (Mike) Cervnak were the closest we've come but this was a little different because we lost in the final inning."

Trailing 12-10 with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the final inning, San Diego tied the score with an infield hit. The next batter fol-

lowed with a line drive down the left field line that fell in for a base hit, scoring the tying and go-ahead runs.

Concealed learned the hard way baseball is a game of inches.

"The line drive tipped off the third baseman's glove - another half inch and it's in his glove, game over," Pirronello said. "And



the winning run was a bang-bang play at the plate after a great throw from the outfield (Westland's Alan Hagedon)."

Casey Sargent, the third of

three Concealed pitchers, suffered the loss. Ryan Shay (Garden City) started, pitching the first 4 2/3 innings before Eric Drieselman (Garden City) came

on for one-thing of an inning.

Concealed had 12 hits, led by Chris Rusin (Canton), who was 3-for-3, including a double and an RBI. Eric Vojtkovski (Wayne) and Drieselman each went 2-4 with an RBI. Richard also was 2-4, including a home run.

Concealed enjoyed leads of 5-1 and 8-3 before San Diego's comeback.

Concealed, still staggering from the heartbreaking loss, fell behind 8-0 Friday to Baltimore before threatening with four runs in its last at-bats. A double by Shay, single by Vojtkovski and walk to Scott Szpyka loaded the bases with two outs.

Hagedon and Sargent followed with RBI singles and Andrew Stafford had a two-run double to cut the deficit to 8-4. With two runners aboard and the tying run in the on-deck circle, Baltimore ended the threat when the first baseman went in the hole to make a play on a grounder in time to get the batter at first.

The eight run deficit was just too much to overcome.

"Everybody was amazed at the comeback. The other team was sweating bullets," Pirronello said. "I couldn't be prouder of the

Final Four qualifier: Members of the Concealed Security 11-year-old baseball team include (front row left-right) batboys Tyler Rusin and Jeremy Shay; (first row l-r) Phillip Mabey, Eric Vojtkovski, Ryan Shay, Jeff Richard, Matt Rodeghier; (second row, l-r) Andrew Stafford, Mark Pirronello, Eric Drieselman, Casey Sargent, Alan Hagedon, Chris Rusin, Scott Szpyka; (fourth row l-r) coaches Lou Pirronello, Pat Rusin, Al Shay, Frank Stafford, Bill Szpyka.



Making contact: Chris Rusin (Canton) was one of Concealed's hitting heroes in a heartbreaking loss to eventual national champion San Diego, Calif.

team. Coach Bill Szpyka said it best: "It was like two heavyweights going at it for 10 rounds and then asking the one who lost to come back the next day."

Team members included Phillip Mabey (Livonia), Matt Rodeghier (Farmington), Mark Pirronello (Livonia), coaches Pat Rusin, Al Shay, Frank Stafford and Szpyka and bat boys Tyler Rusin (Canton) and Jeremy Shay (Garden City).



Beats the throw: Alan Hagedon (Westland) was a threat on the basepaths and with the bat at the 11-year-old World Series.

Compuware from page C4

ing pitcher. Compuware had just three hits, including one each by Jessica Beech and Angie Balconi.

Compuware opened tournament play Aug. 4 with a 3-1 victory over the Indiana Impact. Hillsey was 2-for-2 and Beech, Erin Ballinger and Lisa Copeland scored the runs while Fuerstanau tossed a four-hitter.

The team followed with a pair of 2-0 wins over the Salanis (Calif.) Storm Aug. 5 and the Virginia Shamrocks Aug. 6.

Jessica Brubaker allowed only three hits over 5 1/3 innings against the Storm. Beech had two hits and Maria D'Agostino an RBI.

In the first game of the elimination round, Fuerstanau hurled a one-hitter at the Shamrocks. Beech (triple) and Hillsey (double) had two hits each; LaBar had an RBI.

Beech went 4-for-4 with an RBI as Compuware edged the Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Flames on Friday, 3-2.

Hillsey had another two-hit game, and D'Agostino and Emily Nimke, the winning pitcher in relief of Brubaker, contributed RBI singles.

Compuware suffered its first loss Saturday when the Southern California Athletics eked out

a 2-1 win.

Melissa Wilson was 2-for-3 with an RBI for Compuware, which scored in the bottom of the seventh and had the tying run thrown out at the plate.

In the second of four straight games Saturday, Compuware defeated the Washington Merchants in 10 innings, 2-1.

With the tiebreaker rule in use again, Ballinger started the bottom of the 10th on second base but was out at third on Wilson's bunt.

