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## Milestone marked

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**Memories:** *Above, an emotional embrace takes place at John Glenn High School commencement Saturday morning. At right, Wayne Memorial students anticipate the beginning of the commencement ceremony Saturday afternoon at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. For more on the two Wayne-Westland high school commencements, including lists of graduate names, please see page A6 of today's Observer.*

# Budget OK'd

**■ Agreement reigned Monday as Westland City Council members unanimously approved a new budget.**

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in several years, the Westland City Council unanimously approved a budget. The council put aside political differences and voted 7-0 to approve the 2000-01 fiscal year budget Monday at its regular meeting.

In addition to paying for several major projects, the new $48,316,639 budget also includes several tax cuts for residents, including reductions in the millage rate, which has been reduced one mill, and water-sewer rates.

"The success of this budget is that it retains all the services we have enjoyed in the past and allows us to do many of the projects we had hoped for," said Mayor Robert Thomas.

"Probably the best thing from the perspective of residents are the tax cuts. The reduction of one whole mill is significant. And for those who use a lot of water, they are really going to see the difference in their bill."

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# Stop draws questions

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Texas resident Willie Slater had never heard of Westland when he crossed the city line Saturday evening. To him, it seemed like any other town. However, two Westland police officers made sure the black motorist would not soon forget his visit.

Slater, 37, has accused Officers Robert Kenyon and Burke Lange of racial profiling and racism when they pulled over the 1994 BMW he was driving, because of an air freshener hanging from his rearview mirror. Before the incident was over, the car was impounded, Slater had spent two hours in jail, and his passenger, Lynn Thomas, who is also black, was left on the curbside to walk home.

The incident further calls into question the policies of the department, which was accused of a similar racial incident in February. Several African Americans, including the head of the Western Wayne NAACP, have recently criticized the police of racial profiling during traffic stops.

A former resident of Detroit, Slater has lived in the Houston suburb of Katy, where he works for the Exxon-Mobil Corp. He is in the area spending

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# *Fire station groundbreaking source of civic pride*

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Although the skies were gray and the weather was miserable, Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal called Monday's Fire Station 5 groundbreaking ceremony on the city's southeast corner "a ray of sunshine for the area."

A number of city officials and local residents braved the rainy conditions to attend the ceremony for the new station, which is on the corner of Annapolis Road and Irene Street, just east of Middlebelt.

The new station will serve an area of the city that has traditionally experienced the longest response times for emergency aid from fire trucks and ambulances.

"The area had response times three to four times longer than anywhere else in the city. That is why this station is going to make a tremendous difference," Neal said.

After the new station is operational, Neal said the area will have a response time as short as two minutes, which is down from between nine and 12 minutes.

"This is a fantastic day for this neighborhood," said Mayor Robert Thomas, who was on hand.

Although the station has long been a goal of Westland officials, it didn't become a reality until recently when the city was able to obtain a Housing and Urban Development loan from the federal government.

"We are extremely grateful that this day has finally come, especially for those of us who have been around here awhile and have been trying to revitalize the area," said Charles "Trav" Griffin, president of the Westland City Council.

"This is just going to be a great facility."

James Gilbert, Westland's director of community development, said it has been a long battle to get the station built in the low-income area.

"We told the residents that we would stay with them and persevere. I admit there were times I questioned whether it was going to get done," Gilbert said.

"This groundbreaking means we are going to meet our commitment to the people of this area."

While city officials touted the day, their excitement paled in comparison to the celebratory mood of some of the

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Accomplishment:** *Groundbreaking for the new Westland Fire Department Station 5 took place Monday evening. Above, Earl Hall, EGH contractor (left to right), city council President Charles "Trav" Griffin, Pearl Childs, president of Southeast Homeowners Association Lori Wilson, Mayor Robert Thomas, the Rev. John D. Hearn, Director of Community Development James Gilbert and Fire Chief Mark Neal throw dirt for the official start.*

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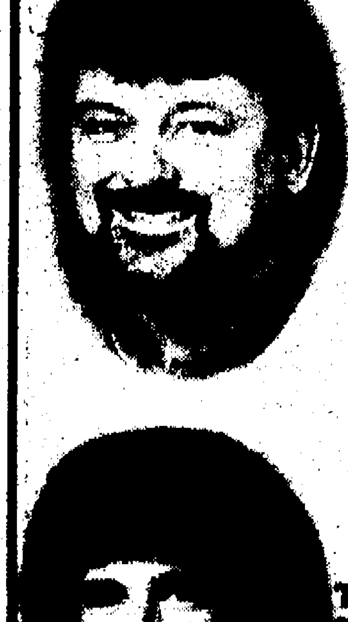

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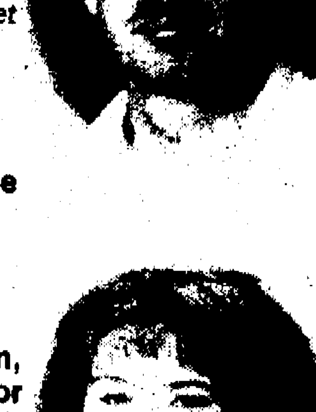

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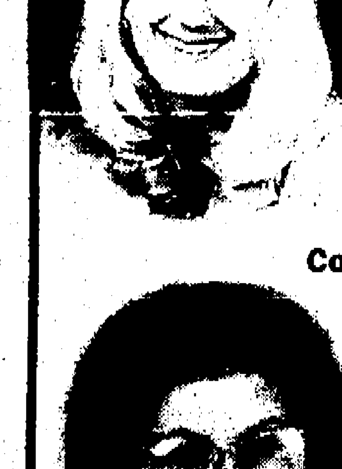

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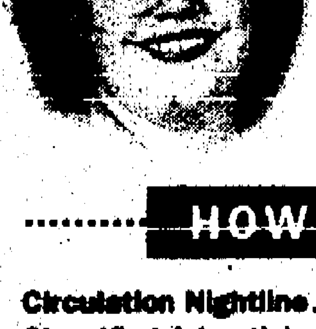

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# Stop

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his weeklong vacation with his family in Detroit.

Slater and Thomas, of Detroit, were visiting her brother in Wayne. She needed to buy a telephone, so her brother, Willie Thomas, suggested they go to the Best Buy on Wayne Road near Westland Center.

The two got lost and pulled into the Dunkin' Donuts at Ford Road and Wildwood Avenue to ask directions. At this time, Kenyon and Lange also pulled into the establishment, and proceeded to follow the BMW, which belongs to Slater's brother, northward on Wildwood. When Slater traveled across Warren Road into the driveway of the Westland Crossings strip mall at 8:10 p.m., the officers stopped him.

According to Slater, the officers told him they wanted to warn him about the 3-inch air freshener, because it was a vision obstruction.

When the officers checked Slater's valid Texas driver's license, they found an unpaid ticket issued to him June 3, 1999, in Hamtramck for driving without possession of a driver's identification.

Slater explained to the officers he was not in Hamtramck in 1999, and hasn't been in Michigan since September 1996. He said anyone could have used his name during that stop.

Lange and Kenyon then cited Slater for not being able to produce a registration or proof of insurance, even though Slater said they found each when they searched the car after arresting him.

Slater, who dished out $500 for bail and another $100 to get the car out of impoundment, said he felt the stop was a case of racial profiling run amok.

"I think this was definitely racially motivated, for the simple fact the officers had no other reason to pull me over than I am black and was driving a $40,000 car," he said.

"They were not physically abusive or threatening, but they were asking stereotypical questions. They asked if I was a drug dealer or if I had any guns. You could see where they were going with it."

Slater also noted the officers chose to impound the car, despite the fact Thomas has a valid driver's license and could have driven it home. The officers then told Thomas to "have a nice day" as they left her on the curbside.

"How are you supposed to have a nice day when you have to walk home in the dark?" Slater questioned.

Slater, a former member of the U.S. Navy, and Thomas were so enraged by the treatment they received, they came to the Westland City Council meeting Monday and recounted the details of the incident to a shocked council and audience.

Westland Police Chief Emery Price, also in attendance Monday, urged people not to prejudge the incident, and was offended that many obviously had.

After talking to the arresting officers, Price feels confident they acted properly, noting Slater had a suspended Michigan driver's license, and could not personally produce the registration or proof of insurance. He also said the officers did not let Thomas drive the car, because Slater was not the owner and they would have been liable if something had happened to it.

"I absolutely do not condone racial profiling, whatever that means. I don't know how many times I have to say it," said Price, noting the first thing Slater and Thomas did was argue with the officers they had been stopped because they were black.

"It is becoming more common for black motorists to make this claim, particularly because all of the media attention that has been given to the issue."

As for the air freshener, Price said it is an infraction and it is up to each officer to decide whether to enforce it or not.

Slater, who is to appear at the 18th District Court this morning, said he wants his name cleared, and does not feel he should "have to pay one penny" for the incident. He said he has pay stubs proving he was in Texas on June 3, 1999.

"I am angry. They threw me in jail on my vacation, and I'm going to be spending the rest of it trying to clear this up," he said. "I just want my life back the way it was before this all happened to me."

## OBITUARIES

**VIRGINIA M. VAN ZANDT**

Services for Virginia M. Van Zandt, 85, of Westland were held June 2 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. The Rev. William Danowski officiated. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Van Zandt was born Dec. 17, 1914, in Detroit and died May 30 in Garden City. She was a legal secretary.

Survivors include nieces Barbara (Ronald) Bieniek of Westland and Ruth Ann (James) Chrena of Ell Pasa, Texas.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076 or the American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072-0129.

**CURT HOWARD**

Services for Curt Howard, 81, of Westland were held June 6 at Uht Funeral Home. Dr. Frederick Weaver officiated. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Howard was born Dec. 9, 1918, and died June 2. He was a welder.

Survivors include wife Maxine Howard; daughters Mary Sue (James) Joseph, Betty Lou (Wayne) Bymer and Bulah Mae (Richard) Spearman; sons Curtis Jr. (Jennifer) Howard, Sterling Lee Howard and Billy Joe (Cindy) Howard; sisters Lena Risner, Arzeelee Howard and Altie Burgett; brothers Kelly Howard, Henry Howard and Courtney Howard; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**SHARON D. CHADWELL**

Services for Sharon D. Chadwell, 43, of Westland took place June 7 from the Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton. The Rev. John Allen of Community Baptist of Garden City officiated.

Mrs. Chadwell was born Dec. 2, 1956, in Denver, Colo., and died June 4. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include husband Dan Chadwell; mother Shawnna Maroney; and brothers Lee Kennedy and William (Joyce) Wright.

**GAYLORD NELSON DAY**

Services for Gaylord Nelson Day, 84, of Westland were held June 6 at Uht Funeral Home. The Rev. Peter Paul Preiser Jr. officiated. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Day was born July 29, 1915, and died June 2.

He was a shop foreman.

Survivors include wife Ileen Mary Day; sons William (Carol) Day, Robert (Patricia) Day and Gaylord (Angelina) Day; daughters Beverley (Gary) Kubitskey and Mary (James) Husband; 19 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers Clarence Day, Harold Day and Leonard Day.

Memorials are suggested for Alzheimer's work.

The family expresses deep thanks to Ann Arbor Heartland Health Care Center and Hospice.

**JULIA M. HICKMOTT**

Services for Julia M. Hickmott, 85, of Lansing, formerly of Westland, were held May 28 at Uht Funeral Home. The Rev. Rob Joy officiated. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Hickmott was born Aug. 14, 1914, and died May 26. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by husband Robert Clifton Hickmott, brother Jack Landers and sister Thelma Landers.

Survivors include son Robert (Joan) Hickmott; sister Kate Oliver; and grandchildren Julie Poole, Karen Devetski, Cindy Gipson, Debbie Riggs, Madison Devetski, Alicia Gipson, Kayla Gipson, Michael Riggs, Neal Riggs, Jonathan Poole and Ryan Devetski.

**ROLLO BLUIE LEATHERMAN**

Services for Rollo Bluie Leatherman, 96, of Wayne were June 1 at Uht Funeral Home. The Rev. Rob Joy officiated. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

Mr. Leatherman was born July 30, 1903, and died May 29 in Wayne. He was a custodian.

He was preceded in death by wife Doris Vivian (Brobaker), along with sisters Lavone Johnson, Ethel Turner and Lynn Leatherman.

Survivors include daughter Judy (Charles) Howton; and grandchildren Kristen Howton and Matt Howton of Westland.

# *Local Republicans to meet*

The Western Wayne County Republican Club will meet 7 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Golden Plate Restaurant in Westland.

Invited speakers include: Patricia Gibbons, candidate for state representative in the 18th District; Bill Steele, candidate for county commissioner in the 12th District; Rob Bovitz and Fred Bolton, both candidates for county commissioner in the 11th District.

Dinner may be ordered from the menu.

For information, call Val Wolf, (734) 722-0467.

**Ashlee Baracy**

# Teen lauded

Ashlee Baracy, a John Glenn High School freshman, was recently crowned Young Senior Miss Dance Educators of America.

She will travel to Las Vegas in July to compete for the national title. She was national title winner as Teen Miss Dance U.S.A. 1999.

Baracy has been a student of Encore Dance Academy for 12 years. She has received many overall, high score and scholarship awards in the various local, regional and national competitions.

She has also appeared locally in several ballet performances with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and Detroit Metropolitan Ballet Company.

Most recently, Baracy has been named a member of the Starpower Power Pak Team, which will perform in the Maryland and Florida areas, including Disney World, this summer.

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| Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Howell · Grand River & Latson Rd. |
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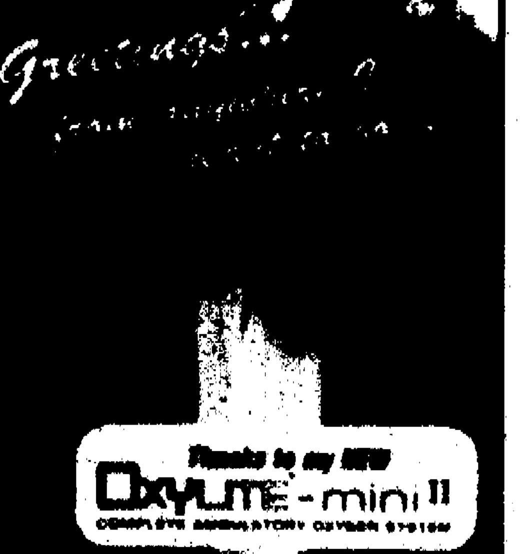

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# Farmer Jack shows new face

A ribbon cutting/dedication was held Tuesday to mark modernization of the new Farmer Jack store, 200 Merriman at Cherry Hill in Westland.

The dedication included a donation presentation to the Salvation Army and Westland Historical Commission. A tour was included.

Farmer Jack has invested $7 million in the Westland store. The 53,000-square-foot store blends technology and innovation with traditional values and conveniences.

The store opened Wednesday. It replaced an existing store next door, which closed Tuesday.

"We are proud to open this brand new state-of-the-art store to all residents of the Westland area," said Craig Sturken, president of Farmer Jack Supermarkets. "When we look for areas for expansion, we search first in the communities in which we currently conduct business. Westland has been our home for many years. It is a family city and Farmer Jack is committed to serving families."

Within the past six months, Farmer Jack Supermarkets has invested a total of $28 million in new stores in Michigan, translating to 225,000 square feet of grocery shopping space for customers. The store is the fourth of 12 new Farmer Jack stores opening this year.

During the Tuesday ceremony, Farmer Jack made a check presentation to the Westland Historical Commission for donating historical photos of the city. The photos will be displayed in the lobby of the new store. The Salvation Army also received a donation.

Farmer Jack has two other stores in Westland, 34414 Ford Road and 8050 Middlebelt. The newest Westland store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Family time:** *John Wozniak of Westland plays with his daughter Kahley, 5, in the Bailey Pool recently while his son, Jonathan, 8, goes down the water slide. He said that the kids could not wait for the pool to open.*

# *Kids, adults agree pool in Westland is summer cool*

The opening of the Bailey Recreation Center's swimming pool is a sure sign that summer is upon us.

The Westland outdoor pool, which features a waterslide, opened Memorial Day.

The facility won't begin its regular hours (noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m.) until June 17. Until then, preseason hours are in effect.

On weekdays, the pool will be open from 4-7 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, it will be open for regular hours.

Admission for the pool is $3 for Westland residents ($2 for children), and $4 for nonresidents ($3 for children).

Pool supervisor is Debbie Lindquist. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer Reading Program 2000 will begin Monday, June 19. This year's theme for the children's program is "Score Big With Books!" The library offers a program of reading, activities and prizes throughout the summer. Young adults can participate in their own version of the Summer Reading Program with "Go for the Gold!"

The Friends of the Library are once again sponsoring the program. They bought the grand prizes for each program: bicycles for the children's contest and a portable stereo system for the young adults. All children and young adults who complete their summer reading program qualify for an entry in the drawing for the grand prize.

You can register for "Score Big With Books!" and "Go for the Gold!" beginning on Monday, June 19, at the children's service desk

### LIBRARY CLOSING

Twice each year, the library closes to provide training for library staff so that they can continue to offer Westland residents the highest quality of service. This year, the library will be closed Friday, June 16, and will be open again at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17.

### WEB SITES OF THE WEEK

Below are more of the great Web sites takes from "50 Great Web Sites for Kids and Parents" from the American Library Association. The Web sites are recommended for preschool- through elementary-school-age children and their parents by librarians who work with children and the Web every day.

**www. nationalgeographic.com/kids**
National Geographic for Kids. One of the best resources for information on the 'Net about the world, its people and its wildlife.

**www. boomerwolf.com/**
The Boomerwolf Web site. Join the Boomerwolf Detective Agency and help solve a case. Designed for children, this site offers both amusing characters and sound science.

### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Internet 101: The Basics2 p.m. Thursday, June 15 This class teaches how to navigate, what the internet is and basic use of search tools. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour after each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

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

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

2-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 The library hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive for the summer. Give the gift of life. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are being taken. No fee. For an appointment, call Joe Burchill, (734) 326-6123.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

***Babytime Stories***
11 a.m. Saturday, June 17 Stories and more for infants up to 18 months and their caregivers. No fee. No registration required.

***Family Storytime***
7 p.m. Monday, June 19 Everyone is invited to this fun-filled storytime. No fee. No registration required.

***Movietime***
2 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 Join in for a new program. See your favorite children's classic come to life on the big screen. A different classic each month. Each move runs about an hour. No fee. No registration required.

***Summertime Storytime***
10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21Stories and fun for all ages.No fee. No registration required.

***Sidewalk Chalk***
1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21 Come create and decorate library sidewalks in this fun program. Chalk provided. No fee. No registration required

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will hold its semiannual Big Book sale June 22-24. Thursday, June 22, will be a preview sale for the Friends of the Library. Any Friend of the Library may attend. Those wishing to attend the preview may join the Friends that evening.

The sale will be open to the public 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 23-24. More than 3,000 children's and young adult books will be in the sale along with more than 10,000 volumes that cover a wide variety of categories.

For information about the sale, the preview or how you can volunteer to help, call Julie Chwalik, Friends liaison, at (734) 326-6123.

## ACHIEVERS

Angel Rose Clements, a 1999 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, graduated from Specs Howard School of Broadcasting on May 26. She had a concentration in video, carrying a 3.67 average. She is now on her way to a career in video productions.

Clements thanked her teacher, John Prusack, from the William D. Ford Career/Technical Center for his encouragement during her 11th- and 12th-grade media production class. She is the daughter of Richard and Barbara Clements of Westland.

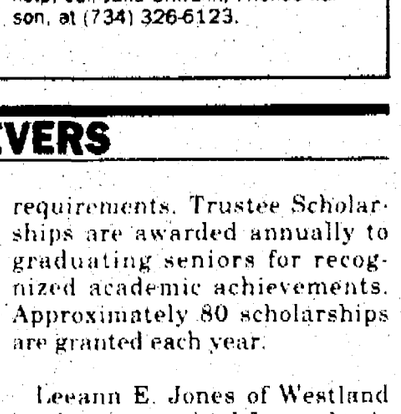
Local students received scholarships from Schoolcraft College. Jessica Linto, a graduating senior at Wayne Memorial High School, is the recipient of a $1,200 Schoolcraft College Trustee Scholarship for 2000-01.

Richard Houk, a graduating senior at John Glenn High School in Westland, is the recipient of a $1,200 Schoolcraft College Trustee Scholarship for 2000-01. Glenn senior Candice Cobello will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

The awards are for full-time attendance for the fall and winter semesters at Schoolcraft College and may be renewed for the following year if the students meet continued eligibility requirements. Trustee Scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors for recognized academic achievements. Approximately 80 scholarships are granted each year.

Leeann E. Jones of Westland has been recognized for academic excellence at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. She was named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Students had to achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for at least 12 credit hours of work. Jones is a sophomore majoring in deaf and hard of hearing: teacher education. She is the daughter of Daniel and Sherry Jones of Westland and a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School



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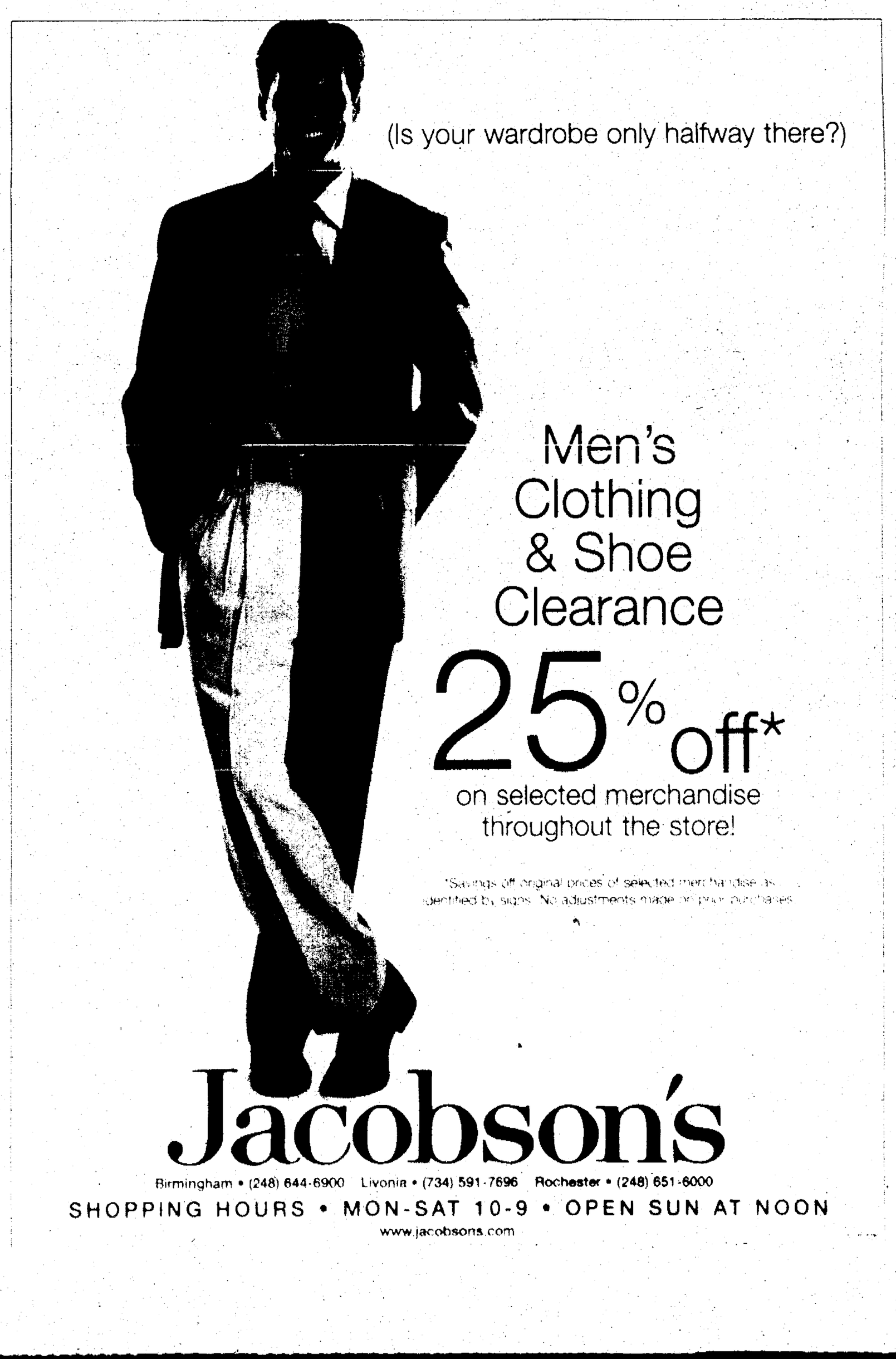

# CITY OF WESTLAND
# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE – WATER AND SEWER DIVISION
# 37137 MARQUETTE WESTLAND, MI 48185
# (734) 728-1770

## 1999 REPORT TO CONSUMERS ON WATER QUALITY

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

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

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

### Lead

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

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

### Additional Information

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

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

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

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

### People with Special Health Concerns

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

### Cryptosporidium

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

### National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

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

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

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

### Springwells Water Treatment Plant 1999 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

| Contaminant | Test Date | Units | Health Goal MCLG | Allowed Level MCL | Level Detected | Range Low | Range High | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap** | | | | | | | | |
| Fluoride | Oct. 99 | ppm | 4 | 4 | 1.16 | n/a | n/a | Erosion of natural deposits: Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Nitrate | Oct. 99 | ppm | 10 | 10 | 0.22 | n/a | n/a | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching* from septic tanks; Sewage; Erosion of natural soils. |
| **Volatile Organic Compounds - Quarterly Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap** | | | | | | | | |
| Dichloromethane | Aug. 99 | ppb | 0 | 5 | 0.12 | 0 | 0.12 | Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories. |
| **Disinfection By-Products - Quarterly Monitoring in Distribution System** | | | | | | | | |
| Total Trihalomethanes | 3/99 - 12/99 | ppb | n/a | 100 *(80) | Average 19.1 | 11.0 | 30.00 | By-Product of Drinking Water Chlorination. |

Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total. New MCL effective December 16, 2001.

| Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap | | |
|---|---|---|
| Highest Single Measurement | Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.5 NTU (minimum 95%) | Soil Runoff |
| 0.52 NTU | 99.5% | |

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. For turbidity levels 5 NTU or above a treatment technique (TT) is required.

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

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

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

### Springwells Water Treatment Plant 1999 Unregulated Detected Contaminants Tables

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

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

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

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

### Springwells Water Treatment Plant Detected Unregulated Contaminants from Voluntary Monitoring

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

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

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

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

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

### Additional Unregulated Contaminants That Were Not Detected

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

### Unregulated Contaminants That Required Monitoring, But Were Not Detected

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

### Regulated Contaminants That Required Monitoring, But Were Not Detected

**Synthetic Organic Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicide**
2, 4, 5 - TP (silvex)
2, 4 - D
Alachlor
Atrazine
Carbofuran
Chlordane
Dalapon
Dibromochlorpropane
Dinoseb
Diquat
Endothall
Endrin
Ethylene Dibromide
Glyphosate
Hepatchlor epoxide
Heptachlor
Hexachlorobenzene
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
Lindane
Methoxychlor
Oxamyl (Vydate)
PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)
Pentachlorophenol
Picloram
Simazine
Toxaphene

**Volatile Organic Contaminant**
1, 1, 1 - Trichloroethane
1, 1, 2 - Trichloroethane
1, 1 - Dichloroethylene
1, 2, 4 - Trichlorobenzene
1, 2 - Dichloroethane
1, 2 - Dichloropropane
Benzene
Carbon Tetrachloride
Chlorobenzene
cis - 1, 2 - Dichloroethylene
Ethylbenzene
o - Dichlorobenzene
p - Dichlorobenzene
Styrene
Tetrachloroethylene
Toluene
trans - 1, 2 - Dichloroethylene
Trichloroethylene
Vinyl Chloride
Xylenes

**Inorganic Contaminants**
Antimony
Arsenic
Barium
Beryllium
Cadmium
Chromium
Mercury (inorganic)
Nickel
Nitrite (as nitrogen)
Selenium
Thallium

**Radioactive Contaminants (Test Date 1998)**
Beta/photon Emitters
Alpha Emitters

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# Station
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residents who live in the area.

"This station is going to mean a great deal," said Pearl Childs, a Westland resident for 34 years. "I know families around here that had emergencies and had to wait too long for fire trucks and ambulances."

Childs was one of seven dignitaries to dig a spade into the ground where the station will rise. Others included Thomas, Griffin, Gilbert, Neal, contractor Earl Hall, Southeast Homeowners Association president Lori Wilson, and the Rev. John D. Hearn, who gave the invocation at the ceremony.

"This is one of the greatest things to ever happen to the southeast corner of Westland. I'm so proud to see this station being built. It is going to help this area turn around," Childs said.

L.W. Stephens, who has lived at the corner of Middlebelt and Currier for 50 years, also attended the ceremony.

"I've seen a lot of things happen in this neighborhood and they haven't always been good," he said. "In my mind, this is the greatest thing to happen."

Inkster fire officials were also on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking. Annapolis marks the boundary between Inkster and Westland.

Because the two cities have a mutual aid pact, the Inkster Fire Department regularly responded to emergencies in the area of Westland that will now be covered by Fire Station 5. The two cities will continue to provide aid to one another.

"A better response time will mean more lives saved," said Inkster Fire Chief Mike Moore.

If all goes right during the construction process, Westland officials are hoping to have the fire station completed and operating this winter.

"We're crossing our fingers and hoping to open up the doors by December, so we can give everyone a big Christmas present," Thomas said.

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**Community:** *Pearl Childs (center) and Velma Wilson (center behind) of Westland attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new station.*

# Budget
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The cuts are a result of the budget gaining a one-time addition of $2.57 million from the Tax Increment Finance Authority district, which is being phased out. The extra money will also be used to do some major road repairs around the city. Repairs will also be made to City Hall, two fire stations, the Bailey Recreation Center and the ice arena.

"This budget works because we were able to take some money from TIFA and allocate it to areas where it will help residents," said Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli.

"We all wanted that money to go to certain projects but we compromised and all feel this a good budget."

Cicirelli said the improvements to the various city buildings must be done because it is important to provide a safe and healthy environment to city workers.

In previous years, the city's general fund had accumulated a surplus of $2.3 million. The new budget draws about $400,000 from that fund.

As each of the council members gave their approval, they cited the projects they are pleased are included in the budget, as well as those they are disappointed were not incorporated into it.

"There are some issues that aren't in this budget that I would have liked to have seen," said Councilman David Cox, who, along with council President Charles "Trav" Griffin, had lobbied for $250,000 to pay for a forestry division.

"However, in total, this budget is a very responsible one."

Councilman Richard LeBlanc noted his support for such projects, including a new city Web site, an extra water meter reader, and a diversity training program for city personnel. However, he had hoped the city would purchase a speed trailer, which shows motorists how fast they are driving. He said the major development will be the road repairs.

"We didn't get to all the roads we wanted to, but we got all the big ones," he said.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott said determining the specifics of the budget is the major function of the council.

"These budget sessions are what this council is all about. It is what we are elected to do," she said

"We've had a lot of fun at some of these sessions. I think we did a lot of good things."

Scott said the 7-0 vote approving the budget has definitely not been the norm in recent memory.

But Thomas said the budget, which goes into effect July 1 and ends June 30, 2001, has an irresistible quality.

"This is just a good budget. It would be very difficult to vote against it," he said.

## *YMCA offers camp for kids*

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is offering a Summer Day Camp. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended care offered 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Fees for ages 6-12 are $110 per week for members, $150 per week for program members. Fees for ages 12-14 are $120 per week for members, $150 per week for program members.

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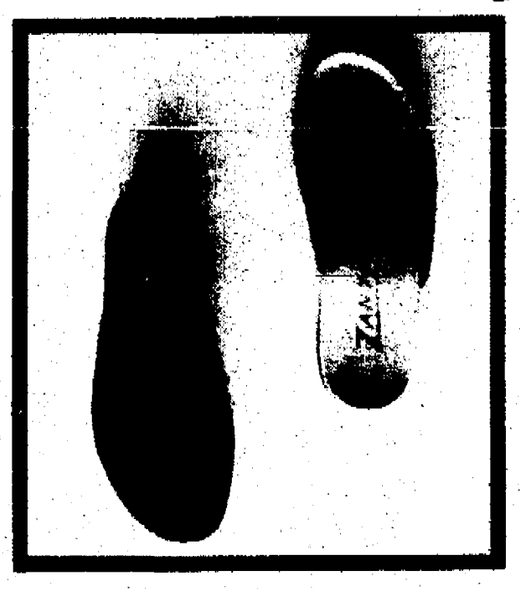

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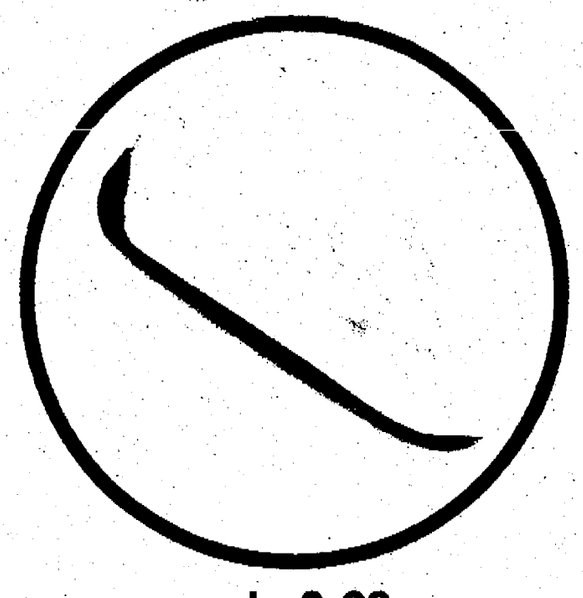

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**Thanks, Mom:** *Rita R. Slater helps adjust daughter Ashlie M. Jones' robe in the hallway prior to the start of the graduation ceremony for Wayne Memorial.*

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**Hi, there:** *As graduates stand in line to receive diplomas, a John Glenn High student stops to wave to the audience.*

# McNamara calls airport audit a 'witch hunt'

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**■ 'When he said it would be done by Labor Day, I forget asking which Labor Day he was talking about.'**

*Ed McNamara*
*Wayne County Executive*

If there are in efficiencies at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, it's because 35 million passengers a year are trying to use a facility intended to handle 11 million passengers annually, said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

That's why the county is spending $1. 2 billion to build a Midfield Terminal, which will have 74 gates, a new parking structure, and a fourth parallel runway. As soon as that opens in late 2001, the county will begin renovating its existing terminal, McNamara said.

The state's contribution to expansion has been a "witch hunt," McNamara said at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Mackinac Island Leadership Conference June 2 . An audit called for at last year's conference by a House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, has yet to conclude its work, McNamara said.

"When he said it would be done by Labor Day, I forget asking which Labor Day he was talking about," McNamara said.

The chairman of the Select Committee reviewing airport operations, Rep. Koetje, R-Grandville, blames the delay on the reluctance of airport officials to turn over the necessary documents. The committee recently ordered the airport to turn those documents over more quickly. And state officials say they hope to wrap up their work this summer.

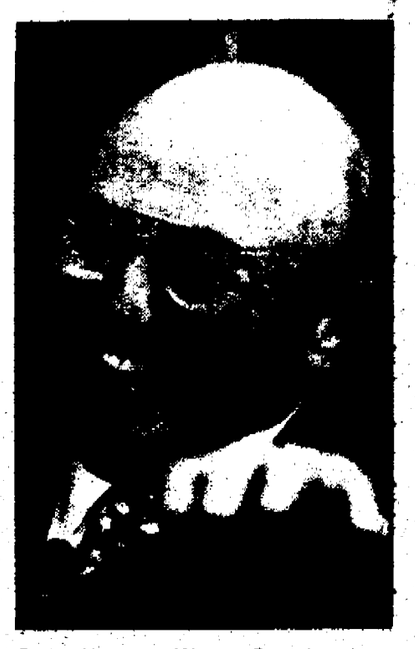
McNamara argues that the airport turned over thousands of documents and state auditors are concentrating on contacts that are 25 years old. The plans to improve the airport, however, date back 13 years and span two previous airport directors.

Current director Les Robinson went over airport plans with the Mackinac Island conferees, displaying plans for the new mile-long terminal, the new parking structure and lots with 1,300 additional spaces, and an access road to the south, allowing drivers to enter the airport from Eureka Road.

The airport concourse will have 25,000 square feet of retail space. Stores there will generate additional revenue for airport operation, he said.

A $4.50 airport user fee provided the money for the new construction, he said. That fee will also pay for renovation of the existing terminals. Renovation of the existing terminals will begin in earnest next year, McNamara said. Only sketchy plans have been laid on that project to date.

He said he didn't believe the state audit was contributing anything to the airport's improvement. He dismissed it as "foolishness."



Ed McNamara, Wayne County Executive

# Police training center awarded $2 million grant for sim-city

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It appears certain now that Oakland Community College will receive a $2 million grant for development of its Combined Regional Emergency Services Training center, as a result of an agreement among the state's legislative leadership.

Last week, leadership agreed on a "targets" to be included in a $393.26 million supplemental appropriation bill, according to Brian O'Connell, legislative aide to Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak. The agreement transfers the $2 million dollar grant for the CREST center from the Consumer and Industry Services budget to supplemental appropriations and means both House and Senate will likely vote approval before they head out for summer recess.

The agreement was reached in a meeting involving Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron; Senate Appropriations Chair Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph; House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo; and House Appropriations Committee Chair Terry Geiger, R-Lake Odessa.

Despite the rejection of a planning grant last year by the governor, his office has not said it will reject the grant this time around. An agreement among the leadership increases its chances, O'Connell said.

The money will go to the $7 million, 22-acre "simulated city" already under construction at the college, to be used to train police and fire workers. Emergency personnel will be able to use the facility to train and practice their responses to the emergencies, from hostage situations to toxic chemical spills to gas leaks.

The center is often compared to FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Oakland County taxpayers approved money for the center in a millage vote in 1995 but the college has been hoping to get up to $4 million in assistance from the state before completing construction.

Approval of the grant means OCC officials will likely see the check sometime in October.

