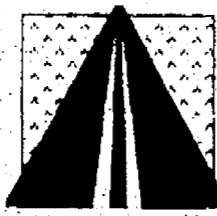


Black drivers irked with police



Renewed charges of racial profiling by the Westland Police Department surfaced during Monday's city council meeting. Black drivers say they are stopped and harassed for no good reason.

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Accused of racism, Westland police officers are coming under increasing fire for allegations of mistreating African Americans and singling them out for questionable traffic stops. Some critics say local officers unfairly harass minority drivers for what amounts to "driving while black,"

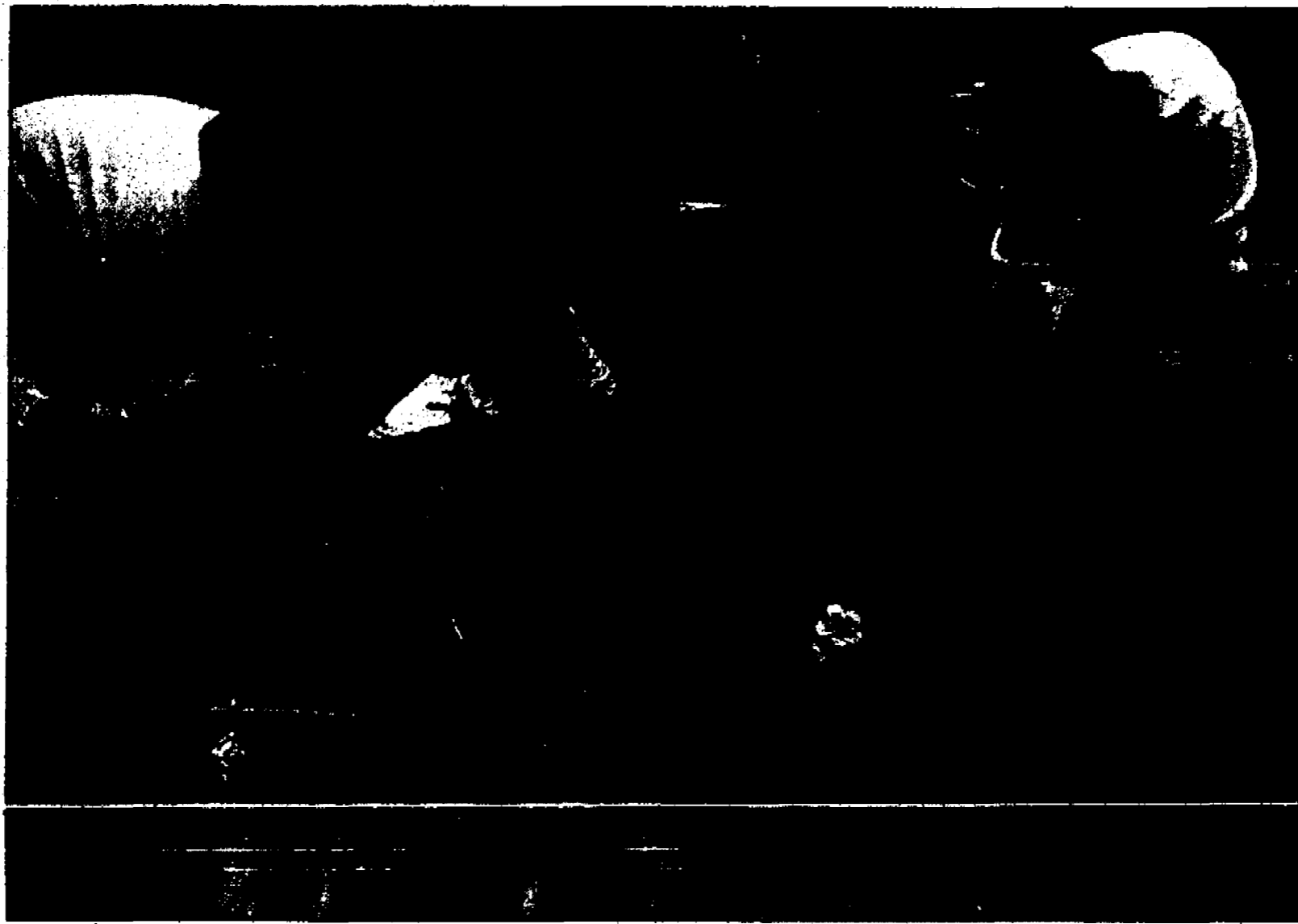
sometimes referred to as DWB. "There is a problem with racism and DWB in the city of Westland," longtime resident Reasther Everett said Monday, urging city officials to address the issue. "Our city is too good a place to have this kind of reputation," she said. Everett's remarks surfaced during a Westland City Council meeting as a group of African Americans accused

local police officers of mistreating and harassing blacks. "We expect the police department to serve and protect us and not harass us and make us afraid," resident Sherry Douglas said. Chief Emery Price has denied that his department engages in racism or singles out black motorists. "I wish the perception out there wasn't one of racial profiling," he said. Criticism has mounted since two police officers stopped Texas resident Willie Slater on June 3, warning him for an improper turn and having an air freshener hanging from his rear-view mirror.

Slater was arrested for having a suspended license, but he was cleared after he proved the ticket had been dismissed in Hamtramck. Slater, a Houston resident formerly of Detroit, said he wasn't even in Michigan when someone used his identity in 1999. Slater, an Exxon-Mobil Corp. employee, accused officers of racial profiling and said they asked him whether he sold drugs or had guns. Lettie Thomas, a 35-year-old Detroit passenger in Slater's 1994 BMW, demanded an apology Monday night and questioned why officers left her "stranded" on the street after arresting

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Gardening pros



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Dig in: Junior Master Gardener participants at the Westland library work on the butterfly garden. Above is Rodney Donald, 11, of Westland, working with Marian Gonsior, in charge of the program. At right, Julieann Halliwell, 8, of Westland gets a marigold from her mom, Jane. The young people also did a "pizza garden" of basil, green peppers, tomatoes, parsley and other items at the library. They are earning Junior Master Gardener certification through Michigan State University.



Griffin offers an apology

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Facing new allegations of Open Meetings Act violations, Westland City Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin has averted a lawsuit by issuing an apology. Local attorney Lyle Dickson had threatened a suit unless the council apologized for ending a June 5 meeting and denying several citizens their right to speak — a move Dickson called illegal. Griffin made statements Monday indicating that he accidentally overlooked citizens who raised their hands in hopes of addressing the council June 5. "It never was my intent ... to deny anybody the right to speak," he said. Griffin told a crowd during Monday's meeting that if he erred, "I'm sorry." He added later that "you have my apologies." Earlier in the meeting, Griffin had denied quashing public comment and rejected allegations that his actions violated the Open Meetings Act. Many citizens have made public statements critical of the council since Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott fired former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18. Griffin issued his apology Monday after several citizens addressed the council and complained of not being allowed to speak at the June 5 meeting. "There were many people that had their hands raised and wished to be heard — one was myself," resident Judith Marentette said. Residents Marian Greenfield, Christine Millisor and Georgia Becker also told Griffin that he ignored their efforts to make public statements. "Whether you want to admit it or not, you did deny me my right to

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Garbage contract approved, concerns are raised

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Westland residents will continue to have their garbage picked up by the same company, despite some concerns about service and costs. Inkster-based Painter & Ruthenberg, now paid about \$1.5 million a year to haul Westland's garbage, has secured a

new, five-year contract increasing the city's costs by 4 percent starting June 30 — and 3 percent every other year. Westland City Council members approved Painter & Ruthenberg's contract in a 4-2 vote Monday, retaining a company that has picked up Westland trash for about three decades. Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc opposed the agree-

ment, citing some complaints about service and saying the city hasn't bid its garbage-hauling contract in years. Anderson and LeBlanc questioned whether the city might get a better price by seeking bids. But council President Charles "Trav" Griffin and colleagues Sandra Cicirelli, David Cox and David James favored the garbage contract, saying they pre-

fer hiring a local company rather than risking a pact with an out-of-state firm that could usher in poor service. "This issue," Griffin said, "is a matter of service." Ruthenberg conceded that Westland residents have witnessed some late garbage service in recent years.

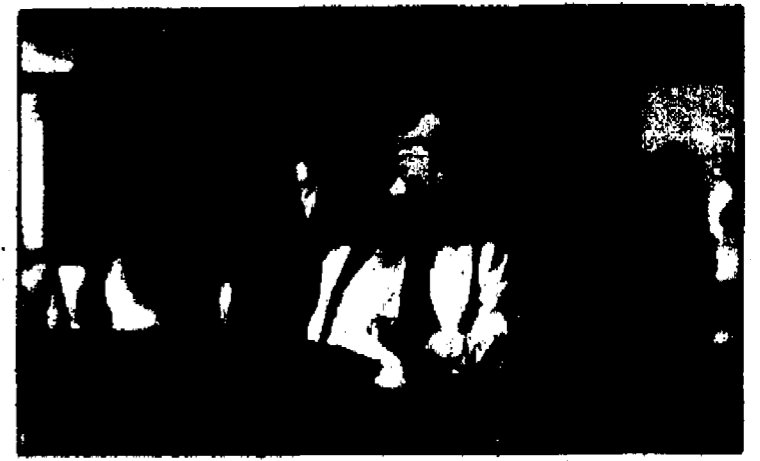
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Summer Festival will provide a grand old time

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Fireworks, food and fun for all ages will highlight the Westland Summer Festival Thursday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 4. The festival will take place at Central City Park and environs, by City Hall. Daily features include carnival rides, Vegas and bingo games and music, everything from country and classic rock to polka and top 40. On Saturday, July 1, there will be a parade honoring America beginning at 10 a.m. Aside from the new day and time, the parade will follow a new route. It will begin on Wayne Road north of Warren, moving south on Wayne to Ford Road. From there, it will go

west to City Hall before ending at the festival grounds. The new route was due partly to construction, said board member Gary Bulson. The "nice change" was also designed to attract more families on a Saturday. Saturday will also feature a special Family Fun Day with clowns, magicians, games and a children's picnic. A classic car show is on tap that day, too. Saturday, July 1, is a big day for the festival, said Bulson, of Men on the Move movers. The Family Fun Day will feature inexpensive fun, such as miniature golf, a flight simulator, an obstacle course and slot cars, in addition to the carnival rides. The 2000 Baby and Toddler of the Year contests.



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Mayor Robert Thomas in 1999 festival parade



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Health troubles cited in fleeing

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A medical problem is to blame for the actions of a Westland man charged with fleeing and eluding Canton and Michigan State Police officers and damaging police vehicles, according to the man's attorney.

C. Michael Kimber, a St. Clair Shores attorney, represented Daman Lavren Palmer, 21, at his Monday, June 19, preliminary exam. Kimber told 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe that Palmer wanted to waive the exam.

An arraignment on the information date was set for Monday, July 3, at Wayne County Circuit Court.

"My client has a medical problem," Kimber said following the court proceeding. "It's a matter of (his) being under a doctor's care."

He said Palmer should have been taking prescribed medication the night he led police on two separate chases - beginning in Canton and ending in Westland.

Palmer is charged with two counts of third-degree fleeing and eluding police, three counts of malicious destruction of police vehicles and two counts of felonious assault.

Kimber wouldn't elaborate on either the type of medication or the medical condition. He only said the condition was "physical and mental."

"At this point I don't want to get into it," Kimber said. He should have used (his) medication but he didn't."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ray Maguire said Palmer could face up to four years in prison for each of the felonious assault and malicious destruction of property charges. For the third-degree fleeing and eluding charges, he could face up to five years.

The incident began around 1:20 a.m. Sunday, June 11, when Canton police responded to a call from Palmer's ex-girlfriend in the 1500 block of Manton, near Ford and Sheldon. She told police that Palmer had threatened to kill himself at her residence. A police report stated that they had been fighting earlier at his Westland residence.

Both police chases reportedly began at the Manton residence. The first ended on I-275 at Eureka Road in Romulus when Canton police discontinued the chase.

The second chase ended at the Westland Police Department on Ford Road. One Canton patrol car was run off the road and another was struck at Gordon and Morrison. A Michigan State Police vehicle was struck in the Westland Police Department parking lot.

No officers or pedestrians were injured during the chases.

Trooper Kevin Lucidi of the Taylor Michigan State Police post described the chases as taking place at moderate speed.

"I would not say it was a high-speed chase," Lucidi said. "Through Canton he was basically traveling the speed limit."

Seniors moving

A troupe of line dancers recently demonstrated their skills to residents from several senior living residences at American House Westland II.

The line dancers, ages 60 to 75, visited to encourage other seniors to join in the dance. "I believe if you keep seniors active, they will be happier and healthier," said Judy Birch, activities director at American House Westland II. "We want them to get involved because it's a fun way to exercise."

The demonstrators are members of the class taught by Birch in her previous position. She became interested in square dancing and line dancing while working toward a degree in gerontology at Madonna University in Livonia.

Following her graduation, she spent four and a half years as coordinator of the Berwyn Senior Center in Dearborn Heights.

While working at that center, visited by approximately 80 seniors daily, Birch started a line dance class. "I decided it would be a fun activity that would get people up and doing something. I had 20 to 25 people participating each week."

Birch provides the recorded music for her dancers. "An older person may not respond to activity, but may respond to music," she said. "At the American House in Dearborn, one man heard the music and walked into my group and started dancing."

Now she is teaching line dancing to some of the 81 seniors at American House Westland II. Although she teaches at a slower pace, Birch said, "the residents are having a ball." So far, five residents are getting out of their chairs and trying to line dance.



The line dancing is part of a new program of life enrichment for residents of the more than 20 senior living residences operated by American House in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.



Follow me: Above, instructor Judy Birch calls the steps for line dancers, including Conrad Bover, a resident of American House Westland II. At right, line dancers (left to right) Lee Hammond, Grace and Phil Insalaco are joined by 86-year-old Kenneth Keefe in showing off their skills.

Graduations



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Proud moment: Commencements were held June 15 for Livonia Franklin and Churchill high schools, which serve Westland families. At top, the Franklin graduates toss their mortarboards. Above, the The Senior Ensemble at Churchill sings the "Celebration Song."

Glenn Music Boosters to raise money

John Glenn High School Instrumental Music Boosters have teamed up with Toledo, Ohio based AmeriFund and fundraising experts for a community-wide fund raiser.

The AmeriFund group is working with the Boosters to raise funds to help defray costs of band camp, instruction and music fees and to provide funds to upgrade uniforms and equipment, support student activities and buy music supplies.

The three week campaign will begin Monday, June 26. All households within the John Glenn community will receive a phone call 5-9 p.m. Monday through Friday asking for help. Residents will be offered a choice of durable trash bags, extra life light bulbs, frozen pizza, Amish-style fudge, gourmet coffee samplers and chunky chocolate chip cookie dough.

All products will be delivered to the home with no tipping or

additional delivery charge. John Glenn High School instrumental music students have consistently taken state honors for Flight 1 Marching Band, Winter Guard and Drum Line competitions.

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Man arrested after chase

The high-speed chase of an armed robbery suspect ended early Sunday when police used a patrol car to ram the van the man was driving.

Brian Keith Schnarr was arrested just before 2 a.m. after the 1989 Chevrolet Astro was pinned to a utility pole at Brady and Glendale in Redford, according to Livonia Police Department reports. He was being pursued in the holdup of a Livonia convenience store.