Wilson was sacrificed to second by Julie Houck and scored the winning run on Beech's double.

Hillsey and Wilson were 2-for-3. Fuerstanau was the winning pitcher.

Without time for a break, Compuware improved its record to 6-1 by defeating the Arizona Hotshots, 1-0.

Brubaker pitched a two-hitter over seven innings to earn the win. Hillsey (2-for-3) scored the lone run on Balconi's sacrifice fly.

The fourth consecutive game resulted in the 2-1 loss to the Lasers.

Compuware, which added Lindsey Simko to the team for the tournament, had a 42-7 record.

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Ferguson embarking on another journey

Eight years ago, as an amateur breaking into the bass fishing tournament scene, Livonia resident Art Ferguson earned a spot in the prestigious B.A.S.S. Masters Classic by finishing first in the amateur Federation Tournament. As the only amateur in the tournament, it was an honor he'll never forget and to this day Ferguson is one of just three Michigan anglers to have ever qualified and fished in the Classic.

This year, Ferguson is embarking on yet another bass fishing journey that he hopes will lead to another berth in the Classic. Ferguson finished 16th last year in the B.A.S.S. Masters Eastern Invitational standing, which earned him a berth in the B.A.S.S./K Mart Top 100 Pro-Am tour where he'll compete against the top bass anglers in the world.

The competition will be fierce, but Ferguson won't be battling

the odds alone. Ferguson's cousin, Bloomfield Hills resident Kyle Green, has also qualified for the Top-150 circuit through money winnings and will join Ferguson in a quest to reach the Classic. Technically they'll be competing against each other, but they'll be able to help each other along the way as well.

"Kyle and I will be working and rooming together," said Ferguson. "We'll be able to do some pre-tournament fishing together and we'll room together when we're on the road. It will be nice to have someone there that you know and it will help to cut down on some of the expenses, too."

Expenses will be high. The tournament trail rolls throughout the eastern and southern United States and begins Aug. 23-29 on the Potomac River in Maryland. Ferguson estimates it will cost him upwards of \$20,000 to complete the circuit. Although

he gets support from sponsors such as Jan's Sports Shop, Hamilton Chevrolet, Terminator Titanium Spinner Baits and Northfield Manufacturing, he still needs to fish well to break even.

"I couldn't have broken into the Top 150 without my sponsors, but I'll still have to do well to make any money," said Ferguson. "If I do well in the first two tournament I should be OK, but if I don't make any money early, I could be in trouble. Hopefully, I'll do well and things will work out."

So far this summer, things have been working out very well for the 33-year-old angler. Besides running a guide service on Lake St. Clair and Saginaw Bay, Ferguson has been busy fishing the local bass tournaments. He has won two open tournaments on Lake St. Clair, and after three tournaments in the Michigan Division of the Red

Man Tournament Trail, Ferguson was in first place in the point standings. He has two fourth-place finishes and one eighth-place finish. The top five anglers in the division at the conclusion of the sixth tournament advance to the Red Man Regional where a fully-rigger bass boat is up for grabs.

In his spare time, Ferguson has been busy with cable TV and radio engagements. Locally, you can get fishing tips and facts from Ferguson each Thursday at 6:40 p.m. on Sports Wrap on WJR (760 AM) radio. He'll also be featured in an upcoming fishing show called O'Neill Outside. The show was filmed on Florida's Lake Okeechobee, where Ferguson guides during the winter, back in March. It will air at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 on the Sunshine Network, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, on the Outdoor Channel and 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, on the Outdoor

Life Network.

Northern exposure

Bob Collins has enjoyed a great summer of fishing. He traveled south and fished Cape Hatteras, North Carolina earlier this year and ventured to Key West Florida to wet a line as well.

He's had success close to home, too. Fishing on Squaw Lake in

Oxford, Collins hooked and landed a mighty 6 1/2-pound, 34-inch Northern pike.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

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ROA 3D
Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, August 16, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 for more information.

STATE 3D
Detroit Archers will host the state 3D championships on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 22-23, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 for more information.

WWCCA 3D
Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Aug.

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

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A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110.

CLINICS

WATERFOWL HUNTING

The Bluewater Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunters Association and the Perch Point Conservation Club will hold a clinic on how to hunt waterfowl beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Perch Point Conservation Club in Marine City. Admission is \$10 and kids age 16 and under accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Call (810) 412-7141 or (248) 852-7326 for more information.

TURKEY HUNTING
Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, the Michigan DNR and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association will be conducting Michigan's first fall wild turkey hunting workshop beginning at

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HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. To pre-register call (313) 941-9688 after Aug. 15.



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