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# Rouge Rescue

## *After 15 years, a cleaner river*

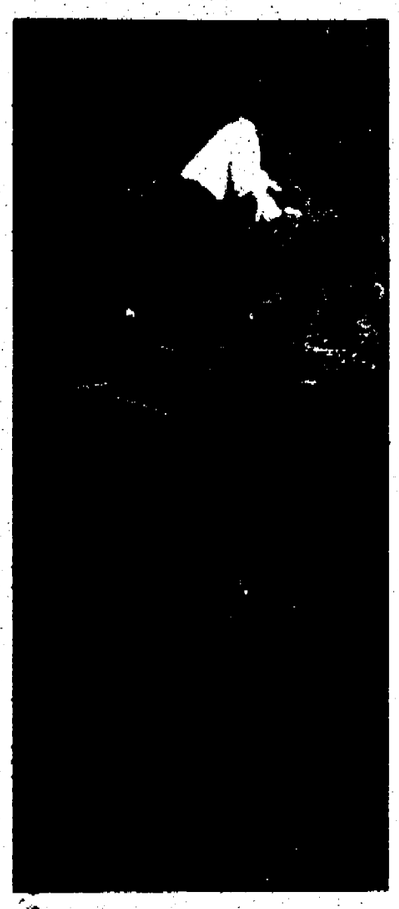
BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

An estimated 2,500 volunteers attended 22 sites along the Rouge watershed Saturday to participate in the 15th-anniversary of the Rouge Rescue.

Maybe the most important outcome of the event, now known as River Day, was there was not as much garbage and debris pulled from the river as in years past.

The reason was not a lack of effort. There just wasn't as much to pick up.

From Canton Township to Livonia, and from Novi to Beverly Hills, volunteers helped with a wide variety of activities that went far beyond picking up garbage, and included building pathways, planting vegetation, and constructing observation decks.



**Nature's way:** *Leah Petersen crosses over the Rouge on a natural bridge.*

The fact the projects at each of the sites were as diverse as the volunteers who came out to lend a hand is an indication the event has become more ambitious over the course of a decade and a half.

"We used to measure our success on the number of trash containers we filled up," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge, the volunteer organization devoted to cleaning up the long-polluted river.

"Now we base it on the number of volunteers who show up and the diversity of the projects we accomplish. To me this is much more significant."

In Westland, around 200 volunteers battled mosquitoes along Tonquish Creek in Hix Park.

While they picked up their share of trash, Westland volunteers also employed a new technique known as woody debris management along Tonquish Creek. Rather than extract all of the logs from the creek, volunteers used cables to permanently secure many of them to the banks.

"In the past we just ripped out everything that was in the creek, so this is something a little new," volunteer Marty Johnson said of the project, which required a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"Not only does it stabilize the banks, but it oxygenates the water as it rolls over the logs, which helps the fish and keeps the creek healthy."

Canton attracted approximately 100 volunteers, the biggest turnout in the township's four years of sponsoring a site. Volunteers, most of whom remained relatively clean compared to the mud-caked, mosquito-bitten Westland volunteers, broke off into four groups and participated in different activities.

The largest group traveled around the various township neighborhoods and stenciled storm drains to remind residents the drains lead directly to the river.

"The stenciling raises awareness and reminds people not to dump things down the storm drains," said Canton coordinator Kelly Kelly, noting volunteers had made it to every neighborhood in the township.

Another group, comprised mainly of children and their parents, remained at the Township Hall and constructed birdhouses, which they could take home and hang up in their yards.

Canton's other two activities took place at Field and Tonda elementary schools. At Field, workers put in the posts for an observation deck that will overlook Truesdell Creek, as well as planted vegetation along the stream bank.

At Tonda, volunteers built a pathway along Fellows Creek. The site already has an observation deck, and school officials plan to incorporate the natural area into the curriculum as an alternative to classroom instruction.

"The children love getting out of the classroom and getting outside," said Marjane Baker, a 4th grade teacher at Tonda and chairperson of the entire project, which has also included planting over 1,000 shrubs and trees.

"In the process of educating them, we get them tuned-in to the natural world around them. They really do have a good understanding that we have to conserve our natural resources."

All of Canton's volunteers were rewarded for their efforts with a lunch featuring a pig roast at the end of the day's work.

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**Unjammin':** *Bill Craig (left) and Phil Crookshank clear debris from a logjam in the Rouge.*

While many of the 2,500 participants at the various sites were event veterans, some came out for the first time. One such person, Westland resident John Borczak, picked up trash and put up a few birdhouses at Hix Park.

"I do a lot of walking and hiking at Hines Park. I figured since I use it a lot, I might as well contribute in some way," he said.

Canton resident Rich Taglione, also a first-timer, brought his 7-year-old son Richard and the two built a birdhouse together.

"I wanted to participate because this is a good cause," Taglione said. "Plus it was something my son and I could do together."

By all accounts, Saturday was a great success.

"We accomplished nearly everything we had envisioned getting done," said Bill Craig, who help lead the efforts in Westland.

Canton organizers were also happy with the efforts of volunteers.

"Each year we seem to get more people showing up," Kelly said. "We got everything done that we wanted to. We even had people sitting around. We should have had more to do."

Kelly should take heart, because there is always next year.

**Log hauling:** *Ralph Williams of the city of Livonia Forestry Department brings logs out of the Rouge to the banks of the river.*

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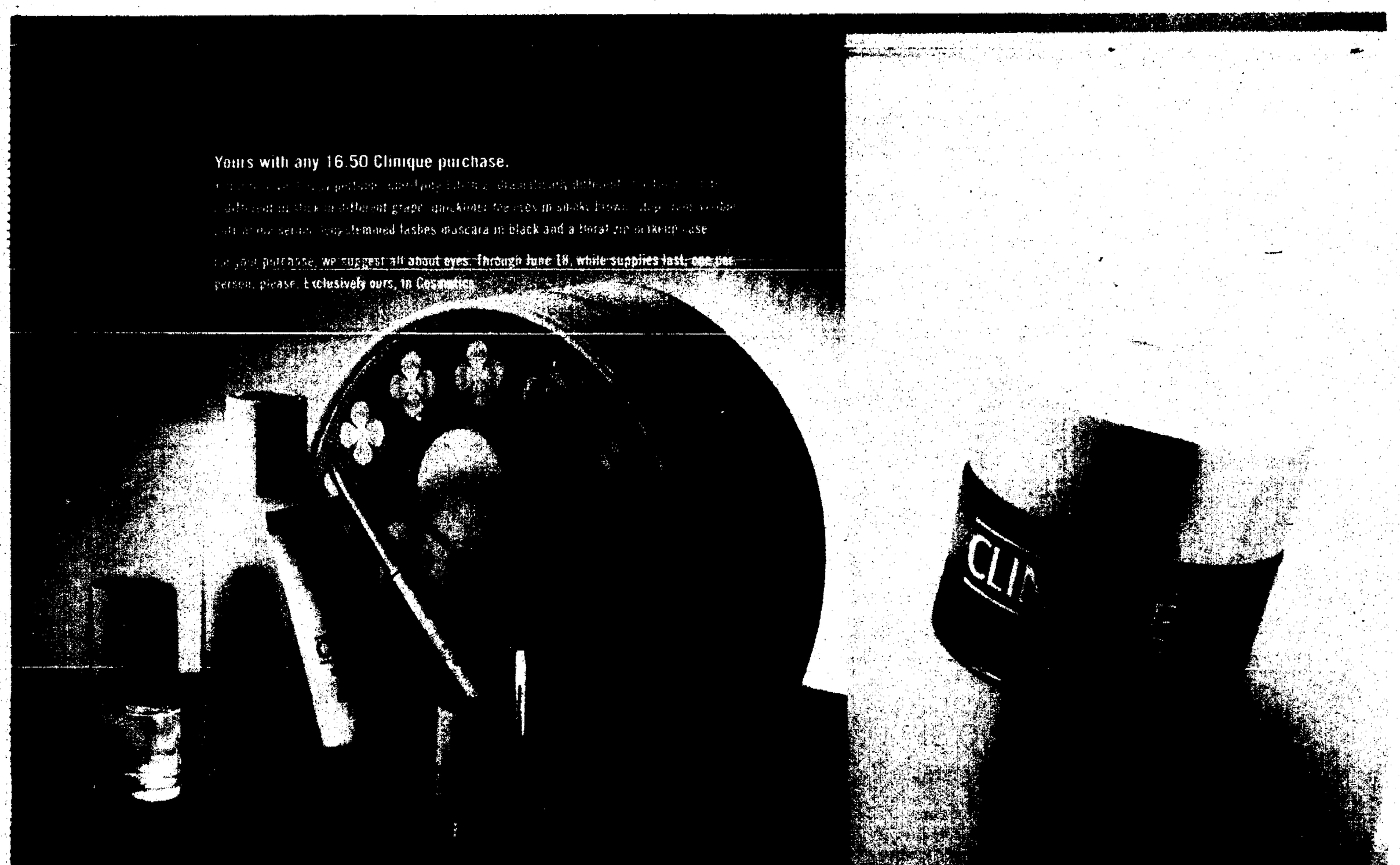


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# Field Days combine fitness and fun for young

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The rain didn't dampen Daniel McCahill's enthusiasm about playing vortex football during Field Day Monday.

"It's one of my favorite sports, because I was really good at it," he added.

As the drizzle continued, the morning of physical activities outside went on as planned during one of the most anticipated activities in the school year at elementary schools across the Wayne-Westland district.

A fourth-grade student at Madison Elementary, Daniel said he also learned not to "call names and to be a good sport."

Limbo lover Jessica Randolph, 10, said she left the events knowing how important it is to try your best.

Most of the kids didn't seem to notice the constant rain during the morning session of the day-long event. And if Daniel and Jessica are representative of all the students at Madison, then physical education teacher Nancy Pew has gotten her message across.

"I want every child to leave a winner that day," Pew said.

Explaining that some of her friends remember failures during their own school field days, Pew added: "My goal is to create a lasting, positive memory for each child here."

Rain forced a postponement of Field Day from last Monday to next Monday at David Hicks Elementary School in Inkster.

Anticipation of the end of the year games and fun was growing at Hicks, explained physical education teacher Mel Long. The planned activities include a sack race, softball throw, long jump, a water relay to see which team fills a bucket first, limbo, 50-yard dash, a hula hoop relay and a golf ball on a spoon relay.

"It's about sportsmanship," Long said. "We usually don't even keep score."

Pew and Long avoid bad feelings by not awarding first-, second- and third-place winners in the events. In fact, all Madison and Hicks students will receive a ribbon at the end of the day for participating and trying their best.

The 16 stations at Madison stress self-improvement and working as a team. The parachute toss, for instance, requires groups of kids to use a parachute and figure out how to make the Nerf balls pop off. Other events, like the traditional 50-yard dash and hula hoops, allow kids to try to beat their own scores.

"By providing a variety of activities, by the end of field day, they've exercised every muscle from head to toe and that they don't realize it because they have so much fun," Pew said. "I focus on sportsmanship and to learn to be able to congratulate the classmates that do well. They learn to be a good winner and a good loser.

"I think it's one of the best-kept secrets in our school district," said Pew, who puts in about 50 hours of planning and preparation with the help of her husband, Glenn, who takes the day off work to make sure everything runs smoothly. Pew also plans a Field Day at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School in Westland.

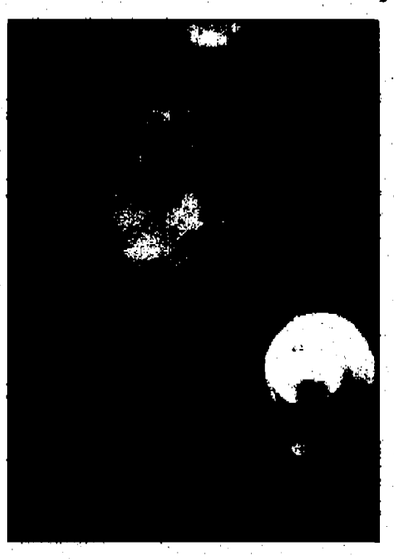
Field Day also promotes physical fitness.

"I think the kids need physical activity more in the sense that there's just things in society that prevent kids from opportunities to play like they used to," Pew said. "I remember as a kid I could ride my bike to the park by myself and play and now parents have safety issues to deal with. Kids don't have the freedom and that might be part of it."

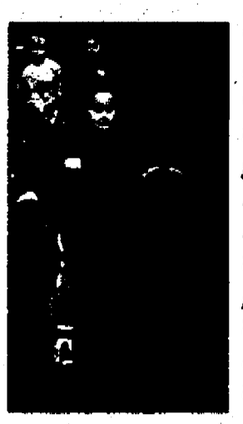
Television and computers also promote a lot of sedentary activities that compete with exercise and play.

Long agreed: "Children nowadays are pretty out of shape and we try to get them in shape the best we can."

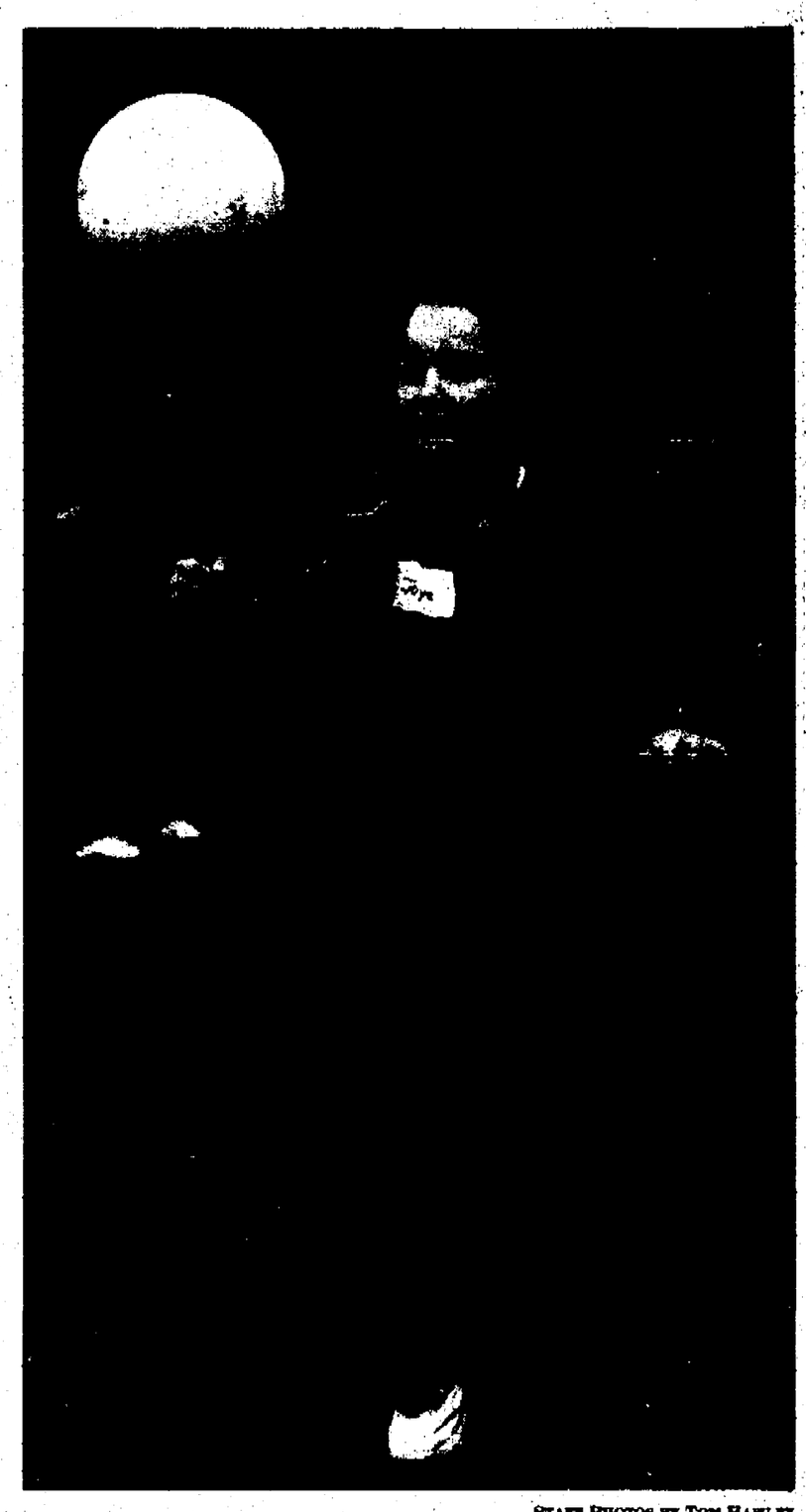
**Challenge:** *Madison Elementary kindergartner Sherry Smith tries to carry the inflated tube in a relay race at Field Day Monday morning.*



**Whew!** *Jennifer Galunas, a third-grader at Madison, blows at the cup in the cup blowing relay race.*



**Racing:** *Stephen Guinn, a third-grader at Madison Elementary, pushes the inflated tube in a relay race.*



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**I can do it:** *Fourth-grader Joye Clenney balances a ball in the plunger relay race at the Madison Elementary School Field Day Monday morning. Hicks Elementary will hold Field Day next Monday.*


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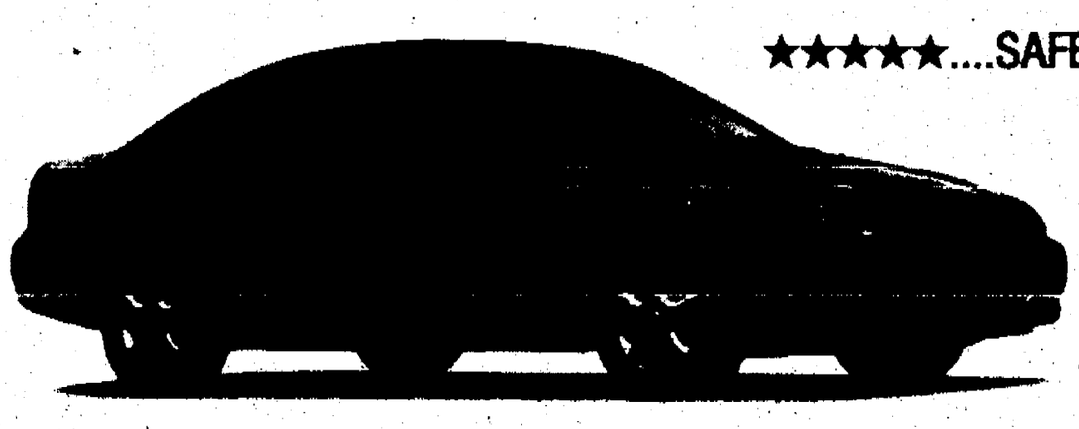

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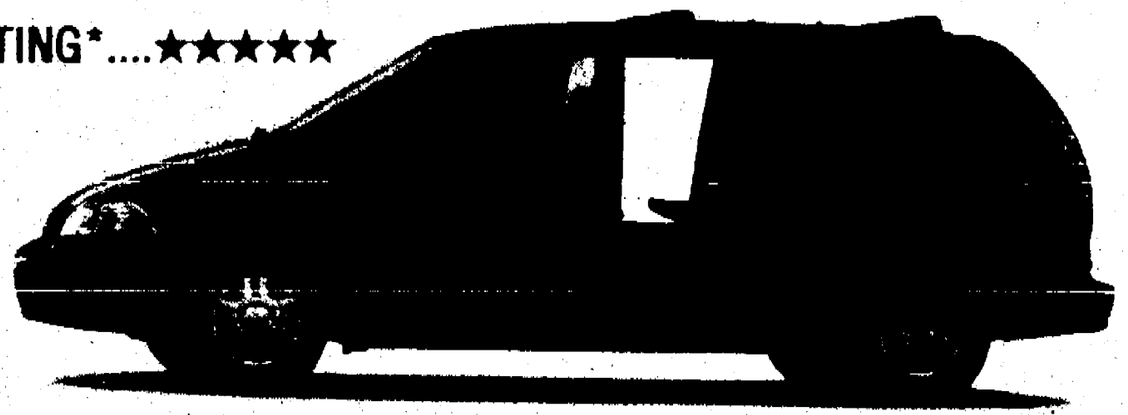

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# Buckeye fund-raiser reaches out for Schoolcraft donors

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**Schoolcraft has picked a Buckeye nurtured in Michigan soil in the hope he will help the state's ninth-largest community college grow its financial base.**

David Barcus, who grew up in Marion, Ohio, near Columbus, but who is a 1967 graduate of the former Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, has become the Livonia-based Schoolcraft's first professional fund-raiser.

With the college's continued growth – among other things, it recently announced a $20-million state-of-the-art expansion of its Waterman Campus Center – Barcus is expected to move the college from an event-based fund-raising format focusing mainly on scholarships to one with a broader base as the 8,000-student college seeks to meet the needs of its student and business clientele.

"Our aim is to establish a larger base of donors, a more diverse base of donors" and to create "a planned-giving approach," said Norene Thomas, Schoolcraft's director of marketing and development (fund-raising), in discussing the addition of Barcus to her staff.

"That's where he's got the expertise," she said, adding the administration believes "he's the one to take us to the next level of giving.

"We hope (Barcus) will move us" to a position where "people think of us in their wills and estates, or think of us for contributions routinely," said Thomas.

**Fund-raiser:** *David Barcus is hoping to broaden Schoolcraft's fund-raising efforts to attract new contributors.*

The 50-year-old Barcus, who came to Schoolcraft earlier this year from the St. John Health System Foundation in Macomb County, estimates he has raised about $40 million for institutions in Indiana, Oregon and Michigan.

A Nebraska native who planned to become a teacher, Barcus majored in English literature and philosophy at Northwestern University and later added a master's in American studies from Bowling Green University.

But he got into arts administration instead when, after college, he took an 18-month job writing grants to help Fort Wayne, Ind., celebrate the bicentennial.

## 'The best job'

"It was the best job I ever had," said Barcus. "It gave me a taste of fund-raising" and also a broad introduction to cultural arts.

But "I really got into fund-raising," he said, when he became assistant director of the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation, helping raise $4 million between 1978-81 to develop the Fort Wayne Museum.

Until 1985, Barcus worked for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, returning to his prep alma mater, Cranbrook, to start a $7-million capital campaign for its Institute of Science.

From there, Barcus became executive director of Bon Seccurs Hospital Foundation in Grosse Pointe, raising $18 million before the hospital merged with Cottage Hospital and he joined St. John, creating a major capital campaign for a cancer center there.

Schoolcraft's new executive director of development said he is considering a $20-million capital campaign.

"Education is more important than ever and community colleges are in a position where they deserve more support," Barcus said.

"They are the key to the work force," he said. "We need more and more leaders and more people to do the skilled jobs."

He said the college is "looking to get out of only raising scholarships. We're looking at what we might do if we had our entire wish-list fulfilled."

## More involvement

His aim is to "get people involved more," Barcus said: "We're trying to create givers, to let people know why they should give.

"If we do that well, people will want to give. And if more people understand why that's important, we all benefit," he said.

Volunteers are the key, he said: "The people who best raise money are volunteers."

Schoolcraft is blessed with "a very good foundation board," Barcus said, and also is a place that teachers, administrators and students "have very warm feelings for.

"This is a great place to work," he stated. "It is extremely well managed. (Its) reputation in the community is solid.

"Schoolcraft is a part of the identity of the area. It helps define what this area is and why it's a great place to live," he said.

Barcus, the father of two teenagers, is an "avid" tennis player who golfs "when I have the time.

"I love to read, love to walk," he added.

But "I have never cooked," he said during a recent interview, acknowledging Schoolcraft's fine culinary arts program.

"Will I ever be a gourmet chef? Probably not," he said, but he figures he eventually should be able to put a good meal together.

At the time, he was looking forward to accompanying the school's student chefs to Chicago for a major cooking competition.

But not to try his hand at cooking. There'll be some Schoolcraft alumni there, he said, and "I'll do a little fund-raising."

# Schoolcraft adapts to changing needs

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To paraphrase a popular recent slogan: It's not your father's old Schoolcraft anymore.

What began 35 years ago as an intermediate institution of higher learning for high school graduates has blossomed into a many-faceted community college that educates and trains teenagers and also their parents and grandparents and even the owners and managers of the businesses and industries where they work.

"Our mission has expanded," stated Richard McDowell, who's been president of Schoolcraft for more than half its existence.

The school, ninth largest of Michigan's 28 two-year schools, finds itself continually "responding to specific needs" of the publics it serves, he said, and "We're excited about what's happening."

Today, he said, the Livonia-based college is:

■ Both a traditional and a non-traditional institution that offers formal, in-the-classroom education and the new "wall-less" computer Internet version wherein students choose when and where they will study;

■ A continuing education center that provides a wide range of classes on everything from hobbies and exercise to child-care and computer training – including the latest software, Microsoft 2000; and

■ A center that helps business and industry by training and cross-training supervisors, teaching quality-control, helping firms determine what their customers want and even how to become automotive and government suppliers and exporters.

McDowell said Schoolcraft's Business Development Center and its director, Bruce Sweet, have helped local companies do over $960 million in business with the federal government alone by teaching them how to access that market.

It also helped a Farmington Hills business win a $32-million contract to supply computers to the U.S. House of Representatives, McDowell said.

The pervasiveness of television, VCRs, radio and computers as transmitters of information means that "We're past the place where the teacher can be the primary source" of that information, McDowell noted.

Today, the Schoolcraft faculty's role is to help students relate to what they learn about things like Bosnia or the Federal Reserve raising interest rates.

"We are helping students learn how to learn, to be informed and to form opinions and, hopefully, make their own decisions" about things, McDowell said.

"The role of Schoolcraft is to deal with the situations and help people learn throughout life, because the need is there," he said.


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# Program aimed at helping kids get 'ready to succeed'

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Couples who bring home a new baby are likely to hear a knock at the door shortly afterward from a new school district official known as a "home visitor."

The visitor's job will be to inform parents about the latest research that shows early experiences affect how the brain "wires" itself in the first few years of development and to make sure they know about all the resources that are available to them to help them be good parents.

Strictly voluntary, the Ready to Succeed program will encourage new parents to talk to their babies, interact, read and play simple games with them.

According to state Rep. Patricia Godchaux, R-Birmingham, it doesn't involve anything good parents don't already do. Unfortunately, some parents apparently believe it is unnecessary to talk to their youngsters out of the mistaken impression that it has no effect because the children can't understand the words.

That's not so, according Joan Lessen-Firestone, an early childhood education consultant for the Oakland Intermediate School District.

Recent research has shown a lack of stimulation in the first years of life can lead to a measurable difference in the structure of a child's brain, a thinner cortex. Negative stimulation, the kind that comes with abuse, can also produce enough stress to change the structure of the brain, she said, leading to increased aggressiveness or quicker use of the "fight or flight" response.

The home visitation program will be run by local school districts, according to Godchaux. The state has already put $45 million in its K-12 school aid budget to pay for grants to local districts to run the program. Matching funds will be necessary from the community, which may come from the school district, community organizations or local businesses. How much must be contributed by the community is not specified and may vary.

The grant program was featured in a session at the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Conference on Mackinac Island.

School districts locally already have such programs in place, according to Lessen-Firestone. The Waterford and Birmingham school districts are among them. Similar programs, known as a "Success by Six," are also in operation in other states, including Vermont and Kansas.

Godchaux said she hopes every parent in the state will receive a visitation within the first couple weeks after bringing a new baby home. "At risk" parents won't be specifically targeted to encourage participation.

"If we say it's only for at-risk families, those who need it most won't do it. No one likes to be called at-risk," she said. "It's not a matter of people being bad parents, they're just torn by the demands of daily life."

If parents are unwilling to participate, home visitors will not return because it is not mandatory, Godchaux said. Still, she hopes everyone will take part in the program.

The seed money was put in the budget as a follow up to a Ready-to-Learn Children's Summit held in the state several years ago, she said, and 19 local forums held around the state by a "Children's Caucus" of state legislators, including Godchaux, Hubert Price, D-Pontiac, Lynne Martinez, D-Lansing, and Edward LaForge, D-Kalamazoo.

Lessen-Firestone predicted that school districts will soon be operating beyond their traditional K-12 programs, and begin concentrating as well on early childhood development, even prenatal care.

Research has shown that a child's brain matures significantly within the first year of life. Born with some 50 billion synapses in the brain, a baby's brain increases the number to 1,000 trillion synapses by the end of the first year. A 20-year-old by comparison has only 500 trillion synapses in the brain, showing the number is later pared down.

Because the brain is actually wiring itself in that time, the stimulation given a child has a direct effect on the brain's structure for life, Lessen-Firestone explained.

# Madonna cites good writing

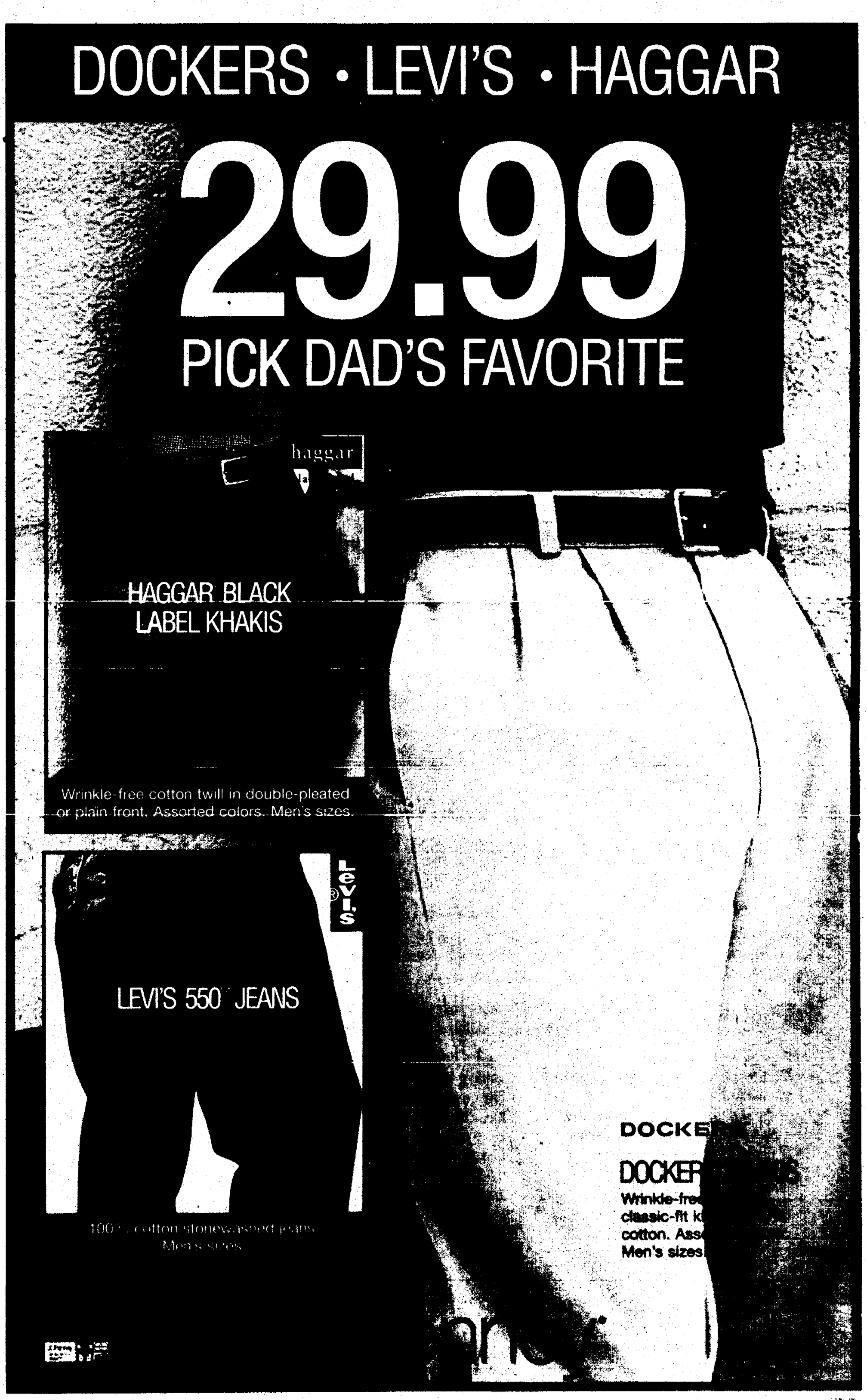
Twenty Madonna University students from various academic programs were nominated by faculty to receive Student Awards for Excellence in Writing. The Awards are sponsored by the Madonna University Writing Across the Curriculum program.

The writing award recipients are:

Bloomfield Hills resident Suan Peisner, a post degree student in gerontology; Commerce Township resident Kathleen Quenneville, a May 2000 graduate in allied health administration; Farmington Hills resident Anna Casadei, a junior in Spanish; Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sanda Lynn Millies, a December 1999 graduate in sign language studies; Howell resident Diana Rodolfo, a senior in English;

Livonia residents Stephanie Banaszak, a senior in psychology, Sharon Hoyer, a May 2000 graduate in English/music with minors in humanities and speech/drama, Nora Kohlruss, a senior of biochemistry and biology, Maria Mitter, a junior in psychology, and Lorraine Zytkowski, a May 2000 graduate in mathematics; Milford resident Sharon Whalen, a December 1999 graduate in gerontology; Novi resident Joe Dean, senior, general studies, Pinkney resident Karen L. Carter, a May 2000 graduate in allied health administration;

Plymouth resident Yoko Morie, a post degree student in psychology; Redford resident Jennifer Comben, a senior in dietetics, Romeo resident William Braun, a May 2000 graduate in criminal justice; Southfield resident Ann Crumley, a senior in social work; Southgate resident Richard Sands, a junior in the legal assistant program with a minor in criminal justice; and West Bloomfield residents Linda Lowther, senior, sociology and Kathleen Quinn-Balch, a post degree student in English and elementary education.



# Critics call deregulation bill a windfall for utilities

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**■ Included in the legislation is a 5 percent rate cut, a three-year freeze and a two-year cap on electric utility rates. Also included are provisions allowing competing companies to sell electricity over the lines of current service providers**

Gov. John Engler signed into law a bill deregulating electric utilities and giving consumers a 5 percent rate cut on Mackinac Island June 5 during the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Policy Conference. It was the end result of a goal he set for the Legislature just weeks earlier.

But the issue is far from settled. Critics say the bill could produce a windfall for utilities. Environmentalists have raised concerns.

And local governments are expected to sue over the bill.

"Michigan will go from being a laggard in electric deregulation to being a leader," Engler said in the ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 937 before the Mackinac conferees. Sponsored by Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R Lake Orion, the bill is intended to open electric utilities to competition.

Included in the legislation is a 5 percent rate cut, a three-year freeze and a two-year cap on electric utility rates. Also included are provisions allowing competing companies to sell electricity over the lines of current service providers. New power generation companies will be able to begin building plants and marketing electricity over current Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy lines.

The restructuring is intended to bring down costs for consumers.

## Choice emphasized

According to Dunaskiss, the bill includes two key elements, protecting customers and providing them with an element of choice. It will also encourage development in new power plants. If customers do not want to shop for a new power supply company, according to Dunaskiss aide Joelle Demand, their service and billing will continue as it presently is.

"We're giving consumers the power to choose the electric company they feel will best serve their needs. This legislation will fuel competition between suppliers in this state, lowering the cost of electricity. This bill is also needed if our electric companies are to move forward with investing in new electric generating facilities which are essential to meet the growing demand for electricity in this state," Dunaskiss said. Without the construction of new generating facilities brownouts may occur in the near future, he said.

But critics including ABATE and the Small Business Association of Michigan feel the plan could hold an increase in costs for consumers. Of concern is the Legislature's agreement to let utilities collect for "stranded costs." Under the plan, utilities could refinance debt already incurred for the construction of new power plants and apply the repayment costs to consumers' bills whether they switch to a new supplier and not.

## Not competitive

The "bill is a windfall for the monopoly utilities," said Barry Cargill, vice president of government relations for SBAM. "This is not deregulation, it's re-regulation. It won't establish a competitive market for electricity for many years."

"Securitization (of stranded costs) hurts competition in two ways. First, all customers have to pay this fee, while Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy get out from under a major obligation they currently have. That means they no longer have any debt for their expensive plants, and would have to charge only property costs while the new company seeking to build a plant and compete would have to pay construction debt and operating fees. That's unfair," according to David Waymire of ABATE.

Waymire said the bill is a "massive bailout of the utilities that would absolve them completely and forever of any risk involved in paying off the Fermi 2 nuclear plant (Detroit Edison) and the Midland Cogeneration Venture contract, an expensive remnant of Consumer Energy's failed Midland nuclear plant. The securitization legislation would force the (Public Service) Commission to allow utilities to issue an expected $8 billion in bonds backed by a new fee – a secure a tax – on Michigan utility bills for next 15 years."

Sen. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion

Lana Pollack

## Amendents suggested

Lana Pollack, of the Michigan Environmental Council, said lawmakers should have adopted at least three amendments to the bill. She advocated new controls on mercury emissions from the oldest coal burning plants. She also urged installation of modern technology to reduce air pollution, and she asked for requirements for increased energy efficiency cut pollution.

"Consumers Energy and Detroit Edison pump our air and water full of mercury and other toxins, and we should hold them accountable," Pollack said.

Still, the biggest challenge is likely to come from the Michigan Municipal League.

"Our one continuing concern with the electric industry restructuring legislative package is that the language must not include any provisions that circumvent or place limitations upon current local authority over public right-of-way issues – including franchise negotiations options with any public utility," said Dan Gilmartin, director of state and federal affairs for the MML.

At issue are the fees paid by utilities to local township and city governments to string lines across their rights-of-way. Municipalities believe they should be able to collect franchise fees from any new competing electrical generation firms. But Dunaskiss disagrees, Demand said, because no new wires would have to be strung on those right of ways.

"This is just new electrons running down on the same wires," Demand said.

Under the legislation, as approved, such new franchise fees won't have to be paid by school districts if districts "aggregate," or join together to buy electricity from an alternative supplier. One group, the East Lansing-based Middle Cities Education Association, is ready to negotiate on the behalf of 400 schools across the state to buy cheaper electricity from a competitive supplier, Demand said.

But only school districts would get that benefit currently. Businesses and residential customers won't be able to avoid those local franchise fees when they band together for electric services.

She expects the Michigan Municipal League will sue over the provision to block municipalities from collecting franchise fees for school groups that buy electricity from alternative suppliers. But lawmakers are hoping to amend the act later to also allow residents and businesses to "aggregate" to shop for cheaper electric services, she said.