Schnarr had lost control of the van while trying to turn left on Brady from eastbound Glendale, police said. Meanwhile, officers in the patrol car behind Schnarr had been given permission by a lieutenant, also in pursuit, to ram the van.

The suspect was cut on one hand and on the forehead but did not require medical treatment, said Lt. Ben McDermott, department spokesman. There were no reports of police injuries.

The 7-Eleven on Middlebelt north of Five Mile had been robbed about 10 minutes earlier by a man with a long gun, police said. No one was hurt.

Police recovered a Daisy air rifle in a parking lot just north of the 7-Eleven. Cash was recovered from the Astro. Schnarr was charged with one count of armed robbery and one count of fleeing police in the 7-Eleven holdup. He was also charged with armed robbery in the June 14 holdup at the Mobil gas station at Eight Mile and Middlebelt.

Schnarr, of Farmington Hills, was arraigned Monday by 16th District Court Judge Robert Brzezinski. He stood mute, and Brzezinski entered a not-guilty plea for him.

Bond was set at \$100,000 cash or surety for each charge. Schnarr was being held in the Wayne County Jail Wednesday. He is due back in district court June 29 for a preliminary hearing.



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because the company had to seek out landfills while a Dearborn Heights incinerator was closed for renovation.

But he said his employees, members of Teamsters Local 247, have worked as long as 16 hours a day to haul away garbage.

"Some of the late trash pickup has been beyond (the company's) control," Cicirelli said Monday.

The new contract allows for certain penalties if Painter & Ruthenberg is late for garbage pickup. Moreover, city leaders

can cancel the contract by giving the company a 90-day notice.

James said he feared that awarding the contract to a larger, out-of-state company could drive Painter & Ruthenberg out of business - then place the city at risk of uncontrollable costs increases.

But Anderson said officials will never know what kind of deal they can get without seeking bids.

"We don't know what's out there," he said.

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speaking," Becker said.

Dickson said Griffin's apology will be accepted as long as the council shows it won't try to trample citizens' rights again.

"It was a qualified apology," Dickson said, but conceded, "It was what I was looking for ... I think we made our point."

Dickson had threatened the suit on behalf of Westland resident Roger Caldwell, UAW Local 845 president, who is involved in trying to recall Scott for her role in firing Gibbons.

Recall supporters also hope to oust Griffin, Cox and James.

Council members other than Griffin conceded that they, too, overlooked citizens during the June 5 session, which Councilman Glenn Anderson said ended in "a great deal of confusion."

Public spats between citizens and council members have become common since Gibbons' firing fueled a public backlash from residents who perceived her treatment as unfair and politically motivated.

Like Griffin, Anderson said he, too, didn't notice that citizens had been denied a chance to speak June 5.

"I would apologize for my failure to notice that," he said.

The latest allegations by Dickson followed earlier accusations that Griffin, Cox, James and Scott violated the Open Meetings Act by privately deciding to fire Gibbons.

An investigation by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office found no wrongdoing.

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done with the help of the Westland Civitans, will also be held. (Please note that all participants must be registered by 5 p.m. Monday, June 26.) Applications are available at the Bailey Center and Westland Chamber of Commerce. Call (734) 729-4941 for more information.

Also, the Westland Jaycees will hold a Cutest Pet Contest, to benefit the Michigan Humane Society, Bulson said. It'll be a penny a vote, with voting done via photo display July 1-2. Entry photos should be sent to the Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 85191, Westland, MI 48185 by Thursday, June 29.

Saturday, July 1, is also the day of the parade and car show, said Bulson, who's responsible for entertainment, the parade and other festival duties. The car show will be a benefit for the Family Resource Center.

This Friday, June 23, there will be a preregistration car cruise 7-11 p.m. at American Power Wash, 1251 S. Wayne Road. It, too, will benefit the Family Resource Center and is open to cruisers who aren't in the show. There will be door prizes and giveaways on Friday.

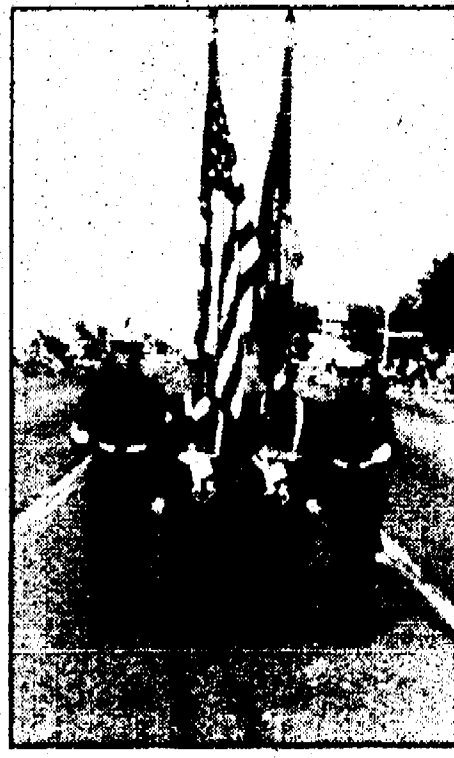
Bulson expects more than 200 cars this year for the show, noting bad weather kept some away last year. Co-sponsor Dan Green of American Power Wash has helped with the car show, which will feature disc jockey LMH Music.

Back by popular demand is George Young's Game Show Party. On July 2 and 3, you can vie for a chance to win prizes like radios, alarm clocks and small sums of cash.

"He's a big hit with the kids," Bulson said of Young, who's been in the past few festivals in Westland.

Tuesday, July 4, the festival ends with its traditional bang with fireworks at dusk.

Prior to the festival, there's



Memories: Above, Miranda and Chelsea Tucker enjoy a ride last year. At left, Marines lead the way at the 1999 parade.

- A la Mode Barbershop Quartet 1-3 p.m.
 - Ice Cream Eating Contest 1:30 p.m., Main Stage.
 - Josh Gracin (country) 2-4 p.m., in the park.
 - Golf Chipping Contest 3-4 p.m., Tot Town.
 - Pie Eating Contest 4 p.m., Main Stage.
 - Opie's Dream (classic rock) 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.
- Sunday, July 2**
- Free continental breakfast 10:30 a.m. to noon.
 - Carnival rides noon to 11 p.m.
 - Game Show Party noon, 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
 - Horseshoe Pitching Finals 1 p.m.
 - Benny and the Jets (oldies and classic rock) 1-5 p.m., Main Stage.
 - Golf Chipping Contest Finals 3-4 p.m., Tot Town.
 - Lonestar Dancers 5-8 p.m., Main Stage.
 - Young Country Band 7-11 p.m., Main Stage.
- Monday, July 3**
- Carnival rides noon to 11 p.m.
 - Game Show Party noon, 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
 - Siren's Web (modern rock) 7-11 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 4**
- Baby and Toddler Contest Finals 10:30 a.m. to noon.
 - Carnival rides noon to 11 p.m.
 - Eclipse (various music) 1-5 p.m.
 - Tom's Karaoke 5-9 p.m., Gazebo by the lake.
 - Bobby Lewis & Cracker Jack Band (various music) 7-11 p.m.
 - Fireworks at dark, Central City Park.

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***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road June 5, 2000**

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of June 5, 2000; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Timmons convened the meeting at 7:11 p.m., in the Southeast Conference Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons. Absent: None.

Motion to Table Items: Motion by Kokenakes and Lessard that the following items be tabled until the next Regular Meeting of June 12, 2000. IIA Golden Apple Award-Marjorie Hymers, volunteer, Jackson Center; IIB Written Communications; IIC Audience Communications; VA Gift-Visually Impaired Program; VB Presentation Internet (Wayne County Sheriff's Department); VILA Teachers for Approval; VILB 30-Year Resolution; VILC Teacher Tenure; VILD Leave of Absence; VILE Retirement; VILF Resignation; VIII Reports from the Superintendent; IX Hearing from Board Members. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Nay that the Board approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2000. IVB Minutes of the Closed Session of May 30, 2000. VC Move that the Board exclude Marcel Lee, a Frost Middle School 8th grade student and Aaron Wilkerson, a Frost Middle School 8th grade student from the Livonia Public Schools School District. VLA Move that general fund check nos. 336712 through 338379 in the amount of \$6,069,286.39 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$3,484,201.77 be approved. VLB Move that the Board approve the low bid of \$49,510 from Mask's Plumbing and Heating Co. of Farmington Hills to replace portions of the hot water heat piping at Nankin Mills Elementary. VLC Move that the Board authorize the Director of Operations to sign an easement agreement between the Livonia Public Schools and the City of Livonia to allow William Soeve Building Company to access a sanitary sewer located on the south side of Churchill High School. VID. Move that the Board approve the low bid from Farnell Equipment Company of \$50,566 for additional classroom cabinets and related installation for Stevenson High School. VLE Move that the Board approve the low bid of \$17,560 from Turner Brooks, Inc., to replace floor tile at Stevenson High School. VLF Move that the Board authorize Stoney Creek Services, Inc., to replace the ceiling at Cleveland Elementary School at a total cost of \$93,115. VLG Move that the Board authorize Riteway Fence Co., to install fencing as specified for the low bid amount of \$172,697. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Sale of Bonds: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board approve the bid resolution which will allow the district to sell the bonds approved by the voters on April 10, 2000. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Adoption of Proposed Budgets for 2000-01: Motion by Lessard and Morgan that the Board adopt the proposed budgets for the 2000-01 school year: General Operating, Funded Projects, Special Education, Debt, Building Technology, Building and Site, Special Maintenance, One-Mill Capital Projects Sinking Fund, Milk and Lunch, Health and Welfare Fund, Athletic, Scholarship, and Year 2000 Secondary School Athletic Facility Bond Issue Fund. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

Adjournments: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the regular meeting of June 5, 2000 be adjourned. The tabled items will be addressed at a Regular Meeting of Monday, June 12, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons. Nays: None.

President Timmons adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Public spats between citizens and council members have become common since Gibbons' firing fueled a public backlash from residents who perceived her treatment as unfair and politically motivated.

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Senators co-sponsor bill to ban mercury from schools

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Three western Wayne County state senators have joined 18 colleagues in co-sponsoring a bipartisan bill that will, if passed, prohibit schools from using mercury and substances, products and equipment that contain it.

Sens. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia; Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township; and George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, have signed

on to Senate Bill 1262 introduced by Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak.

The prohibition would take effect after Dec. 31, 2004.

The bill states that if no reasonably acceptable, mercury-free substances and equipment are available after that date, schools will be permitted to use substances, products and equipment which contain the lowest mercury content on the market.

The bill also requires that all

mercury be disposed of in accordance with state and federal law.

The bill was passed out of Bennett's education committee onto the Senate floor, where "no one testified in opposition" to it, according to Hart. It now goes before the House of Representatives for consideration, Bennett said.

"The recent spill at Livonia's Franklin High School, the health threat that it poses, and the potential to wreak havoc in

school led me to sponsor this legislation," McCotter said.

Said Bennett: "They had to decontaminate the entire school building. We have to make sure that is not happening."

"I'm not a school administrator, but I'll bet it (decontamination) is not inexpensive," Bennett stated. "If we can better ensure the health of students and faculty and assure tax dollars do not have to be used for that (decontaminating) then I

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R-Livonia

think it's very worthwhile legislation." Westland John Glenn High School also had an incident

involving mercury. Hart said that mercury "causes brain damage and damages the central nervous system. We want to get it out of school buildings," he said.

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by mail bill**

BY RICHARD PEARL
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John J. Sullivan believes voting by mail is an idea whose time has come.

So the western Wayne County commissioner planned this week to introduce a resolution to the commission urging passage of House Bill 4444, which he said is languishing in Lansing.

Voting by mail is "something that's coming along and I hope to push it," said Sullivan, a Wayne-based Democrat, on Tuesday as he readied the resolution for introduction to the county commission's general government committee.

"There's no doubt in my mind that 10, 20 years from now, it will be done everywhere," Sullivan said, adding that the Internet may be another voting site. "We've already got absentee ballots, so it's not something that's not been done."

In fact, voting by mail is already being done on a limited basis in some states he said. "It should be (made available) for everyone."

Sullivan said he favored also increased penalties for mail-vote fraud.

But his philosophy on that is, "If somebody is going to risk going to jail or paying a fine for one lousy vote, I don't think they're thinking it through very well."

He said the bill has been "sitting in committee. It's a party problem - for some reason, the Republicans don't like it. It's having trouble getting through committee to the House floor."

A fellow member of the committee, Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, called the idea "an interesting concept."

"Anything that helps encourage people to vote is good," she said.

**Walk-in tests
for HIV-AIDS
June 26-30**

The Wayne County Health Department will make it easier to be tested for HIV-AIDS this week by accepting all walk-ins at its Wayne Health Center.

The free service usually is by appointment only at the center, 33030 Van Born Road in the City of Wayne. However, to encourage more people to be tested, that restriction will be suspended for HIV-AIDS Awareness Week. Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 26 to Friday, June 30.

Other county health office sites will offer the testing by appointment only.

"This is an all-out drive to get the message out that people need to be tested," stated Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County medical director.

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Supreme Court candidate says court is too political

Detroit attorney Marietta Robinson knows that unseating an incumbent state Supreme Court justice is a tough task but she's inspired to try because of what she calls the current court's "unprecedented political activism."



Marietta Robinson

Robinson, 48, said she is "committed to making the courts an even playing field for all litigants."

She called the current court "activist and politically driven" and if elected she intends "to bring fairness, experience, independence and a complete lack of any political agenda to the job."

"This activism has resulted in a widely held perception in our state that certain people cannot win before the Supreme Court regardless of the facts of their case or applicable law."

She says this activism can be seen in the current court, which has overturned one case per month while the state Supreme Court from 1987 through 1997 overturned about one case per year.

"It is essential that our Supreme Court diligently fulfill its constitutional responsibilities separately and independently from the political branches of our government."

Although judges run on a non-partisan ballot, political parties nominate them at conventions prior to the election. Last February, Robinson was asked by the Michigan Democratic Party to run for the Michigan Supreme Court. The party also invited Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga and Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward Thomas to run. Marlinga has since dropped out of the race, citing issues in Macomb County, and the Democrats are expected to name a third candidate any day.

The three candidates expect to be nominated by the Democratic Party at this summer's conven-

tion. Robinson and two others will run against three Republicans currently on the seven-member Supreme Court.

The Republic nominees, Robert Young, Clifford Taylor and Stephen Markman, were all appointed by Gov. John Engler, giving the GOP a 5-2 majority on the state high court.

Robinson is a graduate of the UCLA School of Law and holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. She has practiced law since 1978.

Robinson started her legal career in Michigan as an associate in the litigation department at Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman in Detroit where she represented businesses in a variety of matters including antitrust, insurance defense, product liability and general commercial litigation. She was voted into the partnership in 1984.

In 1985, Robinson became the first woman shareholder at Sommers, Schwartz, Silver & Schwartz in Southfield, where she stayed until 1989 when she started her own firm.

During her years at Sommers, Schwartz and in her own firm, Robinson has primarily represented injured individuals in medical malpractice and product liability litigation and some corporate defense work.

Robinson is a member of the state bar in Michigan and California. She is one of 38 Michigan lawyers - and the only woman - in her area of practice listed in "The Best Lawyers in America." She is also listed in "Who's Who in American Law" and "Who's Who of American Women."