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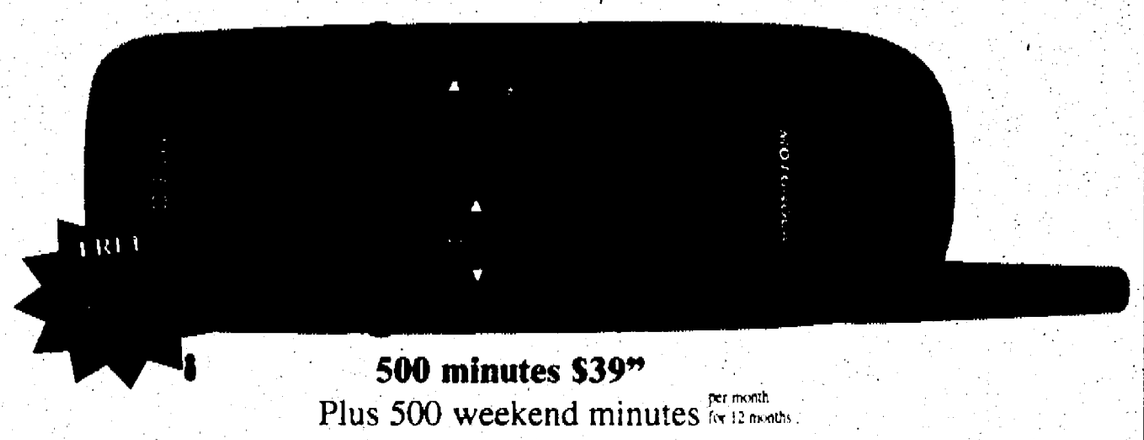

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**Matching moneys:** *Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell accepts a check for $11,800 in matching funds from Ameritech representative Diane Webb as state Rep. Laura Toy looks on.*

# Ameritech matches employee contributions to Schoolcraft

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
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Schoolcraft College's student scholarship fund recently got an $11,800 boost from the Ameritech Corp.

The telecommunications firm matched contributions by its employees and retirees to five existing Ameritech endowments which are under the auspices of the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The corporation's gift-match came during the Schoolcraft Foundation's 1999 year-end annual giving campaign. Scholarships are granted through the foundation.

A check was presented to Schoolcraft President Richard W. McDowell on May 22 in a ceremony attended by both college and Ameritech officials and state Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

Toy said the gift "shows what retirees and staff can do working together for the benefit of a great community college."

Diane Webb, Ameritech director of external affairs for northwest Wayne County, praised the Livonia-based college's efforts, particularly those in technical education.

While Ameritech "is proud to support education in local communities," Webb said, "We really have an interest in a college that, through its own efforts, is advancing education in the technical area. Schoolcraft is making great strides in technology.

"We also want to reward and encourage our employee donations," she added.

Earlier this year, Schoolcraft announced a $320-million Business and Industry Training Center, including new facilities for its nationally known culinary arts department.

The expanded Waterman Center facility will feature classrooms for state-of-the-art computer technology training and large meeting rooms. The expansion is to be completed by 2003.

McDowell pointed out Schoolcraft already has more on-campus computers than any other community college in Michigan, and that all the units are replaced with more advanced equipment on a regular basis.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia.

# Museum sponsors writing contest

As part of the educational component of the 18th Annual African World Festival, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and The Blue Nile restaurant are inviting high school students to enter a writing contest. Both organizations want to encourage interest in African-based culture, scholarship and writing.

The theme for the contest is the same as that of the festival: "The Soul That Binds Us: A Celebration of Our Similarities." Entries can be essays, poems/lyrics or short stories and should examine the cultural connections, comparisons and/or similarities between African Americans and at least one other society in Africa of the African Diaspora. Participants are challenged to think creatively. The contest is open to all students in grades 9-12 who attend school in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties.

All entries will be judged for content, originality and style and should be at least 100 to 500 words in length. The deadline for postmarked entries is June 25, 2000. A panel of judges will be selected by the staff of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. The top five entries will each be awarded a $1000 cash price, courtesy of The Blue Nile restaurant.

Any students interested in participating in the contest can obtain an official entry form from the principal's office at his/her high school. Students can also pick up an entry form at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, or The Blue Nile restaurant, 508 Monroe, Detroit.

For additional information about the contest, contact Matt Lee at Drumbeaters, (248)584-3715, or Patricia Carrolle Jaynes for the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, (313)494-5853.


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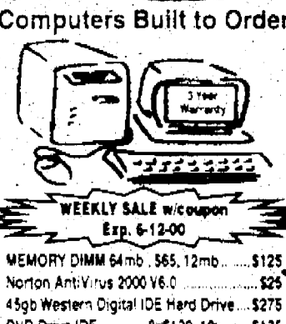
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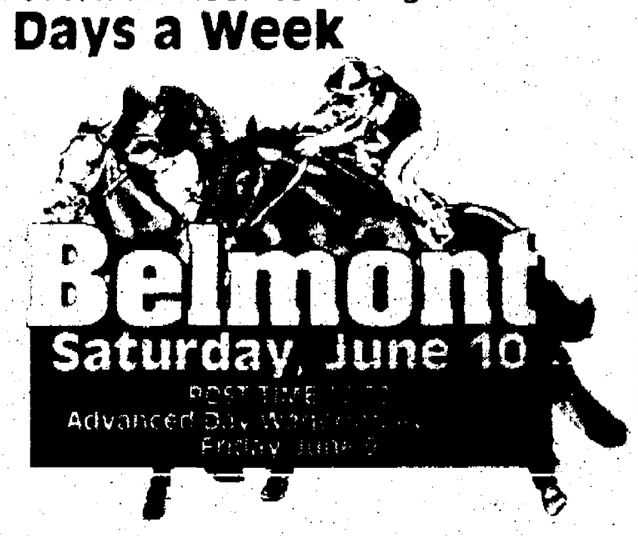
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## We wish graduates the best

For high school graduates, these are the good old days.

Commencement was held last Saturday for John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, at other times for the local Lutheran high schools and adult education graduates.

Regardless of the time of commencement, all the grads share a justifiable pride in hard work and accomplishment. Earning that diploma wasn't easy, but each stuck to it and got the job done.

Those are qualities that will serve the current crop of graduates well in higher education or the workplace. Such basics as showing up on time and doing the job as required will stand the Class of 2000 in good stead.

Elsewhere in this newspaper, you'll find coverage of the graduations of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial. The Lutheran graduations have already run, the adult ed ceremony is slotted for next week.

The Observer likes to make a big deal about high school graduation, running photos of proud grads in their caps and gowns. Not in the photos as often but still meriting praise are those parents and teachers who encouraged and prodded the graduates to this proud day.

For the teen grads, having their name in the paper as a member of the Class of 2000 might not seem such a big deal. It's heartening to know, however, that as decades pass, those grads will be able to look back at the newspaper and remember this special time.

For the adult ed graduates, there's that special pride that comes with having reached this milestone later in life. Some have combined family and work responsibilities with their studies, and have learned to juggle those roles to get the job done.

We remind all of the graduates to refrain from drinking and driving to make these days happy ones for all. We applaud the graduates for their endeavors – and wish them a bright, happy and productive future.

STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

**We made it:** *John Glenn High graduates listen during Saturday's commencement on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. Wayne Memorial High held its commencement Saturday at EMU.*

# Candidates should be mature

**■ Candidates should remember that newspapers cover political campaigns. The papers don't run them.**

Ah, yes, someone should write a song. It'd go something like this: "... election time and the rhetoric is sleazy ..." or something like that, with sincere apologies to Mr. Gershwin.

Summer is upon us and so is the political season. Sometimes that season gets silly.

Filing deadline has come and gone. Soon the signs will be all around, spouting from manicured front lawns and weed-choked vacant lots and overflowing residents' mailboxes.

Voters will have some tough choices to make when they go to the polls in the Aug. 8 primary and the Nov. 7 general election. And make no mistake, these are important elections. Decisions made in August and November will go a long way toward determining what the future will be like.

Unfortunately, it's more than just lawn signs and political mailings and announcements of meet-the-candidate nights in school cafeterias that tell us an election is in the offing. The bad attitudes of some of the candidates are (or soon will be) a dead giveaway.

We'd like to believe that this will be the election where all the hopefuls and their sidekicks behave like ladies and gentlemen and stop picking on each other and actually discuss some of the important issues with alacrity so that the voters may make intelligent choices.

Do we hear some, possibly a candidate snickering in the background? Well, we can dream, can't we?

Now, we think we know many of the people running for the local, county state offices – and we're sure going to get to know them a whole lot better as campaigns progress. The ballots will be stocked with a lot of decent people, we think, and the communities will be well-served should any of them be elected.

But, hey, let's be honest about it: A lot of adults become children during election campaigns. We've seen it in past elections. Will we see it in this one? Well, what is your guess?

For one thing, certain candidates (you know who you are) are too sensitive about what is (or isn't) included about them in the local newspaper. These types don't seem to realize that it's the voters they have to win over, not the reporters and editors of a newspaper.

Candidates who complain about newspaper content and coverage, while forgetting the voters, are usually the ones who get the "unsuccessful candidate" designation in subsequent stories.

Candidates should remember that newspapers cover political campaigns. The papers don't run them. You'd think people would understand something so basic to the science of politics. Yes, you'd think.

This newspaper will not accept letters that introduce new attacks on a candidate a week before an election. This newspaper will not publish libelous letters. Nor will it run every form letter sent out by a special interest group.

To sum up, candidates who expect to be taken seriously by the voters and the press should show a commitment to the voters and the community, not to their egos.

So, candidates, please grow up and stay grown during the campaigns. Stick to the issues and forget about:

- Starting whispering campaigns about each other.
- Yanking each others' signs out of lawns
- Pitting one supporter against another in divide-and-conquer schemes.
- All the other childish things we've seen local pols do over the years.

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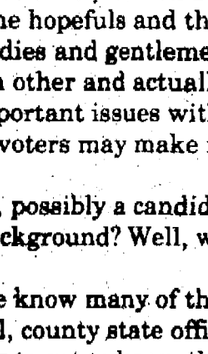
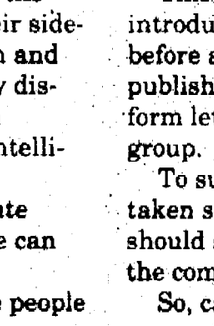


"Barely – I'm driving a lot less and trying to do everything in one day."

**Nancy Kimberlin**
*Wayne*



"It hasn't even affected me; I just buy it. I have no choice. I drive only 10 miles a day and fill up every two weeks."

**Shawn Whiting**
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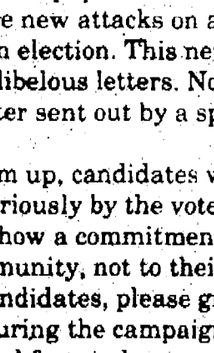

"I'm like anybody else, I hate it. I drive a pickup and spend $40 to fill it up."

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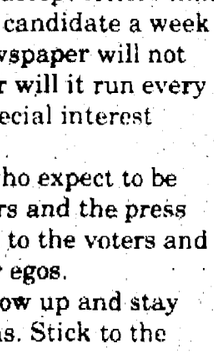

"I don't notice them, frankly. I'm retired, so I don't drive too far."

**Joanne Johnson**
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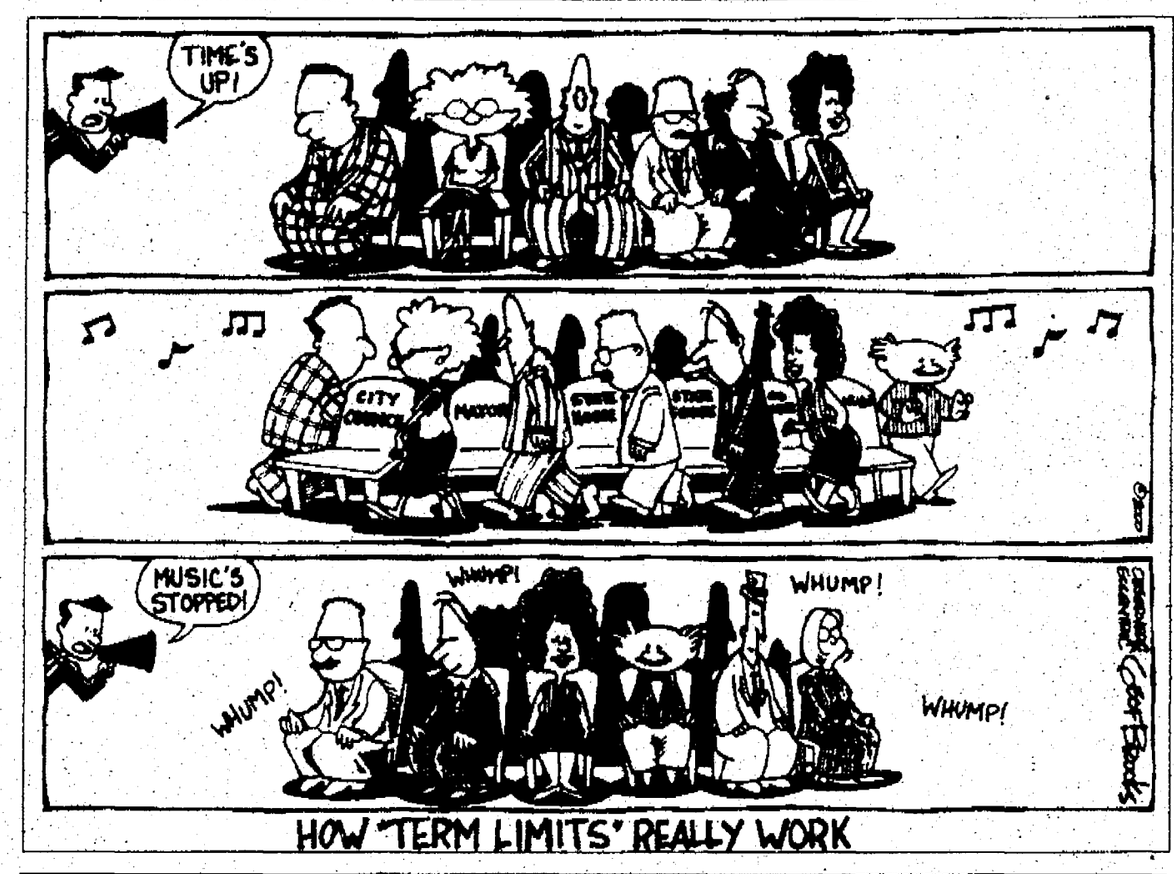


# LETTERS

***Opinions are to be shared:*** *We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Julie Brown, Westland editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, faxed to her at (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.*

## Gibbons supporter

Even though Patricia (Gibbons) has been treated so harshly, she still maintains a love for the city and a desire to serve the people of the 18th District. She was quoted as saying the 18th District "is about good, decent people who work hard, want the very best for their families and would do anything to help a friend or neighbor."

" Patricia understands the people of the 18th and what we desire from our elected officials; we want officials who will listen to us. Patricia did what was right for the people of Westland and was ultimately dismissed for it. I want to see that same dedication to the people taken to Lansing.

Patricia has worked hard for the city of Westland for over 20 years. And she wants to continue her service by becoming our next state representative. I for one think she will do a great job as our next state representative.

**Pamela Seymour**
**Westland**

## Vote for Naser

In the June 12, 2000, Livonia school election, we have a chance to add a fresh, energetic new voice to the Board of Education.

Larry Naser has a long record of community service on behalf of children and families. Not only has Larry been active in support of his own children's schools, but also throughout our community and in the state of Michigan as a volunteer member of the foster care review boards that oversee the state's handling of abused and neglected children.

Larry Naser deserves one of your two votes for Livonia school board. As a former board member myself, I am confident he will bring a wealth of helpful experience and good judgment to the board.

**Richard C. McKnight**
**Westland**

## Whitehead excellent choice

Though I retired three years ago after serving on the Livonia Board of Education for 11 years, I remain a staunch advocate of education for the children of our community. We are fortunate to have an excellent candidate for the school board who well deserves the support of all the voters in the school district.

Kevin Whitehead would be an outstanding addition to the school board. He has been a very active PTA parent for many years and has served on several important school district committees. He understands the issues, the necessary trade-offs, and he has a good sense of what the community believes to be important.

Kevin's boundless energy and good humor have served him well in many forums. He has shown his leadership ability and has been a successful team player – these are essential abilities in the job of a school board member.

Please remember that every vote counts – I lost by just one vote the first time I ran for the school board in 1985, so your vote on Monday, June 12, 2000, does matter.

Kevin Whitehead sincerely cares about kids. He has earned our support and our vote for the Livonia school board.

**Diane "Pat" Tancill**
**former trustee, Livonia**
**Board of Education**

## Vote Monday

On Monday, June 12, there will be school board elections throughout the city (district). While we realize that past elections have had low voter turnout, and the paper is indeed, along with (Superintendent Greg) Baracy, predicting another *very* low turnout, we hope, and yes encourage every citizen within this community to vote.

Please be aware of whom you are empowering with the betterment of your children's future. Originally, my wife and I were supporting Marshall Wright and Cynthia Schofield. While still supporting Mr. Wright, we will no longer vote for Mrs. Schofield upon learning she works for Kathy Makino and company.

Mr. Eisiminger has every intention of using the school board as a stepping stone for the city council where he can join his buddy David James, and in fact the other three currently under threat of recall. A vote for school board is actually a vote for council. He has no intention of staying, believing he will replace Mrs. Scott a year into his term.

We will have petitions outside many of the precincts, having been given permission by the state to do so. Please come down and vote, and sign petitions! Be aware of what is going on in your city. They want low voter turnout; they expect it. Show them differently. Low voter turnout means victory for the status quo.

Status quo means business as usual.

**Mario and Brenda Gracin**

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*— Philip Power*

# LETTERS

## City thoughts

I have three points that have to be addressed, the first is Sharon Scott ... you remember before May 15 she said she didn't want to run for state rep. "Yeah, sure," then filed to run on May 16.

In April at a council meeting, I asked Sharon if she had announced yet that she was running, since I knew last year she would ... (and) so did David Cox, he said so Feb. 23.

I told her the power brokers spent too much money for her not to run, but with a recall effort ongoing they had to do damage control to try and give a shiny glow to Sharon.

To that end with help from a few UAW officials, they have tried to circumvent the rank and file and quite a few of the CAP members to give an endorsement to Sharon ... but as sure as the rain falls from the sky to the ground Sharon's endorsement may fall also.

My next point is Charlie Griffin, who has said citizens' comments of two minutes with a one-minute grace have always been that way since he's been there. That troubled me, so I went back to the tapes of the council meetings in 1982 ... that was before TV coverage when the city taped the meetings, but seemed to break down at key points. So I brought my tape recorder with me so as to have a true record of the meetings.

And guess what (as I knew), when you sat there and didn't want certain people to speak you would call on a few of your friends to speak in the first half hour for five minutes, eight minutes and sometimes 12 and 15 minutes so as to use up the time in the first half hour. "What's the matter, Charlie?" did you forget, memory lapse, or was it that other word?

I won't try to get into your mind, Charlie, that's a trip I wouldn't wish on anyone.

My last but not least point is David Cox, who at the May 1 council meeting read a letter he said he sent to Frank Bernacki ... God bless little Davey's blunder mouth ... he helps so much.

Little Davey said this letter was a serious response to the events election night to the best of his ability and was sent Feb. 7.

Little Davey said the vote counts were reported in a confusing way but as he recalled it, Pat Gibbons told David (Don Ho) James that he would have to go through this again in two years in a laughing and taunting manner, but in fact it was he who had the two-year seat and Don Ho a four-year seat.

That's what little Davey said in his letter to Mr. Bernacki and I'll stop right there because he said his honesty and integrity were in question. "OK, here we go" ... it was hectic on election night, when the votes were counted at each precinct one person from each camp would take the vote count back to their election rally while the voting official would take the vote tally to Pat Gibbons.

With the vote count from the precincts, "Don Ho" James had the two-year seat but Charlie Griffin and you, little Davey, lost the election. But after Pat Gibbons tallied the precinct votes along with the absentee votes and brought them to each rally, "Don Ho" James and Charlie had four-year terms and you, little Davey, had the two-year seat.

Davey, did you party too hard, bump your head, have a flight of fantasy? Or do you, as the Indians say, speak with forked tongue?

As a result of the letter you sent to Mr. Bernacki, I am sending him a letter to inform him of the "dare I say it" lie and as the saying goes garbage in garbage out and urge him to revisit his investigation of this matter.

I tell people I talk to that Westland is a good city, it's just some of the elected officials that are out of touch with the people.

They say property values are up ... "THEY HAVE TO BE" to come up with the taxes to pay for those pension plans they have, for the sale of property for development to certain people, then forgive their tax debt and "OH, BROTHER" the incinerator that we are paying over three times what we should, and they know who they are ... and so do we.

So trying to distract the public won't work and I hope you're that smart, but I'm not sure. By the way, I'm not a negative voice, nor am I a vindictive person, rather I talk about what they say and do!

**James R. Davis**

## Let's dance

What I, The Fab Four Lady, would like to discuss is why I have stopped attending most social functions in Westland – starting with why I will no longer attend any of the parades ... something to which I have always looked forward.

The recent Memorial Day Parade exemplifies my feelings. To me, this event is to commemorate the dead, especially the veterans. Yet, what do I hear on WLND? How the parade is being put together for "the kids, the parents," and even "the siblings."

What is all of this "family-value" crap? As if someone must get married and hope they are fertile enough to have kids – in order to be welcomed at social events! Just another way to divide the community. Eliminate the people with no families.

And, if you really want to get someone's dander up, ask where *Jesus* was in the *Christmas* parade!

Moving along, the upcoming fireworks display, billed to be the best, I believe ... in the county? I don't think letting half a minute pass between each and every round of fireworks is very spectacular! Especially when viewed from a pot-smoke-filled baseball field, full of mud, yet void of music, while falling embers set fire to the nearby trees! Not to mention all of the electrical wires covering the ground, over which one must be careful not to trip.

I'll rate as "No. 1" the fireworks display in Detroit, with its music and dance and rapid rockets exploding into an extravaganza of light and color – all being fired simultaneously from three separate barges reflected upon the waters of two separate countries, while the national anthems of both play on. One can almost hear and see Francis Scott Key – composing ... "And, the rockets' red glare ... the bombs bursting in air!"

One feels a sense of pride as one begins to sing, "... gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there!" The heat from the sky lends credence to the fact that this event is "first rate!"

And, the finale is the best that I have ever seen in my entire life ... even in California, previously the best that I personally ever experienced before Detroit's display. Yet, I'm sure that there are even greater displays than Detroit's, still waiting to be discovered.

By the way, why is there no speech as to what the Fourth of July is all about? Let alone an re-enactment! It's not just about fireworks!

Moving along, I would like to ask – where are all of the police when some people are still setting off private fireworks displays for the entire summer, even in the neighborhood of City Hall, driving crazy all the pets and small children?

Oh, yes, I also wanted to ask about these carnival settings. Who is it who thinks that eating from dirty, uncovered, broken-down picnic tables, sitting in dirt, is fun? ...

Next, the so-called concerts behind City Hall every summer. One season, we tried to be active at that event, as well. Everyone sits around in stupid folding chairs, not even tapping a toe or finger. Like a bunch of wallflower zombies. This is not natural behavior – to not respond to music. This behavior has been *taught* to people.

Anyway, I asked a council member if it was OK to dance. She turned to another person, while they practically had a council meeting to ponder that question. I couldn't *believe* that even the council members weren't encouraging people to get "out there" and show some community spirit – and dance! They would all freak out at a California concert, where thousands of people – of all ages – are encouraged to be "young at heart" and dance till they drop! And, I am *not* talking about some acid-rock or heavy-metal concert. Music without dance is so bizarre!

After we were given the "approval to dance," we started having fun. We thought that, perhaps, others were just waiting for someone to start the dancing. So, as good citizens, we started doing the cha-cha, swing and other dance steps. Later, as we were leaving on our bicycles, people began pointing, whispering, then laughing at us. The lazy, vegetating wallflowers had the nerve to laugh at *us*, the ones who exercise, stay in shape, and try to have fun.

Westland has a really bad attitude regarding exercise and dancing at social events. Unless it's a waltz, perhaps.

But, just mention *food*! Then, the whole herd rushes in.

Mo-o-o-o-o! Get it together, Westland! You should be ashamed of yourselves!

The Fab Four Lady will go where people like to dance and exercise ... Everyone needs to remember President Kennedy's "Physical Fitness" programs. Trade in those stupid folding chairs for bicycles and dancing shoes!

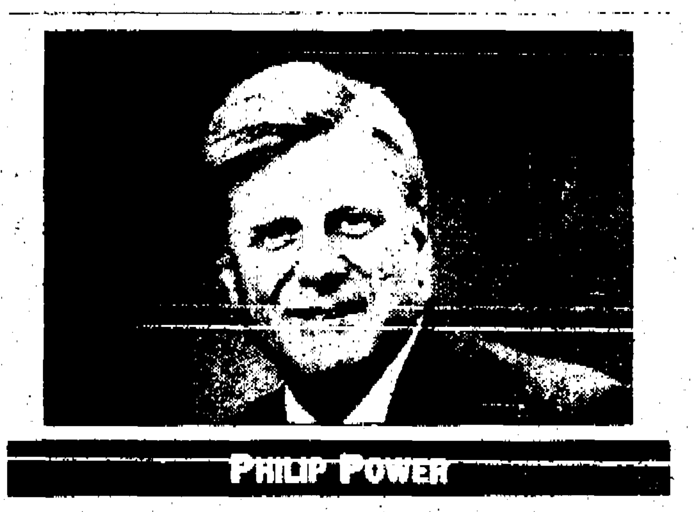
*President Kennedy would be ashamed* of today's Americans – their smoking, drinking, overeating and total disregard for exercise and health. And I felt bad because I had never done one of his famous "90-mile hikes"! Though I have run or bicycled for many miles – as Westland people shout for me to "get off of the road!" But, what else can you expect from a city who permanently removes sidewalks, has no subway, streetcars, light rail or monorail systems, beautiful bus system, has no incentive programs for car-pooling, discourages electric cars, does not believe in bicycle lanes, and believes that only *children* and *poor* people ride bikes or use any of the aforementioned systems?

In conclusion, I will go *outside* of Westland for fun, because Westland doesn't know what real fun is! I would *never* bring children into this stagnating, prejudicial, repressed, archaic environment – where those who care about their health are laughed at!

I need a breath of fresh air!

**The Fab Four Lady,**
**Angela Frances Todd**

# *Beauty blooms amid concrete*



PHILIP POWER

There we were – my family and me – driving along on I-96, passing mile after mile of gray, concrete, characterless expressway punctuated occasionally by equally unremarkable bridges. Despite our best efforts, boredom was setting in, especially as we realized we had many, many miles to go.

Suddenly at the Portland exit, a blaze of color! Red poppies, white daisies, what looked like blue wild flax and something dark magenta that I couldn't identify. The small light blue sign featuring a yellow flower read, "Wildflower Planting."

What a pleasure it was to see that small, unexpected surge of color on the side of the road! Suddenly we all came awake, talking excitedly about how lovely the flowers were, what a surprise it was to see them, how the plantings came about.

So I made a few calls. It turns out the wildflower plantings are just a small part of a much bigger program called (with bureaucratic inevitability) the Michigan Transportation Enhancement Program. Funded mostly by the feds but requiring a local match, the Enhancement Program includes a range of projects from building bike trails to preserving historical transportation facilities, preventing ground water runoff and landscaping and streetscaping.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has been looking around for local partners to help invest this year's $20 million allocation from the federal government. "These are not your typical road resurfacing or bridge replacement projects that receive the lion's share of our federal and state transportation dollars," says State Transportation Director James DeSana. "The beauty of this federal program is that it encourages communities to decide for themselves how to invest these earmarked funds to further enhance the appearance, safety and economic benefit of their local transportation systems."

A lot of activity has been funded by this program:

■ Trees, shrubs, grass and flowers are being planted along Orchard Lake Road from I-696 to 10 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

■ Accenting the new "Welcome to Redford" signs in Redford Township, boulder retaining walls are being built and shrubs and flowers are being planted at the Joy and Puritan intersections with Telegraph Road.

■ In Howell, a new walkway along Grand River Avenue from the Ann Arbor Railroad overpass to Elm Street will receive trees, shrubs, grass and flowers.

■ Statewide, the popular handbooks, "Wildflowers of Michigan" and "Michigan's Roadside Trees" are being updated and reprinted.

Oddly, just planting wildflowers is not terribly expensive. Obviously, you can't just throw the seeds around and expect much to happen. You've got to kill off the grasses, till the soil and sow the kinds of seeds that match soil conditions. Still, a current wildflower project on M-32 near Gaylord is budgeted at $2,500 to plant 12 varieties of native flowers and four kinds of grasses on 15 acres.

There are problems, of course. Some species don't make it, while others need periodic maintenance, which Michigan does not currently fund. Sometimes selfish people pick the flowers or even dig up the plants, jeopardizing the whole idea. MDOT even has had to put out a press release reminding people not to pick the daisies, because doing so is both illegal and unsafe.

But the whole program seems to me imaginative and valuable to a state whose road system needs all the help it can get. The Transportation Department is looking to partner with local communities for projects ranging from wildflower plantings alone all the way to a lot of landscaping with trees and shrubs.

MDOT will be issuing in September a call for project applications to be funded in the 2001-02 fiscal year. People interested in looking into the program can contact the state at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/programs/enhance/enhance.htm.

At 18 acres, the planting we originally noticed on I-96 near Portland was completed in 1996 and is one of the largest ever attempted by the MDOT. However, with a total of [illegible] acres of roadside in Michigan and only [illegible] acres of wildflower plantings so far, there's a long way to go.

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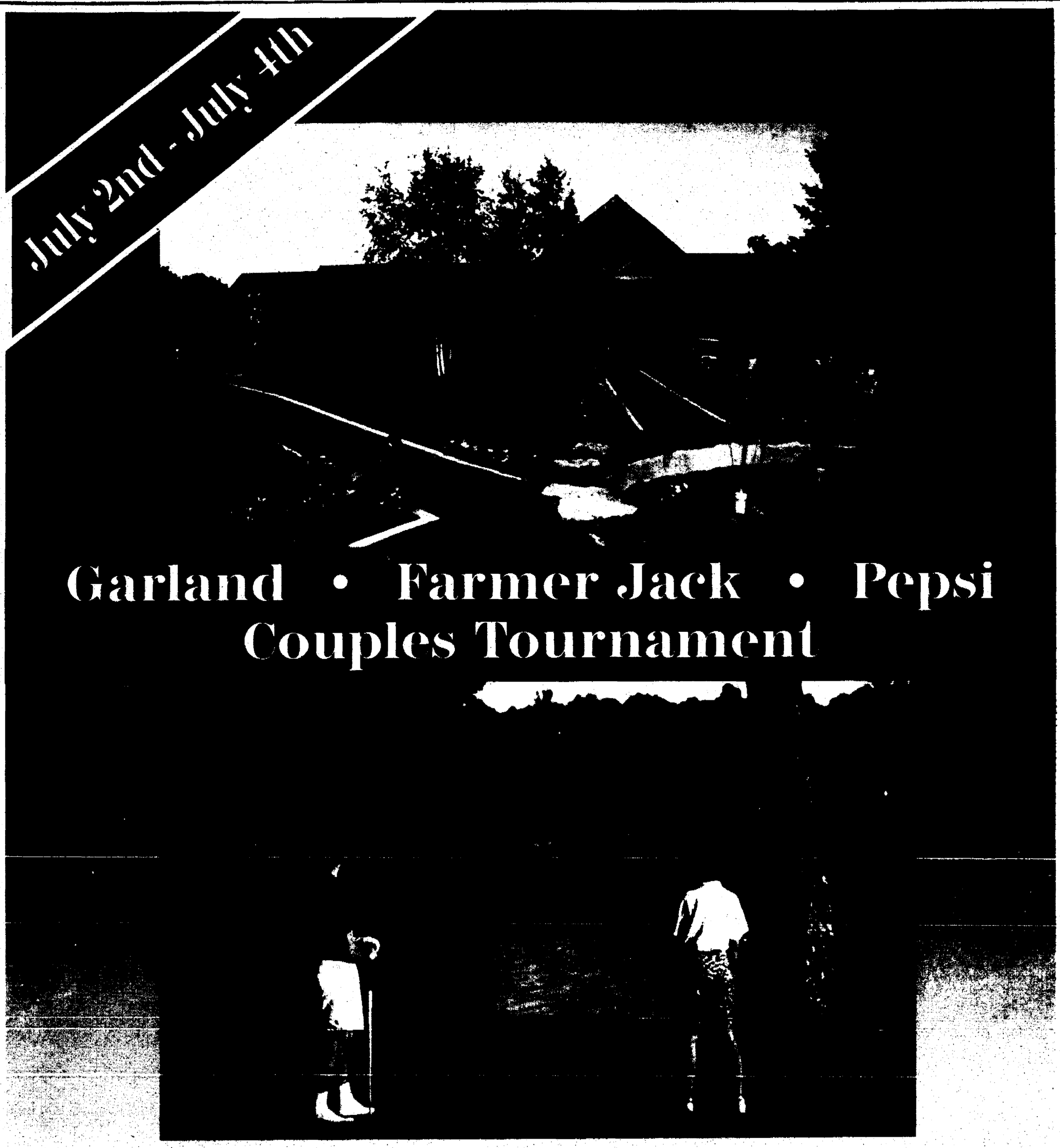


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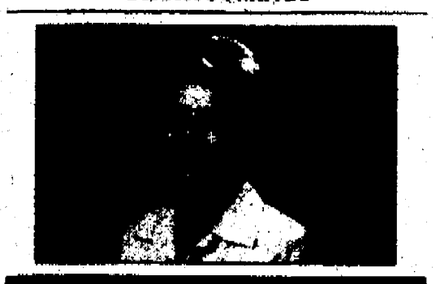

RENEE SKOGLUND

## *Words cannot define experience shadowing doctors*

Words fail even the most prolific writers at times. Nouns and verbs refuse to connect, phrases fall short of added meaning, and adjectives seem anemic at best.

When friends asked me about my recent experience shadowing doctors for two and a half days at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor as a participant in the hospital's Community Associates Program, I struggled for an answer. I never found just the right words.

After all, what do you say when you've witnessed open heart surgery while standing side-by-side with the anesthesiologist? How do you describe the sight of a beating human heart? And what do you say about the surgeon who so patiently and willingly instructed you through the three-hour-plus operation?

"It was awesome," I finally said.

A simple declarative sentence, so ordinary, so flat-sounding. Some experiences are beyond the reach of words. Maybe it's better that way. Maybe some experiences are so profound they shed their vibrancy in the telling ... and retelling.

"It was awesome," I repeated for days afterwards.

Twice a year, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital invites six members of surrounding communities to participate in the Community Associates Program, whose purpose is to create a first-hand awareness of the world of healthcare.

And what a world it is.

I spent the first evening in the emergency room with Dr. James Mattimore, who introduced me to the patients as an "observer." My borrowed white lab coat helped; no one questioned my presence. We saw people with heart problems, wrenched necks, possible strokes, abdominal pain and seizures.

After each visit, we'd discuss his findings. When test results came back, he'd explain their place in the diagnostic puzzle. He kept hoping I'd be able to witness something dramatic – like an intubation of someone with fast-swelling breathing passages – so I could see what the emergency room did best: save lives.

For me, the drama was in just being there. Besides, the slower pace allowed Dr. Mattimore to tell me about Better Together Mobile Health Services, which he started a few years ago. Made up of volunteer physicians from St. Joseph, the program brings medical services to the indigent at homeless shelters throughout Washtenaw County.

If you haven't bathed in a week, you're not likely to seek care at a sparkling clean hospital emergency room like St. Joseph's, he said. It's too intimidating. If someone needs to see a specialist, Dr. Mattimore arranges to have one visit the shelter. This is the kinder, gentler side of healthcare.

The next day I was in the heart catheterization lab with Dr. Stuart Winston, an electrophysiologist — a specialist in the heart's electrical circuitry. Wearing a 40-pound lead apron, I watched as he guided an electrode catheter through an artery from an opening in a patient's groin into the patient's heart.

In a procedure that took several hours, Dr. Winston burned away minute patches of heart tissue that caused the patient's heartbeat to go haywire. His focus was intense. The patient doesn't want to come back for a repeat performance, he said.

I spent the morning of my last day in the operating room with Dr. Bobby Kong. I watched him cut, saw and pry open a patient's chest in what was a surprisingly bloodless surgery. Observing him carefully suture a vein harvested from the leg to a dissected artery in the heart made me realize the awesome responsibility, as well as the privilege, of being a heart surgeon.

See? There's that word. Awesome.

My experience at St. Joseph's concluded with Dr. Leila Saxena, a new family care physician. In between seeing patients, we talked about her new baby daughter and the difficulties of fixing up a house when you have huge medical school loans to pay off. She gave a glimpse of the personal side of

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# Pair renovates center for homeless kids

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*Where the determination is, the way can be found.*
*— Unknown*

Franklin High School seniors Jamie Burns and Mandy Kwarsick have gone above and beyond what students enrolled in the Livonia high school's Community Service class usually do.

The pair, best friends since elementary school, took on the renovation of a learning center in the lower level of the Coalition on Temporary Shelter's (COTS) transitional housing apartment on West Grand Boulevard in Detroit.

According to Burns, 18, who heads up the COTS program at Franklin High School, she and Kwarsick came across the room while visiting the housing facility in the fall as they planned a Halloween party for children who live in seven apartments at 1887 West Grand Boulevard.

"You could barely get the door open there was so much stuff crammed in the room," said Burns. "It was a mess. I think people started to use it as a storage room and it just kept building."

Aside from the "stuff" that filled the room, the young women found the condition of the area to be poor.

"There was spilled paint on the floor, torn up papers, broken tables and dirty walls. It looked like someone trashed it on purpose," said Kwarsick.

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**Grand opening**: *Livonia Franklin High School seniors Mandy Kwarsick (left) and Jamie Burns cut a ribbon to mark the opening of the newly renovated COTS Children's Learning Center at 1887 W. Grand Boulevard. The pair spent hundreds of hours improving the center as a project for their Community Service class.*

Julie Hamrick, the Franklin High School teacher who oversees the Community Service program, said from the beginning Jamie and Mandy had very specific plans for the center once they decided to take it on as their 1999-2000 project.

"They saw a need and took charge of it all," said Hamrick, who took approximately 20 students from her leadership class to the COTS apartment building to assist Burns and Kwarsick in moving items out of the center, cleaning and painting.