She is a fellow of the International Society of Barristers (one of 18 members from Michigan). Membership is limited to 600 trial lawyers nationally who have distinguished themselves as outstanding in the field of advocacy. She is also a member of the American Bar Foundation and the Michigan State Bar Foundation.

Throughout her career, Robinson has been active in teaching as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School, University of Detroit Law School and at the annual University of Virginia and University of Michigan Trial Advocacy Institutes and the Federal Bar Trial Advocacy Program.

She has also taught continuing legal education courses and workshops.

In June 1989, she was appointed by a federal judge in Richmond, Va., as one of five trustees of the Dalkon Shield Trust. As an eight-year trustee, she helped determine how to disburse \$2.4 billion among 300,000 claimants who suffered from the faulty contraceptive device from more than 120 countries.

Robinson has also been a member of the Wayne County Mediation Tribunal for the last 10 years.

Robinson grew up in Spring Arbor, Mich. For the last 20 years, Robinson and her husband have lived in downtown Detroit and most recently in Metamora.

She is a board member of Banbury Cross, an equestrian center for handicapped children in Metamora.

Bills lift crime limitation when DNA is available

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DNA "fingerprinting" is such solid evidence - and can be preserved so well - that there is no longer a need for a statute of limitations for some crimes.

The reason for having a statute of limitations is that memories fade and evidence degrades over time, Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, explained. Years after the incident, lawmakers say, it becomes difficult for the courts to reach conclusions that inspire confidence.

But when DNA evidence can be gathered at the time of the crime, that evidence can be preserved and accurately point the finger at the perpetrator many years later.

It can also clear the innocent, Johnson said. DNA evidence is often used in that way.

Two state senators, Johnson and Dianne Byrum, D-Onodaga, have introduced bills that in essence would eliminate Michigan's current six-year statute of limitations on sex offenses when DNA evidence exists.

Byrum introduced two bills recently, Senate Bills 1308 and 1309, that would allow prosecutors to pursue perpetrators in assault cases in spite of the statute of limitations. Her bill would allow prosecutors to file charges against unidentified suspects, labeled as "John Does," when DNA evidence exists in such a case. The charge would be applied to the perpetrator once

he is identified through a match with the DNA evidence.

"This makes the statute (of limitations) moot," she said. "The prosecutor could file the case and it would wait until the defendant is identified."

Johnson doesn't like Byrum's approach. "She didn't think it out very well," Johnson said. "Prosecutors do the John Doe thing now. That is how they try to get around the statute of limitations now."

She prefers her own version, contained in Senate Bill 1175, which simply eliminates the statute of limitations when DNA evidence can be gathered at the time of the crime.

"New technology has given us advances in solving crimes and identifying criminals. We need to update the tools in the prosecutorial toolbox," Byrum said.

That much Johnson agrees with. "It is the single best tool we have. And we need to keep in the toolbox," she said.

Byrum said her proposal is "just a different approach" to the problem than the one offered by Johnson. Additionally, she said, Sen. William Van Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, is working on another approach.

In the end, Byrum said she expects the bills will be combined into a single plan. She also said the proposals have strong support in the legislature, so she expects they will see quick action in the fall.

9 receive humanities award

Nine graduating seniors from Madonna University in Livonia received the Ernest I. Nolan Award for excellence in a humanities discipline.

The students were nominated by faculty. Established five years ago by the College of Arts and Humanities Division, the award is a tribute to Dr. Ernest Nolan who led the Humanities Division and is now vice president for academic administration at Madonna.

The award recipients are: Ingrid Boatner, television and video communications, of Detroit; Stephen Osinski, fine arts, of Ferndale; Colleen Barney, English, of Garden City; Kirsten Dorsch, journalism, of Livonia; Sharon Hoyer, humanities, of Livonia; Elizabeth Kramak, music, of Rochester Hills; Timothy Dowd, religious studies, of South Lyon; Linda Olgetree, sign language studies, of Sterling Heights; and Joe Kohn, English/journalism, of Westland.

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Bill calls for inspections of schools under construction

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"The only places in the state where the construction is not inspected are the ones where we have our children, where our children go to school," said Michigan Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton.

That will likely change now that senators have agreed to require state inspections of school buildings as they are going up, under a bill sponsored by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

Dingell, a longtime advocate of such inspections, threw his support behind Rogers for the bill, arguing it was functionally identical to one he'd offered earlier. "Being in the minority, I've given bills away before," he said. "I don't care, as long as we get them passed."

Rogers, however, would disagree with that assessment. Press secretary Sylvia Warner argued there are significant differences between the two bills. Rogers' version keeps the inspections within the school code. Putting the inspections in the hands of local building inspectors, as Dingell proposed, might have posed some unanticipated problems, she said.

In any case, with the senate voting approval, the bill is likely to pass in the fall. The House has frequently supported this change in law, Dingell said. The

hurdle has always been the senate.

"Typically, school buildings exceed public building codes, but inspections are not required during construction, and that is cause for concern," Rogers said. "Tragically, this oversight already has resulted in the deaths of several workers who were building an auditorium in a Genesee County community in 1998."

Four workers were killed and two injured when a wall collapsed at a school construction site. Although intended to be load-bearing, the wall fell on

workers. State inspectors determined that it was improperly designed and eventually would have collapsed.

Another building collapse occurred at a middle school in Woodhaven. No one was hurt, but repairs there cost \$6 million.

Warner explained that Rogers' Senate Bill 805 will require school building inspections, which can be conducted either by the state or by local municipal building departments. It will be the school districts' choice. State inspectors will conduct the reviews if there is no one qualified to do the inspection locally.

The issue has a long history. In the 1920s, inspections of school buildings was turned over to the state superintendent because lawmakers believed many local building inspectors did not have the expertise to review such construction. At the time, schools often were the biggest projects seen in many communities. But in 1978, the superintendent turned the responsibility over to the state fire marshal. That office still conducts inspections.

Dingell argued that part of the problem has been in the construction techniques some school

districts have used. In some districts, the building's architect also is the construction manager. That means there is no independent review internally of the design or construction work.

"The teachers and administrators at the Woodhaven school lived for years with conditions - like walls that were bowed 12- to 15-inches off of plumb - that would have horrified an engineer if one had seen them," he said.

A key issue in the passage of the bill was what to do about all the school buildings that have been constructed over the years

without inspections. Dingell said the bill calls for the state inspectors to conduct walk-throughs of those buildings, already up and occupied, as time allows.

Some school officials had objected to the inspections on the grounds it would add costs to the building projects. But Dingell argued the cost should be no more than a half percent of the overall cost of the building.

The bill passed the upper chamber in a 36-1 vote, with all local senators voting "yes." The bill was sent to the House for consideration.

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Seniors find fun at annual picnic

Last Friday was a perfect day for a picnic, so seniors at the Friendship Center did just that.

The annual picnic was held at Coburn Park, right behind the center on Newburgh in Westland. At least 300 seniors participated, said Barbara Marcum, deputy director.

The Art Wyse Band entertained, and the weather cooperated. "In the morning, it looked like it was going to be bad," Marcum said of the weather. "It was breezy and nice. It turned out to be just lovely. It was a lovely day."

There was a balloon toss with prizes and a raffle with prizes. "We sent away a lot of winners."

The picnic featured plenty of good food, with iced tea and lemonade to wash it down. June birthdays were celebrated, with honorees getting cakes and hearing "Happy Birthday" being sung.

"They had a great time," Marcum said. "It was fun."

Now, the work's under way on

the seniors' luau, set for noon to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, in Coburn Park. At that event, a cash prize will be given for the best Hawaiian outfit.

Fine time: Juanita Mills enjoys a fine picnic on a fine day. Some 300-plus local seniors attended the annual picnic last Friday.



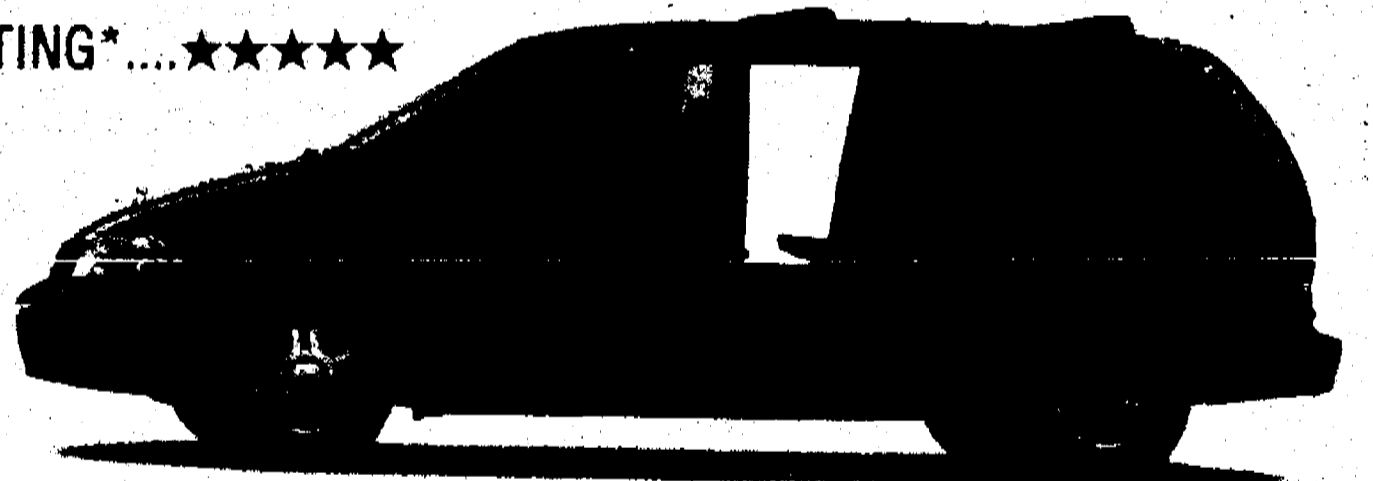
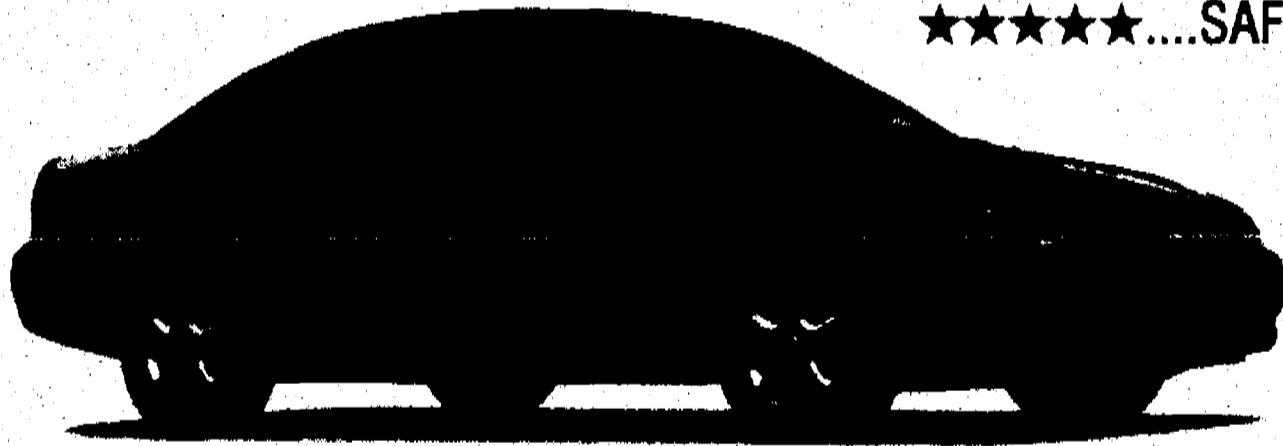
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Train service to continue - for now

Subsidy to keep Amtrak rolling for at least a year

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Amtrak passenger service to East Lansing, as well as Flint, Lapeer, Durand and Port Huron, will continue for at least another year. A state subsidy of that train route has survived the state's budgeting process.

But continuation in future years is uncertain. A committee assigned to the job of revising the state's method of distributing transportation money has recommended that the subsidy be eliminated.

For now, however, passenger train service along Amtrak's international route - running from Chicago through East

Lansing and Flint to Toronto - will continue through the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Lawmakers voted June 8 as part of the state's transportation budget, to subsidize the route through an allocation of \$5.2 million.

The potential loss of the route had brought an outcry from state lawmakers.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, had said the loss of the train would affect 60,000 riders from mid-Michigan. About half of the riders, he estimated, are Michigan State University students who depend on rail to get to and from school.

Rep. Larry Julian, R-Lennon, said the loss of the train could be economically devastating to the Durand community.

The train runs three times a day.

Amtrak spokesperson Deborah Hare explained that the rail company is on a drive to make routes self-supporting by the year 2003. Without a state pay-

ment, Amtrak would have to end the service, lose money or reroute the train from Chicago to Detroit.

Hare noted that on the Detroit/Chicago run, the train would share the tracks with three other services, cutting the track operating costs to a quarter. As the only train running on the East Lansing, Durand, Flint, Port Huron route, that Amtrak service has to cover all track costs along that line, she said.

Responding to senate complaints that the train service needs improvement, particularly in being on time, Hare said Amtrak has launched a customer service program intended to address those problems. The tracks are dispatched and controlled by other carriers, so absolute assurances of being on time are not possible, but she said Amtrak will be offering a guarantee program to be unveiled in the coming month.

Teens in high demand for summer jobs

(PRNewswire) - The summer labor market for teens is tighter than ever.

The Michigan Department of Career Development projects teen unemployment at only 9.8 percent this summer, down from 10.5 percent last summer.

That means teens are a valuable workplace commodity. Because small employers are so anxious to find good workers, teenagers have a great opportunity to get the kind of job that lets them learn and grow. The Small Business Association of Michigan has these top five tips for young people hunting for summer employment:

Tip 1 - Check out a local small business. A small business owner is more likely than a big employer to take a chance on giving you your first job. You'll probably work directly for the person who owns the business. And, working at a small business, you're more likely to get training at a wide variety of tasks so you'll be better prepared for your next job.

Tip 2 - Network. Half of all jobs, and many of the best ones, are not even advertised. Ask your friends, neighbors, relatives and local businesses if they know of any job openings.

Tip 3 - Know yourself. If you understand your

own strengths, limitations and occupational interests, you'll do a better job selling yourself.

Tip 4 - Prepare for the job interview. It's the ultimate opportunity to prove you are the best applicant. Dress neatly, be polite and be confident.

Tip 5 - Say thank you. Even if you don't get the job, making a good impression and being courteous can lead to future job leads.

The Michigan Talent Bank is a great resource for teens looking for work and small businesses looking for employees. The Talent Bank, which is Michigan's Internet-based public employment system, can be found on the Web at www.michworks.org.

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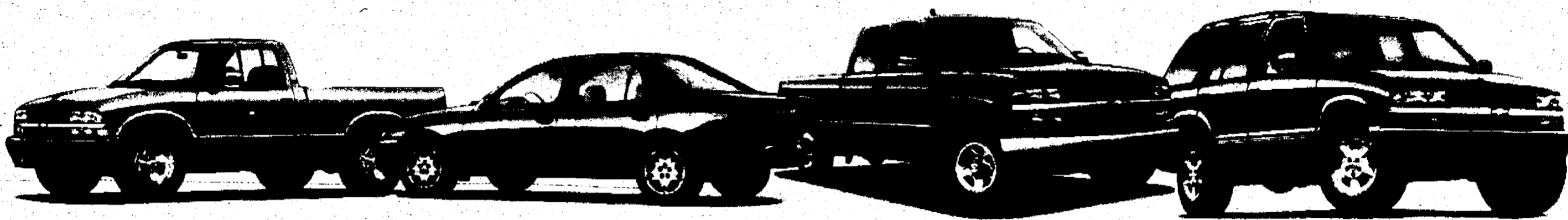
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Festival fun Westland gala sure to please

Come on down!
Or up, as the case may be, but in any event plan to visit the Westland Summer Festival in Central City Park and environs.

The event - Thursday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 4 - promises a good time for old, young and in-between. In addition to such highlights as the parade (10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 1) and the fireworks (dusk Tuesday, July 4), there'll be carnival rides, entertainment, food galore and just a general good time.

Organizers have worked long and hard this year to put on the best possible Westland Summer Festival. Whether it's a pie-eating contest you crave or the ever-popular Baby and Toddler of the Year contests, you're sure to find it.

The festival gives Westland residents and family and friends from other communities a chance to socialize and be entertained. The annual event contributes to a sense of community, reminding us all that we are truly neighbors.

All those who worked and will work to put this year's festival together deserve a round of applause for their efforts.

Beyond that, of course, it's just a lot of fun. Even if your squeamish tummy doesn't allow you to go on the rides, you can always people watch. The car show (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 1) gives many a chance to reminisce about their younger days while looking over the cars of days gone by.

All those who worked and will work to put this year's festival together deserve a round of applause for their efforts. Such volunteerism is laudable, and the people who give their time and talents to put the festival together deserve credit for their contributions.

Mark your calendar now for Thursday, June 29, through Tuesday, July 4. Elsewhere in this newspaper is information on festival specifics, so pick what you like best and come on down - or up!

Common-sense approach best on driving use of cell phones

They're still yacking away... motorists on their cellular telephones, and lawmakers who want to lessen the dangers of that practice.

Last year, The Observer said in this editorial space that people were becoming concerned about the ubiquitous cell phone, especially when it was used by motorists who needed to keep their eyes on the road, their hands on the wheel and their minds on the task at hand: driving.

We pointed out that research showed that cell phone usage while on the road increased drivers' accident rates by four times - roughly the same rate of increase experienced by drunken drivers.

We suggested that the use of cell phones in cars should be neither restricted nor banned, and that a little common sense on the part of the phone-packing public (and perhaps some thought and innovation by the industry itself) would make such legislation unnecessary.

Now, about nine months (and countless crashes) later, State Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, has proposed a bill that would add penalties for an infraction if a police officer concluded that the use of a cell phone contributed to an accident or traffic violation. The additional penalty would be \$25 tacked on to the fine, and one more point on the driver's record. An article about the bill appeared in most editions of The Observer on June 1.

Patterson's proposal deserves serious consideration. We still can't condone banning cell phone use while driving. To do so would be an illogical response to a technology that has become an integral part of the communica-

tions and business worlds. As the Nextell advertisement says, cell phones "are how business gets done."

And we realize there can be other distractions for drivers. Women have been spotted applying makeup behind the wheel. Some men shave while rolling along. Fiddling with tapes and CDs, tuning in a radio station or just lighting a cigarette can distract a driver and lead to trouble.

Yet, Patterson's bill is specific to cell phones. One purpose, he said, is to look into the common belief that wireless communication in particular is distracting to drivers.

Well, while the issue is being explored, we offer a few common-sense tips for phone-using motorists:

- Remember that driving is job one. If traffic is getting too hectic, better ring off and call later, perhaps on a land line.

- Whenever possible, leave the phone in the holder and make use of the speaker feature. (While advising this, we have to add that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found no improvement in accident rates for those who used hands-free technology, leading researchers to conclude that it was the conversation itself that diverted the attention of the drivers.)

- Use a speed dialer or voice-activated dialer if there is one. Never look up phone numbers while driving.

- If possible, let a passenger make/take the call.

- Pull off the highway, perhaps into a parking lot, to make your call. Remember, though, police say it can be dangerous to be parked on the shoulder of a busy road.

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GEORGE BROOKS



LETTERS

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Service needed

As this is a presidential election year plus another federal government offices are voted for in November 2000, I cannot understand why MediaOne and Time Warner Cable have dropped C-SPAN-2 and are considering dropping C-SPAN.

These two cable channels are the only ones which focus on the truth about the candidates. You also see the Senate and House in session and learn how they vote on bills that affect our pocketbooks (taxpayers' dollars).

I hope everyone who has cable TV service will call their cable company and demand they put these two channels (C-SPAN and C-SPAN-2) back on if they have canceled them. The phone number is on your cable bill.

Be an informed citizen! Only in America can we all vote for those we want to lead us, so register and vote. It's our country isn't it?

Lydia Cohn
Westland

pay?

The gas companies raise the price they sell on speculation of the increase of price they might have to pay and the gas station dealers pass the increase to use for the same reason. If the price hike speculation does not happen, do the gas station owners repay us for the increase in prices that didn't materialize? No. The price seems to increase around the weekends or holidays. I have to wonder, did the price of the gas already in their (underground tanks) increase, or did the company they bought that gas from call and tell them they didn't pay them enough for the gas in their tanks and demand to paid more, and the gas station owner willing pays the increase that is demanded of them?

I don't think the end customer is dumb enough to believe this. I wish I had another option, but if I want to use my car, I have to pay their price.

Jim Work

Thanks from victor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people in the Wayne-Westland community who took the time to vote on June 12. A special thank you goes out to my supporters, who took time out of their busy schedules to make phone calls, talk to neighbors, work the polls or do just one of the many jobs that go into a campaign.

I appreciate the trust you have shown by electing me to the school board, and I pledge to make decisions which are in the best interest of children. I look forward to working with the other members of the board, the administration and staff, and the citizens of our district in providing a quality education to our children.

Once again, thank you.

Cindy Schofield

Commitment counts

To all who have worked on the (Sharon Scott) recall signature drive, or to all who signed, we say thank you. We are winding up the signature drive this week and are asking all who have petitions to please call Brenda at 729-2805 or Georgia at 729-1605 to make arrangements to pick up or deliver those petitions. If you haven't signed, and you wish to, please do call, and we will certainly come and allow you to sign before we turn them into the Wayne County clerk.

It has been a lot of hard work, but with perseverance and determination we have succeeded in what we set out to do. We have gone door to door, and listened to the people of this community, and definitely understand your concerns. It couldn't have been done without commitment and a belief in what we were doing, nor could it have been done without all of you who came to us to sign, or signed when we came to your door. We will continue with what we have started, and in July you will be seeing us again, as we begin the signature drive for the other council members.

Thank you again, for your time, your work, and for your commitment.

Brenda Gracin

Gas woes

I guess I just don't understand about the once or twice daily hike of gas prices. The price each dealer paid for the gas in their tanks didn't increase; they paid the price it was when it was delivered so why should we have to pay for the future price they will have to

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What advice would you give this year's graduates?

We asked this question at the Westland library.



"Go to college, and stay close with your friends."

Jenna Cover
Westland



"Save and invest. We talked to a financial adviser and he said everything is in long-term."

Ken Taylor
Livonia



"Just do it. Study hard. It's going to get hard."

Angela Donald
Westland



"Work hard, be optimistic. Enjoy life."

Kria Chesdie
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Put human values above those of the machine

Want a quick lesson on the state of the world today? First, watch the movie *The Matrix*. It is futuristic fiction in which Keanu Reeves wakes up to find himself in a world where the machines have taken over. He joins the resistance, headed up by Lawrence Fishburne, and together they "hack the matrix" to do battle with "sentient programs."

Next, get yourself a copy of the book *Technopoly*, by Neil Postman. An educator and author, Postman argued in his 1994, 220-page essay that the machines have already taken over. In fact, they've been in control of things for some time.

You might be skeptical, but Postman makes a compelling case for it. No, the machines have not stuffed us into pods to draw bio-electric energy from us. Rather, we've abdicated control by adopting a mindset that places machine values — like "efficiency" and "productivity" — above human values.

Technopoly is the name Postman gives to a society and culture that distrusts human judgment when it contradicts machine judgment because "computers don't make mistakes."

Sound familiar? Maybe *The Matrix* isn't fiction after all. And maybe it isn't about the future. Case in point: we would all agree that it is important for kids to get a good education, but Postman asks the question, "What is an education for?" A typical answer would be, "so you can get a good job when you grow up." A presidential commission on education has described the purpose of schooling almost exclusively in those terms.

But others might describe the purpose of an education differently. Great thinkers of the past might say its purpose is to teach us to participate in our democracy, to understand how to protect and exercise our rights. Still others might say the purpose is to make us independent, critical thinkers. Or, as Postman puts it, perhaps the purpose is to prepare us to participate in "The Great Conversation," the discourse of human dialogue from the beginning of history to the present.

Keep in mind that the economy itself is just another tool. Not a machine in the common sense of the word, but a human invention devised to do a job, namely to carry on com-



MIKE MALOTT

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merce and regulate trade. To say the purpose of education is to "get a good job," Postman argues, is to limit its purpose to teaching us how to serve the economy — to become "tools of the tools."

But we can combat that mindset. Postman suggests we should become "loving resistance fighters," always remembering to put human values above machine values. In school, teachers should put an emphasis on classic culture. By looking at the art and music, theater and writing of the past, students can begin to understand that there are other ways of doing things.

Schools should stay well away from popular culture, he says, already doled out in huge quantities by our massive media machine. "There is no excuse for a high school sponsoring a rock concert when students have not yet been exposed to the works of Chopin," or other great composers, he argues.

This line of thinking begins to put a new light, for me anyway, on a proposal by the Local Education and Recreation Network for a half-mill property tax in Wayne and Oakland counties. If approved by voters this fall, it would raise \$36 million for regional cultural institutions, like the Detroit Institute of Arts, Cranbrook Art Museum, Meadow Brook Theatre, Greenfield Village, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera

Theatre. About one third of the money would go to communities for local cultural activities.

A primary emphasis would be to support programs in which students from area schools can go to some of these cultural institutions to experience and learn about the art and music of the past. It is sure to be controversial. It involves a tax, after all. You can expect lukewarm support at best from some of the area's leadership. Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, questioned at a recent conference, said he wanted to see it on the ballot but that he won't campaign for its passage.

It might, nonetheless, turn out to be one good way for us to resist having our culture and past swallowed up by a society obsessed with the new. It might be a good way to fight the growing "technopoly," and to get our kids involved in that "Great Conversation."

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LETTERS

View disputed

Mr. David Cox is in error when he says only two people who had already spoken were not allowed to speak at the last council meeting June 8. First of all, if these people had spoken it was not in citizens' comments which gives them the right to speak during citizens' comments. There were several who had not spoken at all that had requested to speak and I was one of them.

This is not the first time this has happened. In fact, Trav (Charles "Trav" Griffin) himself admitted that

during one meeting I had my hand up to speak and he adjourned the meeting before I spoke. Even then he was in error, as he claimed I was the only one with my hand up to speak when in actuality my hand was the only one he acknowledged seeing. Others at both meetings were ignored as well. But then how would Dave know since he so quickly admitted to Carol Black that he was not paying attention to anything she was saying?

This lack of courtesy seems to be common practice as far as David Cox is concerned... The arrogance and total disrespect to the citizens of

Westland by David and other council members is what is destroying peace and harmony in this city. Both Dave and Trav have a tendency to change rules from meeting to meeting and even minute to minute. They continually go against the needs and wants of the citizens and in the last meeting against the city attorney with the selling of city property.

At one meeting, Trav claimed that these lands need to be sold because the city wasn't in the real estate business and city property didn't generate revenue through taxes. Well, neither does land that is sold and taxes are

not paid or are forgiven to certain parties. I would think that more revenue would be generated by getting occupants in the 40-plus vacant business spaces along Wayne Road and how about vacant buildings throughout the city? Vacant buildings cause blight and deterioration to a city and it doesn't generate revenue. It must be a matter of how you look at it or that's what our present council would like us to believe, but I for one don't.

Judy McKinney

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Developers aren't all bad guys

For those who are concerned about keeping Michigan a green and pleasant place, the bad news is that development is proceeding at literally an unprecedented rate. The good news is that there just might be a way to accommodate development with preserving entire ecosystems.

In the past, developers often took the position that the land was theirs and anybody who wanted to stop the bulldozers was one of those crazy tree-huggers. For their part, many environmentalists never met a developer they didn't hate.

Caught in the middle, local government officials as often as not stuck their heads in the sand. At heart, they were hobbled by thinking about environmental issues in ways that were confined by the boundaries of their own village or township. They might, for example, try to preserve that part of a wetland within their own jurisdiction but find themselves unable to prevent development next door that could wreck the entire interconnected ecosystem.

Recently, however, an outfit called the Michigan Natural Features Inventory has finished a groundbreaking study that identified more than 200 sites in Michigan that are both ecologically significant and threatened.

Sponsored in part by the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, the study for the first time offers a way to identify ecologically sensitive areas and provide local government officials with a way to help out.

Consider Oakland County, one of the largest (1.2 million population) and richest (ranked third nationally) counties in Michigan. Amazingly, the Inventory found that Oakland County is home to some of the most unspoiled ecosystems in the state.

For example, the study identified two of the largest intact prairie fen systems in the state, both in Oakland, the Buckhorn Lake complex in Rose Township and the Long Lake system in Springfield Township. A prairie fen is a system of connected wetlands that sustains plants and animals, some rare and a few threatened. There are around 100 prairie fen systems in Michigan, but most are small and in bad shape. The systems in Oakland County are mostly intact and largely pristine.

Another Oakland County example concerns the Huron Swamp, nearly 2,000 acres of wetland in Springfield Township that forms the headwaters of the Huron River and is one of the most sensitive sites in southeastern Michigan.

In response to the information developed in the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, six northern Oakland County communities are collaborating to pass area-wide developmental policies aimed at preserving and protecting entire ecosystems that may cross their boundaries. The six — Springfield, Highland, Milford, Rose and White Lake townships and the village of



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Milford — propose to work together in a literally unprecedented way.

Although most of southern Oakland County is fully developed, the northern tier of townships is still largely untouched. But the threat of uncontrolled rapid development spurred local officials into thinking collaboratively about how to protect the natural features of the area. The six communities propose to rethink their development plans and local ordinances to encompass the entire area and the threatened ecosystems that spill across individual local government boundaries.

Although it's still a work in progress, environmentalists are enthused at the prospect. Helen Taylor, state director of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, says what's going on in northern Oakland County is "wonderful, an incredibly important and thoughtful step for local communities to protect the quality of life in important places."

She also held out a hand to builders and developers: "I want to believe there are many positive opportunities out there to work together with developers. The Conservancy has had many positive encounters in finding compatible ways to find and recognize the economic realities while also preserving important places."

Taylor points out that the Natural Features Inventory provides everybody — developers, environmentalists and local government officials — with a detailed database setting out important ecosystems and how they overlap traditional local government jurisdictions.

Leaders in Oakland County deserve a big hand for trying to work out entirely new solutions to old problems. I hope local governments in other areas of the state will follow their lead.

For more information regarding the Natural Features Inventory, contact the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy at (517) 332-1741.

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Businesses, governments cited as 'River Friendly Partners'

Eighteen businesses and government offices in western Wayne and southern Oakland counties were among 24 honored Thursday as "River Friendly Partners."