"It was dirty. The tile floors looked nasty and the walls were marred with grime and scuff marks," said Hamrick. "Today it's a beautiful learning center for the children that live at the temporary shelter. They should be very proud of the final results."

**First look**: *Three young residents of the COTS transitional housing apartment try out some of the play equipment in their new learning center.*

The transformation was a culmination of a lot of elbow grease by Burns and Kwarsick and numerous donations made by area businesses the two solicited throughout the school year.

"We couldn't have done all that we did without the donations people made to us," said Burns, who added she and Jamie would visit various businesses in the Livonia area seeking contributions.

Contributions such as paint, a bean bag, carpet, clock, picnic table, cleaning supplies, gift certificates, wall decorations, educational toys/games, books and posters came from Target, Meijer, Murray's Discount Auto, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Costco, Damman Hardware Store, The Home Depot, Staples, The Teacher Store of Livonia and Plymouth Floor Covering.

Burns said one of the most significant donations included new carpet and floor tile from Plymouth Floor Covering of Livonia. Co-owners Ed Barran and Gordon LaVerdure donated all the materials and labor to tear out the old tile, along with Jamie and Mandy, prep the area and install the new floor coverings.

"They are very persuasive young ladies," said Barran, who received a letter from the high school students asking for a donation. "Gordon and I felt this was something we should do."

The 650 square foot COTS Children's Learning Center now features new carpeting and tile that Barran estimates to be a $1,500 value.

"It's about initiative," said Barran of Jamie and Mandy's efforts. "They're ambitious, persuasive and are genuinely appreciative of everyone who donated to the project. I think their persistence to get the job done definitely paid off. It really looks like a million dollars."

### Those in need

COTS, the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, was founded in 1981 to address the crisis of homelessness in Detroit. Today, COTS maintains a staff of

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# *Plymouth astronomy club attracts star gazers*

BY KRISTA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

Looking up at the sky on a dark, clear night some people may only see little dots of twinkling light. Others, however, see so much more and have many questions about the stars, planets, space travel, extraterrestrials and even the origin of the universe.

To answer some of those questions, Mike Best of Plymouth started an astronomy discussion group in February at the Plymouth District Library.

The Plymouth astronomy group meets 7-8 p.m. on the third Monday of every month. Twenty of the group's members, from throughout southeastern Michigan, are scheduled to meet at the library until the end of this year.

Best, who has been studying astronomy for 54 years, wanted a place where people who liked planets, stars and the universe could have a discussion. He also hoped to create a group that parents and their children could come to together.

"I always say that ages six to 106 are welcome," said Best, 66, a former newspaper reporter who retired after 40 years in the field. "I wanted to make (the group) a family thing."

**Knowledgeable**: *Mike Best of Plymouth poses with a piece of planetarium equipment.*

Astronomy is popular among all of the age groups because there is so much exposure to space travel on television, Best said. "Curiosity eventually gets to people. People flock in with so many questions."

### Exploration

Best's own curiosity about science fiction is what led him into studying astronomy at a very young age. He found that despite the little green people in science fiction stories, the astronomy part always seemed to be accurate.

"I started to ask, 'could the stars possibly be that big?' and 'could the universe possibly have a beginning?'" Best said.

The Plymouth resident, who has been lecturing on astronomy for over 25 years and volunteers at the Southfield Planetarium, tries to continue to answer all of those questions for the discussion group while also feeding their interest in the subject matter.

Daisy Aimar, a discussion group member who resides in Westland, became interested in astronomy after gazing into a friend's telescope several years ago.

"When I looked in it, my God, there was Saturn and I could see the rings moving," Aimar said. "I told myself that before I die I have to see it again."

At the time, however, Aimar never had the opportunity to further pursue her curiosity in the world of astronomy. It wasn't until Aimar, 58, who is now retired, saw a brochure at the library about the discussion group that she decided she finally had some time to learn more about astronomy.

"(Best) is full of really good information," Aimar said. "He's an expert in his field."

Best feeds the group a lot of information in a short amount of time, Aimar said. Every meeting, Best selects a particular subject and begins with a short lecture on it. He also answers questions and peaks the group's curiosity by showing videos or presenting some of his 600 astronomy slides.

Best currently has no plans to increase the astronomy group's meeting days or times. He does hope to have a ses-

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### Personal profile

Mike Best's background is about as vast as the space he studies in the sky. The Plymouth resident's love of the stars began as a teen when he started following the mysteries of the Unidentified Flying Objects phenomenon in 1947.

He later turned that curiosity into a career by spending more than a decade as a field investigator ("Man in Black") for the Dr. J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. He has been affiliated with both the International and Michigan divisions of the Mutual UFO Network. In the 1950s he flew in a U.S. Navy air-sea rescue squadron in the Pacific. It was here that he founded his first astronomy club, the Kwajalein Island Astronautical Association.

Back in the states Best founded the Astronomy Club of Livonia in 1976 and in 1985, the Astronomical Society of Michigan. He hosts, "Secrets of Space," for the city of Farmington Hills cable division.

The Astronomical Society of Michigan is an educational organization consisting of some 270 members from across the state. Best serves as president.

He keeps busy as the principal demonstrator at the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, is a member of the Astronomical League, the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, the Great Lakes Planetarium Assoc., National Space Society, the Planetary Society, and the SETI Institute. He is a former member of MENSA.

## SINGLES MINGLE

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

**WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE**
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Upcoming dances include June 9, June 16, June 23 and June 30. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special $4 before 8:30 p.m. and $6 after. For information please call (734) 981-0909.

**WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES**
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-8258.

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

June 13, group discussion. Facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.

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

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

- June 16, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Wear your "crazy hat" for fun. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m.-1:00 a.m., $7 non-member, $5 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

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

- Wednesday, June 21 a general meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation by guest speaker Fr. Dennis Laesch. Meet at St. Blase Parish, 12151 Fifteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 336-0391, Teresa.
- Outdoor Volleyball every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. St. Rene Parish (35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights). Call Rita (248) 336-0391.
- Outdoor Tennis every Sunday (except June 18) at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Boulan Park, west side of Crooks road, just 1/2 mile north of 16 Mile Road. Call Tom (248) 547-5884.

## REUNIONS

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

**DETROIT CODY**
Class of 1965
Both January and June graduates will gather at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.
*January graduates contact Donna Rourk Williams, lakeview@ix.netcom.com or Lynn Reid Saint-Onge (810) 231-1448; June graduates contact Cynthia Golec Cipolla, jconion@tir.com (810) 632-6926.*

**DETROIT CODY**
Class of 1970
A reunion is planned for Aug. 19 at the Novi Hilton Hotel.
*Call (810) 446-9636 or (800) 548-6666.*

**DETROIT FINNEY**
Class of 1970
A 30-year reunion is planned for Oct. 28.
*Call or e-mail Jennie Mathews at (810) 939-6716 or goaler@email.msn.com*

**DETROIT MACKENZIE**
Class of 1949-51
July 29 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland.
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**DETROIT NORTHEASTERN**
Class of 1950
A 50th reunion is planned for Nov. 2000.
*Call Ted Potasnik (810) 268-1433 or Barbara Okarski Gibbs (734) 753-9013.*

**DETROIT PERSHING**
Class of 1960
A reunion is planned for Sept. 9.
*Classmates are still being sought. Lillo Greer (313) 835-9642, Jerry Mulvaine (810) 773-3952, Sherry (Bailey) Forbush (248) 547-0664 or Joan (Mazey) Harrington (734) 595-7508 or at the Web site, www.jmctech.com/~bjustice/index.htm*

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

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

**DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN**
January '40 and '41 classes
Reunion Aug. 27 at the Park Place in Dearborn.
*Call Pete Rolando as (313) 382-5336, or Lorraine Penny, (734) 427-3829.*
Class of 1955
The Class of 1955 also invites classes of 1951 through 1959 for a reunion Saturday, Oct. 28 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland (7300 Merriman Rd.).
*For reunion information call (248) 887-9774 or (810) 227-7167.*

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

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

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

**EDSEL FORD**
Class of 1965
January and June classes of 1965 will host a 35-year reunion Aug. 5 at Park Place in Dearborn.
*Call Carolyn Norris (January) (248) 344-2755 or Pam Wandless (June) (313) 359-2572.*

**EDSEL FORD DEARBORN**
Class of 1970
The 1970 graduating class will meet at Father Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus Hall in Dearborn on Saturday, Aug. 12.
*Call Patti Taylor-Lafollette for details, (313) 386-9727 or e-mail to rosebud9@flash.net*

**FARMINGTON**
Class of 1950
50th reunion Sept. 15-17, with a dinner at Vladimir's on Sept. 16.
*Call Mary for details (248) 474-7822*

**FERNDALE**
Classes of 1929-1958
Oct. 14 at Ferndale High School, 726 Pinecrest, Ferndale.
*(248) 589-2609 or (248) 541-2476*

**FITZGERALD HIGH**
Class of 1961
The Fitzgerald High School (Warren) class of 1961 is planned a reunion for fall of 2001.
*Call Jeanie (Evans) (810) 758-6535 or e-mail jeaniecski@aol.com*

**FORDSON HIGH**
Class of 1975
A 25-year reunion is planned for Aug. 12 at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph in Dearborn.
Call Kim (Perri) Errigo for ticket information at (313) 561-8779 or Darlene (Petrovsky) Sladewski (734) 449-5945.

**FRANKLIN HIGH**
Class of 1965
Get ready to party at Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia Sept. 23.
*Contact patwhitman@aol.com or (734) 522-4487 or (312) 440-1857 Pat Yankovich Whitman.*

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

**GARDEN CITY WEST**
Class of 1975 is in the planning stages of a fall 2000 weekend-reunion. If you are interested in volunteering please call.
*Denise Nosseck, (248) 474-5006.*

## Astronomy *from page B1*

sion this fall where the group can go outside and just look up at the stars.

Anyone who has ever had a question about the universe and did not want to take a college course on the subject is invited to join in on the group's discussions, Best said.

"(Astronomy) is a lonesome hobby and now people have a place to go and chit-chat," Best said.

The Plymouth astronomy group will meet June 19 (topic: meteors). For information about astronomy, visit Mike Best's Web site at http://members.aol.com/mbest12345/

## Words *from page B1*

a young physician's life, I'm grateful.

Sometimes as I drive home after work, I think about what I saw at St. Joseph's Hospital. I think about Dr. Mattimore's kindness and Dr. Kong's skilled hands.

I wonder if the patient who had the bypass surgery is doing well, if he looks at life differently now.

I know I do.

*Renee Skoglund is a staff writer for the Observer Newspapers and a resident of Canton.*

## Renovate *from page B1*

more than 90 people and serves approximately 2,000 Detroit area homeless people annually at three locations including the West Grand Boulevard apartment building which serves as transitional housing for women with children.

Burns said about 17 children currently live in the apartment building and they will benefit from full use of the new learning center. The area will be available during the day for young residents who aren't of school age and after school for tutoring, crafts and having fun.

"There really isn't any place for the kids to play right now," said Burns, "other than a small fenced in area."

Because Burns and Kwarsick had transportation of their own, the two were able to take their efforts in Franklin's Community Service program a step further.

"Most of the students who take the community service class go to other schools and help teachers tutor students during the day," said Hamrick. "Because Jamie and Mandy have a car they were able to provide their own transportation and spend their fifth and sixth hours working on things at COTS."

In addition to the time they devoted to the learning center refurbishment, the pair hosted a Halloween party for the young residents complete with a costume for each child, candy, prizes and party games. Again the two went out into the community to collect donations for the party. They also supervised the annual Christmas program where students adopt a family and supply all the makings for a holiday meal and gifts for everyone in the family.

"I got involved with the Christmas program when I was a sophomore and now I'm heading up the whole COTS program at Franklin," said Burns, who has plans to attend Schoolcraft College in the fall. "If no one is willing to continue the Christmas program next year I'll come back and do it."

Ericka Warren , program coordinator of the COTS transitional services program on West Grand Boulevard, said no one is more appreciative of the girls efforts than the children.

"Up until now all the activities that we use to hold down there including educational workshops, tutor and arts and crafts have been on hold," said Warren. "The kids are so excited about the work Jamie and Mandy have been doing over the last several months and are eager to start enjoying the new learning center."

Warren said she and Debbie Drennen, transitional service executive director, think the pair did "a great job" and are grateful for their "dedication and volunteerism."

The children of COTS on the Boulevard had an opportunity to see first-hand Jamie and Mandy's efforts Friday, June 2 as they hosted an open-house and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Donations from Mrs. Fields, Costco and Staples made it possible for them to invite family, friends, teachers, corporate donors and residents of the apartment building to say thank you and to show off the renovated learning center.

### Countdown

With only days left until graduation, Burns and Kwarsick are busy putting the finishing touches on the learning center, preparing a portfolio that documents the COTS project and looking forward to the future.

"I know I want to help people," said Kwarsick, who plans to attend Ferris State University this fall to study social work.

And her best friend Jamie – "I want to be a lobbyist to be able to help people and to make changes in their lives. I'd like to open a place like COTS one day. I see how many people they're able to help and I know that's what I want to do."

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY**
**COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**
**ON ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 2000, at 6:30 p.m., at the Garden City Publish Schools' Administrative Service Center, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the School District of the City of Garden City for the fiscal year of 2000-2001.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Business Office at the Garden City Public Schools' Administrative Service Center, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, Michigan, for inspection during regular business hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the City of Garden City, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the proposed budget. **The property tax millage rage proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Garden City, County of Wayne Michigan.

PATRICIA RUHLAND, Secretary
Garden City Board of Education

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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**
**IMPROVEMENT BY THE CITY OF WESTLAND**
**STREET PAVING DISTRICT 2000 P-1**

**TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:**

Lots involved in paving are:

| PARCEL | FRONTAGE |
|---|---|
| 045-02-001-000 | 205' |
| 045-02-004-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-005-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-006-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-007-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-008-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-009-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-010-000 | 86' |
| 045-02-011-000 | 86' |
| 045-02-012-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-013-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-014-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-015-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-016-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-017-000 | 83' |
| 045-02-018-000 | 85' |
| 045-02-019-000 | 120' |

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City Council of the City of Westland has tentatively determined to proceed with the making of a certain improvement described as follows:

Construction will consist of twenty-seven feet (27') wide pavement, with concrete curb and gutter, three-inch (3") thick bituminous pavement (asphalt) with adequate base and drain appurtenances to serve the paving of:

PARENT STREET – South of Ford Road to Subline

Plans, cost estimates, and a report explaining said improvement have been prepared and are on file with the City clerk for public examination.

The above listed properties have been tentatively designated as a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of said improvements may be assessed.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the City Council will meet on the 19 day of June, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. o'clock in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS at the WESTLAND CITY HALL for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed improvements, particularly with respect to the question of necessity therefore and the establishment of a special assessment district to pay all or a part of the cost thereof.

JOANN SEABERG, City Clerk
City of Westland

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**WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**BID PROPOSAL**
**Wide Area and Ford Career Tech Center**
**Network Electronics**

The Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for Network Electronics for the District Wide Area (WAN) backbone, uplinks from 16 building sites, and the building Local Area Network (LAN) at William Ford Career Tech Center (FCTC).

*Instructions:*

1. Sealed bids will be received at Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185 on June 26, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. (E.S.T.) at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.
2. Questions regarding the sperification can be faxed to Karl Zager at Plante & Moran, LLP at (248) 352-0018, or e-mail zagerk@plante-moran.com.
3. All bids submitted must include complete specifications for item(s) and submitted on Bid Specification form. It is required that bids include compete bill of materials and diagrams of the proposed solution.
4. Base bid shall include network electronics and components.
5. Bids submitted must fully comply in all respects to the specifications, specified instructions and meet safety requirements, otherwise, exceptions must be fully revealed.
6. All proposals submitted will remain firm for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days after the official opening of bids. It is anticipated that an award will be made in July 2000; implementation will begin in August 2000 and be complete by December 15, 2000.
7. All bid must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Network Electronics" carrying said bids. Please remit two (2) copies of bids to the attention of: Barbara Evanson, Wayne Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. TELEFAX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
8. All bids submitted must be signed by the authorized agent of the company.
9. Contact Jill Cooper, Plante & Moran, at 248-223-3549 or Cooperj@plante-moran.com for a copy of the RFP.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any/or all bids, or parts thereof, and to accept the bid that will serve the interest of the Board of Education.

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

On Tuesday, June 13, 2000 the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | V.I.N. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1990 | DODGE | SPIRIT/4 DR | SILVER | 1B3XA56K8LF750749 |
| 1986 | CHEVY | VAN | BLUE | 1GBEG25H1G7175505 |
| 1984 | OLDS | CUTLASS/4 DR | WHITE | 1G3AR69A3EM391850 |

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

| YEAR | MAKE | BODY STYLE | COLOR | V.I.N. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1993 | CHRYS | LEBARON/2 DR | WHITE | 1C3XU453XPF650608 |
| 1989 | FORD | TAURUS/STWGN | TAN | 1FABP55U2KG257982 |
| 1987 | BUICK | SKYHAWK/2 DR | BLUE | 1G4JS11K4HK400532 |
| 1987 | FORD | F150/PU TK | GRAY | 2FTCF15N4HCA08211 |
| 1975 | OLDS | ROYALE/2 DR | WHITE | 3N67K5X119044 |
| 1990 | PONT | G. PRIX/2 DR | BLACK | 1G2WJ14T9LF256693 |
| 1977 | OLDS | CUTLASS/2 DR | WHITE | 3J57R7R229787 |
| 1986 | MERC | SABLE/4 DR | WHITE | 1MEBP87U3GA644798 |
| 1986 | CADDY | DEVILLE/2 DR | GRAY | 1G6CD4786G4222312 |
| 1991 | MERC | COUGAR/2 DR | WHITE | 1MEPM60T3MH651886 |
| 1991 | FORD | TAURUS/4 DR | BLUE | 1FACP52U8MG239224 |
| 1985 | MERC | MARQUIS/4 DR | BLUE | 2M3BP96F9FX643610 |

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

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# WEDDINGS

## Gustin-Turner

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

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

The couple wed April 8 at St. John Neumann Church before Father George Charnley. The bride was attended by Jennifer Gustin, Jen Dillon, Dawn Wood, Therese Souders and Suzanne Variot.

The groom's attendants included Martin Turner, Graham Carter, Ben Blackburn, Merv Anstey and Brian Gustin.

Guests were received at The Summit in Canton and the pair honeymooned in Hawaii. They will make their home in Vail, Colorado.

*Kristina and Cameron would like to acknowledge the loving memory of Philomena Gustin.*

## Schopper-Peck

Gerald and Lillian Schopper of Whitmore Lake (formerly of Livonia) announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa May, to Thomas Robert Peck of Arizona, April 8 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Mesa, Ariz.

The bride is a 1988 Churchill High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Arizona State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She works as an account executive at Insight in Tempe, Ariz.

Her husband, son of Tom and Lynne Peck of Chandler, Ariz. is a 1990 graduate of Arizona State University's College of Business, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He works as the account executive at ChangePoint in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The couple wed before Father Mark Dippre. The bride was attended by maid of honor Suzy Story of New York. Kaylene Kovach served as a bridesmaid along with four 1988 graduates of Churchill High School including Krista Fernimos, Joan Travers (Cornellier), Kristi Nelson (Shinski) and Stephanie Butski.

The groom was attended by best man Paul Mulhern and groomsmen Dale Schopper, Kevin Fitzgerald, Eric Kovach, Richard May and Tom Klimoski.

The couple received guests at Gold Canyon Golf Resort in Arizona and took a 10-day trip to Acapulco, Mexico. They will make their home in Mesa, Ariz.

## Yakonich-Fink

Tom and Linda Yakonich of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Lana Marie to Michael Fink of Salt Lake City. The couple married in Utah in March.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received her masters degree from Wayne State University. She has a private mental health therapy practice.

Her husband, son of Conrad and Monica Fink of New Mexico, is a local broadcaster.

The couple now live and work in Salt Lake City.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Pinard

Ronald and Rachel (Meeteau) Pinard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed on May 15, 1950 in Quebec, Canada and they have lived in Michigan since 1971.

The Pinard's have six children, Diane, Jacques, Johanne, Mario, Marielle, Carol and David, who all live in Michigan. The couple also has 13 grandchildren.

Ronald retired in 1989 as a General and now spends his

time in his wood shop, gardening and fishing. His wife Rachel is a homemaker and also enjoys playing cards and bingo.

After renewing their vows for their anniversary, the Pinards had a family dinner and party at the Moose Club in Farwell.

## Overstreet

Dennis E. and Rita M. (Raymond) Overstreet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

The couple wed May 10, 1950 in Plymouth and have lived in Westland for 65 years.

The Overstreets have six children, Kenny (Westland), Gary (Dearborn Heights), Denise (Azalia), Jack (Columbia, Tenn.), Mary Ann (Belleville) and Vickie (Westland). The Overstreets also have 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Dennis retired 10 years ago from Whitman & Barnes. His wife, Rita, retired five years ago from the K-mart Corporation.

The Overstreets now spend their time playing bingo, dining out and enjoying life.

Their children and in-laws threw them a surprise anniversary party in Azalia, Mi. to celebrate the occasion. Seventy-five people were in attendance.

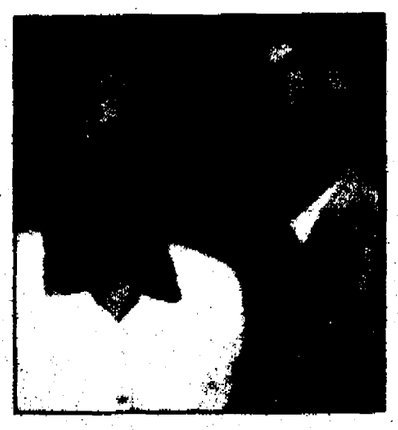
## Penney

Avery and Madeline (Saner) Penney will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

The couple wed June 30, 1950 in at Lutheran Church in Plymouth and have lived in the area nearly all of their lives.

The Penney's have one child, Terry of Lakewood, CO and three grandchildren who will help them celebrate their anniversary at the Plymouth Elks Lodge.

Avery retired from his position at the Plymouth post office over 30 years ago. His wife, Madeline worked at the Phoenix Ford Plant and also waitressed



at Elk's Lodge. She has been retired for 19 years.

The Penneys are members of the Plymouth Elks Lodge and V.F.W. American Legion.

## Crute

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

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

The Crutes have five children and 17 grandchildren. Four of the Crute children, Jennifer McCormick, Kevin Crute, Melinda Risher and Bonnie Philson attended a family dinner party along with their spouses and children in honor of the celebration. The party was held May 5 at the Dearborn Inn. The couple's eldest child, Darrell Crute,

resides in California and was unable to attend.

The Crutes enjoy traveling and have just returned from a European cruise.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## Simek-Latour

Jim and Janet Simek of Cleveland announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa, to James Latour of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor of fine arts degree and K-12 teaching certification. She is awaiting an art education position with Willow Run Schools beginning next fall. In the meantime she is creating her own artwork and plans to pursue a master's degree in fine arts.

Her fiancé, son of Charles and Linda Latour of Richmond, is attending Lawrence Technological University in Southfield and will complete his bachelor of architecture degree next fall. He is working as an architectural intern with Schonsheck, Inc. in Wixom and plans to pursue a

master's degree in architecture while completing the intern development program.

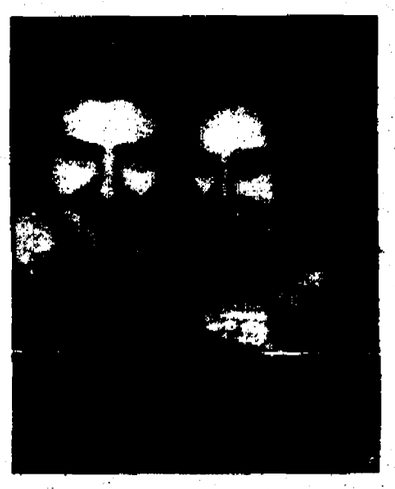
A September wedding is planned in Cleveland to commemorate the day the couple met five years ago.

## Munfakh-Carr

Abe and Darlene Munfakh of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laila Munfakh to Michael Carr of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology and will obtain a degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry this year. She plans to join a private practice in Belleville following graduation.

Her fiancé, son of Alfred and Verna Carr of Louisville, Kentucky, is a 1995 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He works as a project engineer at SKF North



American Technical Center in Plymouth.

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

# NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Roger** and **Tina Brantley** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Casey Marie** born May 20 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. She joins siblings Starr, 7, and Becky, 6. Grandparents are Linda Altmann of Tecumseh and Roy Brantley of Westland.

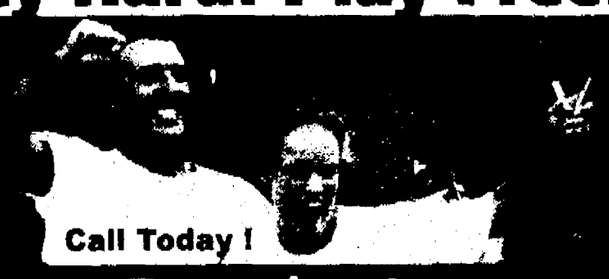
■ **Kirk** and **Julie Albert** of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **Robin Nicole** on May 16 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins brother, Adam Michael, 18 months old.

Grandparents are Barbara Gunther of Westland, Leo and Sandra Albert of Canton and Judy and the late Edward Hen-

Please see NEW ARRIVALS, B5

*Keep up with the shopping scene — Read Malls & Mainstreets in your Sunday Observer*

**Play Hard. Play Free.**

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Independence Parks & Rec
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248-625-2447

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248 652-1500
Rochester Parks & Rec
248 656-8308

**TROY**
Troy Parks & Recreation
248 524-3484

**BIRMINGHAM**
Birmingham Community Tennis
248 642-8500
Birmingham Racquet Club
248-644-5683
Royal Oak Parks & Rec
248 544 6680

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**
Novi Park & Rec
248 347-0400
West Bloomfield Parks & Rec
248 738-2500
Bloomfield Parks & Rec

**SOUTHFIELD**
Beverly Hills Club
248 642-8500
Franklin Racquet Club
248 352-8000
Southfield Parks & Rec
248 354-9510

**FARMINGTON**
Farmington Tennis Club
248 476 3246
Novi Parks & Recreation
248 347-0400

**LIVONIA**
Livonia Family YMCA
734 261-2161

Livonia Parks & Recreation
734 466-2410
Huron Valley Tennis Club
734 662-5514

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Canton Parks & Recreation
734 397-5110
Huron Valley Tennis Club
734 662-5514

**HOMETOWN**
Novi Parks & Recreation
734 347-0400
Brighton Athletic Club
810 229-2722

**MIRROR**
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248 544-6680
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# CALENDAR

## AT THE LIBRARY

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

## RECREATION

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

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

## VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

**VETERAN'S HAVEN**
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food and clothing distribution is available. The center is two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road. Those who need help filing for a service-connected disability may see Winnie Busby, a national service officer with the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1-3:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 882-6424. Those who have filed for Social Security and/or a VA pension because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi; call (810) 227-1215 to set up an appointment. Combat/combat-era veterans from Wayne County who need ongoing counseling may contact one of the centers operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Lincoln Park, at (313) 381-1370 (Chet McLeod) or Detroit at (313) 831-6509 (Paul Esser).

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

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

## SCHOOLS

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

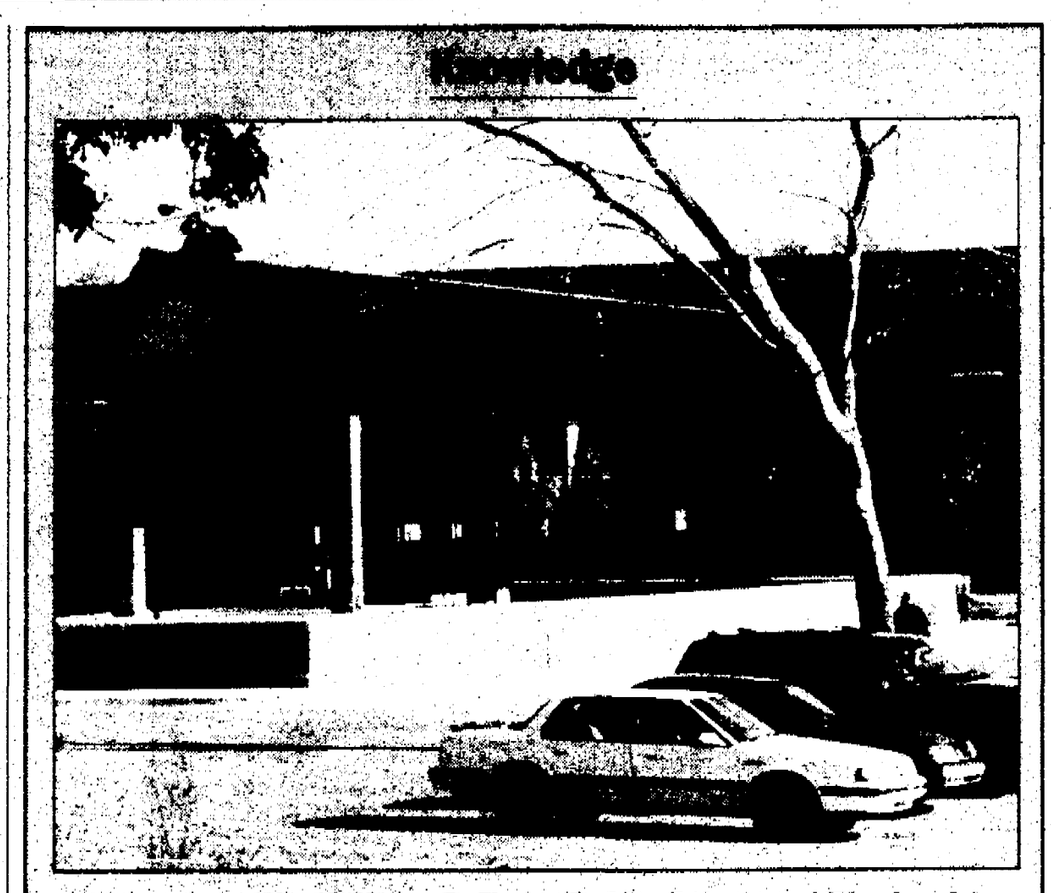
**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary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

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

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

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

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




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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## HISTORIC

**PIONEER TREK**
The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the rich history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that had an impact on the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

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

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

## FOR SENIORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE**
The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is $5 for members and $7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010 for more information.

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

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

## CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

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

*Event:*

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# Stars to shine at third Domus Vita auction, fund-raiser

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Guests at the third annual Domus Vita auction can look forward to seeing familiar faces such as hockey legend Wayne Gretzsky, actor Clint Eastwood and local celebrity Karen Newman.

Their "mugs," along with those of 50 other Hollywood greats, will be among the items up for auction at "Reach for the Stars" on Friday, June 23.

According to Diane Montes, Domus Vita administrative director, approximately 50 autographed photographs of famous athletes, politicians, supermodels and actors/actresses will go home with the highest bidders.

"We have received wonderful community support in the past," said Montes, whose mother founded Domus Vita 13 years ago.

The non-profit organization maintains eight group homes for the developmentally disabled throughout Wayne County under the direction of Paula Parkin, executive director and sister of Montes.

"Reach for the Stars" begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a live and silent auction preceding entertainment by a deejay. A wide variety of items will be auctioned off, including restaurant gift certificates, numerous Detroit Red Wing hockey collectibles, a bicycle, TV, VCR, gift baskets and tickets to see the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and University of Michigan Football teams play.

One lucky winner will have the chance to enjoy a week vacation in Cancun, Mexico, at a resort property.

"We're really excited about the donation of the signed celebrity photographs," said Montes. "This is the third year Donald Lawrenchuk has provided pictures from his collection and we look forward to recognizing him at the event for his generous gifts."

Lawrenchuk is the director of the Wayne County Health Department. He has been collecting autographs of well-know individuals as a hobby since he was a child. "Domus Vita certainly tops my list as the best of the best," said Lawrenchuk of his continued interest in donating to the non-profit organization's fund-raisers.

Some of the other pictures he has donated for auction include actress Kathy Bates (*Misery* and *Fried Green Tomatoes*); actor Charlton Heston (*The Ten Commandments* and *Ben-Hur*); signed comic strip sketches by "Beetle Bailey" cartoonist Mort Walker; athlete Bruce Jenner; former Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson; former President Gerald Ford and current Vice President Al Gore.

Montes said one framed and matted color photograph that is sure to attract a lot of attention is that of singer and actress Barbra Streisand.

"I know that's a hard one to get," said Montes who added guests can look forward to also seeing a "beautifully framed" picture and card from comedian Red Skelton.

According to Montes and Parkin, all event proceeds will benefit group home residents to live on "extremely limited budgets."

"We have used funds in the past for orthopedic shoes, hospital beds, clothing, and for funerals and headstones," said Montes. "The money is used to enhance their lives and to help people reach their goals."

Who: Domus Vita
What: "Reach for the Stars" Third Annual Auction (benefit sponsors include Mobility Transportation Services and Michigan Assisted Living Association).
When: Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are $25 per person (dinner included).
Where: The event will be at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus hall on Farmington Road north of Seven Mile.
For ticket information call Diane Montes or Domus Vita Executive Director Paula Parkin at (734) 427-0878 by June 16.

# Center offers outreach grief support for families, individuals

The founders of New Hope, a center for grief support in Northville, is now offering assistance to help individuals and families find the help they need through qualified professional counseling.

New Hope Center for Grief is a non-profit bereavement outreach center. They provide grief support services through groups or individual counseling, seminars and other resources.

Founded on the philosophy of Christian principles, help is offered to people working through their grief "much like Christ offered help and healing to all who came to him."

According to Cathy Clough, executive director of New Hope, people of all faiths are encouraged and invited to benefit from the grief support services.

Several different types of support is offered including:

■ **New Hope grief support workshop**

An eight week series which provides bereaved individuals the opportunity to learn about and cope with grief. The series blends education and opportunity to do the work of grief by sharing with others in a safe setting. Each session is led by experienced grief specialists and small groups are facilitated by trained staff and volunteers.

People are group with others who have experienced similar loss.

■ **Especially for widows and widowers**

Ongoing grief support and social activities to help widowed men and women learn to deal with their grief, meet others who understand and learn ways to find hope and healing. Social events, weekend getaways, vacations and retreats are offered to help the widowed person begin a new way of life which includes hope for a future.

■ **For parents whose child has died**

We offer peer-support for parents who are learning to cope after the death of a child. This is done by offering one-on-one support plus support groups offered on an "as needed" basis. We have a list of parents who wish to support newly bereaved parents.

■ **For grieving teens**

There is no easy age to suffer a loss from the death of a loved one, but adolescents have a particularly difficult time finding understanding and support. New Hope offers a support group for adolescents. The group is facilitated by an adult leader and is co-led by a peer/adolescent facilitator. The group is offered as a six-week series.

Risen Christ Lutheran Church (46250 W. Ann Arbor Rd.) of Plymouth will begin offering grief support sessions sponsored by New Hope from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning Tuesday, June 6. there will be no session on July 4. These sessions are open to anyone grieving the death of a loved one and will be led by an experienced grief counselor.

*New Hope Center for Grief Support is located at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville. All groups offered by New Hope are free of charge. Donations are accepted and tax-deductible. For information call (248) 348-0115 or e-mail nhope@altavista.com*

## LOCAL FUND-RAISER

Lutheran Adoption Service and the Park Jarrett Agency Aid Association for Lutherans are sponsoring the WAALk and Rollathon 2000 at 9 a.m. June 24 at Hines Park in Westland. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walking and rolling at 9:30 a.m.

You have the opportunity to walk/run, wheelchair, bicycle, stroller, or rollerblade one to six miles total. Features will include entertainment, lunch, refreshments and prizes. Event starts at the Nankin Mills Rec Area (Hines Park) in Westland. *Call (800) 225-8558.*

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

*If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net*

**CRAFT FAYRE/ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
Crafters are needed for the Saturday, June 24 "Craft Fayre and Ice Cream Social" at the Wayne Tower Senior Citizens Apartment Building. The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. at 35200 Sims, Wayne. For information or to participate as a crafter call Constance or leave a message at (734) 721-9254 — Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donations from the ice cream social will be donated to the Jacobetti Disabled Veterans Home in Marquette, Mi.

**CHELSEA SUMMER FEST**
Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

**FALL ARTS/CRAFTS**
St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

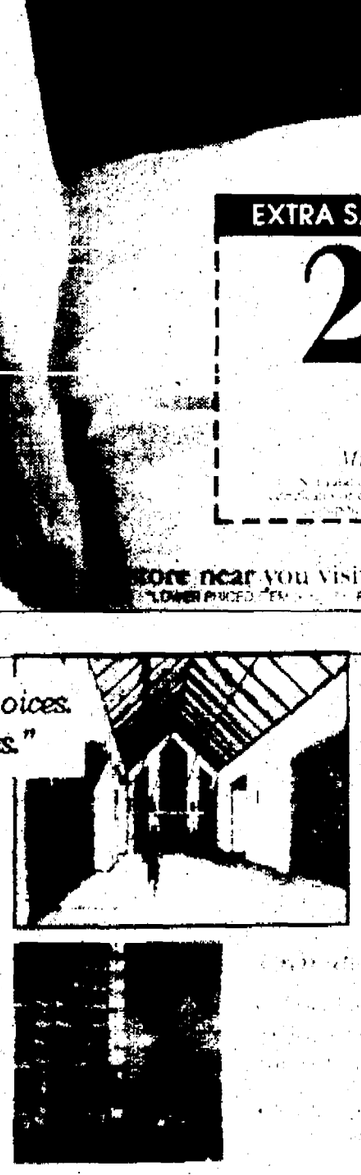
**CRAFT SHOW APPLICATIONS**
Crafters sought for Expressions Arts and Crafts two fall shows. Baker's of Milford will present a show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in Milford. Northville Recreation Center will host the show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18-19 in Northville. For an application, please contact (248) 348-5448.