The companies were lauded at Nankin Mills in Westland by Wayne County's department of environment and the Rouge program office for not polluting the Rouge River.

In particular, they were cited for recycling, for not using their water hoses as brooms and for not dumping trash and garbage into storm drains.

Participating firms are recognized by the River Friendly Partner decals displayed in store and office windows.

Honored were:

Farmington - Colonial Car Wash, King's Garage;

Livonia - Entela, GPD, Guardian Environmental Services, Guardian Plumbing & Heating, Haber Operations, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., Orchard Hiltz & McCliment Inc., Picker Medical Systems and SNAPP;

Garden City - Dairy Queen;

Plymouth - Ilmore Engineering; **Plymouth Township** - Freudenberg NOK;

Redford Township - Midwest Auto Auction;

Southfield - Classic Touch Car Wash.

Also cited were two Wayne County environmental department offices: The Henry Ruff Field Office in Westland, which is in the division of public works, and the Watershed Management Division in Wayne.

The six Detroit businesses recognized were Aladdin Glass & Mirror, Heavenly Gates Funeral Home Inc., Joe's VCR, Scott Simpson's Fish & Chips, Universal Coney Island and Universal Weather Strip.

The River Friendly Partner program, sponsored by the county environmental department, is aimed at preventing further pollution of the Rouge through education and increasing business owners' awareness of the river's fragile condition.

It teaches business people they can help restore the river by changing everyday practices

such as keeping the Dumpster lid closed and storing materials under cover. That way, pollutants are kept from entering the storm drain system and, ultimately, the Rouge.

Getting a River Friendly designation begins with information being given to the business owner or manager on best cleaner management practices.

After an on-site visit, the operator completes an assessment form. The company then completes an action plan and, once improvements are made, it is visited again.

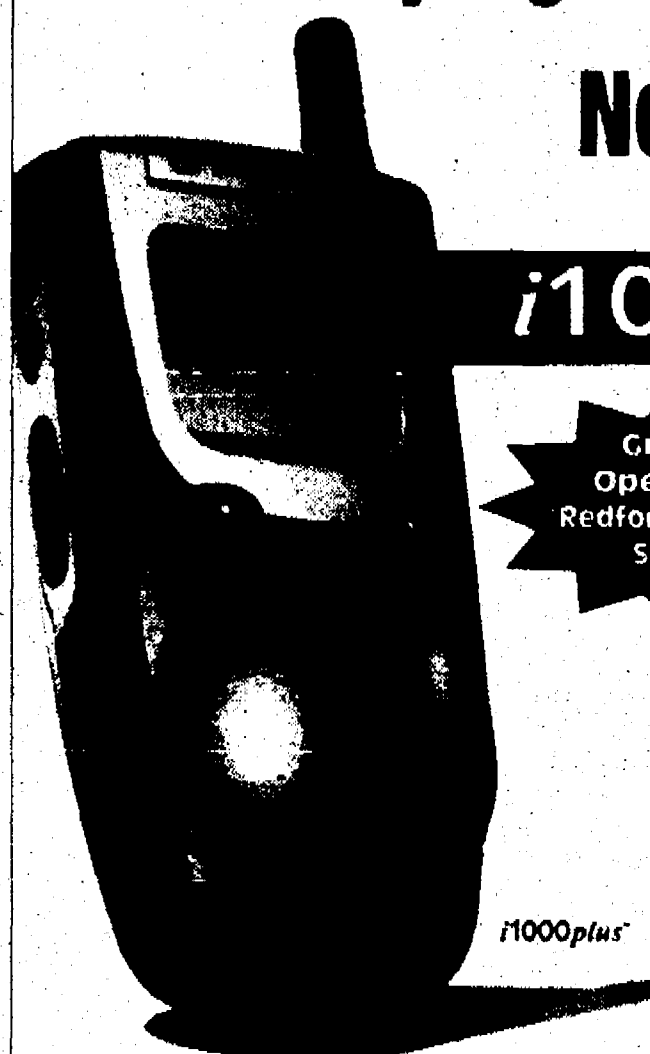
Those businesses making improvements are asked to sign a pledge to continue their pollution prevention efforts. They then are given a River Friendly logo.

The River Friendly Partner program is funded through a United States Environmental Protection Agency grant. It is part of a coordinated effort to help all area communities comply with the Clean Water Act to restore and protect the Rouge.

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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Control tactics do more harm to marriage

Have you ever noticed that when partners get into a fight, more times than not the solution is to not talk about it again until the next time?

Maybe this doesn't happen in your marriage, but as one who has counseled hundreds of couples and their children, the reoccurring pattern seems to be: blow-up, stop talking (shut down).

When an argument does not get closure, it's not uncommon for one or both partners to pull out secondary "weapons" that serve to get control. Therapists would call these control tactics. These are tools that get back at the other party. Jean and Peter get into a gigantic fight about money. Peter looks at the credit card statement for the month and sees how much Jean has spent and typically goes into orbit.

Recently, after the monthly argument, Peter took it upon himself to pull the card from Jean's wallet to "get back" at her. A common control tactic used to punish the other person. The next morning, Jean wasn't feeling well and couldn't get out of bed. Peter's response was to ignore her and callously walk out the door for work without so much as a goodbye (another form of retribution).

Later in the day he called her and she said, "I could have been having an appendicitis attack or something and you wouldn't have cared." Her control tactic included laying guilt, sulking and making him feel sorry for her.

As Jean reflected on the credit card conflict in marriage counseling, she realized that her M.O. at the time of the argument was to avoid trouble by not talking, giving up in the middle of the conversation, deciding on her own that it wouldn't do any good to talk about the problem with Peter, thus pretending to go along with him when she strongly disagreed.

In her mind, she would continue to use the credit card to spite him ... another passive-aggressive control tactic.

Couples therapy helps couples discover and verbalize their individual control tactics that have no doubt served them well over the years. After acknowledging and addressing them aloud, both parties then write up their list which will be utilized when arguments erupt. This detailed inventory of conflict-control-tactics shows each person how they injure the relationship through their own self-protection.

Jean and Peter needed to know that their arguments didn't need to be so painful and tempestuous. In fact, if the marriage or relationship ends up being a place where you have to defend and protect yourself, where can one feel safe?

Jean and Peter decide that putting a finger on the nose would signal the other person that they didn't appreciate the control tactic that was now coming out. Changing a habit takes 21 days, so paying attention to the tactics we use takes a conscious effort on the part of both parties. The beauty of learning these strategies with a therapist's help is that it sets up a framework where the two people begin to work together. Their goal is to learn healthier problem-solving strategies.

So what happened to Jean and Peter? With the therapist's help, they identified when their tactics were being used as a defense, stopped the interaction and began compromising. The therapist proposed that Jean begin paying the bills and that is when Jean realized the stress that Peter was under at the end of each month when the credit card bill arrived. Peter felt tremendous relief when Jean became part of the solution by taking over the bills.

Today, the couple admits that the control tactics were immature and took away from building intimacy. By being willing to "own" their behaviors then change them, not only has their relationship been strengthened, but they are good role models for their children.

Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland. If you have questions e-mail her at mdowns@wvcc.k12.mi.us

Football 101: Academy for women benefits cancer fund

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Hundreds of women aren't the traditional audience University of Michigan head football coach Lloyd Carr is used to coaching but he and his staff tackled the challenge Saturday, June 17, at the second annual Michigan Football Women's Academy.

"For a little girl like me I did pretty well for myself," said Paula Boegner of Westland, one of 450 women participating in the event, and a University of Michigan alumna. "A group of five of us went. We left our husbands at home and had a great time. I ended up playing tight end."

Approximately \$30,000 was raised from the five-hour academy to benefit the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor, according to Janine Kish, a spokeswoman from the center.

Fund-raiser

"As a cancer survivor I think this is a neat fund-raiser for the cancer center," said Pat Recker, 63, of Livonia whose three sons graduated from the University of Michigan. "I had a wonderful day that was very educational. Everyone was so friendly and sincere about their enthusiasm."

The Michigan Football Women's Academy was initiated in 1999 by Carr, who coached football during the mid-1970s at John Glenn High School in Westland, to help women understand and learn the game while benefiting the "Coach Carr Cancer Fund," established to supplement patient care and wellness programs within the U-M Cancer Center.

"We're going to teach you about the fundamentals of football and of the things you take for granted when you watch the game. When you leave here you'll know more about football than your husbands, brothers and sons. You

may be a little undersized," joked Carr, "but you're smart and tough and that's all that matters."

Taking charge

Under the direction of 2000 Academy Director Erik Campbell, a former Wolverine player and current wide receiver coach, the women learned about terminology, rules and regulations, player equipment, team offense and defense, special teams and nutrition.

"It was much different than I thought," said Boegner, 37. "It was more hands-on. I was afraid it was going to be a lot of classroom stuff that was technically driven but it was quite the opposite."

Learning side by side teammates, ranging in age from teenagers to women in their upper 70s, participants were divided into groups for personal coaching by Wolverine football coaching staff members and football players.

"The fact that everyone who participated, from the coaches to football players, really made it seem like they wanted to be there ... that made it more enjoyable," said Karen Perkins, 35. "My friends and I are already talking about doing it again next year. The real clincher is that all the money is for a good cause."

Participating at their own comfort level, Carr and his coaches repeatedly encouraged "the women to go with the flow" and "have a lot of fun."

Having fun

"You are the best looking, best smelling football players in the country," said coach Campbell to the women who packed the bleachers at Oosterbaan Indoor Fieldhouse in the Michigan Football Complex. "We all know someone who has been touched by cancer, whether it's a family member or friend. The staff would like to thank



Catch: Pat Recker of Livonia tries not to fumble the ball during the exercise.



Helping hand: U of M head football coach Lloyd Carr helps football academy member Mariela Gomez tuck the ball into position. Karen Perkins (below) from Canton, performs an agility drill while team mates cheer in support.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

you for your participation. We hope you enjoy coming out today knowing it's for a good cause."

Perkins and Debbie Spencer, both of Canton, said the walk through the tunnel onto the turf of the Ann Arbor football stadium was definitely one of the highlights.

"I have to admit that the walk through the tunnel was kind of euphoric," said Perkins. "My husband was impressed when I came home talking about the center and the right and left guard. I felt like I learned a lot."

Organizers said the event would not have been possible without the sponsorship and donations of Macaroni

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If you would like information about the Michigan Football Women's Academy or want to make a donation to the Coach Carr Cancer Fund call at (734) 615-0665.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Woman gains strength from family tragedies

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

One year after a series of personal tragedies forced Amanda Arnett to close her Garden City hair salon, the Westland woman still juggles a hectic schedule but has found the energy to launch another business.

Arnett's life took a turn four years ago when her daughter's boy died three days after being born. At the time, Arnett couldn't imagine anything more painful.

"I thought that was the worse thing that we could ever go through," Arnett, 57, said.

But, she learned there would face many more trials. Ten months after her grandson died, her daughter's husband died from cancer at 32.

Then three years ago, that daughter, Marsha Henry, 38, had a second child, this time a boy, but all was not well.

"After coming home from the hospital she started having dizzy spells," Arnett, a 20-year Westland, resident said. For up to 15 seconds at a time Marsha would become disoriented and not remember what happened.

Doctors found a four-leaf-clover-shaped aneurysm in her head. Marsha suffered a major stroke during an operation to clamp the blood vessels off and was in the hospital for three months. Meanwhile, her new-born baby, Dylan Cole Sweet, stayed with Arnett and her husband, James, who is disabled with heart ailments and receives Social Security disability payments.

Arnett worried that little Dylan wouldn't thrive without his mother. "I took him twice a day to the hospital and lay him up to her chest and have her give him his bottle by wrapping her arm around him, because she didn't have any use in the one arm," Arnett said. "Her doctor told me that was the best medication I could ever do for



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Dedicated: Amanda Arnett of Westland (front) started a cleaning business with her granddaughter Leslie Broyles (center) and daughter Sherri Hunter.

her."

When asked how she deals with so much responsibility, Arnett said: "I just do. I guess it's just what you call unconditional love. You just do when you'd love to lay down yourself. You just have to keep on going. The bright spot of the whole thing is that baby. He is absolutely a gift from God, as are all my grandchildren. He's brought a brightness in the darkness."

At the beginning, caring for Dylan was all-consuming. Arnett had to close her beauty salon, "It's a Good Look," which she owned and operated for 10 years on Ford

silk flowers and everything else that might attract dust mites.

"It's not the dust mites that we're allergic to, it's their fetuses," said Arnett who knows first hand the discomfort the microscopic creatures can create.

Allergic to dust mites, Arnett said her condition has improved since she began deep cleaning her own home. "It's a lot of work, but my asthma attacks have been minimized. People need to do it and don't get it done, especially if they work. We'll clean out the closets and vacuum them and put the stuff back in."

Workers from Amanda's Deep Cleaning will go after mold under sinks, in garbage disposals and throughout homes. In fact, Arnett said that workers will do just about any indoor cleaning job.

Clients won't need Amanda's Deep Cleaning services every week, but Arnett believes they will call on her at least two to four times annually. The fee is based according to the size of the home.

"My allergist recommended I do this. He said, 'You're a hard worker. You just go ahead and see what comes of it.' I'm just a girl from Detroit trying to make an honest living. My husband's medication is so expensive. I had to come up with the idea."

Three years later Marsha and Dylan are still living with the Arnetts. Marsha's whole right side remains paralyzed. Even though she has improved, some, Marsha depends on her mother to do just about everything, except feeding herself and getting herself dressed. She's able to walk with a cane but still suffers from brain damage.

Call Amanda Arnett at (734) 595-8806 for more information about the residential services Amanda's Deep Cleaning offers.

ENGAGEMENTS

Bushnell-Owsley

Roger and Barbara Bushnell of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Lynn, to Stephen Tye Owsley of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College and a master's degree from Queen's University in Northern Ireland. She works as a product developer at Detroit Regional Chamber.

Her fiancé, son of John and Linda Owsley of Hudson, Florida, is a Wayne State University graduate who will attend graduate school in 2001 in the field of industrial and organizational psychology and computer and information systems.



An October wedding is planned at St. John's Church in Plymouth.

Gill-Blanchard

Telford and Sally Gill of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Anne-Marguerite to Thomas Blanchard of Wisconsin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bentley High School and has an associates degree in marketing from Schoolcraft College. She is employed with United Airlines.

Her fiancé, son of Irvin and Dellora Blanchard of Wisconsin, is an engineer at Tower Automotive.

An August wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine with a reception following at Fox Hill Country Club.



The couple plans to reside in Wisconsin after honeymooning in Europe.

Lavery-Burke

Joseph and Audrey Lavery of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Ann, to John Steven Burke of Traverse City.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Michigan State University and will graduate May 2001 with a degree in Russian language.

Her fiancé, son of David and Susan Burke of Traverse City, is a recent graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education. He will spend the fall student teaching in Lansing.

An August wedding is planned at South Baptist Church in Lansing.



A July wedding is planned at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Mokense, Ill.

Kenote-Trudell

Joan Kenote of Ann Arbor announces the engagement of her daughter Christina to Nicholas Trudell of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in business and finance at Eastern Michigan University. She is an account manager at Allstate Insurance in Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Lyle and Sue Trudell of Livonia, is a licensed builder and foreman for a Brighton electrical and construction company and is working towards an electrical license.