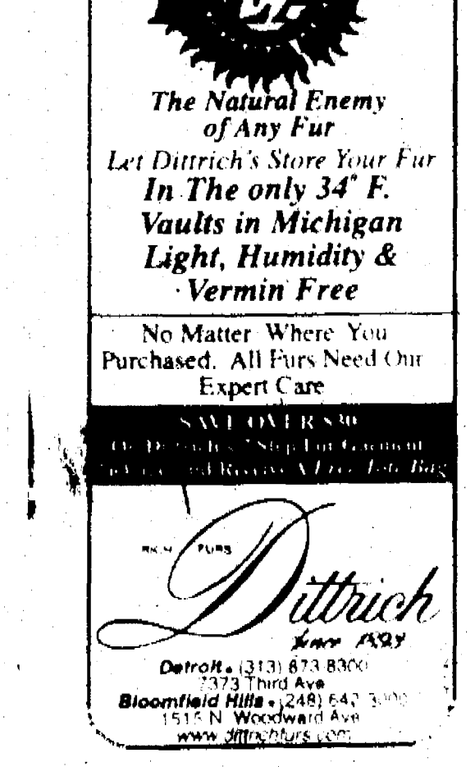
**FALL CRAFT SHOW**
Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its 9th Annual Fall Craft Show which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are located at 8900 Newburg Road, just north of Joy. Admission is $2. For an application or information call (734) 523-0022.

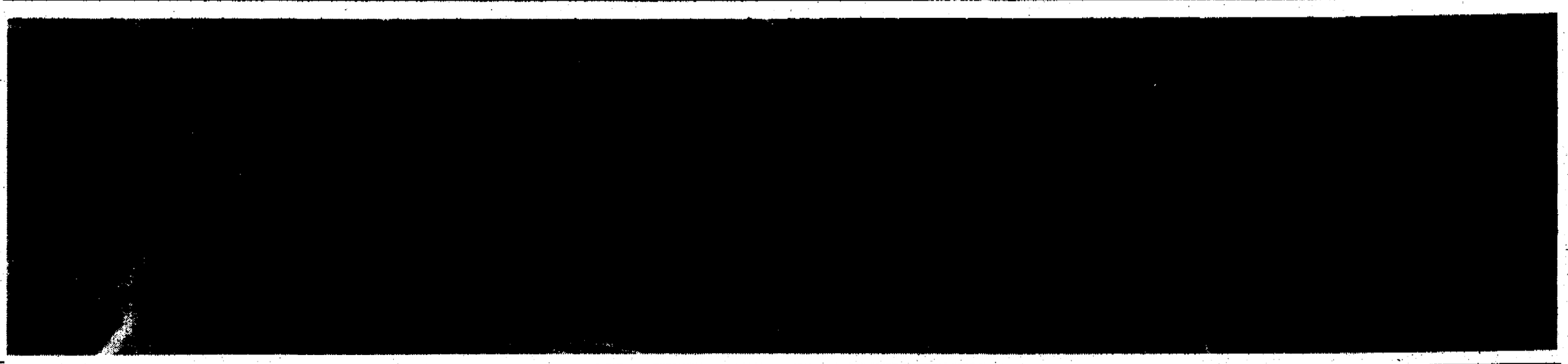
# New arrivals *from page B3*

rick of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Doris Lydy of Bear Lake, Mi. and Reba Phillips of Port Huron.

■ **Amy** and **James Arsenault** of Livonia announce the birth of their son **Nicholas James** born May 22 at Botsford Hospital. Grandparents are Judy and Ron Arsenault of Livonia and Al Nadratowski of Novi. Great-grandmother is Wanda Nascimven of Lincoln Park.





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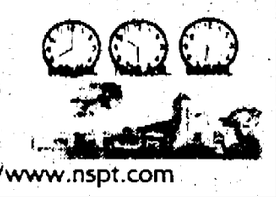

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Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

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| Wednesday 9:30 A.M. | Holy Eucharist |
| Wed (Sept.-May) 6:00 P.M. | Dinner & Classes |
| Saturday 5:00 P.M. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sunday 7:45 & 10:00 A.M. | Holy Eucharist |
| Sun. (Sept.-May) 10:00 A.M. | Sunday School |

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## CHURCH OF CHRIST

### First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:40 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Reading Room - 445 S. Harvey, Plymouth
Open Daily
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Sunday School 10:45 am
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Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.
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Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

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9600 Laverne • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Lawrence Witte / Rev. Steve Eggers
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*Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.*
*Thursday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.*
Christian School: Kindergarten-8th Grade
313-937-2233

## LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

### PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

9415 Merriman • Livonia
Sunday Worship Service
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Monday Evening Service
7:00 p.m.
School Grades • Pre-School - 8
Church & School office:
(734) 422-6830

### St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

### Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church & School
14750 Kinloch • Redford Twp.
313-532-8655
Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
School Grade K thru 8
Phone for Enrollment Info
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## CHRISTADELPHIANS
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
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36516 Parkdale, Livonia
426-7610

### Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
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Plymouth • 453-5252
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

### St. Michael Lutheran Church & School
(Hannan Rd., Wayne corner of Glenwood & Hannan)
(734) 728-1950
Sunday Morning Worship Services
Traditional Services 8 & 11 am
Contemporary Service 9:30 am
Sunday School (Children & Adult) 9:30 & 11 am
Wednesday Night Service 7 pm
Rev. Dr. Robert J. Schultz Rev. Merle Welhousen

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Church & School 5885 Venoy
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260
Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
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25630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY
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Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
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9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)
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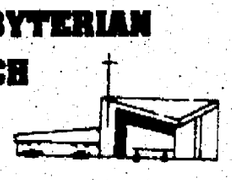

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5 Miles W. of Sheldon Rd.
From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd. South
734-459-9550
Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service 9:30
Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:00 Traditional Service
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*Contemporary Service*
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Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
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## UNITED METHODIST

### ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Chuck Sonquest, Pastor
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Rev. Edward C. Caley
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# Why do Christians go to church to worship?

FAITH JOURNEYS

CARLA THOMPSON-POWELL

Can you be a Christian and not attend church? Can you live out faith in God all by yourself?

On the surface, church seems to be about praying, singing, and reading the Bible. Certainly we can do all of those things by ourselves at home. Services are broadcast on radio and TV, if we want to hear a sermon. Even if we want to have communion, we could certainly find some bread and wine at home. So is it important to attend a religious service? Is it beneficial to belong to a community of faith?

First, God has always worked through communities. Although Abraham received the promise of a blessing, it was fulfilled through his numerous descendants. Although Moses led the people out of Egypt, the Hebrews who wandered in the wilderness experienced the saving acts of God together. Although King Solomon arranged for the building of the temple, it existed so that the community could have a place to meet God.

Jesus gathered 12 men to be his disciples, and many more came together as his community. The Holy Spirit did not come down upon the 120 who chose Judas' successor, but upon the thousands who were gathered together in one place on Pentecost.

Second, there is strength in numbers. When the earliest Christians gathered, they joined together to strengthen one another. They found comfort in gathering together, so they could gain strength for their daily work and calling. In 1st Corinthians, Paul writes, "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member, but of many" (12:14). We need each other for support.

When we face hardships, fellow believers encourage us. We help one another to bear burdens, making the load lighter. Together we make up the body of Christ.

Third, we need each other. We learn through the mutual sharing about scripture. We learn when we read scripture and then talk to others about its meaning. We grow when we pray about God's will and then speak about it to others. In community, we share our understandings and commitments, informing our partial knowledge with feedback from others.

No one person has the single answer to everything. Even homebound Christians will benefit from a fellow Christian's visit or a clergyperson dropping by. Losing the fellowship of the community can be very painful for hospitalized or shut-in Christians.

Finally, we are meant to worship the Lord. Gathering together with fellow believers helps us to set aside time especially for worship. Going to church gives us a discipline of regular worship. There are also parts of worship that lose their meaning if we do them alone. Sharing the sacrament of communion is not a solitary act; we remember and partake of Christ within community. Sharing the peace through a handshake or hug is also a sign of oneness, which doesn't have the same sense at home by oneself. Worshipping with a real live congregation even gives hymns, anthems, and prayers a different dimension.

So why do Christians go to church? Because personal prayer, Bible study, and hymn singing never take the place of actual gathering with other Christians for worship. We have a God who became human in Jesus and lived his life in community with others. Gathering in worship with fellow believers helps us to learn and grow in faith, so that we are strengthened for our daily task.

*Written by Pastor Carla Thompson Powell, who serves Timothy Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Livonia. Pastor Powell lives in Livonia with her husband and son. You can reach her by e-mail at tlclivonia@netzero.net or visit www.timothylivonia.com*

"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart." - 2 Cor. 4:1.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Registration for 2000-2001 Sunday School is being accepted for Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia). Affordable tuition. Tuition assistance available to those who qualify. Call (248) 477-8974 for information.

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

**RE SUNDAY/PICNIC**
Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Program for June 11: Rev. Bob Renjilian conducts RE Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate a year in the life of our Religious Education program and help us honor our young people and their achievements! Our annual church picnic will follow the 11 a.m. service once again taking place at Maybury State Park. No Sunday School this week. Services at 9 and 11 a.m. UUCF, 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). For information call (247) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uucf/.

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**
The Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, presents Family Outings, a three-act play about relationships, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 and Friday, June 16. Complimentary tickets available, call (248) 348-9030.

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

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

**MT. VERNON VBS**
Vacation Bible School for Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will be held June 19-23 (8828 Wormer, Redford). The theme is Good News - Ocean Odyssey for children ages 3-12. The session runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call (313) 537-7480.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
Trinity Presbyterian Church (10101 W. Ann Arbor Road) of Plymouth invites children to come to Vacation Bible School June 19-23 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily. VBS is open to children entering kindergarten through six grade in the fall. This year's program is SonZone Discovery Center, a week of adventure is a fantastic inventor's museum designed for kids including lively songs, crafts, games, hands-on experiments, Bible study and snacks. Registration begins May 21. Call (734) 459-9550.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
Join us at the SonZone Discovery Center, the Vacation Bible School at Berean Baptist Church (38303 Eight Mile Road). Son Zone is a very special place — a fantastic inventor's museum designed just for kids. Here children will join Professor Meganoggin in her search for God's awesome plan. They'll explore the wonders of God's universe through lively songs, humorous skits and "science-with-a-twist" based crafts and games.
The SonZone Discover Center Vacation Bible School is June 19-23 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. All children who have completed grades 1-6 are welcome.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, will hold Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon June 19-23. Children age 3 through grade six are welcome to attend. The cost is $5 per child. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-7730.

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

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

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

**WW MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**
Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The next weekends are scheduled June 9-11 and July 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. There is a $50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol to register (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524. Visit www.rc.net/detroit/wwme

**ST. MATTHEW VBS**
St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School (5885 Venoy Road) of Westland will host Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 7-9 p.m. at Holy Word Studios. A light meal will be served from 6:15-7 p.m. with free will offering. The lesson and craft will follow from 7-9 p.m. In addition, adult confirmation class and adult bible class will be offered simultaneously. For information call (734) 425-0260.

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

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia/Canton will host the fifth annual overnight retreat Sept. 8-9 sponsored by Women's Ministry. thousands of magazine articles. Call Suann Dibble (734) 522-6830.

## *Meyer to serve as host on 'Worship'*

Celebrating the festival of Pentecost on "Worship for Shut-ins," June 11, will be guest preacher Dale Meyer of the Lutheran Hour. His message, "In Your Light, We See Light," will affirm how the assurance of God's grace saves us.

Now broadcasting every Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on WKBD-TV50, in Detroit, this television ministry offers a distinctly Lutheran worship service free of commercials. It ministers to the home-bound, shut-ins, and hospitalized, as well as to those in assisted-living centers.

Meyer, on Jan. 1, 1989, succeeded Oswald Hoffmann as Lutheran Hour speaker. His message on the radio ministry of the International Lutheran Laymen's League are aired over more than 1,200 stations.


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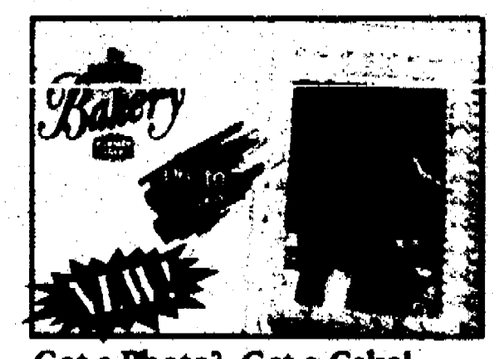


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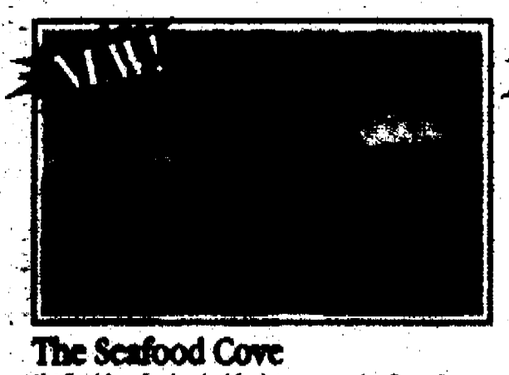


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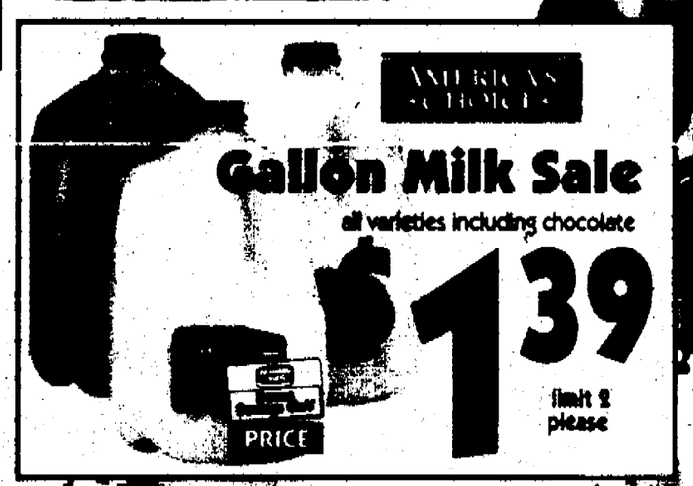

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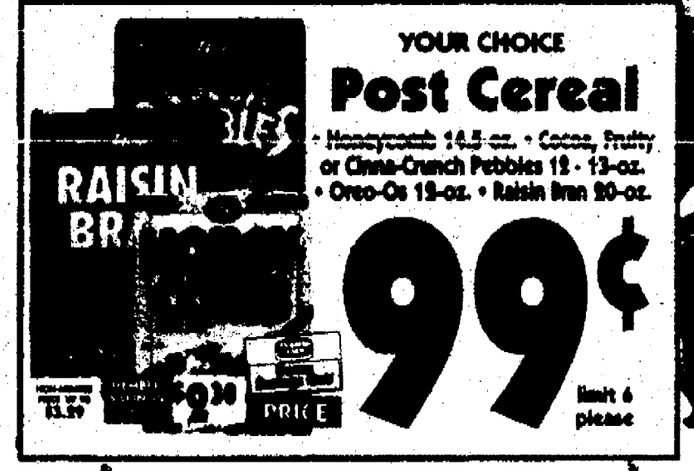


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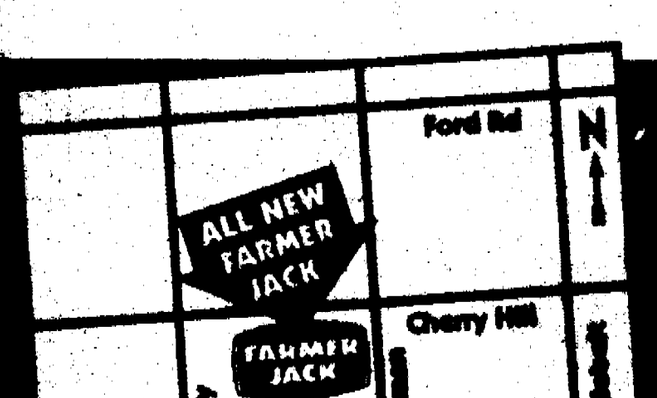


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## Girls state track results

The Lutheran High Westland girls track team garnered 11 points at Saturday's Division IV girls track and field championships held at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

Sophomore Tess Kuehne placed sixth in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs with times of 5:23.63 and 11:50.97, respectively. She also teamed up with Jessica Montgomery, Mary Ebendick and Erin Jung for a seventh in the 3,200 relay (10:19.307).

Teammate Anna Rolf added a sixth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.77.

Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary took the team title with 58 points.

In Division II at Grandville, Livonia Ladywood's 800 relay team of Brianna Watson, Laura Yales, Kelly Predmesky and Kelly Carey finished eighth in 51.56.

Detroit Renaissance ran away with the girls title with 84 points.

## Boys state track results

Lutheran High Westland's Mike Clark took a fifth place in the 100-meter dash (11.35) at the Division IV state boys track and field meet Saturday at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

Clark also teamed up with Jake Nuoffer, Justin Combs and Nick Doherty for an eighth in the 800 relay (1:34.06).

Maple City Glen Lake took the team title with 45 points.

In Division III at Comstock Park, Livonia Clarenceville's Tim Shaw took seventh in the 100 with a time of 11.5.

Clare won the team title edging Albion, 47-42.

## Brothers net titles

The Beydoun brothers of Westland recently captured the 14 and 16 division titles Sunday at the 2000 Eastside Junior Open tennis tournament held at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett School.

Jeffrey, who won the Boys 16 singles title, defeated Shyam Guthikondu of Grosse Pointe Woods in the finals, 6-7 (8-10), 7-6 (7-5), (7-2). The Livonia Franklin High sophomore also defeated Derek Sejfulla of Grosse Pointe Park, 6-3, 3-6 (7-1) in the semifinals.

Jason, the top seed in the Boys 14, beat Mirza Immovic of Macomb Township in the championship, 4-6, 6-3 (9-7). He reached the finals with wins over Jeremy Shubert (6-0, 6-1) and Joey Michaels of Rochester Hills (6-2, 6-0).

Jason, an eighth-grade honor student at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, also captured the Boys 12s at the 1999 Eastside Open.

## Collegiate note

Livonian **Carrie DiBasio** of Gannon University (Pa.) recently earned second-team Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-America honors.

The freshman midfielder/attacker was a two-time All-State selection at Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart.

DiBasio started every game and was second on the team in scoring for Gannon with 37 goals.

## Stevenson golf outing

The 10th annual Livonia Stevenson High School alumni and friends golf outing will be Sunday, Sept. 10 at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Road, Canton Township.

The cost is $90 for golf and dinner, or $50 (dinner only).

Coffee and doughnuts will be served from 7:15-8:15 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 2 p.m. Spots are limited to the first 144 golfers.

For more information, call Dave Falzon (734) 464-8201.

## Falcon football signup

The Falcon varsity program of the Western Suburban Junior Football League will hold registration for the upcoming season.

The cost is $125 with a $25 discount for each additional family member.

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For more information, call coach Mike Bertha at (734) 462-4161 or coach Bob York at (248) 478-9684.

# Chargers surprise 4th at state meet

**Strong showing:** *Livonia Churchill's fourth-place contingent included (from left) coach Sharon Laskowski, Katy Reck, Ashley Johnson, Heidi Aittama, Kelley Parzuchowski and Jennie Lusa.*

BY RICHARD SHOOK
SPORTS WRITER

**GIRLS GOLF**

The Livonia Churchill girls golf team is one of those cliched overnight success stories.

You know the kind: Team suddenly appears on the radar screen of life — after years of hidden hard work.

The Chargers capped a season of sharp improvement last Saturday with a fourth-place finish in the state girls Division I golf meet.

Churchill began the final round of the two-day event in fifth place and moved up one spot by virtue of its fine two-day score of 723.

Churchill finished tied for second in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and was third, behind Ann Arbor Pioneer and Huron, in the regional with a 377 total.

Some overnight success story.

"It took me seven years to get this going," coach Sharon Laskowski said. "It's coming."

Grand Blanc won the state meet with a 670 total. Traverse City was 20 strokes behind in second place and Farmington Hills Mercy was third at 692. Churchill's 723 was one shot better than Harper Woods Regina, which boasted the individual medalist.

"We did well," Laskowski said. "We did really well. We're just ecstatic. We've been walking on air for two days. This is the first time Churchill girls have ever been to the state finals."

The Chargers placed two golfers in the state's top 15.

Sophomore Heidi Aittama shot 88-85—173 to place 12th and senior Ashley Johnson scored 89-85—174, tying for 13th.

Sophomore Kelley Parzuchowski turned in rounds of 95-96—191, sophomore Katy Reck had 94-104—198 and senior Jennie Lusa registered 112-91—203.

"We peaked at the right time,"

Please see CHARGERS 4TH, C2

# Shamrocks runner-up to rival Rice

**DIVISION I BOYS TENNIS**

Birmingham Brother Rice was ranked No. 1 for the whole tennis season.

Saturday's Division I finals in Midland did nothing to change that.

The Warriors won two finals and had finalists in five of seven flights to win the state tile, easily outdistancing Redford Catholic Central, 27-21.

"We had some close matches and the ball didn't always go our way," said CC coach Philip Eagleson. "We had a bunch of close matches — some three setters, some 7-6 sets. But we placed six of the seven flights in the semifinals, so that was wonderful."

Top-seeded Billy Walsh provided the Shamrocks with their only state crown as the freshman won a three-set thriller over Rice's Jeff Carrico, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (3). Walsh advanced to the finals with a 6-2, 6-0 win over West Bloomfield's Adam Wright.

"It's hard to describe what Billy did," said Eagleson. "Billy had an incredible performance. To come in as freshman and fight through states and win is phenomenal."

CC had semifinalists in five other flights, but couldn't break through to the finals — mostly because of Brother Rice.

In No. 1 singles, CC's Mike Findling lost to Rice's David Lynn, 6-2, 7-6 (8), while Rice's Matt Christian stopped CC's David Atallah at No. 3, 6-0, 7-6 (1) and the Warriors' Matt Ora and Charlie Duerr stopped Ian McHenry and Lodewijk Von Holsbeeck, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, in No. 3 doubles. Lynn and Christian went on to win their flight.

At No. 2 singles, J.D. Shade lost to eventual winner Matt Garner of East Kentwood, 6-2, 6-3, while the No. 1 doubles champion, Richard Marsh and Brian Gorski of Grosse Pointe South, beat CC's Jeff Fleszar and Rob Sparks in the semis — 6-3, 6-3.

"It's hard to describe," said Eagleson. "The whole team had a wonderful performance. All of them played well. Everyone had a good weekend."

# Stevenson ready for regional test

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**GIRLS SOCCER**

The Dearborn High girls soccer team knew it had an uphill climb against Livonia Stevenson in Tuesday's Division I regional semifinal at Novi.

The Pioneers, who lost 8-0 to the Spartans during the regular season, got slightly closer in the second encounter.

But it was little consolation as Stevenson scored seven first-half goals en route to a easy 7-0 victory.

Stevenson, 13-3-3 overall, moves into Friday's regional championship game against Western Lakes Activities Association co-champion Plymouth Canton. Game time is 7 p.m. at Novi Middle School, located at 11 Mile and Taft roads.

The Chiefs, now 19-1-2 overall, won the first game of a double-header Tuesday against Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4-1, as Anne Morrell scored a hat trick to raise her season total to 36.

The previous two meetings between Stevenson and Canton have ended in ties, 1-1 and 0-0.

Against Dearborn, Stevenson played without top goal scorer Lindsay Gusick, who was serving the first of her three-game suspension by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for playing in last week's Adidas Cup in Houston, Tex.

Gusick, who represented an under-17 U.S. squad, wasn't needed Tuesday as Miss Soccer Andrea Sied, pulled up from her sweeper spot, provided some offense by scoring Stevenson's first two goals.

The goals, off assists from Megan Urbats and Cheryl Fox, came just two minutes apart at 26:54 and 25:00 of the opening half.

"They (Dearborn) came at us with

Please see REGIONAL SOCCER, C5

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**Fox trot:** *Livonia Stevenson's Cheryl Fox (left) cuts in front of Dearborn's Lauren Stieper in Tuesday's regional semifinal.*

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**Bunt attempt:** *Churchill's Kelly Stahley tries to lay one down against Garden City.*

# District tournament conquest sends Churchill off to Monroe

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**GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Livonia Churchill has been in a slew of tight girls softball games this season and Saturday's Division 1 district tournament conquest at Livonia Franklin was no different.

The Chargers raised their season record to 20-8 by defeating Garden City in the championship game, 3-2.

Churchill now advances this Saturday to the Monroe regional semifinals to play Taylor Truman (21-11). Game time is 10 a.m.

Churchill advanced to the final with a 2-0 win over the host Patriots, while GC posted a 10-0, five-inning mercy rule triumph over Westland John Glenn in the other semifinal.

"We were determined to win this district because we thought we had a good season and have played well, but we also knew there were other good teams here," said Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge, who captured her third district crown since 1993. "We played poised because of our experience. And we've hung so tough in close games. We have not come unraveled much."

Sophomore pitcher Meghan Misiak tossed a one-hitter in the opener against Franklin and came back to limit Garden City (17-11) on two hits in the championship final.

"Meghan pitched well," Hardwidge said. "She just goes about her business and just loves to pitch."

Churchill pushed two runs across against Garden City hurler Katie Chidester in the opening inning.

Lead-off batter Sallie Kuratko reached base on an infield error and Carly George followed with a successful bunt single and Christine Fones added another single. Sheila Gillies and Sarah Hennessey then contributed RBI sacrifice flies.

In the second inning, Churchill increased its lead to 3-0 when Courtney Cross reached base on an error and later scored on GC's third error of the game.

"We had some mental lapses and physical errors that bit us the rest of the game," GC coach Barry Patterson said. "We've been a solid defensive team all year contrary to what you saw the first two innings. We put ourselves in a hole

Please see CHURCHILL ADVANCES, C6

# Salem's short, long ball too much for Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

■ DISTRICT BASEBALL

A pair of 40-foot bunts ignited Plymouth Salem Saturday morning in its Class A District semifinal game against Livonia Stevenson.

But it was a 300-plus-foot bomb off the bat of Salem's Ian Winter that blew up any chance the Spartans had of advancing to the District final showdown later in the day.

Using the little ball as efficiently as the long ball, the Rocks (19-13) ousted Stevenson, 5-1, to advance to the district final against North Farmington.

The Rocks beat North in the final, 7-6. The Raiders ousted Plymouth Canton in the other semifinal, 6-4.

The game was the last high school contest played at the Salem baseball field, which will be displaced later this summer to make room for the new high school.

"It breaks my heart to have to leave this field for the last time," lamented Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "But I'm glad we were able to walk off with a victory. I've coached here since 1986 and I played on this field before that, so I have a lot of nice memories here."

Rumberger was gesturing, of course, with his hand towards the state championship banners (1975 and 1991) hanging in left-center and right-center fields.

Salem senior right-handed pitcher Steve Gordon created a few memories of his own Saturday, throwing a four-hit, complete-game gem against the Spartans. Gordon didn't yield a hit until Stevenson's Tim Lawson led off the bottom of the sixth with a double.

"Steve has pitched well all year," Rumberger said. "I've asked him to pitch in a lot of big games for us this year, including against (Redford) Catholic Central and against an Ohio team that was 20-1.

"It's his third year on the varsity, so we have a lot of confidence in him."

Gordon struck out five Spartans and issued just two walks. He escaped his biggest jam in the bottom of the second when, with the game scoreless, Stevenson loaded the bases with just one out.

However, Gordon struck out Ronnie Williams before Bill Marsack's ground-ball struck baserunner Brad Buckler, who was trying to advance from first to second.

The Rocks got on the board first with two runs in the top of the third.

Senior center fielder Jason Furr started the inning by beating out a perfect bunt down the first-base line. Lead-off batter Steve Stiles followed with an identical bunt single, and Salem had runners on first and second with no one out.

After Salem designated hitter Chad Goethe walked to load the bases, Jason Lukasik popped out to second. Winter then hit a ground ball to Spartan third baseman Brandon Ray, whose throw to the plate sailed wide, allowing Furr and Stiles to score.

The Rocks doubled their 2-0 lead in the fifth inning when Lukasik walked with one out and scored on Winter's mammoth two-run blast that easily cleared the right-field fence.

Salem added an insurance run in the sixth when Chris Eicher scored on a fielder's choice play.

Winter reached base all four times he stepped to the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with two RBI. Furr was the only other Rock to pick up two hits.

Buckler, Stevenson's starting pitcher, allowed four runs (two earned) and five hits before being replaced by southpaw Tim Oliver in the sixth.

Stevenson, which finished 15-13, scored its lone run in the sixth when Lawson led off with a double and eventually crossed the plate on a double-play ground-out.

"I thought we had a good season," said Stevenson coach Harv Weingarden. "I'm going to miss the five seniors (Ray, Lawson, Buckler, Mike Byberg and Joe McCrohan) who won't be coming back next year. The keys today were Ian Winter's home run and a couple of defensive miscues we had. Otherwise, we played them pretty evenly."

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Crop duster:** *Salem's Jason Furr (right) tries to break up a double play in the top of the sixth inning against Livonia Stevenson's Tim Lawson.*

# Trojans advance

■ DIVISION III

Revange was not only sweet for Livonia Clarenceville, it was also a ticket to the regionals.

Livonia Clarenceville exploded for five runs in the fourth inning Saturday to beat Metro Conference rival Lutheran High Westland, 6-0, and put Trojans into the regionals this Saturday against Madison Heights Madison at Lake Fenton.

Clarenceville (6-13) will be the visiting team in its 10 a.m. game against Madison (19-3). Host Lake Fenton (21-11) will play Harper Woods in the other game.

Both host Clarenceville and Lutheran Westland reached the finals by forfeit as Highland Park and Inkster dropped out.

Dan Tondreau singled to get the decisive frame started, then Ray Gutierrez beat out a bunt single and Tim Reidl singled to load the bases against Lutheran Westland, which defeated Clarenceville, 12-2, earlier this season.

Tondreau was out at home on Scott Carr's fielder's choice but the ball got back to the backstop when Mike Murphy attempted a suicide squeeze and the first run came in.

Murphy then singled to make it 2-0 and Rob Simpson walked to re-load the bases. Eric Elmore smacked a three-run double for a 5-0 lead.

The Trojans scored their other run in the fifth. Gutierrez singled and went to third on a steal when the throw to second sailed into center field. Murphy singled him home.

Clarenceville collected eight hits and winning pitcher Kevin Silye spun an eight-hitter, walking one and striking out two.

Shortstop Reidl threw out three runners at third for Clarenceville on balls hit into the hole.

Charlie Hoeft went 3-for-4 for Lutheran High School Westland while Brad Nollar went 3-for-3.

Gutierrez went 3-for-3 for Clarenceville and scored twice. Murphy went 2-for-3 with a run.

# *State champion Shamrocks roar past Detroit opponents*

Host Redford Catholic Central had a pretty easy time in winning its Division I district on Saturday, cruising to a 21-0 win over Detroit Cody in the semifinal, then using Kevin Entsminger's no-hitter in the final for a 19-0 win over Detroit Cooley.

"Cody was pretty young and inexperienced," said CC coach John Salter. "Cooley's pitcher had gone two innings in their semifinal and he got tired. It was 9-0 in the fifth inning and we hit their relief pitching pretty hard and scored 10 runs in the top of the sixth."

Entsminger gave up a walk and hit a batter, while striking out seven in earning the win and also went 4-for-5 at the plate with a walk and four runs scored.

Phil Marrone also helped the Shamrocks (20-11) by going 2-for-4 with a walk, a HBP and had two RBI, and Anthony Coratti was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI.

Marrone led the way at the plate in the opener by going 3-for-3 with four runs scored, an RBI while walking once and being hit by a pitch. Brian Williams added two hits, including a double, and had three RBI, while Coratti was 2-for-2 with two runs scored.

Adam Kline (4-2) got the win on a two-hitter in four innings, while striking out 10 for the defending Division I state champions.

# Chargers 4th from C1

Laskowski said. "The girls just played extremely well. When one was down, the others picked her up.

"I think we surprised a lot of people. Pioneer and Huron beat us at the regionals, and by 7-8 strokes. I still felt we had a good shot.

"They started to believe in themselves. Basically, what I tried to impress upon them was that they could do it. I told them, 'Don't give up. One shot doesn't make a round of golf.'"

Not exactly a nobody, the Chargers popped up in the ratings from time to time, peaking at sixth and appearing as the No. 10 team in the final week of the poll.

Johnson "really blossomed," Laskowski said. She averaged 46.9 for nine holes and saved her best for last.

She scored 88s at the conference and state regionals, where she was sixth, and knocked three strokes off that in the final round of the state meet.

"She's just a worker," Laskowski said. "She took lessons right up to the regionals. She never gave up. But that's the kind of girl she is.

"I wish I had five Ashleys on my team. I gave her the Coaches Award at our banquet. She exemplifies everything good about golf.

"She's very coachable. I told the (other) girls, 'Look up to Ashley. Follow her example.'

Aittama "has all kinds of potential," Laskowski said. "Her goal is to be on the LPGA tour."

She was second in the Livonia Public Schools meet, shot an 82 to tie for first in the regionals at Monroe and averaged 43 strokes per nine holes.

"That's about the same as she scored last year," Laskowski said, "but this year she's had a lot of health problems, from teeth to bronchitis. It seemed like it was just one thing after another."

The tragic death of Livonia Stevenson golfer Carli Heppner, who was Aittama's best friend, affected the Churchill golfer.

"She was very emotionally upset over that," Laskowski said. "The last three weeks were hard on her. Considering all that, she's done real well.

"She has the potential for much more. She's a very good golfer at a very young age."

Laskowski called Parzuchowski "my ace in the hole. I always said she was my dark horse all year. She was our make or break for some of the matches."

Parzuchowski averaged 46.7 for nine holes and finished 34th in the state in the individual side of the state tournament.

"She has so much potential," Laskowski said. "We're going to continue to see her blossom. She loves the game.

"She came down from the high 50s last year. I gave her the 'Most Improved' award."

Reck surprised Laskowski. A high 60s scorer in 1999, when her scores counted only in a handful of matches, she averaged 53 this year and nearly always put her score in the team total.

"That 94 was the best she's ever done. She was 40th individually at the state meet."

The Chargers' other senior, Lusa, had a nine-hole average of 52.

"Her 21-stroke drop in the state meet really helped us," Laskowski said. "She's been playing four years."


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GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

# Canton ousts Spartans, 5-1

## *Stewart hurls Chiefs to title vs. North, 2-1*

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North Farmington had its way this season with girls softball foe Plymouth Canton — until Saturday.

"This is the one that counted," Canton coach Arnold said after the Chiefs upended North, 2-1.

The Raiders had won two previous meeting, 9-0 and 3-0.

Buoyed by that success, Canton went on to capture the district crown, beating Livonia Stevenson 5-1 in the final.

The Chiefs, 22-11 overall, advance to the Division I regional at Royal Oak Kimball against Warren Mott Saturday. Farmington Hills Mercy goes against Detroit Mumford in the other regional semifinal.

It was. The Raiders, who finished their season at 24-12, were first to draw blood — but it took four innings and a singular effort by Staci Russell to do it.

In the top of the fifth, Russell led off the inning with a single, the first hit of the game off Canton pitching ace Laura Stewart. Russell stole second and then, with one out, she stole a run when Christie Hendrickson grounded out to second.

Russell broke for third on the play and Chiefs' first baseman Brianne McNicholas tried to toss her out, but the throw to third was wide and Russell scored, giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead.

Canton, however, answered immediately. For four innings the Chiefs' offense had been stymied, failing to get a hit off North pitcher Beth Danielewicz. Stewart reached base to start the inning with a bad-hop bouncer off Samantha McComb; with Katie Conlon in to run, Angie Neu executed a sacrifice bunt to move her to second.

Canton's first hit was a big one, a grounder down the third base line by Kaitlin Anderson that went for a double but kept Conlon at third. A walk to Christina Kiessel loaded the bases with one out.

Jenna Perino popped out to second, pulling the Raiders to within an out of escaping the inning unscathed.

But Megan Coultas, a sophomore second baseman who bats ninth in the order, wasn't about to allow that to happen.

Coultas cracked a single to center that scored two runs and gave the Chiefs a lead they never relinquished.

A pair of hits in the sixth put two runners aboard for North with two out, but Stewart — who tossed a three-hitter, striking out seven and walking one — got Kristy Reinhardt to fly out to center to end the threat.

And end North's chances, as it turned out. Danielewicz nearly equaled Stewart's performance; the freshman gave up three hits and one walk, striking out four.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

**Winging it:** *Stevenson's Kelley Hutchins fires a pitch in Saturday's 5-1 loss in the district finals to Plymouth Canton.*

### DIVISION I

"We had chances," said North coach Dave Brubaker. "They got the clutch hits. My hat's off to Coultas, their No. 9 hitter."

For Coultas, it was indeed a big day. Although the Chiefs were favored to beat Stevenson — which defeated Salem 7-6 in the other district semifinal — it was the Spartans who struck first.

Amanda Jankowski opened the third with a single and, after a Stewart balk moved her to second, Mary King doubled to score her. Stewart then buckled down and struck out the next three batters.

Again, the Chiefs answered immediately.

First baseman Debbie Gaiefsky dropped a pop up by Kiessel to start the inning; then, after a single by Perino, Coultas came through again, doubling off Stevenson starter Kelley Hutchins to left-center field to drive in two runs.

A dropped fly ball by right-fielder Sarah Pinto led to more trouble for Stevenson.

Michelle DeVos laid down a bunt and Coultas escaped the rundown to score, making it 3-1. After Jonelle Brown grounded into a fielder's choice at third, Stewart and Neu followed with RBI singles, giving Canton a 5-1 advantage.

It was all the Chiefs would need. Indeed, in the next 3⅓ innings, the two teams managed just one base hit between them.

Stewart again tossed a three-hitter; she gave up one earned run and did not walk a batter, hitting one and striking out 13.

"It's been the story of our year," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, her team finishing at 9-16. "One bad inning. It's been frustrating. But I'm very proud of them. They had lost to Salem twice, so it was great just getting here.

"We don't have enough power hitters to score five runs. But they were never down on themselves."

# Clarenceville stops Warriors

**Livonia Clarenceville took eight innings to win the Division III district girls softball championship Saturday at home against Lutheran Westland, 7-6.**

**Winning pitcher Amy Schiffmann went the distance for Livonia Clarenceville and overcame nine walks. She struck out two and pitched a four-hitter.**

**Losing pitcher Heather Rose also hurled a four-hitter. She walked seven and struck out three for the host Warriors. Both teams made four errors.**

**The winning run reached on an error. A steal of second, a fielder's choice and a single produced the winning tally for the Trojans.**

**Clarenceville led from the start, scoring two in the third to forge a 2-0 lead and halting a [redacted] Lutheran Westland rally of two runs in the fourth.**

**The Trojans took a 4-2 lead in the sixth and expanded it to 5-2 in the sixth, which they needed because the Warriors rallied in the the score in the bottom of the sixth. Both teams scored a run in the seventh.**

**"We couldn't take advantage of our opportunities," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "They made big plays. Their program has come a long way in the last three years."**

**Lutheran Westland (12-18-1) defeated Highland Park, 15-3, in the other semifinal.**

# Churchill advances *from page C1*

early."

The Cougars, however, made it interesting by pushing two runs across in the fifth inning.

A walk to Taryn McCloud, a single by Jill Merriman, a fielder's choice off the bat of DH Devon Fitzgibbon followed by a Churchill infield error cut the deficit to 3-2.

But Misiak set GC down in order in the sixth and survived another single by Merriman in the seventh to give Churchill the win and the championship.

"It took us to the third at-bat to get our timing down," Patterson said. "We wanted to test her (Misiak) a little more, but we had too many strikeouts (seven) the first four innings.

"But Misiak throws well, especially when her control is on. And give Churchill credit, they made every play in the field, even the balls hit sharply right at them."

McCloud, GC's center fielder, made a pair of fine running catches to keep it close.

"There's not a better outfielder I've seen all year," Patterson said. "This year, overall, has been a real positive. We have only two seniors on the team and we had a lot of questions before the year started. We've had a remarkable year."

Chidester, who became the Cougars' full-time starter midway through the year, pitched well enough to win. She allowed just four hits.

"We put a lot of pressure on a sophomore (Chidester) and she didn't fail us," Patterson said. "We hope to build on it for next year because we have a lot of returnees coming back.

"Maybe next year will be our year."

**•CHURCHILL 2, FRANKLIN 0:** In the first semifinal, Churchill broke a scoreless deadlock with a pair of runs in the fifth inning.

Christine Fones and Sallie Kuratko had singles during the rally.

Franklin hurler Tara Muchow gave up just four hits in seven innings, but the Patriots were limited to one hit by Charger hurler Meghan Misiak, a fifth-inning bunt single by Jenie D'Annunzio.

In 21 innings this season against Franklin, Misiak did not allow a run.

"At times we didn't execute, but Misiak's a tough pitcher, we didn't hit her all year," said Franklin coach Lindsa Jimenez, whose team finished 14-16 overall. "She also bears down with runners on."

With hard-hitting first baseman Tera Morrill (knee surgery) out of the lineup all season, the Patriots suffered offensively.

"We only hit about .250 or .260 as a team, that's not enough," Jimenez said. "I'm sad the season is over for our girls, especially for our seniors."

**•GARDEN CITY 10, JOHN GLENN 0:** With three seniors attending graduation exercises at Ann Arbor's Crisler Arena and another starter leaving the team, Westland John Glenn (10-20) came up shorthanded in its semifinal game against the Cougars.

After two scoreless innings, GC erupted for three runs in the third inning and six more in the fifth to put the game away under the 10-run mercy rule.

Mary Kovacs had two hits and an RBI for the Cougars, while Ashley Bonner contributed a two-run single. Taryn McCloud also had two RBI. Angie Bako, Erin Frankowicz and Sarah Booth also had RBI singles.

Amanda Ross had two hits for Glenn.

Stephanie Fedulchak was the losing pitcher.

Chidester, the winning pitcher, allowed five hits. She struck out four and did not walk a Rocket.

"Our whole infield and outfield was switched around, it would have been nice to work out the flaws," said Glenn coach Karen Olack, who was forced call up JV players Sara Walter and Julie Busch. "We worked hard all week. Things went smooth. We came a long way with a lot of inexperience.

"Maybe things would have been different if we didn't have to teach things all over again in one week."

# Blazers win 3rd straight district

### DIVISION II

Livonia Ladywood softball coach Bob Lulek rolled the dice Saturday and it resulted in the Blazers' third straight district championship.

The Blazers, just 13-21 on the year, posted victories over Dearborn Divine Child (7-0) and Redford Thurston (21-0 in five innings) en route to the title at Monroe-Jefferson.

Ladywood now meets Farmington Hills Harrison (17-11-1) in the Division II regional semifinals noon this Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm.

Divine Child (15-18), which had beaten Ladywood in two of three meetings this season, could not forge any runs across the plate against Blazer hurlers Pam Smart and Shawn Fallon.

"We went with our third pitcher Pam (Smart) simply because they (Divine Child) had not seen her and she had been throwing well the last three weeks," Lulek said. "It was just a hunch on my part. We were trying to give them a different look."

Smart went the first 3⅓ innings before giving way to Shawn Fallon, who finished up.

The two combined on a six-hitter, while fanning three and walking three.

Fallon came on with two base runners on and one-out in the fourth inning and also got out of a bases-loaded game in the fifth to preserve the shutout.

Offensively, Ladywood jumped on DC starter Melissa Elwell for six runs in the first three innings. Falcon reliever Jenny Jablonski allowed just one run the rest of the way, but the damage had been done.

Kristen Barnes and Kathy Day each had two hits to pace Ladywood's offensive attack. Cathie Rospierski contributed an RBI double.

The championship final was anticlimactic as Ladywood scored three in the first inning and broke it open with 10 in the second off Thurston hurler Julie Garbacz.

The Blazers, meanwhile, had a 17-hit attack as Fallon led the way with three hits, including a double and three RBI. Dawn Rini added two hits, including a double, and two RBI.

Blazer starting hurler Shelly Moros worked the first three innings before giving way to Liz Malek.

Thurston's lone hits came off the bats of Marissa Wanderski (a double) and Jenny Rehn.


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# FINAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD LISTING

**SHOT PUT**
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 53-11
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 53-6½
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50-9½
Nate Meckes (Luth. Westland) 48-½
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 48-½
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 46-6½
Asa Hensley (Canton) 45-10
Josh Meckes (Luth. Westland) 45-8
Dave Boucher (Salem) 45-4
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 45-1

**DISCUS**
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 151-8
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 148-7
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145-1
Brad Person (Harrison) 144-7
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 144-6
Andrew Ribar (Churchill) 142-6
Mark Snyder (Salem) 142-5
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 141-5
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 139-10
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 134-11

**HIGH JUMP**
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-6½
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6-5
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6-5
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-4
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6-2
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6-2
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 6-2
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 6-1
P.J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6-0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
Brad Person (Harrison) 6-0
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 6-0
Dave Painter (Franklin) 6-0
Joe Damen (Redford Union) 6-0
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 6-0

**LONG JUMP**
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-½
Gabe Coble (Salem) 21-½
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 21-0
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 21-0
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 20-3
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 20-2½
Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20-2½
Jawoin Spinks (Farmington) 20-1½
Ken Page (Canton) 20-1
Aaron Velthoven (Redford CC) 20-0

**POLE VAULT**
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14-2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13-7
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 13-0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 13-0
Shannon Simon (Garden City) 12-0
Kevin Peterman (Churchill) 12-0
Jason Davis (Luth. Westland) 12-0
Brian Page (Canton) 11-6
Kevin Palmer (Canton) 11-6
Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11-0
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 11-0
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 11-0
Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 11-0
Chris Duncan (N. Farmington) 11-0
Jim Brzuch (Salem) 11-0
Ryan Noel (Luth. Westland) 11-0

**110-METER HURDLES**
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.4
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 14.6
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 14.7
Chris Kalis (Canton) 14.8
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 14.8
Kwame Hampton (Wayne) 15.0
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 15.1
Dennis Kusiak (Franklin) 15.2
James Cook (Harrison) 15.3
Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.4

**300-METER HURDLES**
Nick Hall (Harrison) 39.3
Chris Kalis (Canton) 40.2
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 40.4
Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 40.5
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 41.1
Brant Hauck (Churchill) 41.1
James Cook (Harrison) 41.7
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42.2
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42.3
Tom Grant (Redford CC) 42.3

**100-METER DASH**
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 10.8
Mike Clark (Lutheran Westland) 10.9
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.0
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.1
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.1
K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.1
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.1
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 11.1

**200-METER DASH**
Agim Shabaj (Harrison) 22.1
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.4
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 22.4
Darryl Anglin (Borgess) 22.4
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.5
Todd Anthony (Farmington) 22.6
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 22.7
Jason Smith (Borgess) 22.7
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 22.8
Mike Clark (Luth. Westland) 23.0
K.J. Singh (Canton) 23.0

**400-METER DASH**
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 48.7
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 49.3
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 50.2
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 50.8
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 50.9
Nick Soper (Stevenson) 51.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
Jack Tucci (Canton) 51.7
Darryl Robinson (Borgess) 51.9
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 52.7
Matt Markowicz (Redford CC) 52.7

**800-METER RUN**
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 1:57.8
Gabe Coble (Salem) 1:58.0
Ryan Gall (Churchill) 1:59.1
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:00.5
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:00.5
Steve Kecskemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.0
Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:01.3
Brian Horr (N. Farmington) 2:02.2
Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 2:02.4
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:02.4

**1,600-METER RUN**
Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 4:23.1
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:26.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:29.4
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:29.7
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:29.9
John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 4:32.6
Phil Johnson (Churchill) 4:34.5
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:34.7
Ryan Lowry (Redford CC) 4:35.5
Isaac Kaufman (N. Farmington) 4:39.9

**3,200-METER RUN**
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:23.6
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:36.0
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 9:58.0
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 9:59.2
John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 9:59.2
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:03.4
John Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:04.8
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:03.5
Pat Lockhart (Farmington) 10:18.2
Doug Gibbons (Redford CC) 10:19.8

**400-METER RELAY**
Farmington Harrison 42.9
Farmington 43.1
Redford Bishop Borgess 43.7
Livonia Stevenson 44.1
Plymouth Canton 44.2

**800-METER RELAY**
Farmington Harrison 1:29.2
Farmington 1:29.7
Redford Bishop Borgess 1:30.0
North Farmington 1:30.5
Plymouth Canton 1:30.5

**1,600-METER RELAY**
Farmington Harrison 3:26.8
Livonia Franklin 3:27.0
North Farmington 3:27.1
Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.5

**3,200-METER RELAY**
Livonia Stevenson 8:01.5
Redford Catholic Central 8:11.5
Plymouth Salem 8:18.6
North Farmington 8:20.5
Plymouth Canton 8:22.6

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**DISCUS**
Tiffany Gaubaugh (Salem) 133-8
Judy Telford (Mercy) 129-7
Jenny Hafner (Churchill) 122-1
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 108-0
Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 106-4
Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 105-0
Meghan Kelley (Redford Union) 104-9
Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 103-8
Jen Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103-4
Sarah Dudas (Ladywood) 103-3

**HIGH JUMP**
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5-5
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5-3
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-2
Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5-2
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5-1
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-1
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5-1
Erin Szura (Garden City) 5-1
Krystal Daphis (St. Agatha) 5-0
Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5-0
Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 5-0

**LONG JUMP**
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 17- 1/2
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-7 1/2
Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 16-6
Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 16-5 1/2
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16-2 3/4
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 16-2 1/2
Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 15-11
LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15-10 1/2
Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15-8
Karen Kuazynski (Ladywood) 15-7

**POLE VAULT**
Kim Wise (Garden City) 10-4
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 10-0
Jane Peterman (Churchill) 10-0
Kari Cezat (Churchill) 9-7 1/2
Andrea McMillen (Franklin) 9-3
Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-6
Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 8-6
Julieta Iarina (Harrison) 8-6
Jenny Jedlick (Salem) 8-6
Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 8-0

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Anna Reif (Lutheran Westland) 16.5
Erin Liaure (Redford Union) 16.6

**300-METER HURDLES**
Cassie Schmidt (Stevenson) 47.3
Kristal Stricker (Farmington) 47.8
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 48.1
Valerie Brown (Salem) 48.7
Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 48.7
Erin Liaure (Redford Union) 49.0
Anna Reif (Lutheran Westland) 49.4
Colleen Bowman (Stevenson) 49.8
Danielle Miller (Farmington) 51.1
Mandy Hein (Churchill) 51.5

**100-METER DASH**
Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.4
Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
Michelle Bonior (Salem) 12.6
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 12.7
Meredith Fox (Canton) 12.9
Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 12.9
Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 12.9
Theresa Chemenkoff (Stevenson) 13.0
Celina Davis (Salem) 13.0

**200-METER DASH**
Rachel Jones (Salem) 25.8
Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 26.3
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 26.5
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 26.9
Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 27.1
Kelly Carey (Ladywood) 27.3
Brianne Watson (Ladywood) 27.3
Theresa Chemenkoff (Stevenson) 27.4
Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 27.4

**400-METER DASH**
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 59.1
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:00.1
Rachel Jones (Salem) 1:00.2
Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 1:00.4
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:00.7
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:01.9
Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:02.2
Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:02.7

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**800-METER RUN**
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Rachel Vizcaino (Churchill) 2:31.0
[illegible] (Franklin) 2:31.2
Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 2:31.7
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:31.8
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:31.9

**1,600-METER RUN**
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:19.5
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:23.4
Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 5:25.8
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 5:26.2
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:27.0
Holly Brockson (N. Farmington) 5:34.5
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:36.4
Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
Sarah McCormack (Canton) 5:38.8
Joelle Davis (Garden City) 5:48.2

**3,200-METER RUN**
Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 11.46.8
Tess Kuehne (Luth. Westland) 11:51.0
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 11:51.2
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 12:06.5
Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12:17.4
Mary Maloney (Canton) 12:19.5
Kim Woods (Salem) 12:22.2
Anna Plagany (Ladywood) 12:29.6
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 12:33.1

**400-METER RELAY**
Plymouth Salem 49.9
Livonia Ladywood 51.6
Westland John Glenn 52.0
Farmington Hills Mercy 52.5
Farmington Harrison 52.5

**800-METER RELAY**
Plymouth Salem 1:45.5
Westland John Glenn 1:49.1
Livonia Stevenson 1:49.3
Livonia Ladywood 1:50.7
North Farmington 1:50.8

**1,600-METER RELAY**
Plymouth Salem 4:06.4
Plymouth Canton 4:12.8
Livonia Stevenson 4:19.3
Farmington Harrison 4:22.1
Lutheran Westland 4:23.0

**3,200-METER RELAY**
Livonia Stevenson 9:49.9
Livonia Churchill 10:04.8
North Farmington 10:13.3
Plymouth Salem 10:14.7
Lutheran Westland 10:19.3


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**BOYS BASEBALL**
**REGIONAL PAIRINGS**
**(all Saturday, June 10)**
**DIVISION I**
**at REDFORD**

**Semifinals:** Redford Catholic Central vs. Southgate; Garden City vs. Taylor Kennedy.

**Championship final:** (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Carleton-Airport vs. Brighton regional champion.)

**at ROYAL OAK KIMBALL**

**Semifinals:** Birmingham Groves vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit; Plymouth Salem vs. Royal Oak Kimball.

**Championship final:** (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Clinton Township Clintondale vs. Grosse Pointe North regional champion.)

**DIVISION III**
**at Lake Fenton**

**Semifinals:** Livonia Clarenceville vs. Madison Heights Madison, Harper Woods vs. Lake Fenton.

**Championship final:** (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Davison vs. Lake Fenton regional champion.)

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**
**REGIONAL PAIRINGS**
**(all Saturday, June 10)**
**DIVISION I**
**at MONROE**

**Semifinals:** Livonia Churchill vs. Taylor Truman; Monroe vs. Detroit Redford.

**Championship final:** (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Carleton-Airport vs. Brighton regional champion.)

**at ROYAL OAK KIMBALL**

**Semifinals:** Warren Mott vs. Plymouth Canton; Detroit Mumford vs. Farmington Hills Mercy.

**Championship final:** (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Clinton Township Clintondale vs. Grosse Pointe North regional champion.)

**DIVISION II**
**at BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM**

**Semifinals:** Ortonville-Brandon vs. Hamtramck, 10 a.m.; Farmington Hills Harrison vs. Livonia Ladywood, noon.

**Championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Brighton vs. Clinton Township-Clintondale regional champion.)

**DIVISION III**
**at LAKE FENTON**

**Semifinals:** Byron vs. Harper Woods; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Macomb Lutheran North.

**Championship final:** (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 13 at Davison vs. Deckerville regional champion.)

**GIRLS SOCCER**
**REGIONAL PAIRINGS**
**DIVISION I**
**at NOVI**

**Friday, June 9:** Livonia Stevenson vs. Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 at Jackson vs. Jackson regional champion.)

# Spartans roll past Garden City, 11-0

## DISTRICT SOCCER

Livonia Stevenson put Garden City goalkeeper Jessica Pappas under a state of siege in Saturday's Division 1 district girls soccer final at Southfield-Lathrup.

Although Pappas made 24 saves, the result was an 11-0 Stevenson triumph.

Garden City bowed out at 6-10-2, while Stevenson advanced to Tuesday's regional semifinal against Dearborn at Novi High School with a 12-3-3 record.

Stevenson led 4-0 at intermission and it stayed that way until the 60th minute when the Spartans erupted for seven goals.

"They were hammering her (Pappas) with some pretty good shots," said Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "She came up big and played well.

"The outcome wasn't in question, but we were making them work until the sixth or seventh one."

Thirteen different Stevenson players had at least a goal or an assist. Meanwhile, Garden City had just three shots for the game.

Dana White led the way with two goals and one assist, while Megan Urbats, Lauren Valdivia and Elizabeth DiPonio each contributed a goal and one assist.

Andrea Sied, Megan Lane, Bethany Dobbyn, Cheryl Fox and Nicole Katikos each had a goal, while Deanna McGrath, Jamie Hartrick and Laura Shishkovsky chipped in with two assists apiece.

"It's nice to get balanced scoring and see us raise the level of our game even without our top goal scorer Lindsay Gusick (serving a three-game suspension)," said Stevenson coach, who won his fifth district title in six years. "It shows we were able to stay focused on what we were doing."

•**NORTHVILLE 2, LADYWOOD 1:** Lindsay Dunmead and Emily Carbott scored goals Saturday as the Mustangs won the Division II district championship game at Livonia Ladywood (5-12-1).

Northville led 1-0 at intermission and built a 2-0 lead in the second half before Ladywood's Stefanie Stachura answered with a goal with 20 minutes remaining on an assist from Melissa Harakas.

"My team picked up the pace and we put a lot of pressure on them," Ladywood second-year coach Jill Logsdon said. "We played with a lot of heart and made Northville work for the win."

Logsdon said her goalkeeper Liz Obrecht stood out, "making several excellent saves, including a breakaway."

Sophomore defender Katie Rozum was named to the All-Catholic League team, while teammates Andrea Schimmel and Jennie Bartkowiak made All-Central Division.

Stachura was named to the All-Catholic Academic team, while Rozum, Stachura, Schimmel, Obrecht and Megan Kogut earned Division II All-District honors.

## Regional soccer *from page C1*

an offside trap and it took us about five minutes to settle things down," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "We needed some communication out there and Andi (Sied) took care of things all right."

Five more Stevenson goals came in rapid order.

Urbats scored the next two at 19:42 and 19:27 from Christina Lewis and Dana White.

Lauren Valdivia made it 5-0 at 16:23 from White, and Bethany Dobbyn scored the next two, one coming on a penalty kick and the other from Megan Lane.

Kimble then cleared his bench and rested some of his starters for the second half.

"They play a whole different style in the midfield than we're used to seeing on our league," said Dearborn coach Roy Gurk, whose team finished 9-8-1 overall. "A lot of times it was their six forwards against our three defenders. It would be nice to play in a league with their style of play. We really have not had a chance to see anything like this."

With Gusick out of the lineup again Friday against Canton, Kimble will continue to juggle his lineup. He may sacrifice some defense for offense.

Fox, who usually marks Morrell, could continue to see more time at outside midfielder.

Meanwhile, Kimble has been playing Carly Wadsworth and Katie Beaudoin on defense.

"We have to be extra sharp back there and both of them have done well," the Stevenson coach said. "We have a big choice to make — mark Anne as we did in the conference final or commit Cheryl or Andi to give us more offense.

"In the district (tournament) we didn't face anyone else other than Morrell or a Troy Athens with that kind of talent up front.

"Right now I'm kind going back-and-forth with the idea.

"We'll find out Friday night."

## SANDLOT BASEBALL

# Morrison's no-hit gem lifts Rams

Shawn Morrison faced just 24 batters and allowed only four baserunners as he hurled a no-hitter to lead the Michigan Lake Area Rams past Decision Consultants Inc., 1-0, in Adray Metro Baseball Association play on Friday.

Morrison walked two and hit a batter, while striking out 12.

The Rams needed Morrison's pitching as they struggled to grab just four hits. Nick Dedeluk (Madonna/Redford Thurston) led the hitting by going 2-for-2 with a walk and scored the winning run.

On Sunday, the Rams took a doubleheader against the Windsor Athletic Association, winning the first game, 13-4, and the second game, 4-3.

In the opener, Matt Rigley (Redford Union) was 3-for-5 with two runs scored, a double, triple and seven RBI, Dedeluk was 2-for-3 with three runs scored, two RBI and a triple, Mike Macek was 2-for-5 with a homer and two RBI, while Peter Varon and Mike Hayes (Redford Union) both had two hits. Phil Kommer took the win.

The second game was much closer but the Rams still took the win as Chet Rees (Madonna/Westland John Glenn) scored three runs, had two RBI, two walks and stole home in the ninth inning on a double steal for the winning run.

The Rams are 4-1.

# Wilks shines for Bulldogs in 11-1 romp

Daniel Wilks was the winning pitcher and helped his own cause by collecting two hits and two RBI as the Livonia Bulldogs took five innings to mercy the visiting Riverside Royals of Windsor, Ontario, 11-1, in a Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation Mantle Division 16-and-under game played Tuesday at Livonia's Ford Field.

Wilks, who attends Redford Catholic Central, fanned seven and allowed just two hits in one run in three innings.

Reliever Jeff Niemiec pitched two scoreless innings. He did not allow a hit and struck out three.

The Bulldogs, coached by Butch Conz and Rick Marsack, also got offensive production from Eddie Conz (CC), who had two hits and two RBI; Niemiec, two RBI; and Josh Stack (CC), two hits and one RBI.

Scoring two runs apiece were Billy Marsack (Livonia Stevenson) and Matt Lenhoff (CC).


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# Olympic Trials hopefuls eye Canton meet

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TRACK

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Never before has such an illustrious group of athletes been brought to this area for such a noteworthy event.

The Michigan International Track Invitational will bring together some of the fastest men and women, including several Americans who are pursuing a spot in the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials next month in Sacramento, Calif.

Qualifying standards must be met for athletes to compete in the Trials; that's what they'll attempt to do at this meet.

"This meet has literally exploded," said meet director John Goodridge. "It's a very special event unfolding."

Goodridge should know. He and his wife — the former Francie Kraker, an Ann Arbor native who ran in the 1968 and 1972 Olympics — coached cross country and track at Wake Forest for 15 years until last fall, when they decided to return to Michigan to establish an Olympic Development Distance Running Center.

"There's always been this great, great need for developing post-collegiate athletes in track," Goodridge said. "Once he (or she) graduates, all his support is gone."

It was that way when his wife attended the University of Michigan. "Things haven't changed in this country much since she graduated," he said.

Saturday's track spectacular, Goodridge hopes, will ignite interest in track clubs and expand the fan support in his sport.

Certainly it is a premier lineup. The men's mile, for instance, will feature Canada's Kevin Sullivan, the 15th fastest miler in the world in 1999; 1996 U.S. Olympian Paul McMullen; and Kenyan Amos Kipyegon. They will pursue the fastest sub-four-minute mile ever run in this state.

There's more. The women's 1,500 meters highlights Collette Liss, the U.S.A. indoor national mile runner-up, while the men's 800 includes Trinity Townsend, the seventh-ranked American at that distance in 1999.

The women's 800 will feature three women who have been very close to the U.S. qualifying time in the 800 of 2:05.0: Jill McMullen (Paul's wife) of Ypsilanti, Melissa Smith of Grand Valley State and Hope Sanders of the Indiana Invaders club.

In the 400, Nigerian Clement Chukwu — 15th fastest in the world last year — will compete.

On a closer-to-home note, high school sensation Dathan Ritzenhein of Rockford will try to reach the U.S. Olympic Trials qualifying standard of 13:47 in the 5,000-meter run. Ritzenhein, the Foot Locker national high school cross country champion, won both the 1,600 and 3,200 races at last weekend's state meet, setting a new state record of 4:08.08 in the 1,600.

He'll be up against some tough company, including four Americans — Jeff Simonich in the 5,000 and Jim Jurcevich, Kyle Baker and Chad Baker in the 10,000 — who have already qualified for the U.S. Trials, scheduled to start July 13. Also competing will be Kenyan Sammy Nyamongo.

The meet will begin at 7 p.m. and last for approximately two hours. Admission is $5.

Events include the men's 110-meter high hurdles, high jump and long jump; boys and girls high school one-mile runs; men's national 100 meters; men's international 100 meters; men's international 400 meters; women's international 800 meters; men's national 800; men's international 800; women's international 1,500; men's national 1,500; men's international 200; men's international 5,000; and men's international one mile.

"We have a real fine group of athletes who are very close to qualifying," said Goodridge. "This is big stuff. World-class runners will be in Canton Saturday night.

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•Under-9 and -12, 6-8 p.m. at Total Soccer, Wixom;

•Under-10 and -11, 8-9:30 p.m. at Total Soccer, Wixom;

•Under-15 and -16, 9:30-11 p.m. at Total Soccer, Wixom;

•Under-17 and -18, 4-6 p.m. at Jaycee Park, Livonia.

Total Soccer is located at 30990 S. Wixom Road, north of I-96, in Wixom. Jaycee Park is located east of Farmington Road, just south of Eight Mile on Mayfield in Livonia.

Players must wear flat-sole shoes for all tryouts at Total Soccer.

For more information, call Lars Richters at (248) 788-5928; or visit www.michiganhawks-wolves.com.

**LYSC BOYS TRYOUT DATES**

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club has announced its age-group premier and select team tryouts for boys as follows at the Dickinson Center, located one-half mile north of Six Mile (just north of Laurel Park Shopping Center) on the east side of Newburgh Road:

•Under-11 select (born on or after Aug. 1, 1989) — 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 20; 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday, June 18; call Bill Wright at (734) 762-1590.

•Under-12 premier (born on or after Aug. 1, 1988) — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday and Sunday, June 16, 18; call Bruce Slater at (248) 380-8958;

•Under-13 premier (born on or after Aug. 1, 1987) — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Friday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 21; call Jerry Thom at (248) 476-7336;

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•Under-16 premier (born on or after Aug. 1, 1984) — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, June 21-22; Saturday, June 24; call Paul Kogut at (734) 455-8175;

•Under-17 premier (born on or after, Aug. 1, 1983) — 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 17; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 18; call Mike Bartel at (248) 348-0672;

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**Spring hockey champs:** *The Suburban Stingers captured the Squirt Blue Championship at the Pepsi Showdown with a 5-4 victory over the previously unbeaten Southfield Huskies, 5-4, May 20 at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. The Stingers won three games by one goal, including an overtime victory, to clinch the title. Michael Hinkle led the Stingers in the playoffs with two goals and five assists. Bobby Smith added three goals, while Matt Murphy and Ted Schroeder contributed two goals and one assist each. Goaltender Michael Cole stood out in the net. Members of the Stingers include (left to right) James Leffler (Commerce), Shane Kavanagh (Livonia), Matt Murphy (Livonia), Corey DeCamillo (Livonia), Schroeder (Livonia), Hinkle (Livonia), Cole (Livonia), Brendan Rooney (Livonia), R.J. Stanford (Livonia), Bobby Smith (Canton), Jimmy Vayis (Livonia), Matt Porembiak (Livonia), Josh Andalaro (Livonia), Tyler Vines (Livonia) and Nolan Wilson (Livonia). The coaching staff includes (top, from left) Jim Vayis (Livonia), Tom Leffler (Commerce), manager Dan Andaloro (Livonia), head coach Mark Vines (Livonia), assistants Chuck Cole, Bob Wilson and Dave Porembiak (all of Livonia).*


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# Garden City stops Churchill, Wayne in baseball district

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**Force play:** *Wayne Memorial's Matt Mackiewicz (left) wheels to make the throw at second base ahead of Garden City runner Jason Samborski in Saturday's district championship game at Franklin.*

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On a team where pitching usually rules the day, Garden City found that hot bats can work just as well.

The Cougars banged out 12 hits in Saturday's Division I district final at Livonia Franklin and wound up with an 11-6 win over Wayne Memorial, earning a spot in this Saturday's regional semi-final against Taylor Kennedy.

Garden City advanced to the final with a 5-1 win over Wayne, as Robbie Hudson hurled an inconsistent one-hitter, with eight walks, five wild pitches and 10 strikeouts. Wayne earned its spot with a mild 3-1 upset over Livonia Churchill.

Pitching was not the forte in the finals for either Wayne or GC. Garden City's Justin Ockerman (11-1) struggled in the championship game with control, giving up nine hits, three walks, four wild pitches and 12 strikeouts.

"We were confident we could hit Ockerman because we had nine hits off him earlier in the year," said Zebras' coach Tom Wakefield. "Our guys were gearing up for him. We figured that we did it before, so we might as well not hold anything back."

Wayne (9-13) had its problems on the mound, too. Scheduled starter Ryan Ybarra was hampered by a leg strain, so the Zebras started Pat Barter instead. After tagging GC with a three-spot in the first inning, the Cougars (22-4) chased Barter in the third with a five-run inning to take the lead for good. In all, Barter, Ybarra, Matt Mackiewicz and Justin Smoes gave up 11 hits with five walks, three strikeouts and five wild pitches.

"(Wayne) was gave (Justin) all he could handle the first time," GC coach Steve Herman said. "We had seen their guys too, so we knew what to expect from them, just like they knew what to expect by seeing Justin before."

GC manufactured the game's first run with a leadoff single by Mike Sparks, who was the sacrificed to second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch. Wayne took its only lead in the bottom of the frame. Adam See led off with a single, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Gary Stevens, who took second on the throw home. Jon Judd walked and Mackiewicz singled to left, scoring Stevens. Then Barter knocked Judd home.

It stayed that way until the third inning, when the Cougars batted around the order to take a 6-3 lead and were never headed again. Sparks had an RBI single to score Robby Minch, then Hudson singled to left to score Sparks. Ockerman gave the Cougars the lead for good with a two-run single, forcing Wakefield to bring in Ybarra to pitch. Ryan Krol greeted Ybarra with a grounder to second, but the throw was wild. Jason Samborski, who entered the game as a courtesy runner for Krol, then scored on a single by Matt Gordon.

"The meat of the lineup did the job," Herman said. "Sparks, Hudson, Marco, Ockerman all came through."

GC scored two more in the fourth as Sparks scored on a single by Hudson and Marco DiMichele scored on a wild pitch after reaching on a walk. Ybarra cut the lead to 8-4 in the fourth as Brad Laws scored on a single by Ybarra, but Angelo DiMichele got a run back for the Cougars with a solo homer to right in the fifth.

Both teams got a pair of runs in the seventh. Garden City's came when Hudson doubled, Ockerman singled to score him, then Angelo DiMichele doubled to score Brent Pelz, who entered as a courtesy runner for Ockerman. Wayne pulled its pair on a two-run single by Jason Gibson, scoring Ybarra and Stevens.

"Ybarra was our top pitcher all year and he came up to me before the game and said that he didn't think he was 100 percent," said Wakefield. "I gave the start to Barter and they got to him. We just ran short on pitchers."

•**WAYNE 3, CHURCHILL 1:** The Zebras qualified for the finals thanks to Stevens' homer in the first with Ybarra aboard. Ybarra also scored an insurance run in the sixth and wound up going 2-for-3 in the game. Josh Odom scored Churchill's only run in the fourth inning on Tim Greenleaf's double.

Mackiewicz got the win, with a walk, five hits and eight strikeouts, while Brad Bescoe suffered the loss for the Chargers (15-14) — also giving up five hits with a walk and nine strikeouts.

•**GARDEN CITY 5, JOHN GLENN 0:** In addition to getting the win on the mound, Hudson (5-3) was 3-for-4 with a run scored, while Ockerman had a two-run double in the first to score Marco DiMichele and Hudson. Sparks had a two-run double in the sixth scoring Gordon and Angelo DiMichele.

Brandon Ajlouny had the Rockets' lone hit with a single in the fifth inning. John Glenn (8-21) had opportunities to score, but left nine runners left on base. Jeff Mitchell (3-8) took the loss, giving up all five runs, seven hits, five walks and three strikeouts.

"In our last six or seven games, we just haven't been hitting," said JG coach Todd Duffield. "We couldn't take advantage of situations. We got guys on base, we just couldn't score."

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FRIDAY

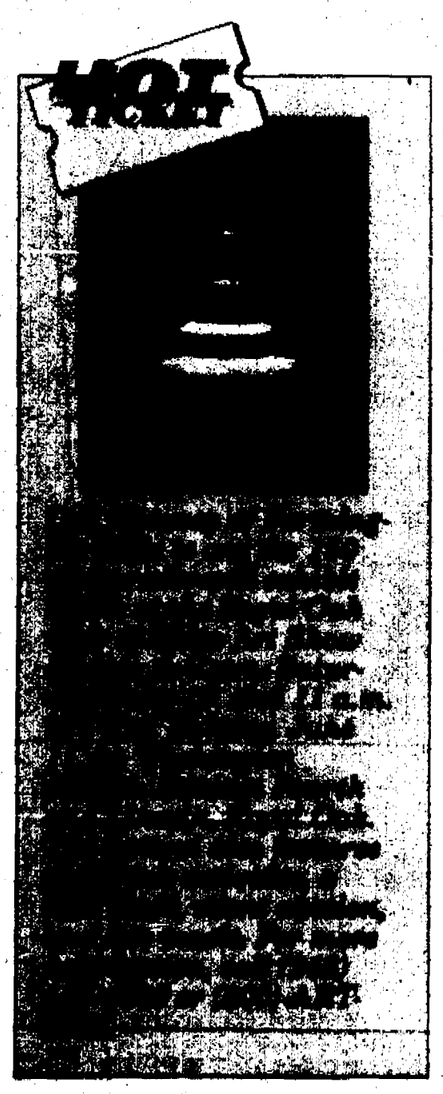
*After abandoning his life as a car thief, Randall "Memphis" Raines (Nicholas Cage, right) returns to his life of crime and former mentor Otto Halliwell (Robert Duvall) for one last major boost to save the life of his brother in "Gone in 60 Seconds," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.*

SATURDAY

*Courtney Riddle and Adrienne Woodworth star in "Das Barbecu," a campy retelling of Wagner's "Ring" cycle 8 p.m. at the Sponberg Theatre on Eastern Michigan University's Ypsilanti campus. Tickets $13, call (734) 487-1221.*

SUNDAY

*The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents Respighi's "Pines of Rome" and the world premiere of "Rosa Parks Boulevard 2000" by composer-in-residence Michael Daugherty, 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets $14-$50, call (313) 576-5111.*




# OL' FASHIONED FUN

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**Helping hands:** *Ellis Ehrstine (left to right), Vi McElwee and Marian Renaud in front of the Kingsley House, just one of the restored buildings you'll see at Greenmead Historical Park.*

## Greenmead hosts concerts and festivals this summer

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It's an overcast day and threatening to rain, but students from the Livonia Career Technical Center's building trades classes are too busy to notice a few raindrops. They're working on finishing a new farm exhibit shed at Greenmead Historical Park that will house an antique thresher and other farm implements. The shed is open on one side so visitors can view the equipment.

**Greenmead Historical Park**
**Where:** 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile road, Livonia
**Hours:** Park and gardens open to the public during daylight hours; guided tours available 1-4 p.m. Sunday, through October, except for holiday weekends. Admission $2 adults, $1 students. Call (248) 477-7375 for information.

Most of the emphasis at Greenmead has been on restoring buildings not farm implements. When the new shed is completed, the thresher will have a home. The thresher was donated by Bill Lute, whose family has lived and farmed in Livonia for many generations.

"It feels good," said junior Frank Baker about the work he and his classmates have done. "We built something people will see."

Eric Dierickx, also a junior, adds, "I've learned a lot about putting up siding, right now we're doing shingles. It was built with pride."

Their instructor, Harry Jachym of Plymouth, and Tom Berry of Livonia, a vocational tech and skilled tradesman, agree the students have put a lot of effort into Greenmead's newest addition.

Work began in mid-March, and the students are nearly done. "I like being outside, it's a more real-life situation for the students," said Jachym. "The project is a cooperative effort between the Livonia Career Technical Center, building trades classes and the city of Livonia. This building has been planned for several years. Last year, the building trades students restored the privy near Newburgh School at Greenmead."

Marian Renaud, program supervisor at Greenmead, wants people to come to Greenmead to see the shed and enjoy the many events scheduled throughout the summer.

"The park is being utilized in a variety of ways," said Renaud. "We want people to come out and enjoy the site and tour the buildings."

More than 200 artists will exhibit paintings, ceramics, jewelry, glass, photography, metal, wood, and fiber Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11, during the 24th annual Livonia Arts Festival. The festival is held in conjunction with the Fine Arts in the Village exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings.

### Concerts

Marc Thomas & Max the Moose will entertain youngsters and the young at heart 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Greenmead. The Sheila Landis Trio performs jazz 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, and the Spirit of

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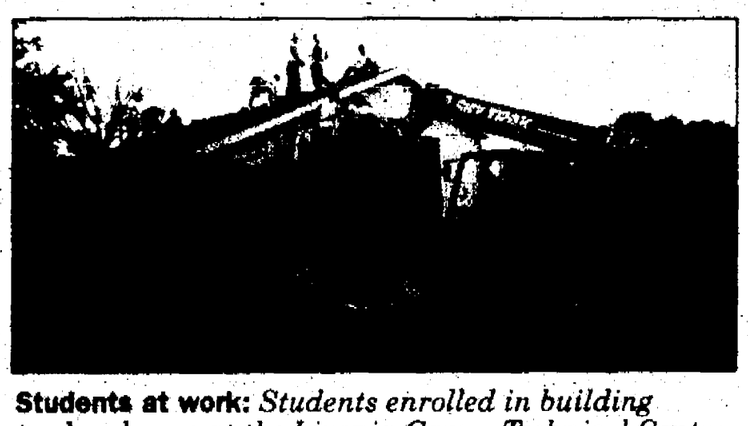

**Students at work:** *Students enrolled in building trades classes at the Livonia Career Technical Center work on the roof of a new farm exhibit shed at Greenmead Historical Park.*

## *Learn about 'Railroading in America'*

BY KRISTA HOPSON
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Before automobiles, railroads were the way Americans (and freight) got around this country, railroads supported America's industrial revolution.