An outdoor wedding is planned in August at Hawthorne Valley Country Club.



VanDyke and Dave Godwin will be best men at the ceremony.

A reception will follow at Burton Manor in Livonia. They have plans to honeymoon in Hawaii.

The couple will make their home with dog, Trigger, in Livonia.

Read Malls & Mainstreets in your Sunday Observer

ANNIVERSARY

McMullen

Dee and Pauline (Grady) McMullen will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary next month.

The Plymouth couple wed on July 16, 1928 in Proterus, Tenn. and have lived in the area since 1941. Dee McMullen worked for Unisys and Hines Park Lincoln Mercury, while Pauline works as a homemaker.

The couple's eight children are Dale McMullen of Westland, Tom McMullen of Fenton, Doris (McMullen) Sluder of Arkansas, Ron McMullen of Howell, Don McMullen of Livonia, Larry McMullen of Plymouth, Harry McMullen of Plymouth and Jack McMullen of Canton. The family also includes 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

The McMullens are members



of Plymouth United Assembly of God.

To celebrate the occasion, the family will gather for a reunion picnic at one of the children's homes.

WEDDING

Shaieb-Bovitz

Anthony and Mary Ann Shaieb of Farmington Hills announce the marriage of their daughter, Katharine Ann, to Robert Anthony Bovitz of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy in Farmington Hills and received a bachelor of science degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. She works as an architectural designer for Marco Design in Northville.

Her husband, son of Robert L. and Maureen A. Bovitz of Wyandotte, is a graduate of Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview and the University of Detroit, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He is now president of Bovitz and Co., C.P.A., P.C. in Trenton.

The couple wed before the Rev. Daniel Murphy on December 10, 1999 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Grosse Ile. The bride was attended by matrons of honor Sharon LaGory and Carri Goldring and bridesmaids Jeanne Jankowski, Andrea Sal-



loum, Nina Augustin and Sue Strickfaden.

The groom was attended by best man Don Juback, and groomsmen Mark Jankowski, Bill Lyke, John Duyck, and Tony, Steve and Nick Shaieb.

The couple received guests at Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club and took a trip to Mont-Carlo, Paris and southern France.

They are building a new home in Canton.

Buech-Flaherty

Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Buech of Livonia and Mr. and Mrs. James Flaherty of Paxton, Ill. announce the engagement of their children, Linda Carol Buech and Sean Brodie Flaherty.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and she earned her bachelor of science degree in marketing from Western Michigan University. She currently works as an assistant store manager at Eddie Bauer in Orland Park, Ill.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Knox College and is currently a social studies teacher at Momen-

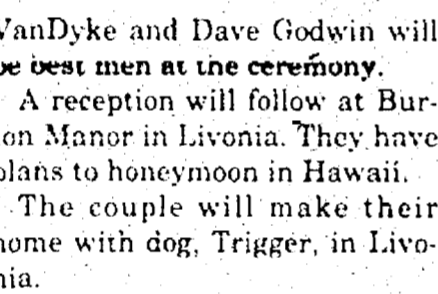
Jakubus-Campbell

Gerald and Beverly Jakubus of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne-Marie to Kurt Paul Campbell of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a student at Oakland Community College and works as a secretary to the principal of North Farmington High School in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé, son of Richard and Marcia Campbell of Farmington Hills, earned his masters degree in classical literature from Eastern Michigan University and works as department head and English teacher at Farmington High School.

A July wedding is planned at St. Mary's of Orchard Lake. The Rev. James Wright will preside. Tonya Feige will be matron of honor and Bryan Potts, Dan



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Orthodox church elevated to cathedral status

St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, the oldest Orthodox church in Michigan, is to be elevated to cathedral status in July. Established by the Russian community in 1907, the church was, for a time, the only Orthodox church in Michigan and functioned to serve the wider Orthodox community as well. Services begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 1 with Pontifical Divine Liturgy, which will include consecrating the altar

with relics of three Holy Martyrs in preparation for the elevation ceremony. On Saturday evening are Great Vespers at 6 p.m. with His Grace Bishop Job in attendance. Services continue at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 2 with Pontifical Divine Liturgy. During this service, the solemn ceremony of elevation will take place. Also, the church cornerstone will be blessed. On Sunday afternoon there

will be a celebration dinner/dance at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia. Fellowship hour is from 1:30-2:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Entertainment will include ethnic and American music for dancing. For more information contact Father Michael Simerick at St. Peter & Paul (313) 563-6399.

Christian band storms in from Sweden

A long way from their home, The Roke EFS Orchestra, a group of young Christian musicians from Sweden will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. The show will mark the 70-person, big band's sixth tour of the United States over the past 24 years. The stop is part of the group's three-week Midwestern tour, which includes only 19

performances. Sponsored by the Fellowship Ministries of Tempe, Ariz., the band is touring through Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. The repertoire includes spirituals, gospel songs, hymns and folk music that is sure to appeal to all ages. With their latest album, titled *Vision*, the band continues its tradition of spreading

the Christian word in music. The 70-piece band boasts members of the Swedish Royal Band, which travels with the King and Queen of Sweden, the top trombonist with the Tivoli Gardens/ Danish Radio Big Band, and other talented musicians. The concert will be free to the public and held at the church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton. Call (734) 459-3333.

RELIGION CALENDAR

GOOD SHEPHERD VBS

Join us for Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile Road in Redford (corner of Kinlock/Six Mile). Theme will be 2000 Ark Avenue: God's Great Get-together. Program runs every Wednesday in July from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for all ages. Visit the Ark and explore what it means to be a part of God's family. Hear Bible stories, enjoy supper, crafts, recreation and worship. Register today by calling (313) 537-3778.

YAU BARBECUE

On Saturday, June 24 the Young Adults of Unity will be having a barbecue at Bell Creek Park Picnic Area B at 4 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your choice of meats. Drinks and desserts provided. YAU is for singles, couples, high school graduates, college students and all young adults ages 18-35 who seek fun and fellowship. Bell Creek Park is located on Five Mile Road between Inkster and Beech Daly in Livonia.

MUSICIANS FROM SWEDEN

You won't want to miss this presentation of instrumental excellence by young Christian men and women. Their style ranges from classical to folk songs, gospel, pop, spirituals and jazz. Band members come from the southern province of Skane (Sweden) and most are in their late teens and early twenties. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. The concert is 7 p.m. Saturday, June 24; and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 25 at Holy Trinity Lutheran (39020 Five Mile) of Livonia. For information call (734) 464-0211.

UUCF SUNDAY SERVICE

The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

presents "Deliver Us Not" a humorous and insightful play directed by Donna Svoboda, featuring three "about to be born" individuals debating whether or not there is life after birth. Acted by Donna Svoboda, Dave Durham, and Lisa Hayhow. The program begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 25. Note: As is our custom, the church will be closed the month of July. June and August services are at 10 a.m. only, with no Sunday school, but child care will still be available. Church is located at 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). Call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.com/~uuecf

ST. RICHARD ANNIVERSARY

St. Richard Parish of Westland will celebrate their 40th anniversary. The even will start with a parish picnic on the parish grounds on Sunday, June 25 from 1-5 p.m. Former parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to attend call the rectory (734) 729-2240 and let them know how many will be attending.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

St. James Presbyterian Church will host a Strawberry Festival after the Sunday, June 25 service at 10 a.m. The church is located at 25350 W. Six Mile Road in Redford Township. Call (313) 534-7730.

FIRST BAPTIST VBS

A baptist bible school will be hosted by First Baptist Church of Wayne from 9 a.m. to noon June 26-30. Outback Games is an interactive learning experience for kids kindergarten through sixth grade. It's a fun way for kids to learn about the God who created them and loves them and the relationship they have by opening their hearts to

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NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Howie and Diane Brumfield** of Redford announce the birth of their son **Alan Michael** born April 27 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Howard and Anna Brumfield of Redford and Jerry and Doris Hoenschel of Redford. Greatgrandmothers are Anna Wayman of Redford and Betty Brumfield of West Virginia.

■ **John and Nancy Moorman** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter **Carolyn Anne** born May 18 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins sister Nathalie Paige, 33 months. Grandparents are Margaret Beamish and the late John M. Beamish of Bloomfield Hills and Jane Moorman-Mays of Tennessee.

■ **Andrew and Christie Staley** of Garden City announce the birth of **Luke Thomas** born

May 19 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Luke joins brother Andrew Jay, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Jay and Bonnie Warner of Garden City and Tom and Dolores Staley of Garden City.

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

■ **Beth and Sean McGeorge** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter **Abigail Shannon** born May 22 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Abigail joins sister Bailey Catherine, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Bill and Maxine McGeorge of Westland and Barry and Barbara McNabe of Westland.

■ **Linda and Dana Myers** of Canton announce the birth of their son **Andrew David** born June 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Andrew joins sister Emily Ann, 5 1/2 and Matthew Lee, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Roy and Carol Pelfrey of Plymouth Township and Molly and Michael Berman of Ypsilanti. Greatgrandmother is Josephine Ostrander of Livonia.

■ **Jamesha Bell and Eric Nelms Sr.** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Eric Von Nelms Jr.** born May 29 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center - Wayne. Grandparents are Helen and Jimmie Bell of Westland and Debbie Nelms of Belleville.

■ **Margie and Jeff Robertson** of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter **Ashlyn Robertson** born May 19 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center

in Wayne. Grandparents are Pat Racinski of Wayne and Mike and Linda Robertson of Livonia.

■ **Timothy and Debora Blair** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Benjamin Timothy** born May 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Benjamin joins sister Melissa Ann. Grandparents are Joyce and Horace Hopkins of Garden City and Theodore and Geraldine Blair of Southgate.

■ **Craig and Georgia Vowles** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Chase Turner** born May 15 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Chase joins siblings Joshua Craig and Kailey Danyel. Grandparents are Ron and Barb Vowles of Grass Lake, Patricia Hancock of Inkster and Robert Hancock of Romulus.

■ **Angel Morina and Steven Kelly** of Westland announce the

birth of their son **Devin Austin Morina** born May 6 at Garden City Hospital in Garden City. Grandparents are Mrs. and Mrs. Bill Fletcher of Fallon, Nevada and James and Patti Addington of Inkster.

■ **Michael and Jan (Baker) Erisman** of Westland announce the birth of their son **Sean Michael** born May 7 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Sean joins brother Ian Michael, 2. Grandparents are Walter and Joanne Baker of Punta Gorda, Fla., and James and Marjorie Erisman of Westland. Greatgrandmother is Kathryn Clemens of Westland.

■ **Christopher and Marcia Petersen** of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, **Tara Marilyn** born May 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Tara joins sister Rachel Gloria. Grandparents are Gloria

and Arthur Krol of Plymouth and Marilyn Blom and Harold Petersen of Sioux City, Iowa.

■ **Steve and Dawne McWilliams** of Canton Township announce the birth of **Brady Benjamin** born May 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins sister Devon, 8. Grandparents are Jim and Bonnie Robertson of Plymouth and Jim and Mimi McWilliams of Belleville. Marion Finch of Inverness, Fla. is his great-grandmother.

■ **Carla Martin and Joel Burke** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Cameron Joel Burke** born June 14 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Cameron joins siblings Brandon, 21; Carly, 19; and Drew, 4. Grandparents are Martha and Joseph Ault of Northville and Valerie Czerwinski of Westland.

FUND-RAISING & BENEFITS

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

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FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON
Greater Grace Temple-Taylor (24111 Kothe) will host a fashion show and luncheon at noon Saturday, June 24. Sponsored by the Women's Day Committee at Greater Grace Temple-Taylor, this fund-raiser extends beyond fashion into education and spiritual awareness about a continent and its people. "Women of Grace" will model traditional and afrocentric fashions with a western twist. Garments and accessories from Senegal, Ghana and Nigeria will be displayed. Cost is \$10. Vendors are invited to exhibit their wares. Space for vendors is \$50. Call (313) 295-4472.

GOLF CLASSIC
The fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield to benefit breast cancer. New this year are two starting times of 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffet or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and great prizes (week at a Florida golf resort). LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics. Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are desig-

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JULY FLEA MARKET
Vendors are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church flea market to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. (Next to Big Boy Restaurant on Wayne Road). Space available. Cost is \$20 per spot. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

JUST ZOO IT UP
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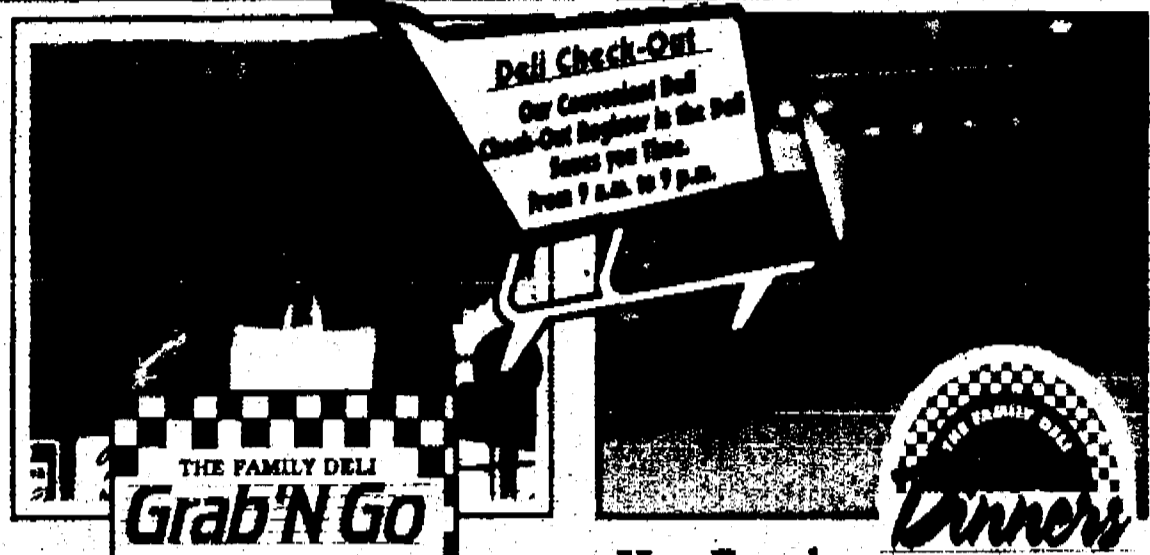
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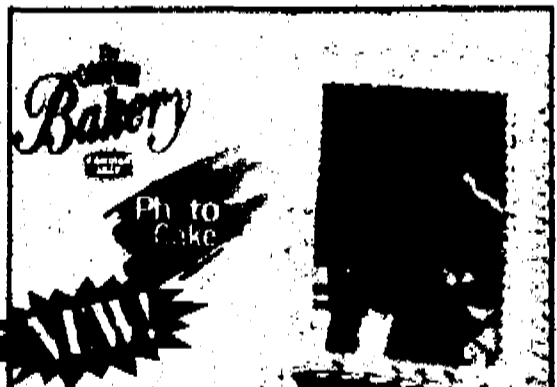
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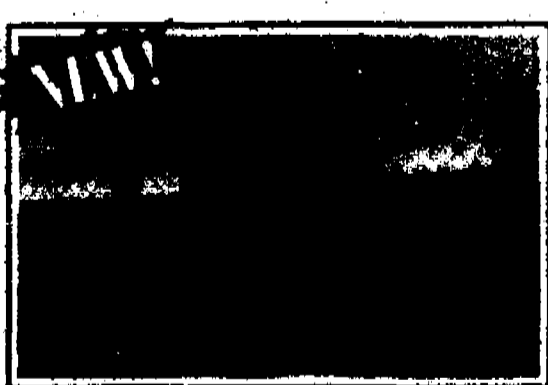
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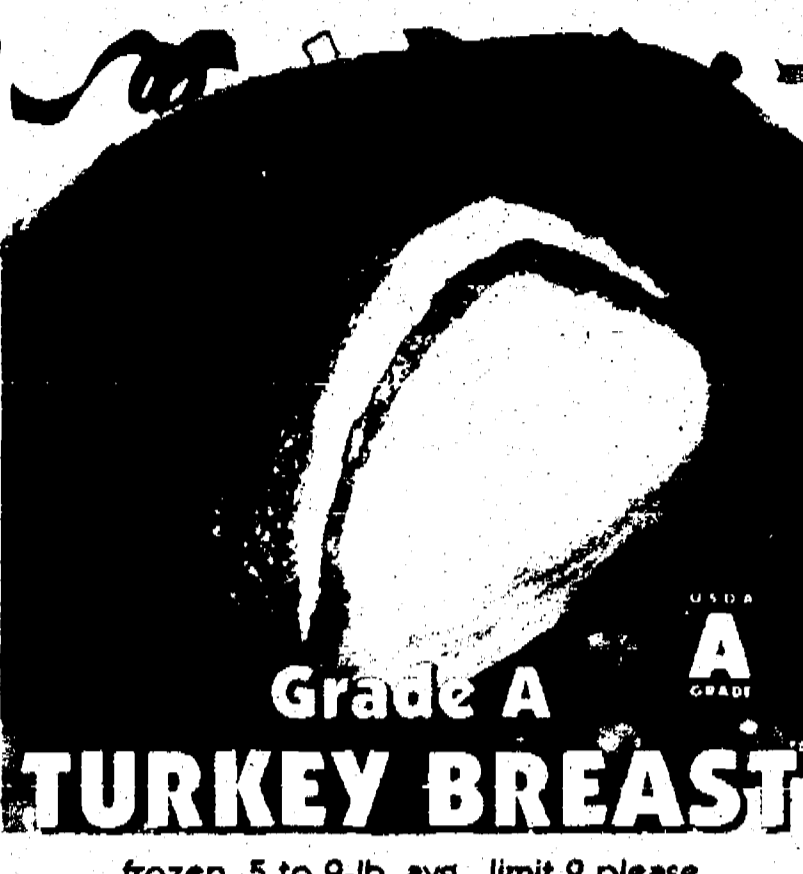
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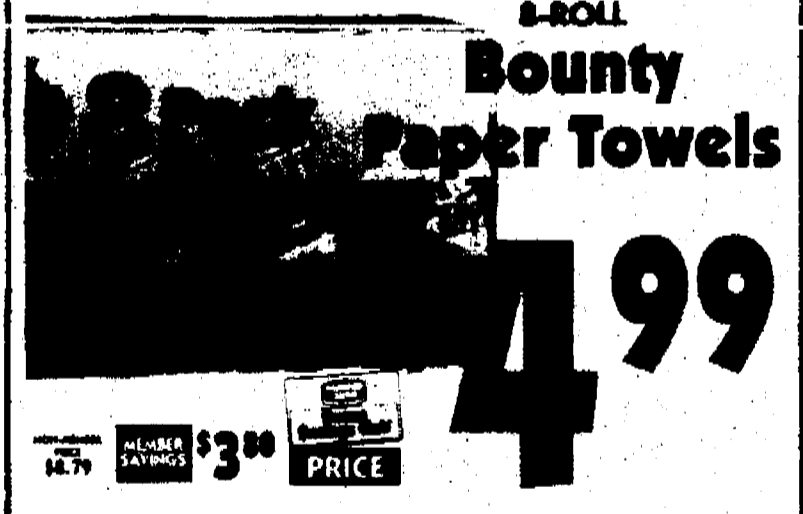
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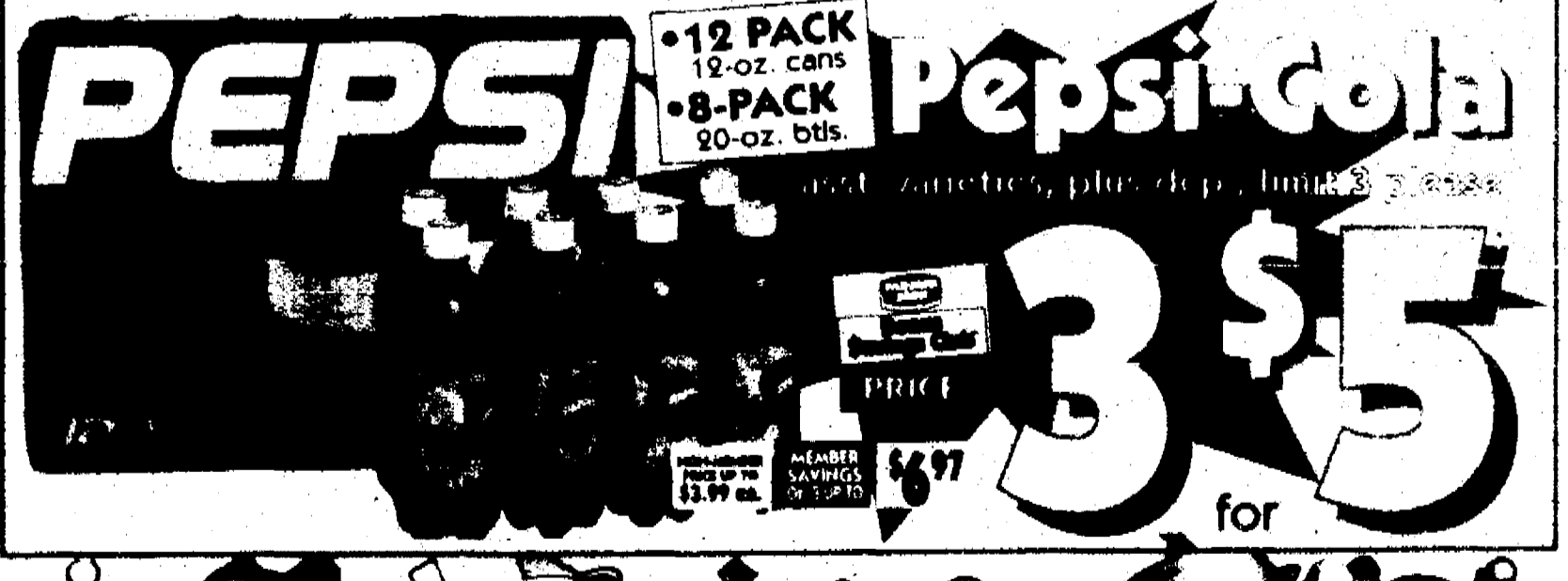
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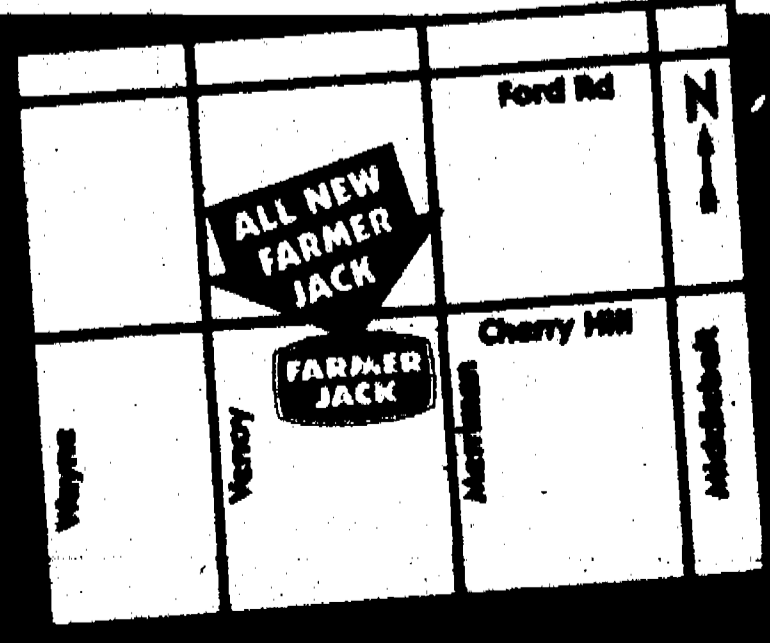
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Wayne coach had banner year

WALTONWOOD GIRLS SOCCER

Wayne Memorial girls soccer coach Larry Brenner has coached the team for 30 years. This year's team was particularly successful, finishing with a 16-4-1 record and winning the Mega Conference's Blue Division record with a 13-0-1 record.

Starting Lineup: Goalkeeper: Kristina McCahill; Defenders: Kristina McCahill, Jenny Clark, Christine Raupp; Forwards: Kristina McCahill, Jenny Clark, Christine Raupp.

Reserves: Kristina McCahill, Jenny Clark, Christine Raupp.

Coaches: Larry Brenner, Don Smith.

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER
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Coach Larry Brenner had an inkling early in the spring that this was going to be a breakout year for his Wayne Memorial girls soccer team.



Larry Brenner
Coach of Year

"This is the first group where we had an unofficial JV team — they all started out together as ninth graders," Brenner said. "Plus, we only had three graduates from the year before."

The Zebras made a dramatic improvement from their 7-7-2 season in 1999.

This spring, Brenner's squad finished 16-4-1 overall, best in school history, and won the Mega Conference's Blue Division record with a 13-0-1 record.

Their season came to an end with a 1-0 loss to host Dearborn in the Division I district championship.

"Basically the formula of our success was total teamwork," said Brenner. "They were very

unselfish. They would rather pass off than score."

Brenner, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, is a counselor at Franklin Middle School. He has been employed by the Wayne-Westland Schools the past 30 years.

Before launching a varsity program at Wayne, Brenner coached JV soccer at South Lyon and spent time in both the Wayne-Westland and Little Caesars youth soccer leagues (where both of his sons played soccer).

Wayne will be hard hit by graduation as All-Blue Division honorees Kristina McCahill, Jenny Clark and Christine Raupp will be gone.

But 28-goal scorer Alana Green, a sophomore, returns.

"We'll be hurting in a couple of spots, but we have some JV kids coming up who are chomping at the bit," Brenner said.

As for this year's first-team All-Observer selections, many are repeat selections.

Among the list are Andrea Sied, Lindsay Gusick and Cheryl Fox, all of Livonia Stevenson; Anne Morrell, Plymouth Canton; and Christen Shull, Plymouth Salem.

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FIRST TEAM
Anne Morrell, Sr. forward, Ply. Canton: The junior led the Chiefs in scoring with 39 goals and eight assists. She was voted co-recipient of the Miss Soccer award, tied with Troy Athens' Tiffany Laskowski.

Morrell made the all-state team and was a Parade All-American.

"She was the catalyst of our team," Canton coach Don Smith said. "She was our main go-to person. She brought up the level of play of the other players."

"She was definitely one of the main reasons we were runners-up at state."

Lindsay Gusick, Jr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: Gusick finished the year with 20 goals and eight assists, raising her three-year career totals to 68 goals and 30 assists.

She made All-Western Lakes, All-District, All-Region and first-team Michigan Dream Team. She is also an Adidas All-America and member of

the U.S. National under-16 squad. "Lindsay's the best pure soccer talent I've ever coached," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "She's strong, fast, creative and very dangerous."

"2001 should be very exciting." "She's very unselfish and is always a threat while in the game. Her commitment to fitness and hard work took her to another level this year."

Megan Urbats, Sr. forward, Liv. Stevenson: Finished her career with 30 goals and 23 assists after posting 13 goals and 11 assists her senior year for the WLAA co-champions.

The All-Western Lakes choice also made All-District, All-Region and first-team Division I All-State.

Urbats will attend Western Michigan this year on a soccer scholarship.

"Megan is my MVP," Kimble said. "She's one of the hardest working players I've ever coached and she always shows up for the big games."

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"She's a great person and has only scratched the surface of her soccer career."

Kristin Leszczynski, Sr. midfielder, Liv. Churchill: A four-year varsity performer, Leszczynski was the Chargers' co-captain.

"Kristin is very strong in the air, a very talented passer who sees the field extremely well," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "She played 80 minutes a game with no change in the level of her play. She played hard the whole time and was very coachable."

Leszczynski, an All-WLAA pick, will play this fall for Grand Valley State University.

Amanda Lentz, Jr. midfielder, Ply. Canton: Lentz was the Chiefs' attacking midfielder this season. She scored 16 goals and 14 assists.

She made the all-regional, all-district and all-conference teams.

"She was like our point guard in basketball," Canton coach Don Smith said. "She was our main playmaker."

"She's a very tough player and very intense. She's a good player in the air."

Abi Morrell, Sr. midfielder, Ply. Canton: The senior co-captain scored three goals and 10 assists. Morrell made the all-regional, all-conference and all-district teams.

"She was one of our key players, defensively," Canton coach Don Smith said. "She was a team player. She usually marked the best forward of the other team."

Morrell will attend Western Michigan University next fall on a full-ride soccer scholarship.

Andrea Sied, Sr. defender, Liv. Stevenson: The 1999 Miss Soccer was a four-time first-team All-Observer selection who played on two state championship teams and one runner-up squad in the state finals.

She finished with eight goals and nine assists as a senior, raising her career totals to 35 goals and 22 assists — not bad for a defender.

Sied made first-team All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and the Michigan Dream Team. She is a four-time Dream Team selection by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. She is headed to MSJ.

"Andi will never be replaced," Kimble said. "I only hope we've learned from her leadership and competitiveness. She defines Stevenson soccer and I'm a better coach and person because of her."

"I'll miss her dearly."

Cheryl Fox, Sr. defender, Liv. Stevenson: Fox, a repeat selection from a year ago, will attend Western Michigan next year. She also played on two state championship and one state runner-up squad during her career.

The All-Western Lakes pick made All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State.

She finished her senior year with four goals and five assists. Fox had 10 goals and 14 assists in her career.

"Cheryl has been the backbone and spirit of our team for four years," Kimble said. "She's a great team leader and the best athlete we have. She never backed down from a challenge and always stood up to the

task she was given. "Cheryl is a fighter and a true athlete."

Karen Kramer, Sr. defender, Liv. Churchill: A four-year varsity player, Kramer played numerous positions successfully for the Chargers including marking back, sweeper, stopper and center midfielder.

"Karen always marked the opposition's toughest forward," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "She was a physical, hard-working and extremely well conditioned. She played all 80 minutes of a game."

"She was also very coachable," Kramer, the Chargers' co-captain, will play this fall at Eastern Michigan University.

She was also an All-Western Lakes selection.

All Edwards, Sr. defender, N. Farmington: The All-Western Lakes players was a four-year varsity starter, team MVP the last three years and two-year team captain.

Edwards played forward in three games this year and responded with three goals, but her forte was defense and stopping opposing scorers.

"As a defender, she's extremely fast and anticipates very well," North coach Tim Russell said.

"She anticipates the opposing forward's last touch, sweeps in and takes the ball away. (Conversely), I didn't see anybody take the ball from her all season."