This summer, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village will be bringing back a part of 19th-century railroads with the Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee Roundhouse. The 13,500-square-foot roundhouse will be the featured summer attraction at Greenfield Village's "Railroading in America" summer festival. The roundhouse will become a permanent exhibit at the village on Saturday, June 10. The "Railroading in America" festival will run Friday, June 17, to Sunday, Aug. 20.

The DT&M Roundhouse from Marshall, Mich., once served the steam locomotives that ran from Allegan to Dundee. Originally constructed in 1871, the six-stall steam locomotive repair facility is now the only working roundhouse in the Midwest and is one of seven such roundhouses in the country.

The original idea to bring the DT&M Roundhouse to Greenfield Village began about 15 years ago, said Blair Hayes, the roundhouse project manager. The construction of the roundhouse, however, began in June 1999.

Pieces from the original roundhouse were salvaged from the Marshall site and were used in the reconstruction of the DT&M Roundhouse including 18

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

**Model:** *This scale model, created by the South Oakland County (Michigan) Model Railroad Club, depicts the recreated DT&M Roundhouse at Greenfield Village.*

cast iron windows, support columns and components from roof trusses. Other pieces, such as machinery, were brought in from railroad museums or private collections and restored to working condition.

"The building itself has been recreated to be exactly like it was in Marshall," Hayes said. "We used only original pieces of the buildings that were structurally sound."

The roundhouse has six sets of tracks and was built to be accessible to Greenfield Village's locomotive turntable.

Inside the roundhouse, visitors can stand beneath the locomotives of Greenfield Village to view vintage repair machinery in action, in addition to having an up-close look at historic locomotives such as the 1902 Atlantic.

Ten feet above the floor, visitors will also get a first-hand look at the active repair area from an overhead mezzanine. They will be able to see wheel repair, the machining of broken or worn parts and the reassembly of the

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MUSIC

## Chamber music fest features 20 concerts, 35 musicians

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After six years, Maury Okun is ready to concede that the annual Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival could probably run on automatic pilot.

Of course, in the days leading up to opening night, Okun, executive director of the festival, won't leave anything to chance. No detail is too small. No question goes unanswered.

Actually, "automatic pilot" looks a lot like a "man on a mission."

What started off as a modest schedule of five concerts and expanded to a week of performances, has blossomed into two weeks of music from a repertoire known for its intimate, ethereal sound and as a showcase of individual musician's virtuosity.

The festival begins Saturday with a program that features the music of Bach, Chopin and Brahms at the Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary in Bloomfield Hills.

Overall, the festival features 20 concerts, nine venues, and 35 international musicians performing six works by J.S. Bach, three of Brahms piano trios and nine works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer-in-residence, William Bolcom.

**What:** Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival
**When:** Saturday-Saturday, June 10-24
**Where:** Venues throughout Oakland County, including Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo's, Detroit Country Day
For complete listing of concerts, please see page E2

"This is one of the festivals that lets musicians play what they want to play," said Okun. "But it's also a juggling act with achieving the artistic vision."

Compared to other chamber music festivals around the country, Okun contends that the Great Lakes gathering offers more challenging, less familiar and, ultimately, less accessible music.

While that might worry some programers, it hasn't hurt the festival. Last year, the festival increased ticket sales by 15 percent from 1998. Okun expects a similar increase this year.

With the festival cruising into its seventh year, there's nothing automatic about how Okun handles the contingency planning and logistics.

On most days, that's nothing short of arranging details of a military operation. It helps, of course, to have enlisted volunteers from the three religious communities that offer their respective places of worship as venues for performances — Kirk in the Hills, St. Hugo's and Temple Beth El.

Other locations for the festival include the new Seligman Performing Art Center on the Detroit Country Day campus, Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor, Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Zoo.

While internationally acclaimed

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**Major key:** *Maury Okun, executive director of the festival. The festival offers a diverse and challenging range of chamber music, said Okun.*

# Chamber *from page E1*

piano virtuoso James Tocco, formerly of Detroit, serves as artistic director and big-name attraction, it falls on Okun to put together the pieces of the festival.

"Setting the repertoire is a huge piece of the puzzle," said Okun.

Yet other pieces remain, including making travel accommodations, contract negotiations and seeking publicity.

Okun doesn't only wear many administrative hats, he's become a quick-change artist, moving from meeting to music rehearsal, suit coat to trombonist.

Along with his duties as executive director of the festival, Okun also holds similar capacity for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings, a group he cofounded in the early 1980s, several years after he earned his master's degree studying wind instruments at Northwestern University.

A recent "typical" day for Okun went like this: Wake at six, practice trombone for an hour, work at the office until seven, then hurry to make an evening rehearsal for *Peter Grimes*, the current opera at the Detroit Opera House.

That type of hectic day isn't unusual for musicians. But for a few weeks, the chance to play chamber music with international musicians is worth the added stress.

"In an orchestra, there's a division of responsibilities. It sort of dilutes the role any individual artist," said Debra Fayroian of Troy, a cellist with the DSO who will perform throughout the festival.

"With chamber music, you're more of a soloist and have a chance to express yourself."

Laurence Liberson, assistant principal clarinet of the DSO, will also perform throughout the festival. "I don't look at it as whether this festival is as prestigious as another festival," he said.

"It's about the music. I want to play good music, and people who will come expect to hear quality music."

## Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10 – Dohnanyi's Serenade in C Major for string trio, Chopin's Sonata in G minor for cello and piano, Brahms' String quartet. *Kirk in the Hills Sanctuary, Long Lake Road, one mile west of Telegraph.*

■ 8 p.m. Monday, June 12 – Mozart's Trio in E flat Major for clarinet, viola and piano, Bach's Partia No. 2 in D minor for solo violin, Brahms' Trio in B Major for violin, cello and piano. *Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Fisher Road.*

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 13-14 – Mozart's Sonata in B-flat Major for violin and piano, Ligeti's String Quartet, Brahms' Trio in C Major for violin, cello and piano. *St. Hugo's Chapel.*

■ 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 – Bolcom's Second Sonata for violin and piano, Bach's Partia No. 2 in D minor for solo violin, Brahms Trio in C minor for violin, cello and piano. *St. Thomas Aquinas Church, East Lansing.*

■ 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 15-16 – Bolcom's Sonata No. 2 for violin and piano, Bach's Sonata No. 2 for solo violin in A minor, Bolcom's Donald Hall Songs, Brahms' Trio in C minor for violin, cello and piano. *St. Hugo's Chapel, Opdyke Road and Hickory Grove.*

■ 8 p.m. Friday, June 16 – Mozart's Sonata in B-flat Major for violin and piano, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 Pieces for String Quartet, Brahms' Trio in C Major for violin, cello and piano. *Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor.*

■ 8 p.m. Saturday, June 17 – Conversation with William Bolcom; performance by the Gotham String Quartet, Schumann's Variations for 2 pianos, 2 cellos and horn, Webern's 5 Movements for String Quartet, Stravinsky's 3 pieces for String Quartet. *Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile and Lahser Road.*

■ 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18 – Brunch with Bach. *Detroit Institute of Arts.*

■ 3 & 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18 – Plog's Aesop's Fables, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. *Detroit Zoo.*

■ 8 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, June 20 & 21 – Persichetti's Serenade No. 6 for viola, cello and trombone, Schubert's song cycle for voice and piano from "Winterreise," Dvorak's Trio in F minor for violin, cello and piano. *Temple Beth El at Telegraph and 14 Mile Road.*

■ 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22 – Barber's Dover Beach for baritone and string quartet, Copland's Sextet for clarinet, piano and strings, Schubert's Trio in B-flat Major for violin, cello and piano. *Kirk in the Hills Refectory.*

■ 8 p.m. Friday, June 23 – Mozart's Piano Trio in B-flat Major for violin, piano and cello, Saint-Saens' Sonata No. 1 in D minor for violin and piano, Schumann's Quintet in E-flat Major for piano and strings. *Kirk in the Hills Refectory.*

■ 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24 – Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Poulenc's Le bal masqué for baritone and chamber ensemble, Gershwin's An American in Paris, Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf for narrator and orchestra. *Temple Beth El Sanctuary.*

**Tickets:** Seven concerts – $130; five concerts – $110. Family concert at Detroit Zoo – $7. Bolcom concert – $22, $17. Single concerts – $23-$30. For information, call (248) 362-6171.

# Greenmead *from page E1*

Detroit Chapter of the Sweet Adelines will perform 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 27.

Spend a relaxing short afternoon at the park on Sunday, July 9. America's Freedom Celebration 1-4 p.m. will feature the First Michigan Colonial Fife & Drum Corps.

"The homes will be decked out for the Fourth, and food and beverages will be offered for sale," said Renaud.

Greenmead's colorful gardens are one of the stops on Livonia's annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

The Michigan Brewer's Festival 3-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, features Michigan-made beers exclusively. Thirty brewers are expected to participate, offering about 100 different brews. Advance tickets will be available in mid-June. Stay tuned for details.

A highlight of summer at Greenmead is the 151st annual Highland Games on Saturday, Aug. 5. Sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Detroit, the event is the longest running, consecutive Scottish Festival/Highland Games in North America. The games will feature heavy athletics, Highland dancing, piping and drumming, Scottish and Celtic fiddle demonstrations, a parade of clans, Scottish entertainment, food, arts and crafts.

Event proceeds go toward the charities and projects sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Detroit.

Greenmead Historical Park includes the Hill House Museum farm complex and gardens. The farmhouse was built in 1841. Livonia Historical Village, also part of the park, represents two time periods. The west end shows the mid-19th century life style of Livonia Township. The east end of the village is a re-creation of the Newburgh intersection at Newburgh and Ann Arbor Trail from 1915-1925

During the week, school children tour the historic buildings at Greenmead and volunteers such as Vi McElwee and Ellis Ehrstine of Plymouth are there to help.

"We're out here whenever we're needed," said McElwee. "This is Livonia's history. I want to help support it," added Ehrstine.

**Schedule of special events:**

■ Livonia Arts Festival – an outdoor arts and crafts show, and Fine Arts in the Village exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11. For information, call (734) 466-2540.

■ Livonia's Annual Garden Walk – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 24. Tickets available at Greenmead, Livonia City Hall - community resources and Livonia libraries. Donation $7 in advance, $8 at the door.

■ America's Freedom Celebration – 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 9

■ Michigan Brewer's Festival – 3-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22

■ St. Andrews Society of Detroit – 151st annual Highland Games, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. Advance tickets $7 adults. At the gate $10 adults, children younger than 12 enter free with an adult. Patron tickets also available. For more information, call (248) 593-5064 or visit the Web site: www. highlandgames. com

■ AMC Car Show – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20

■ Flea Market – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10

■ Fall Harvest Festival – noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16

# Railroading *from page E1*

locomotives.

A wall inside the roundhouse includes a full-scale mural of a locomotive and has three-dimensional interactive components.

"Other exhibits help people understand why the roundhouse existed and the complexity of maintaining locomotives," Hayes said.

In addition to being a visitor's attraction, the roundhouse will enable repair work on some of the steam locomotives that run yearly in the village, including the 1914 Baldwin and the 1873 Torch Lake.

Visitors will have the chance to operate an 1890-1910 railroad handcar, and kids will be able to take home a piece of the railroad at a stenciling activity at the Richart Carriage shop next to the roundhouse.

*Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are on Oakwood Boulevard in Dearborn and are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Day passes for Greenfield Village are $13.50 for adults, $12.50 for people 62 and older and $8.50 for children ages 5 to 12. Children 4 and younger get in free. For more information, call (313) 271-1620.*

**Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village Summer 2000**

■ **June 17 - Aug. 20:** "Railroading in America" Summer Festival; DT&M Roundhouse opens June 10 at Greenfield Village.

■ **June 17 - 18:** "Motor Muster" parade showcasing about 500 vintage vehicles from the 1930s through the 1960s.

■ **July 1-4:** "Salute to America Concerts" featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra with the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier Chorus.

■ **Aug. 5-6:** "Celebration of Emancipation" focuses on African-American struggle for freedom through re-enactments, storytelling and music.

# DSO composer premieres latest work inspired by Rosa Parks

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Unlike many classical music composers, Michael Daugherty can be easily found.

He doesn't put up barriers – creative, psychological or geographical. Nor does he make any attempt to disconnect himself from a culture where a popular musical composition is typically three chords, a droning bass line and hiccup-sounding euphemisms for coitus.

This weekend, Daugherty's most recent work, *Rosa Parks Boulevard*, will premiere as maestro Nemee Jarvi conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the first of three orchestral compositions for a symphonic suite entitled *MotorCity Triptych*.

Daugherty, the composer-in-residence with the DSO, is writing the two other pieces of the triptych, one inspired by Motown and the other, tentatively entitled, *Pedal to the Metal*, an homage to the automobile industry.

The suite will be completed for the city of Detroit's tricentennial celebration next year.

While high-falutin' classical music critics frown on any "serious" composer who attempts to appeal to the masses, Daugherty's body of work inspired by American cultural icons is a frontal assault on arguably one of the most stodgy art forms.

"Whenever you do something new and innovative you're either esoteric or you're communicating to too many people," said Daugherty from his studio in Ann Arbor, where he also teaches composition at the University of Michigan.

Compositions in classical music catalogues are typically redundant references to musical keys and a particular repertoire. Daugherty's compositions are more likely to sound like movie titles.

Among his works are an opera, *Jackie O*, *Elvis Everywhere* written for three Elvis Impersonators and a string quartet, a symphony dedicated to characters from the Superman comics, and *Desi*, a Latin big band tribute to Ricky Ricardo. (Yes, *the* Ricky from "I Love Lucy.")

"I think music is fashionable, tied to a certain time," he said. "To be a contemporary music composer is to do something different."

Relatively speaking, Daugherty's composition are nothing less than gutsy. The sensibility is contemporary, but the layered sound is intricately patterned within a complex structure.

Recently, Daugherty's concerto, *U.F.O.*, written for Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie was performed by the New York Philharmonic. Critics have called some of Daugherty's work "gimmicky," but the recent performances of *U.F.O.* received acclaim for "capturing Ms. Glenn's ebullient personality."

Before he composed *Rosa Parks Boulevard*, Daugherty spent a Sunday afternoon with the civil rights legend as she attended Mass. She told him that a favorite piece of music was the old Negro spiritual, "Oh, Freedom."

Around that time, Daugherty also became enamored with the poem, "God's Trombone," a reference to the resounding inflection of a Baptist minister's exhortations.

The coincidence was turned into a 12-minute musical composition that features trombones and a turbulent auditory landscape to simulate Parks' famous refusal to take a seat in the back of the bus.

**What:** Premiere of *Rosa Parks Boulevard* by Michael Daugherty
**When:** 10:45 a.m. & 8 p.m. Friday, June 9; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11. Also on the program: Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major, Reiti's Suite from *Barabau* and Respighi's Pines of Rome
**Where:** Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. Tickets $14-$66. Call (313) 576-5111

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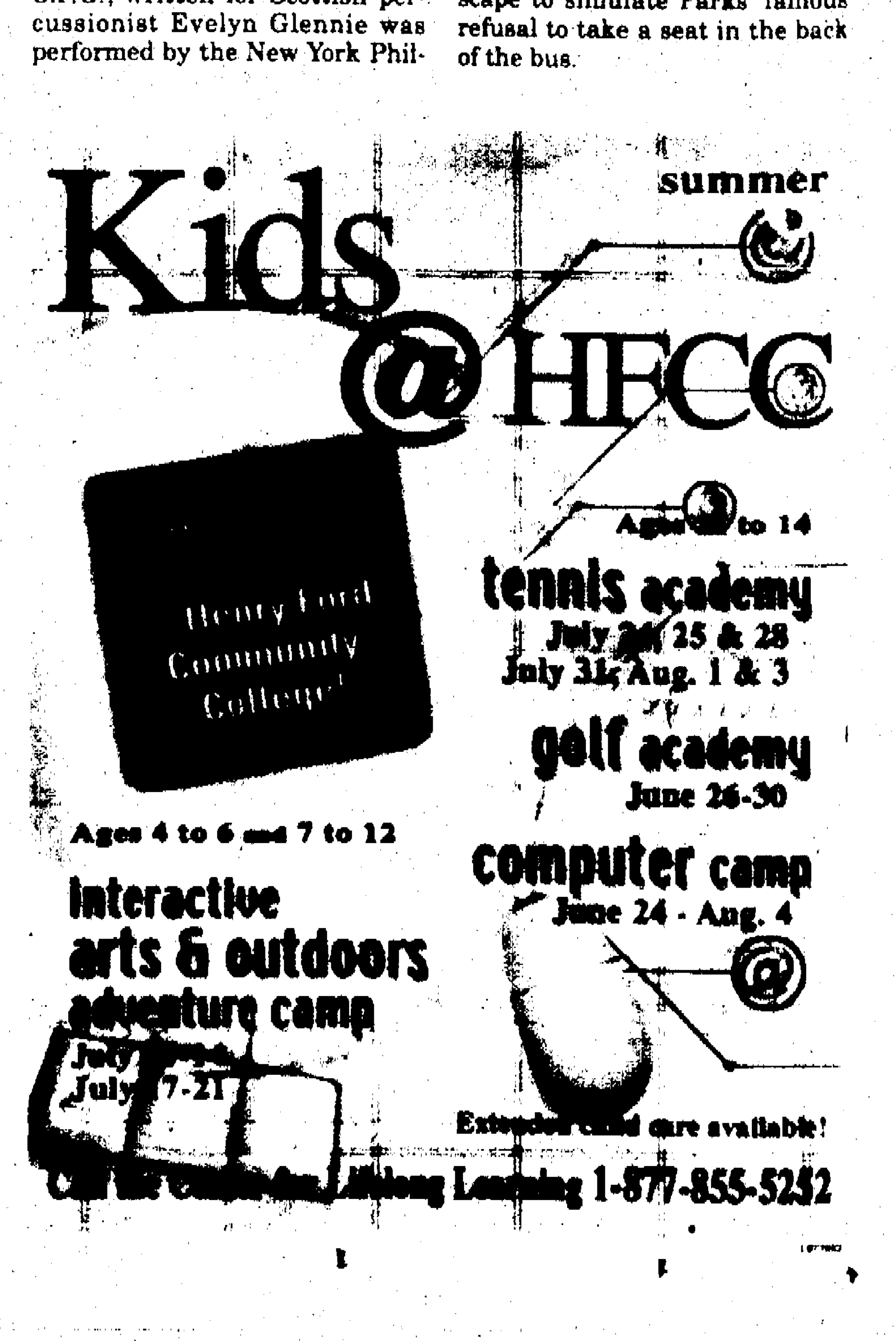

THEATER

# Theatre Guild presents extravaganza of one-acts

BY KRISTA HOPSON
STAFF WRITER

Mark Ripper's one act play, "By the Horns" about love lost and regained between a husband and a wife, might just be what brings the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford the recognition it has been striving to achieve in the community.

Ripper's "By the Horns" will be one of four featured original plays by local playwrights performed at the Guild's "One Acts-Travaganza." The event will be at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, June 23-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at the Guild's theater in Redford.

The inspiration for Ripper's play came from a real-life situation that he experienced. It was written as a short-story while Ripper, a Westland resident, was in college. He then adapted the work as a play.

"It deals with real-life events, and people can really relate to it," Ripper said.

Other original plays will include "The Masquerade" by Pat Feldt, "Moral Congress" by Lance Abke and "Merely Neighborly" by Tim Jeffries.

For the last 45 years, the Redford Guild has struggled to maintain membership and increase visibility in the community, said Sean Kelley, the president of the Guild's board of directors.

"People (in the area) are always amazed when they find out a theater is there and has been there for so long," Kelley said. "We want to get more people out to support not only us but also local theaters as well."

**■ The one-act plays have been a part of the Guild's season for five years. The main goal of the one-act plays is to spotlight local playwrights, said Heidi Kelley, a new member of the Guild's board.**

Kelley, a member for four years, hopes the new and younger group of actors and playwrights currently involved will finally give the Guild the boost it has been looking for.

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"(The plays) are originals and showcase people's talents, and that's why we do it," Heidi Kelley said.

The Guild consists of local residents who Sean Kelley of Hazel Park describes as "just a group who love the theater."

Sean Kelley has loved the theater since he got a role as a 10 year old playing Tiny Tim in his school's "A Christmas Carol."

He continued to act and eventually received his bachelor's degree in theater from Western Michigan University.

But it wasn't until a friend asked him to audition for a one-act play he had written for the Guild that Sean became involved with the Guild.

"I just love performing, and theater is a live audience and that's just a fantastic thrill," Sean Kelley said.

His wife, Heidi, also has an early background in theater but now prefers to stay behind the scenes as stage management. She just recently got involved with the Guild.

"I have stage fright, believe it or not," Heidi Kelley said. "I tried to act, but it just scared me too much."

Now, as newly appointed members to the board of directors, Sean and Heidi will be acting less but providing more leadership for the Guild.

The Guild's 11 new members to board of directors were elected on May 18. The board is planning to expand the number of plays the Guild puts on every year and possibly tour around the area to put on shows for children.

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford is at 15138 Beech Daly in Redford across from the police station. Tickets for the One Acts-Travaganza are $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors.

For more information, call (313) 531-0554.

# Fisher's 2000-01 season features popular musicals

From September through April, the Detroit Fisher Theatre Playgoer Series will be loaded with musicals with a variety of Broadway stars.

The 2000-2001 season will begin in September with *Annie Get Your Gun* starring screen and television star Merilu Henner. The 1946 musical follows the original female sharpshooter, Annie Oakley, on a trip through the West and during her days as a part of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show." With a score written by Irving Berlin, *Annie Get Your Gun*, features song such as "There's No Business Like Show Business" and "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun."

This musical will be followed by *Blast!* in October. *Blast!* includes a cast of 68 world-class musicians performing classical, Broadway and popular pieces. The show is based on the synchronized drills and marches of the military marching bands as well as special effects.

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During November and December, *Nuncrackers* will be on stage. *Nuncrackers* stars Dodie Goodman and Georgia Engel as sisters of Mount Saint Helen's convent. It is the fourth episode in the *Nunsense* series and is a holiday musical that pokes fun at holiday traditions from gift giving to secret Santas.

Kathleen Turner will star in the pre-Broadway tour of *Tallulah* in February and March. The play focuses on the life of screen legend Tallulah Bankhead as she prepares to host a fund-raiser for incumbent president Harry S. Truman.

The Playgoer Series concludes with *Ragtime*, the winner of four 1998 Tony Awards. *Ragtime* will be performed in March and April. It is a musical epic that follows the lives of three different families living in New York and they intertwine with one another as well as several historical figures.

Tickets for the Fisher Theatre Playgoer series went on sale on June 5. For more information call (313) 872-1000.

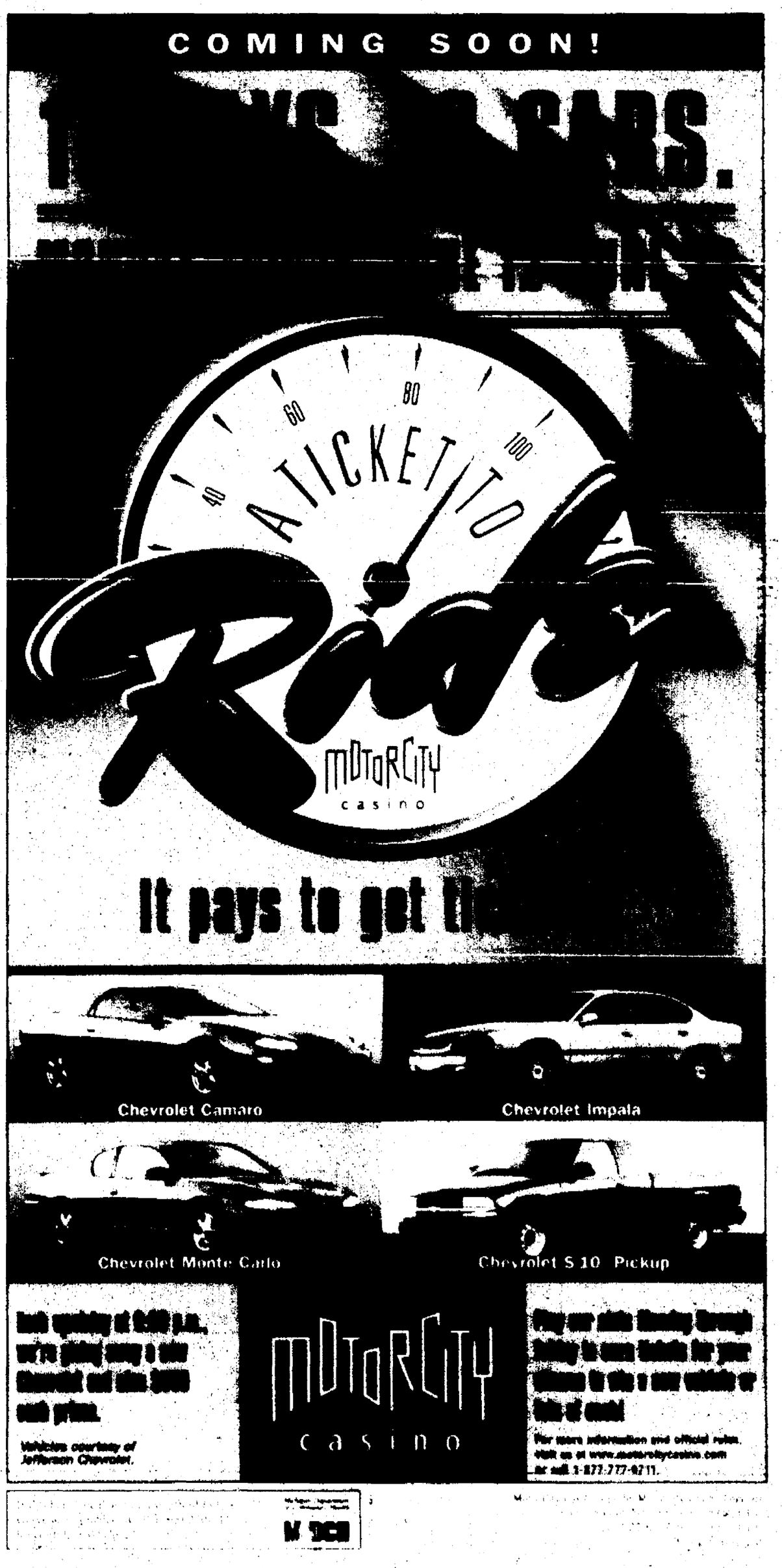
# *EMU wraps up with comedy*

Eastern Michigan University ends its 1999-2000 season with "Das Barbecu," a country & western musical comedy by Jim Luigs with music by Scott Warrender. "Das Barbecu" is directed by Ken Stevens and will be performed in the Sponberg Theatre on EMU's Ypsilanti campus, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 8-10. Tickets are $13, call (734) 487-1221.

"Das Barbecu" is the campy retelling of Wagner's "Ring Cycle" that moves five actors through more than 30 characters at a delirious pace.

Characters included in this musical quest for a magic ring are young maiden Brunhilde, her love Siegfried the singing cowboy, Alberich the evil dwarf, and Wotan the one-eyed man.

Toss in three spinster river maidens, a few dwarves, a couple of giants, two shotgun weddings and a salute to guacamole and you have wild and rollicking musical adventure.



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## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### THEATER

**CENTURY THEATRE:** "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE:** "Nocturne for a Southern Lady," continues through Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at the theater. $15. (313) 868-1347

**GEM THEATRE:** "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through July 30, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE:** "The Day We Met" continues to Sunday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, and 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Aaron DeRoy Theater at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. $15-$25. (248) 788-2900

**PLANET ANT THEATRE:** "Shame on Me," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17 and 23-24, at the theater, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948

**PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY:** "Full Circle," Jeff Chastang's story about a family unraveling at the seams, continues to Sunday, June 25, in the Anderson Center Theatre at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn. $15-$18. (313) 872-0279

### COLLEGE

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY:** "Das Barbecu," a country & western musical comedy, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, at the Sponberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. $8 Thursday, $13 Friday-Saturday, $11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

**HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** One-act plays, "Cats and Dogs" and excerpts from "Commedia Americana," contains adult material, you must be 18 to enter, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 15, at the Adray Auditorium in the Mackenzie Fine Arts Building, Dearborn. $4. (313) 845-9817

### COMMUNITY THEATER

**FORD CHORUS:** Presents an evening of music and laughter with the musical comedy "Anything Goes," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10; 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at the Henry Ford II World Center, (formerly known as Ford's World Headquarters) on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and the Southfield Freeway interchange, Dearborn. (313) 323-8173

**MICHIGAN JEWISH AIDS COALITION ECHO PROGRAM:** Presents "From the Beginning I Did Not Speak in Secret," a new play by David Harris, Sima Rabinowitz and Michael Robins with original music by Roberta Carlson, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11; 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 12-14, Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. $15 adults, $10 students, groups of 15 or more. (248) 594-6522

**ST. DUNSTAN'S GUILD OF CRANBROOK:** "Damn Yankees," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, in the outdoor Greek Theater. $15, $12. (248) 644-0527

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE:** Presents the Parlour Theatre Production, "The Woman in Black," a British ghost story, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the theater, Livonia. $10. (734) 464-6302/(248) 449-8540

**WEST END PRODUCTIONS:** "Canker Sores & Go-Go Juice," a collection of skits, comedy, song and dance, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through June 24, Wunderground Theatre, Royal Oak. June 9 show sold out. $12.50. Call (248) 541-1763 for details.

### DINNER THEATER

**MICHIGAN STAR CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN:** "Angelina's and Bo's Comedy Wedding," presented by Theatre Arts Productions, 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets $69.50 per person, includes 3 hour train ride, five course dinner, and entertainment. Call (248) 960-9440 for information.

**Featured artist:** *Plymouth potter Kathy Sandberg is one of the 150 artists exhibiting works at The Royal Oak Clay & Glass Art Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, on Washington Avenue between Fourth and Lincoln in Royal Oak. The festival also features children's activities, a food court, silent auction, and live music by the Stewart Francke Band 7 p.m. Saturday, and Mark Randisi (Sounds of Sinatra) 1:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 547-4000 or (800)-ART-5666.*

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**MARQUIS THEATRE:** "The Princess and the Magic Pea," continues 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the theater, Northville. $7.50. (248) 349-8110

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS:** 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15-Sept. 14, in Depot Town, Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444

**HOT ROD & ANTIQUE CAR SHOW:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, also auto swap meet, car corral, arts and crafts sale, music by Ste

**LIVONIA ARTS FESTIVAL:** An outdoor arts and crafts show, and Fine Arts in the Village Exhibit inside Greenmead's historic buildings 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, until 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia. (734)466-2540

**MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON:** Comic books, Pokemon, non-sport card, action figure, toy show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Knights of Columbus, Livonia. $2. (248) 426-8059

**REDFORD THEATRE:** "Broadway Melody of 1936" starring Jack Benny, Eleanor Powell, Robert Taylor, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, organ overtures begins 30-minutes earlier, at the theater, Detroit. $3. (313) 531-4407

**SCARAB CLUB SILENT AUCTION:** Auction and disco party, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 1970's attire with disco theme encouraged but not required, at the club, Detroit. $40, includes full course dinner. (313) 831-1250

**SWEDISH CLUB'S MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL:** 9:30 a.m. pancake breakfast, noon Maypole raising followed by chorus singing, folk dancing and children's games, 1:30 p.m. dinner, at the club, Farmington Hills. (248) 646-4073/(248) 478-2563

**WALKABOUT EXCURSIONS:** 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 11 Central Campus Outdoor Art Walk with artist Anne Rubin, meet on the steps of Rackham Hall at the University of Michigan $15; 1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 11. Step into the past while viewing architectural styles in stately homes and grand churches in Ann Arbor, meet at the City Hall parking lot on Fifth Avenue $15. Call (734) 623-4440 for detail.

**WONDERSTORIES:** Summer reading program 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 8; the magic of Stuart and Lori 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. (734) 522-4100

### FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

**MUSIC IN THE AIR:** Pete "Mad Dog" Fetters plays the blues, 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, Kellogg Park, on Main Street, north of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-1453

**STARS IN THE PARK:** Farmington Community Concert Band, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8; Matinee String Quartet 8 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1816

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** The 3 of Us, good old rock n' roll, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Heritage Park, on Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. (734) 397-5110

### BENEFITS

**CATCH A RISING STAR:** An auction to benefit the students of Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Detroit Athletic Club. $75-$500. (313) 577-1458

**FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH:** The committee of the Michigan Jazz Festival holds its annual fund-raiser, a Father's Day Brunch, with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest trumpeter Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18 in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. $25, proceeds benefit the admission-free Michigan Jazz Festival scheduled for Sunday, July 16 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454

**ULSTER PROJECT OF METRO DETROIT:** "Always Patsy Cline" 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Century Theater, Detroit. $40, to benefit the "Building Peace by Peace" program. (248) 641-8374

### CLASSICAL

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** World premiere of Michael Daughtery's "Rosa Parks Boulevard 2000," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$50. (313) 576-5111

**DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS:** Brunch with bach series features the winners of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, guest seating begins 20 minutes prior to concert. $22, $11 under age 12, $5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

**GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Saturday-Saturday, June 10-24, at various locations. (248) 362-6171

### OPERA

**MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE:** "Peter Grimes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Detroit Opera House. $18-98. (313) 237-7464/(248) 645-6666

### AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

**CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS:** Auditions for "Bus Stop," 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 at the theater, Clarkston. $5 audition fee for non-members. For performances Sept. 8-9, 16-19 and 21-23. (248) 352-0176/(248) 625-1826

**FRANKLIN VILLAGE CONCERT BAND:** Auditions for woodwinds, flutes, saxophones, French horns and percussionists, rehearsals Monday evenings, 8 concerts a year. (248) 474-8869

**GREAT LAKES LYRIC OPERA:** Auditions for baritone and mezzo-soprano roles in the September production of "The Old Man and the Thief" and future productions Monday, June 26. For more information and to schedule an audition, call (248) 547-2027 or e-mail GLLO@mediaone.net

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS:** Performing arts classes, four two-week sessions June 26-Aug. 18, at Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962

**VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM:** Auditions for "Cole," a musical revue of Cole Porter, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the theater, Birmingham. (248) 647-0052

### CHORAL

**BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP:** Spring concert 8 p.m. Monday, June 12, main sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El, 14450 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. Program of light classicals, folk songs, selections from "Fiddler on the Roof." No charge.

**FESTIVAL OF HYMNS:** Featuring the choir, orchestra and handbell choir of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, Detroit Handbell Ensemble, and Galliard Brass, at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. (734) 453-5280

### POPS/ SWING

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $. (313) 576-5111

**MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON:** Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

### JAZZ

**MARK ARSHAK:** 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS:** 9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**HERB ELLIS/DUKE ROBILLARD:** A benefit for the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Fest 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $25, $50. (734) 763-TKTS

**GEM JAZZ TRIO:** Performs 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

**PAUL GERMIA/ROBERT JONES:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

**AL HILL:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**JAZZHEAD:** 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**MATT MICHAELS TRIO:** With vibist Rob Pipho 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14; with trumpeter Johnny Trudell June 21, with trumpeter Louis Smith June 28, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. (734) 762-7756

**STEVE NARDELLA TRIO:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**STRAIGHT AHEAD:** 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

**TITO PUENTE LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE:** Led by saxophonist/clarinetist Paquito D'Rivera, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $16-62. (313) 576-5111

**URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON:** With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

**ED WELLS:** 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

### FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

**LARRY ARBOUR:** 7 p.m. Friday, at the Flying Fish Tavern, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**DANCING LIGHTS FOLK EXTRAVAGANZA:** The fourth annual Dancing Lights Folk Extravaganza features John Finan, Golden Griffon Stringtet, Nylon Country, Natural Vibe, Brian Eyberg, Jim Presley, Don Smock, and Blake Chen, Thursday-Sunday, June 8-11 at Amer's, 312 South State Street near Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 327-2041

**RFD BOYS:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $10. (734) 763-TKTS

**TODD SNIDER:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12.50. (734) 763-TKTS

**DAVE WOLFENBERGER/JASON DENNIE:** In concert 8 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. $10. (734) 464-6302

### WORLD MUSIC

**AN EVENING IN A SPANISH GARDEN:** Featuring mezzo-soprano Monica Swartout-Bebow, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $10-25, $5 students. (734) 769-2999

**DERVISH:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)

### DANCE

**WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS:** Country Western dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10. Italian American Cultural Club, Warren. $7. (810) 573-4993.

### COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB:** Kenny Smith Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10; Billy Ray Bauer Wednesday-Saturday, june 14-17, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S:** Mark Knope Friday-Saturday, June 9-10, Bill Thomas Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, at the club, Dearborn. Call (313) 584-8885

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:** Chris Zito, also Rob Larkin Thursday-Saturday, June 8-10; Mark Boyd, also Seth Buckwald Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

**SECOND CITY:** Improv Jammers 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays ($5). (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

### MUSEUMS AND TOURS

**ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM:** WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. $6, $4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

**CRANBROOK HOUSE:** Open for walk-in Sunday tours 1-3:30 p.m. June 4 to Oct. 29, at the house, Bloomfield Hills. $10, Thursdays June 15 to Oct. 26 lunch at noon may be purchased for an additional $12. Stroll through the Cranbrook Gardens at no additional charge or enjoy only the gardens for $5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday (open 11 a.m. Sunday). Free parking at Christ Church Cranbrook directly across Lone Pine Road from Cranbrook House. (248) 645-3149

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER:** IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales," "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

**DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM:** Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission $2, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:** In Dearborn, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MEADOW BROOK HALL:** Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland University campus, Rochester. $8, $6 seniors, $4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY:** "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," an exhibit exploring the historic, cultural and political significance of kente, continues through July 16, at the museum, Detroit. $5, $3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

**PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. $3, $1 students, $7 family. (734) 455-8940

**ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM:** Vintage base ball game, the Grangers meet the Ohio Village Muffins, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10; Spring Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, June 15 ($8 advance, $10); "Tally My Ace! Sports Memorabilia from the Past" exhibit continues to July 8, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum. $3, $2 seniors/students. (248) 656-4663

**SPIRIT OF FORD:** "Summer of Racing" continues to Aug. 30, design your own car or build works of art from recycled car parts, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at the hands-on automotive adventure center, Dearborn. $6, $5 senior, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 31-SPIRIT

### LIVE MUSIC

**ALBERTA ADAMS:** 7 p.m. Friday Saturday, June 9-10, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

# 8 days a week

**Making contact:** Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

**CHRISTINA AGUILERA:** With Destiny's Child, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $38.50-$25. (248) 645-6666.

**ALLMAN BROTHERS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18-35. (248) 645-6666

**LORI AMEY:** 8 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Roadrunners Raft, Hamtramck. 21 and over. (313) 873-7238; 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Gayle's Chocolates, Royal Oak. Free. (248) 398-0001; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, The Ark, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 761-1451.

**ANGRY STEPS:** Friday-Monday, June 9-12, Jacoby's, Detroit. $5 cover. 18 and over. (313) 886-7860 or (800) 700-2437.

**BANTAM ROOSTER:** With The Wild Bunch, Gaffle, 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $7. (313) 833-9700

**JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS:** 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

**BUGS BEDDOW BAND:** 2-10 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Al's Copper Mug's Tent Party and Fund-raiser for the Oakland County Food Bank, Walled Lake. 21 and over. (248) 624-9659. Bring canned food donations.

**THE BELL RAYS:** With The Lovemasters, Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Monday, June 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $7. (313) 833-9700

**TONY BENNETT:** With Diana Krall, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$35. (248) 645-6666.

**CLINT BLACK:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

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**BLINK-182:** With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25. (248) 645-6666.

**BRANDED:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Bullfrog Bar & Grill, Redford. (313) 533-4477; 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Wired Frog, Eastpointe. All ages. $6. (810) 761-3174; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Dean Machine, Dearborn. All ages. $5. (313) 943-2940; 10 p.m. Friday, June 30, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

**JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $46 pavilion/ $23.50 lawn.

**SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP:** With Mind Circus, Seismic 3, Bob Racecar Bob, hosted by WRIF's Doug Podell, 10 p.m. Friday, June 2, Token Lounge, Westland. (734) 513-5030

**RAY CHARLES:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$25. (248) 645-6666

**CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**THE CHIEFTAINS AND LOS LOBOS:** 8 p.m. Sunday, June 25, at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $35 pavilion/ $20 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

**HARRY CONNICK JR. AND HIS BIG BAND:** Come By Me Tour, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25.50-$45.50. (248) 645-6666

**COUNTING CROWS AND LIVE:** With Galactic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $23.50-$46. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**THE CURE:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**THORNETTA DAVIS:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**DOMESTIC PROBLEMS:** Fresh from their win at The Palace's Opening Act contest, see the band with The Rev. Right Time and Lucid Jones, 8 p.m. Friday, June 9, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $6. (248) 544-3030.

**DR. DRE, SNOOP DOGG, ICE CUBE, EMINEM AND WARREN G:** Up In Smoke Tour, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $35-$50.

**BOB DYLAN:** With Phil Lesh and Friends, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25-43.50. (248) 645-6666.

**EELS:** Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac

**ENCORE:** Thursday, June 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit.

**FEDORA:** Saturday, June 10, Jaboby's, Detroit. $5 cover. 18 & over. (313) 886-7860 or (800) 700-2437.

**FOREIGNER:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $14.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

**FORGE:** With Arizing, Broadzilla, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (313) 961-MELT.

**GLENN FREY:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 8, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $42.50. (248) 645-6666.

**KENNY G:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$32.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**GIPSY KINGS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$42.50. (248) 645-6666

**ROY HAYNES TRIO:** Featuring Danilo Perez and John Pattitucci, 8 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $20. (248) 645-6666.

**SCOTT HENDERSON:** 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $16. (248) 544-3030.

**DON HENLEY:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $66 pavilion only. $1 per ticket donated to Walden Woods preservation. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**IMMUNITY:** 5 p.m. Friday, June 9, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500; noon to 4:40 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Motor City Casino, Detroit. (313) 237-7711; 10 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Club Bart, Ferndale. (248) 548-8746

**INDIGO GIRLS:** With Kelly Hogan and the Pine Valley Cosmonauts, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS:** 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

**MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND:** 7 p.m. Thursdays, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

**KID ROCK:** With Twisted Brown Trucker, featuring Joe C. and Uncle Kracker, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $29.50-$36. (248) 645-6666.

**LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**LIQUID SOUL:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

**LONESTAR:** With Rascal Flatts, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $15.50-$32.50. (248) 645-6666.

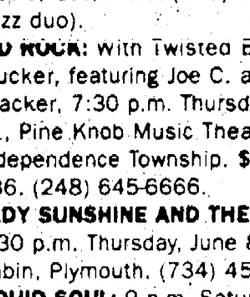
**LOST HIGHWAY:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free (734) 427-0622.

**RUSSELL MALONE QUARTET: 8:30** p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310.

**DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 10** p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434.

**DJ MARQUIS:** 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science, "The Lab." 18 and older. $10-$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

**RICKY MARTIN:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $45.85. (248) 645-6666



**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND:** With Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. $46.50. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

**MARTINA MCBRIDE:** 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $22.50-$33.50. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

**DAVE MASON:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $20. (248) 544-3030.

**MAZE:** With Gerald Levert, K-Ci and Jo Jo and Kevin Edmonds, Time TBA, Sunday, July 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25-$47.50. (248) 645-6666.

**MICHAEL MCDONALD:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $12.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

**MDFMK:** 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. $22.50 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

**NATALIE MERCHANT:** 8 p.m. Thursday, July 13, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $20-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**STEVE MILLER BAND:** With Gov't Mule, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $21.50-$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

**MISSING PERSONS:** With Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung, Gene Loves Jezebel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $10-$15. (248) 645-6666.

**MONTREUX FESTIVAL:** Featuring Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, David Sanborn, Joe Sample, George Duke, Monday, Aug. 21, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.50-$34.50. Call (248) 645-6666.

**MOTLEY CRUE:** With Megadeath and Anthrax, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$35. (248) 645-6666.

**MOXY FRUVOUS:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

**THE MOODY BLUES:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50

**NICKELODEON'S ALL THAT TOUR:** With Ifo, Bewitch'd and Blaque, Sunday, Aug. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $18.50-$28.50. (248) 645-6666.

**NOBODY'S BUSINESS:** Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870.

**NO DOUBT:** With Lit, Black Eyed Peas, 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 3, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. $26.50. (248) 335-9497.

**N'SYNC:** No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. $49.75. (248) 645-6666.

**OZZFEST 2000:** Featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera, Godsmack, Static X, Incubus, Methods of Mahem, POD, Soulfly, Queens of the Stoneage and Crazytown, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $50.25, with donation to Lifebeat Charity. (248) 645-6666.

## CLUB CIRCUIT

**ALVIN'S:** 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

**ARBOR BREWING COMPANY:** 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

**THE ARK:** 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

**ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST:** 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

**BEALE STREET BLUES:** 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

**BIRD OF PARADISE:** 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

**BLIND PIG:** 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

**BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL:** 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

**CARBON:** Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

**CAVERN CLUB:** 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

**CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET:** 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m., 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

**COBO ARENA:** 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

**CONOR O'NEILL'S:** 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

**COWLEY'S:** 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

**THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE:** 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

**DETROIT SCIENCE:** 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover $10 for 21 and over. Cover $15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

**EDISON'S:** 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

**ELIE'S:** 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

**FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS:** 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

**FLYING FISH TAVERN:** 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

**FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL:** 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

**FOX THEATRE:** 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

**FOX AND HOUNDS:** 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

**GOLD DOLLAR:** 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com

**GROOVE ROOM:** 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegroovaroom.com

**HILL AUDITORIUM:** 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

**JOE LOUIS ARENA:** 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

**JD'S KEY CLUB:** 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

**KARL'S CABIN:** 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB:** Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

**LONELY HEARTS CLUB:** 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

**LOWERTOWN GRILL:** 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

**MAGIC BAG:** 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

**MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY:** Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

**MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK:** (313) 833-9700.

**MEADOWBROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL:** On the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 377-0100.

**MEMPHIS SMOKE:** 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

**MICHIGAN THEATER:** 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

**MOTOR LOUNGE:** 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

**MR. B'S FARM:** 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

**MUSIC MENU:** 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

**THE PALACE:** 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

**PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER:** 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

**PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE:** I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

**PURE BAR ROOM:** 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

**ROCHESTER HILLS BEER COMPANY:** 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

**THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE:** 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

**ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE:** 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

**THE SCARAB CLUB:** 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

**ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER:** 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

**7TH HOUSE:** 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

**STATE THEATRE AND STATE BAR:** 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

**24 KARAT CLUB:** 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

**313 JAC:** Upstairs from Jacoby's. 624 Brush, Detroit. (313) 962-7067

**TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE:** 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for members. (734) 464-6302.

**U.S. 12 BAR AND GRILL/WAYNE BREWERY:** 34824 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 722-7639

**VELVET LOUNGE:** 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

**VILLAGE BAR AND GRILL/BEENY'S CUE & BREW:** 35234 Michigan Ave. West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

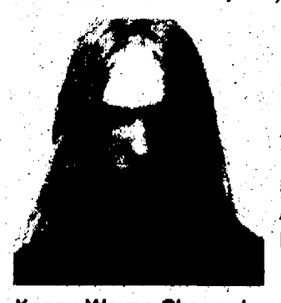
**WAGON WHEEL TAVERN:** 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-6789

**WOODRUFF'S SUPPER CLUB:** 212 W. Sixth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519

**XHEDOS CAFE:** Sista Otis performs 8-10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 240 West Nine Mile, Ferndale. All ages. Free. (248) 399-3946

**ZIMI'S IRISH TAVERN:** 1350 Draper Road, Oxford. (248) 969-9467

**JIMMY PAGE AND THE BLACK CROWES:** With Kenny Wayne Shepard, 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $39.50-$55. (248) 645-6666.



Kenny Wayne Shepard

**PEARL JAM:** With Supergrass, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $28. (248) 645-6666

**POISON:** With Cinderella, Dokken and Slaughter, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**RACHEL AND KAPP:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All Ages. (248) 644-4800.

**RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS:** With Stone Temple Pilots and Fishbone, 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $28.50-$38.50. (248) 645-6666.

**JOSHUA REDMAN:** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $20. (248) 544-3030.

**REEFERMEN:** Friday, May 26, Thursday, June 1, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011.

**RIB AMERICA:** 4-11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 15-16; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18. Free festival with entertainment by Twistin' Tarantulas, Reefer Men, and Molly Hatchett performing Thursday; Gordon Bennett, Jill Jack, and Loverboy performing Friday; Five Horse Johnson, Soul Clique, Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, Thornetta Davis, and Otis Day & Knights performing Saturday; Agee, Shannon Curfman, Edgar Winter and MudPuppy performing Sunday.

**LEANN RIMES:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666

**RIOT IN PROGRESS:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Token Lounge, Westland. 18 and over. (734) 513-5030.

**DUKE ROBILLARD & HERB ELLIS:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $25. (248) 645-6666.

**SMOKEY ROBINSON:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$25. (248) 645-6666.

**KENNY ROGERS:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

**ROOTS VIBRATION:** 9 p.m., Friday, June 16, The Deck, Detroit. Free. (313) 965-9500.

**DIANA ROSS AND THE SUPREMES:** "Return to Love" 8 p.m. Monday, June 19, The Palace, Auburn Hills. $39.50-$125. (248) 645-6666.

**ROBB ROY:** 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday June 9-10, New Place Lounge, Dearborn. $3. (313) 277-3035

**TODD RUNDGREN:** With Leon Russell, 8 p.m. Monday, July 3, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $12.50-$25.50. (248) 645-6666.

**SANTANA:** With Macy Gray, 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Tickets $25.50 lawn and $59.50 pavilion. A 50-cent donation per ticket will be given to the Milagro Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

**BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA:** With Twistin' Tarantulas, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**SKATALITES:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 17, Magic Stick, Detroit. $15. (248) 645-6666.

**SONIC YOUTH:** With Stereolab, 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. $23 advance. Anyone holding tickets for Stereolab's postponed Dec. 9, 1999, show may return them to Ticketmaster for a refund. (248) 645-6666.

**BRITNEY SPEARS:** With LFO, Bosson, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. Sold Out. 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25 lawn, $40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. Call TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666.

**RICK SPRINGFIELD:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. $17.50-$27.50.

**RINGO STARR AND HIS ALL-STARR BAND:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, Pine Knob. $15.50-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**STEELY DAN:** 8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25-$75. (248) 645-6666.

**THE STILL:** 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

**STING:** With Tracy Chapman, 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25-$75. (248) 645-6666.

**SUPERDOT:** With The Skraps, Blindshot, PT's Revenge, Deal Gone Bad, Wrist Rocket, 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $8. (313) 961-MELT.

**SUPER FURRY ANIMALS:** 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $10 advance. (313) 961-MELT.

**THE SWINGING NECKBREAKERS:** With The Greenhorns and The Drag Strippers, 9 p.m., Thursday, June 15, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. 18 & over. $8. (313) 833-9700.

**THIRD COAST REGGAE:** 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3, Friday, June 23, The Deck, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

**THIRD EYE BLIND:** With Verticle Horizon, 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, Pine Knob Music Theatre. $15-$27.50.

**THOM:** 9 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free (734) 427-0622.

**THREE DOG NIGHT:** With Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $15.50-$29.50. (248) 645-6666.

**TRAGICALLY HIP:** With Chris Brown, Kate Fenner and Guster, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$27.50. (248) 645-6666.

**RANDY TRAVIS:** With Darryl Worley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob, Independence Township. $15.50-$24.50. (248) 645-6666.

**UNIVERSAL X-PRESSION:** 9 p.m., Saturday, June 10, The Deck, Detroit. Free. (313) 965-9500.

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**More Moore:** *Demi Moore stars as both Marty and Marie in Alain Berliner's "Passion of Mind."*

ISABELLE WEINGARTEN

# Demi Moore's latest has her in intriguing dual role

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Demi Moore plays a woman living two lives in "Passion of Mind."

That's not even the most unusual part of the movie. What's immediately striking is how much clothing Moore wears in both lives. After showing off her perfectly toned body in "Striptease" and "G.I. Jane" and on magazine covers in the '90s, here Moore's character wears baggy overalls in the garden and pajamas and socks to bed.

Her wardrobe is only the most obvious indication of how different a film this is for her. Look closer and you'll see Moore has immersed herself in a complex role that depends on subtle nuance to convey two separate lives. She plays Marie, a widowed mother of two young daughters who lives in the French countryside. She spends sunny, lazy days working in the garden and writing free-lance book reviews for The New York Times.

But when she goes to sleep at night, she wakes up as Marty, a high-powered Manhattan literary agent who lives alone in a spacious, eclectic loft.

Then the next morning, she wakes up again as Marie. Which life is real and which is imaginary? It's impossible to tell. Both are so rich in detail, they feel completely real to Marie/Marty and to the audience.

She confides her confusion to therapists in France and New York, and friends in both places try to convince her they're the ones who are real. She also falls in love with a man in each life.

In France, it's the aggressive and seductive William (Stellan Skarsgard), a writer whose most recent novel she has just trashed. In New York, it's Aaron (William Fichtner), a shy, thoughtful accountant who becomes her friend first and then her lover.

Is she cheating on one with the other? She can't discern which man is an illusion, and fears choosing the wrong one. Writer Ron Bass, known for big box office movies like "Entrapment," "My Best Friend's Wedding" and "Rain Man," keeps the audience guessing until the very end in this slower, subtler film.

Much of Bass' dialogue does feel stilted, however, and his romantic interests for Marie/Marty are completely annoying and create little chemistry.

Both men lay their cards on the table way too early. William tells Marie during one of their early meetings, "I've decided I want you to like me," and after their first date, "I'd like to come home with you." On Marty's first informal date with Aaron in Central Park, he tells her wistfully: "There's something about two people sharing their souls on a Sunday morning."

Who would date either of them? And why do either of them stay with her after she admits she has a secret, second life? They should write her off as a nut and run for the hills, but for some reason they stick around. This latest film from Belgian director Alain Berliner couldn't be more different from his earlier "Ma Vie en Rose" ("My Life in Pink"), about a 7-year-old boy who believes he's a girl, wears makeup and dresses, and plays with dolls.

Both feature main characters who struggle with identity crises, but that's where the similarities end. "Ma Vie en Rose," which earned Berliner a Golden Globe for best foreign language film in 1998, was bright, colorful, even campy at times.

"Passion of Mind" is more subdued and introspective. It's flawed and a bit convoluted, but worth seeing simply because the idea behind it is so intriguing.

"Passion of Mind" is a Paramount Classics release; it runs 105 minutes.

# 'Momma' showcases Martin Lawrence's comedic skills

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Whether its "Bad Boys," "Blue Streak" or the new "Big Momma's House," Martin Lawrence always ends up playing the same character in his movies – which is Martin Lawrence.

And playing Martin Lawrence basically consists of making exaggerated facial expressions, exhibiting a comically defiant attitude and using off-color words in as many different combinations as possible.

Even though Lawrence's act is getting repetitive, it's still good enough to make for an amusing time in "Big Momma's House," in which he not only plays an FBI agent, but dons a fat suit and rubber face to go undercover as a 70 year old woman whose grandaughter is being investigated by federal authorities.

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**At the movies:** *Martin Lawrence stars in "Big Momma's House" at theaters today.*

Malcolm Turner (Lawrence) is a federal agent and master of disguises who loves the dangerous elements of his job and shuns the ho-hum family life. His partner, John (Paul Giamatti), is of course the complete opposite – preferring to stay in the station rather than go out and chase the bad guys.

When Lester, a deadly bank robber (Terrence Howard), busts out of jail, Malcolm and John are assigned to monitor the house of Big Momma (Ella Mitchell), the feisty Southern grandmother of Lester's gorgeous ex-girlfriend Sherry (Nia Long). Authorities suspect that Sherry has hidden the loot from Lester's earlier bank robbery and is planning to run away with Lester and the $2 million booty.

The surveillance is running smoothly until Big Momma is suddenly summoned out of town on an emergency. With Sherry heading to visit her, Malcolm figures the only way to keep Sherry from leaving is to become Big Momma himself.

Just the sight of Lawrence dressed as a hefty old woman with a blond wig and huge breasts is enough to garner a few laughs. But watching him try to stay in character as Big Momma while admiring Sherry's sexy body, fighting off the advances of a randy old coot and bouncing his large frame off some young punks on the basketball court is hysterical. While Lawrence is not always confined to the fat suit – Malcolm does emerge to woo the beguiling Sherry – it's as Big Momma that he is most entertaining.

Lawrence has long been adept at donning women's clothes for laughs: His Sheneneh character on his defunct sitcom "Martin" still has people in stitches in reruns.

Lawrence's turn as Big Momma is certain to draw comparisons to Eddie Murphy's "The Nutty Professor," in which Murphy played at least five different characters, some requiring fat suits and prosthetics and making him completely unrecognizable. (A sequel is scheduled to hit theaters this summer.)

But the makeup job here is less convincing. First, to make Lawrence and Mitchell look alike, Mitchell's face was altered with prosthetics, making her look distractingly unnatural. Lawrence's face has similar problems, although since it is supposed to have been made on the quick by Malcolm and John, it's more forgivable – and kind of humorous.

Darryl Quarles and Don Rhymer wrote the mostly formulaic screenplay. But it has enough funny moments and Lawrence antics to keep the audience from concentrating on the predictability of it all. "Big Momma's House," directed by Raja Gosnell, is distributed by Twentieth Century Fox; it's rated PG-13 and runs 105 minutes.

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*Scheduled to open Friday, June 23*

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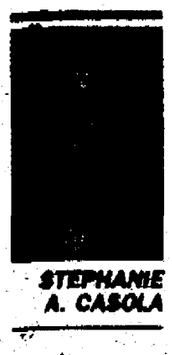


STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Tom DeLonge wouldn't exactly be surprised if the Central Intelligence Agency stopped by his house, in an attempt to keep him quiet.

Singer, guitarist and one-third of the Bay area's pop-punk outfit blink-182, DeLonge admits he's somewhat consumed by thoughts of government conspiracy and alien existance – and he's proud of it.

"All I ever do is read books about aliens and the end of the world," he said in a recent telephone interview with The Observer & Eccentric. "I'm trying to open up the eyes of the public. I know we have got technology and contact." Though he insists it's just the government and Tom DeLonge himself that know for sure. "I'm going to talk about aliens so much it will get the point where the CIA is coming to my house.

"If my band is suddenly really unpopular..." his voice trails with laughter as if he expects to get into some trouble. Somehow it seems unlikely. But this virtual obsession with the unknown did lead to his favorite track on the band's latest album *Enema of The State*.

A possible new single and video might be made for *Aliens Exist*, the mere thought of which gets DeLonge into an adorable, child-like tizzy squealing: "I might have my video."

This is a far cry from his earlier days of delivering concrete. DeLonge insists if he weren't busy being a full time rock star, he'd probably be "stuck at some god-awful 40-hour a week job." "I lucked out," he said. "We worked hard to get it."

The work has paid off and to prove it DeLonge and his blink-182 cohorts, singer-bassist Mark Hoppus and new drummer Travis Barker will grace the stage June 9 at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township before a sold out crowd. The upcoming tour, he promised, will be chock full of funny video footage and some funny new jokes – along with some of the same old jokes the band can't seem to lose.

What does blink-182 do before heading out on such a big-time tour with all sorts of sold-out dates? "I light a fire, say a chant. I put water on my face," he said, laughing. "I don't really do anything. I try to relax as much as possible. Every time I come home, I'm more busy than anyone you've ever seen."

While sitting on his sofa strumming his guitar from a San Diego home, DeLonge spoke with an easy-going tone – seeming almost stunned about the band's success. "We all met through mutual friends and put a band together. All of a sudden we're playing big shows."

Referred to as Hot Pants – for no particular reason – on the CD liner notes, he describes the average blink fan as a "happy-go-lucky skater kid who doesn't hate the world." Though he admits now rock, pop and metal fans of all ages entered the mix. "There's such a wide array of kids." But the punk-rock-skater boys and girls remain loyal.

"We sing about things these kids can relate to," he reasoned. "We're sincere about what we write about." That encompasses anything from the heartbreak of *Don't Leave Me* to the lessons about women taught ever-so-tongue-in-cheek in *The Party Song*, and it's all done in furiously-paced blink-182 style.

The band is also featured on the latest compilation for *Benefit for The Bay*. "We live at the beach," said DeLonge. "We knew the people putting it together. We've done one or two before."

His reasoning is simple, and it rhymes: "If it helps out the bay, then hay!"

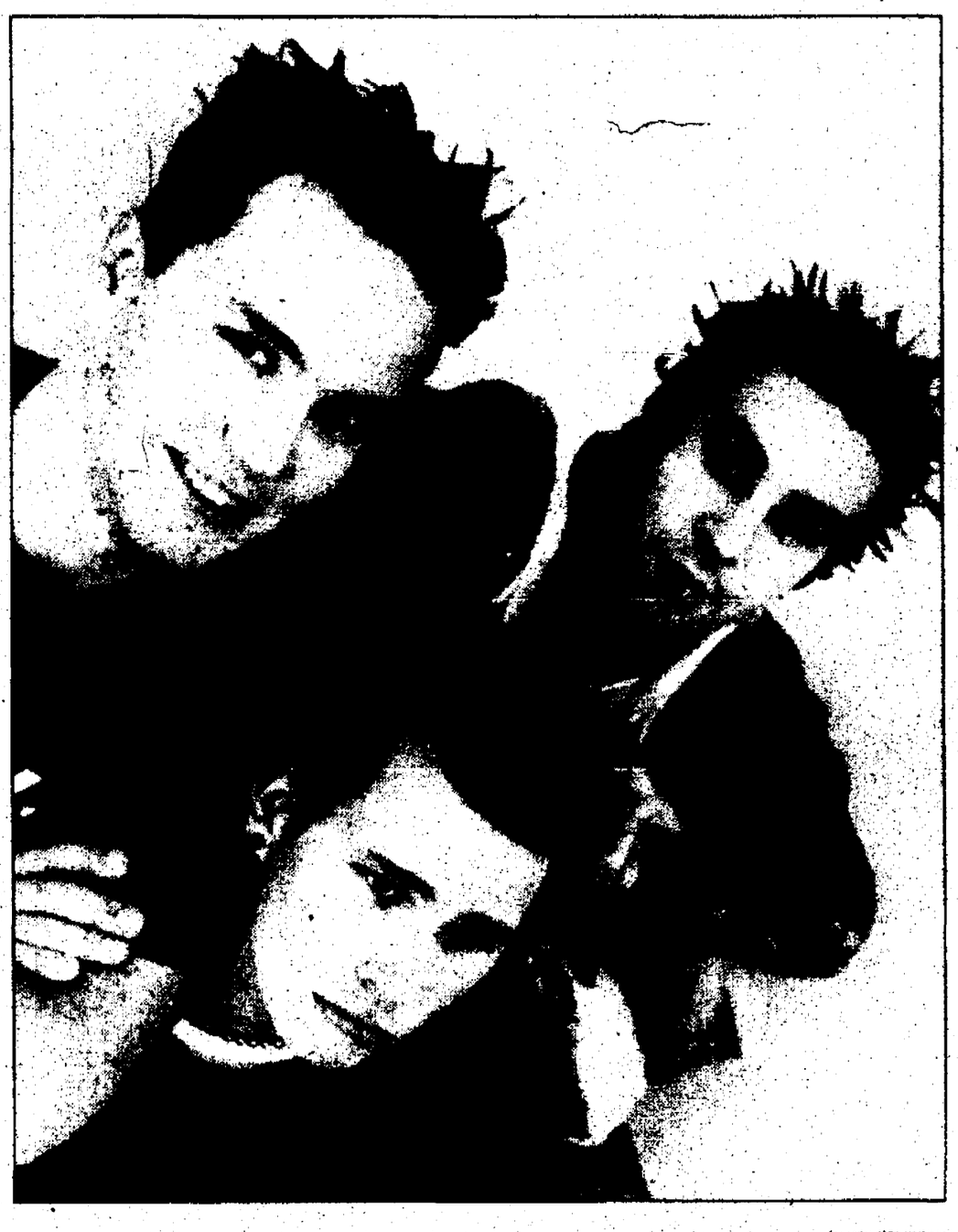
But radio stations, MTV and music media everywhere can't get enough of *Enema of The State* over-playing undeniable hits like *All The Small Things* and *What's My Age Again*. "I'm really proud of our record," he said. "I like what we've done."

Though the album took only two and a half months to record, it's proved to have a much longer shelf life. After 50 weeks on the Billboard 200 chart, it's steady at 48. Their recent single *Adam's Song* is currently at number two on the Modern Rock Charts. But that's not all DeLonge has been listening to these days. After a recent trip to the record store, he bought albums by Dr. Dre, The Descendants and The Ataris.

As for his own band, DeLonge noted that they've come a long way. "We've gotten to be a much better band, better songwriters. We learned from what we've done wrong – what jokes are bad, what music's bad. But we all know we look really good naked!"

Does anyone else predict an alien abduction here?

*Lucky ticketholders will see all of blink-182, along with Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100.*



JUSTIN STEPHENS

**On the way:** *blink-182's Mark Hoppus, Tom DeLonge and Travis Barker-make their way to Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township Friday.*

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# Lou Reed tour brings 'Ecstasy' to State Theatre

BY ALICE RHEIN
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**What:** Lou Reed with special guest Victoria Williams
**When:** Thursday, June 15, 7:30 p.m.
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For music enthusiasts, the one true test of a perennial artist's or band's musical relevance is whether or not their early vinyls were upgraded to CDs.

David Bowie. Yes. *Ziggy Stardust* is as fresh today as it was more than a quarter century ago.

The Who. No. *Live at Leeds* remains tucked away in its cardboard case, pressed together with every other Who album purchased in the prime of adolescence.

King Crimson. Some. Though played far less often than they ought to be.

Then there's Lou Reed – who performs at the State Theatre on Thursday, June 15.

From his very first album, *The Velvet Underground and Nico* to *Transformer*, his brilliant second solo album, to *Rock & Roll Animal*, often reputed to be one of rock's best live albums, to *New York*, the poignant poet's perspective on politics, drugs and sex in the city, just about every Reed vinyl in my collection has its jewel-cased sister.

And after a few less-than-memorable projects to date (specifically 1996's *Set the Twilight Reeling* and 1998's live *Perfect Night*), the master of avant-rock is back with *Ecstasy*, a textured torrent of biting lyrics and funked-up rhythms.

Girlfriend Laurie Anderson – the performance artist best known for *O Superman* – lends her electric violin to *Rock Minuet* and *Rouge*, the former a maudlin tale of perversion; the latter a plush minuet which is prelude to the heavy anthem *Big Sky*.

The 77-minute album opens with *Paranoia Key of E*, an acerbic writ set loose into a den of droning guitars courtesy of Reed and guitarist Mike Rathke.

There's also *Like a Possum*, a gritty urban tale which, at 18 minutes, is certainly not destined for radio play, but holds its weight against *Sister Ray*, the last lengthy saga Reed offered when he fronted the Velvet Underground.

At 58, the sinewy Brooklyn native, once the darling of Andy Warhol's Factory, is less decadent these days and more the quintessential New Yorker – a mindful cynic who can't help but find pleasure in pain.

But even with more than 35 years in the music biz, Reed hasn't lost a beat.

Perhaps he's not walking on the wild side quite so much – he was, after all, the subject of a profile on the PBS *American Masters* series. And he's played art festivals, the White House and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Still, while the musical roots for a generation of new artists can be traced back to Reed, his most recent works remain relevant.

*Songs for Drella*, his 1990 dedication to Warhol which reunited him with former Undergrounder John Cale, and 1992's *Magic & Loss*, a deathly serious work of art, are witness to why he is rock's poet laureate.

*Ecstasy* reaches its climax on its title track not with a wailing wall of sound, but with lush orchestration and a grave declaration of discontent.

Add in *Future Farmers of America*, with its upbeat rock tempo, and Reed, along with David Kahne and Hal Willner, have produced an impressive array of songs that explore the dark side but still know how to rock.

Lou Reed

## CD REVIEW

# The Eels' new release proves to be a slithering success

*Daisies of the Galaxy*
**The Eels**
DreamWorks Recordings

In the genre of "artists formally known as," *Daisies of the Galaxy*, the Eels third album is written and produced by a man called E. Just E.

And though E is often the subject of his music, he isn't the main attraction. Instead, he channels family tragedies (his beloved sister and father died within months of each other), confusion and clinical depression into deceivingly simple but extraordinarily plush pop tunes.

It takes a very peculiar mind to attach a mambo beat to songs about death, cancer and hospital food (not necessarily in that order), as E did in his previous releases *Electro-Shock Blues* and *Beautiful Freak*. But it works.

With the tonal sensibility of melodic sage Brian Eno and the delightfully funky courage of Beck, the California artist formerly known as Mark Everett seems – if not happy – is at least a bit happier in his third release.

*Daisies* opens with a wash of off-beat horns and shifts into *Grace Kelly Blues*, an ebb and flow of plucky guitars and drifting orchestration.

For one of the most intelligent lyricists of our time, his subjects are rather warm and fuzzy – furry field mice, birds, clouds and daisies, of course.

But he takes poetic twists and turns into the dark side with *Tiger in my Tank* ("I think I'm on the brink of disaster"), and ruminates in the bittersweet *Selective Memory* ("The days go on forever when you only know that much").

Rather than needing *Novocaine for the Soul*, as in his first release, E seems to be numbing his pain with the forces of nature. And when that doesn't work, he always has a perennially upbeat rhythm running through his veins.

*– By Alice Rhein*

*Check out The Eels on Monday, June 19, 7th House, Pontiac. For tickets, call (248) 645-6666.*

# Diners give seafood restaurant good reviews

TAKE-OUT GUY

RALPH ECHTINAW

I'm writing about the Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant today because owners Lori and Vincent Toia mailed me a letter, take-out menu and gift certificates for four fish-and-chips dinners in early March. That's not to say I accept bribes, but it got my attention.

I shipped the gift certificates and a menu off to the *Observer's* Plymouth office because I didn't want to get extra special service. Ergo, reporters Scott Daniel and Sue Buck (and Sue's daughter Anni) did the initial taste test for me. I followed up in late March with a takeout order for myself and three others in the Livonia Observer office (using the name Stan so they wouldn't know I'm "the take-out guy").

Scott Daniel described his dinner as "uncommonly delicious. Unlike some restaurants where grease is the lone flavoring, Plymouth Fish seasons its fillets and grills its selections. The result is a tasty, not-too-heavy dinner."

Sue and Anni Buck had their free dinner at 2 p.m. on a Saturday and practically had the place to themselves.

"We both were served heaping platters filled with three-and-a-half pieces of Alaskan cod and French fries," wrote Sue. "We chose the deep-fried selection that wasn't the least bit greasy. The fish was light and flaky. The pieces were filleted lengthwise, and we were served the full length of fish."

While the Bucks ate, a regular customer came in for some clam chowder. "Standing at the door, he gave unsolicited praise to the preparation of the clam chowder, calling it creamy with lots of tomatoes. He called it the best that he has ever eaten," wrote Sue.

As the Bucks left, the young Buck commented, "Plymouth people sure are friendly."

Personally, I think the Plymouth Fish prices are a little high — but maybe not for Plymouth — and the food was great.

Internet Editor Emory Daniels had the ocean perch lunch with redskin potatoes. *Redford Observer* Editor Jeff Counts had the fish and chips. Westland reporter Darrell Clem had the shrimp lunch. I had the catfish lunch.

Emory, Jeff and Darrell were rather understated in their praise. Darrell characterized his lunch as "average portions, average quality, average in all respects."

Jeff said, "For carry-out fish and chips for lunch it's fine."

Of the four of us, I was the most impressed. The rice was tasty, nicely seasoned and contained chunks of carrots. The catfish had no bones, was lightly breaded and not greasy.

The cabbage in the cole slaw was cut into much bigger chunks than one usually finds in cole slaw. Jeff liked it that way, Emory didn't. Darrell said it was average.

I've got to give the owners credit for packaging. The takeout boxes were made of plastic foam, and each was marked so we knew what it was. They were stapled inside grocery bags along with covered plastic foam containers of cole slaw, plastic forks and napkins.

"I know how it is when you're passing food out for people," Lori Toia said.

Each plastic foam container contained, in addition to the entrée, packets of ketchup, tartar sauce and a slice of lemon.

I likely won't return to Plymouth Fish for takeout again but only because it's too far from my office at Schoolcraft and Levan.

If I worked in the Plymouth Observer office I'd go again.

*Ralph Echtinaw welcomes your comments and suggestions on take-out eating. Call him at (734) 953-0492. E-mail him at rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net.*

### Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant

**Where:** 578 Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village, (734) 455-2630, Fax (734) 455-5923.
**Open:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
**Menu:** Fish & chips, ocean perch, lake perch, catfish, shrimp, pickerel, scallops, frog legs, oysters, calamari, smelt, whitefish, swordfish, salmon, chicken sandwich, hamburgers, clam chowder, seafood gumbo.
**Average lunch price:** $6.50.
**Credit cards accepted:** Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover.
**Personal checks:** OK.
**Packaging:** Styrofoam boxes and paper grocery bags.
Seating: Room for 25 inside, 25 outside.

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**Flavorful fish:** *Lori and Vincent Toia of Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant present two of their delicious fish platters.*

## RESTAURANT SPECIALS

*Send dinner specials, menu changes, restaurant renovations, and other items to Keely Wygonik, Assistant Managing Editor Features Group, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.*

*We're putting together a list of steakhouses for Father's Day and outdoor dining destinations. If you want to be included, send, fax or e-mail restaurant locations, hours and menus to Wygonik as soon as possible.*

### WINE TASTING

■ Meet Italy's most prestigious wine makers at "Vini D'Italia 2000," 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 9 at Laurel Manor & Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, 1/4 mile west of Newburgh, in Livonia. Presented by Laurel Manor and Conference Center and Ristorante Fonte D'Amore, the event will feature a tasting of over 100 of Italy's finest wines, and a strolling buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Tickets $60 per person ($30 tax deductible), call (734) 462-0770 for more information. The event benefits the "Make-A-Difference Foundation." Proceeds will be used to help children who are physically challenged in the Detroit area.

### PATIO DINING

■ **The Century Club Restaurant** – The Century Club in Detroit is offering outdoor dining on the patio Wednesday-Saturday during restaurant hours. Parties will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The menu includes steaks, chops, seafood and poultry as well as daily specials such as roasted prime rib, homemade soups, salads, appetizers and desserts.

Live music Thursday-Saturday beginning Thursday, June 1. Pianist Ed Wells plays 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday; the Gem Jazz Trio 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

The Century Club, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit is open for dinner 5-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 5-9 p.m. Friday; 4-10 p.m. Saturday; and 3-6 p.m. Sunday. Dessert served 10-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call the Gem and Century box office (313) 963-9800 for reservations/information.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

■ **Al's Copper Mug** — A tent party and fund-raiser will be held 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at Al's Copper Mug, on 1704 W. Maple in Walled Lake. Music is held outside from 4 to 9 p.m. and inside between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Blues by the Bugs Beddow Band is featured. A 50/50 raffle drawing will be held around 8:30 p.m. There is a $1 donation. Any donation of canned food will also be appreciated. Call (248) 624-9659 for more information.

■ **Eat to the Beat 2000** — The City Centre Advisory Board, in conjunction with the city of Southfield, presents *Eat to the Beat 2000*, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Thursday in the summer.

Among the June entertainment is Back to Back, featuring soulful R&B sounds, June 15; Judy Harrison, June 22; and Reverand Blues, June 29.

*Eat to the Beat 2000* is at City Centre Plaza, Central Park Blvd., one block west of Evergreen between Civic Center Dr. and I-696 Service Drive.

■ **TasteFest** – The 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest kicks off Friday, June 30 through Tuesday, July 4 in Detroit's New Center Area. Forty of Michigan's great eateries including Iridescence, Hunter House Hamburgers, Dave and Busters, Beale Street Blues, Sweetwater Tavern, Ginopolis, Ja-Da, Peacock Restaurant, Mario's, Under the Eagle, Orchid Cafe, 736 JAVA Coffee House and more will furnish the always-terrific Fest tastes. The all-new Coastal Seafood Celebration features seafood from America's four coasts. Tastes are $5 for 9 tickets, just like last year. The Comerica Michigan TasteFest is on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway, adjacent to the historic Fisher Building. Hours are 11:30 a.m to 10 p.m. Friday-Monday and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Visit Comerica Michigan TasteFest online at www.tastefest.org or call (313) 872-0188.


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