The Raiders held WLAA powers Canton and Stevenson to three goals each and Salem two, "and a major part of that was Ali," Russell added.

"She's not a sweeper who just clears the ball; she always passes the ball. She was good at distributing the ball after she got it."

Christen Shull, Sr. defender, Ply. Salem: Shull played sweeper for the Rocks and scored six goals and had six assists.

She earned all-conference and all-district honors. The senior plans to play at Madonna University next season on a soccer scholarship.

"As our sweeper, Christen was asked to anchor the defense and our defense had 12 shutouts throughout the season," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "She was a major part of those shutouts."

"She always came to play every game and for the big games, she stepped up even more."

"As far as knowledge of the game, she is one of the most knowledgeable players I've ever coached."

Jill Dombrowski, Jr. goalkeeper, Ply. Salem: Dombrowski had a goals against average of .678 and played 16 scoreless halves. She earned five shutouts and had a record of 8-2-1.

Dombrowski received all-conference and all-district honors.

"She was dominating in goal," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "She covered the whole net. She could stop the high shots and low shots."

"She was a leader on our team and will be a captain as a senior next year. She always came up big. She's a good goalie."

Michigan Hawks
 The Michigan Hawks, an under-9 girls soccer team, is seeking talented players. Tryouts will be at noon Sunday, June 25 at Livonia's Jaycee Park, located in the Eight Mile and Farmington Road area.
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Rams win 2-of-3 in Adray baseball

The Michigan Lake Area Rams won two of three games over the weekend in Adray Collegiate Baseball League play.

The Rams opened Friday with a 7-2 win over Hines Park at Ford Field, using a three-run sixth inning to crack the game open.

Chris Mitchell led the way by going 3-for-5, while Nick Dedeluk (Madonna/Redford Thurston) was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and John Drallos was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Brad McCloskey got the win, while Phil Kommer earned the save.

On Sunday, the Rams exploded with a six-run third inning to earn an 11-1 win over Bally's.

Mitchell kicked in with a pair of RBI and a 2-for-4 performance at the plate, while Mike Hayes (Redford Union) was 2-for-3 with two RBI, Dedeluk was 2-for-3 with two RBI and Peter Varon was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Joel Halliday (Madonna/Redford Union) earned the win, allowing two hits and five strikeouts in three innings.

The winning came to a halt on Monday as the Windsor Selects stopped the Rams, 8-5, at Ford Field.

Hayes and Matt Rigley (RU) were both 2-

for-4 with a run scored and Dedeluk and Chet Rees (Westland John Glenn) also added hits. Dale Hayes (Madonna/John Glenn) took the loss.

Wilson, McCrohan star for Travel

Dan Wilson tossed a complete-game three-hitter and Joe McCrohan clubbed a two-run homer to break a 2-all deadlock, leading Livonia Travel to a 4-2 triumph over Lincoln Park in a Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation Connie Mack (ages 16-18) game Tuesday at Livonia's Bicentennial Park.

Wilson struck out 12 and walked four as Livonia Travel raised its record to 5-1.

Brian Campbell had two of Livonia Travel's five hits. McCrohan, Pete Pinto and Shawn Casey had the other Livonia hits.

On Monday, Joe Ruggiero pitched a seven-hit complete-game, lifting Livonia Travel past the Michigan Rams in a game Monday night at Oakland University.

Pinto, who plays shortstop, led the Livonia offensive attack with a pair of doubles.

Tim Lawson, Brian Campbell and Ryan Krol also collected two hits apiece, while McCrohan, Bill Rabe and Brad Buckler contributed one each.

Livonia Bulldogs romp, 27-1

The Livonia Bulldogs had out the whipping sticks Monday, rolling to a 27-1 mercy rule victory over Plymouth Salem in a Mantle Division (ages 15-16) Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation game at Ford Field.

The Bulldogs are now 2-1 in division play.

Gary Zielke (Stevenson) led an 18-hit offensive attack, going 4-for-4 with a homer, two doubles and four RBI. Sean Sugrue (Redford Catholic Central) and Josh Stack (Redford CC) each knocked in three runs, while Bret Burton (Royal Oak Kimball), Eddy Conz (Redford CC), Billy Marsack (Stevenson), Daniel Wilks (Redford CC), Matt Humenay (Churchill) and Andy MacKellar had two RBI apiece.

Marsack also scored four runs, while Wilks crossed home plate three times.

Matt Lenhoff (Redford CC) pitched the first three innings for the victory before giving way to Sugrue and Bernie McDonnell, both whom worked one inning each.

On June 12, the Bulldogs fell 4-3 in nine innings to the Southwest Dearborn Heights Hawks at Taylor Truman High School.

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1-2-3 in the sixth and seventh innings.

"The one good chance we had was when we loaded the bases," said Salter. "We had a full count and the runners were moving on the pitch, so if there was a hit, we tie the score. But we couldn't do it."

CC also had chances in the first inning when Ryan Rogowski had a one-out single

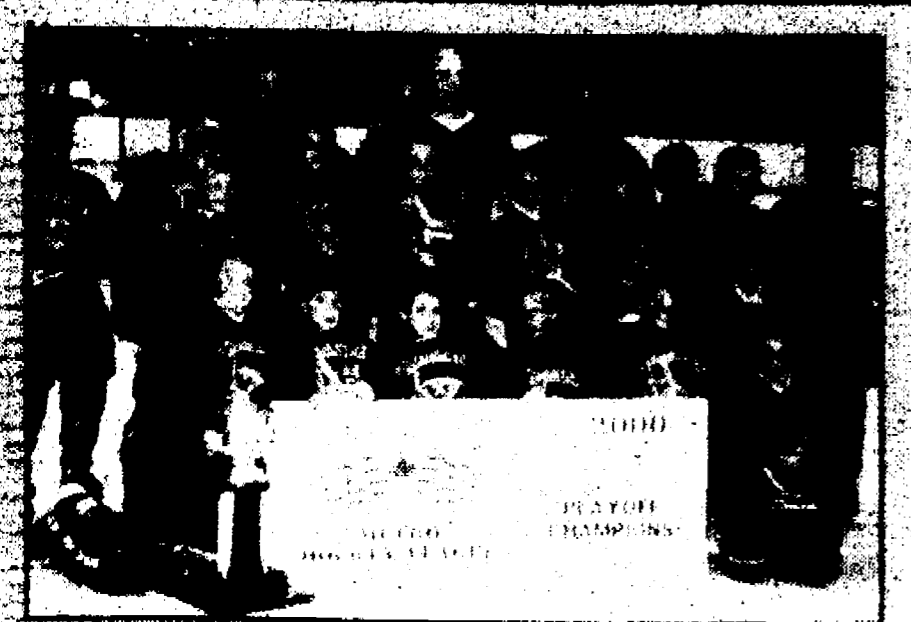
and stole second, but didn't score, and in the second as Phil Marrone followed Tovey's sacrifice fly by reaching on an error and Entsminger walked.

"It happens that way sometimes," Kelly said. "Still, a game like this is wonderful for the league. It's awfully nice to have the division recognized, and if you look at it, these

aren't even the two best teams in the league according to the wins and losses."

Entsminger agreed.

"We've played them four times and we knew what they had. What are the chances of this happening with two schools in the same league? It would have been nice if it was reversed, but it was just their time."



Spring shootout champs: The Livonia Squire Thrashers captured the Select Division of the Metro Spring Shootout Hockey League with a 1-0 win June 3 over the USA Tornados as Stephen Greco tallied the game-winner midway through the second period. The Thrashers reached the winner's circle with victories over the Fraser Stars (5-0), Livonia Wild (7-2) and the Livonia Sabres (7-0). The Thrashers, who had a goals against average of .815 en route to a 14-0-2 record, now move on to the Tournament of Champions against state winners from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin. Team members include (front row, from left) goaltender Nick Armbruster, Chris Meadows, Jason Popiel, Kyle Schwarz, Kellen Lynch, Drew Sieber; (second row, from left) Dan Darrow, Derek Johnson, T.J. Kavanaugh, Jacob Hewitt, Keith Yockley, Stephen Greco, Zach Roberts, Brent Mlahowski, Rick Lorenz, Joe Byrne; and coaches (back row, from left), Chris Greco, Steve Johnson and Rick Lorenz.

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"What I'll always remember about Roger is his preparation, you never ever worried about officials' contracts being signed because they were done a year ahead of time," Buckler said. "The eligibility forms were always right with the state association."

"What stands out about Roger is that he let us run our program. He was loyal to his staff and if a problem arose, he stood on our side and worked through it. He always worked to a solution."

"And when you talk to other A.D.'s, they always spoke highly of him."

Stevenson custodians Sam Collinsworth and Ed Killmar will also miss Frayer's presence around Stevenson.

"Roger gets stuff done," Collinsworth said. "When he says he'll do it, he'll do it. He treats our department well and you feel a part of the crew. He plays things fair and square, the same with Collier."

Added Killmar: "Whether it was getting you food at halftime or giving us jackets, or inviting us to his golf outing, he treated you like staff. He had a bunch of good workers working for him."

Frayer is a lifelong Livonia resident and made an impact on all three Livonia high schools.

He attended Jefferson Elementary School when it first opened, moved on to Emerson Junior High and was a standout athlete at Franklin.

Frayer played on the Patriots' first undefeated football team (1964) and was a teammate of National League Rookie of the Year Bernie Carbo on a powerhouse Franklin baseball squad.

Frayer attended Alma College where he earned double major in English and Physical Education. He played football and baseball for the Scots. During summers he served as an elementary school playground leader at Jefferson School for Livonia Parks and Recreation.

Frayer then was hired to teach English when Churchill opened its doors in 1969.

It was there that he formed a relationship with head football coach Ken Kaestner. In 1975, Frayer won Churchill's only state title when he guided the varsity baseball team to the 1975 Class A crown, beating Bob Welch and Hazel Park.

In 1978, with teacher layoffs looming, Frayer accepted an offer from Stevenson principal Dorothy Bentley to become Stevenson's third athletic director, replacing Carl Fetz.

"I felt if I took an administrative position I could save my job," Frayer recalled.

Frayer was thankful he could rely on two fellow A.D.'s, Franklin's George Lovich and Churchill's Larry Joiner, to get through the transition.

"During those first 10 years I was lucky," Frayer said. "When I took over I learned from George and Larry. All I had to do was call those guys and they would help."

Frayer quickly adapted to his new position and was a part of several major changes. Stevenson left the Inter-Lakes League to become part of the Western Lakes Activities Association in 1983.

Frayer also served as the WLA's historian and was the in charge of ordering all medals and trophies. The past 10 years he served as chairman of the league.

As A.D., Frayer also maintained a solid working relationship with the Stevenson Booster Club. The Friends of Stevenson golf outing, held each September, has become a major fundraiser.

"We started out with guys like George Massab and Ed Spala,

who were a big help," Frayer said. "It went from an exclusive all men's booster club to having a woman now, Laurie Colley, as our president."

"It's done so well because those people have put an incredible amount of time and money into it. It's just not an athletic booster club anymore, the focus has changed. We've been able to underwrite things such as the Quiz Bowl; to the senior all-night party."

I always got the sense there

was a real family atmosphere in athletics at Stevenson, and Frayer was largely responsible.

My relationship with Frayer was also unique.

I played recreation playground sports for him as youngster. Even during those days, I learned quickly that Frayer was an intense competitor and a disciplinarian.

Once I became a member of the working press, we'd sometimes clash, but he always understood the role of the media

and he always went out of his way to make guys like me feel important.

A phone call from Frayer never went unreturned, a question never went unanswered, a sports schedule never arrived late.

On Monday morning, Frayer was out fertilizing the field.

"You'd think the last couple months some guys would be coasting, but not Roger," Knittel said. "He's going to go hard right to the end."

We went out to lunch at the Sideline (Fox Creek Golf Course) to talk about his impending retirement. In a show of my appreciation, I wanted this lunch to be paid by the Observer.

Frayer, however, beat me to the punch.

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Spirit of the Irish comes alive at Frog Island



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Grupai Ceol: Jeremy Kittel (left clockwise), Colleen Shanks, Colleen Burke, Tyler Duncan, Megan MacLeod, and Sean Gavin practice some of the music they'll be playing at Frog Island.

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A journey to the top of Knocknarea in County Sligo influenced Cathie Ryan's music almost as much as the years she spent growing up in an Irish home in southwest Detroit.

Early on, Ryan's father Tim and mother Mary passed on the traditions of Ireland, its myths, and legends. But it was the trek up the mountain to visit the cairn of warrior queen Maeve that inspired the Irish-American singer to write songs about her heritage.

Like the trip to the mountain, Ryan's own life has been a musical journey. As a young girl she learned to sing at her father's knee and by age 7 was beginning to perform regularly with him at the Gaelic League on Michigan Avenue. Later, Ryan would further her skills of sean nos, the art of unaccompanied traditional singing, in studies with Joe Heaney in New York.

Ryan brings traditional songs sung in Gaelic as well as her original music to the Frog Island Festival in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town Sunday, June 25. In addition to Ryan, the all-Celtic day features traditional and contemporary music by The Drovers, Solas, The Paperboys, and the Detroit-Ann Arbor Grupai Ceol who travel to Enniscorthy in August for the All-Ireland Competition.

Reason for the song

"Before singing you tell the reason for the song," said Ryan in an interview from her home in South Salem, N.Y. "Whenever my dad gave me a song, he'd explain its meaning. You can't sing a song unless you know where it's from and what it's about."

Ryan spent every summer learning about the origin of those traditional songs. During the school year, the nuns at St. Gabriel's kept a firm hand on Ryan but in the summers she, her brother and sister were free to run wild through the fields of

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Cathie Ryan

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County Kerry and Tipperary. It was there in her parents' homeland that Ryan sang and danced with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

"My parents always called Ireland home," said Ryan. "The land is so mysterious. It's beautiful, lush and verdant, and ancient. They went back to Ireland as often as they could. My grandmother, Catherine Ryan, sang and played the fiddle, and moved the furniture back and we'd all join in. My grandfather,

Patrick Rice, was the storyteller of the family. He mesmerized the children with Celtic myths and legends."

After all those years of steeping herself in the mystery and tales of Ireland Ryan found she needed to tell stories just like her grandfather, who died in the middle of a tale. The Irish-American nightingale was soon composing songs based on tradition as well as spinning her own yarns

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Jazzy festival showcases local musicians

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Calling Jim Dulzo solely an organizer of jazz festivals is like saying Miles Davis is a guy who blew a horn. Dulzo isn't just a walking encyclopedia of the art form, he's a proselytizer of the power of jazz.

Idealistic, incredibly informed on the latest jazzy vibe and hard-working, Dulzo is a self-described product of the 1960s who believes that music is not only a great communicator, but also a means for social harmony. "I see jazz as a vehicle for bringing people together."

Since leaving as director of Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival last fall, Dulzo has scaled down, and headed back to his roots to reinvigorate the Frog Island Festival.

The three-day line-up of eclectic jazz, blues, rock and Celtic folk performers will be held this Friday-Sunday under a tent along the banks of the Huron River in Ypsilanti's Depot Town.

Now in its 19th year, Frog Island has become an annual rite of passage, and something more than a popular name in local folklore.

Supposedly, long ago the park had been infested with frogs. The legend is that wandering husbands would claim they were hunting frogs along the Huron River, if they came home in the early morning hours without a legitimate excuse.

Obviously, the legend has evolved.

Since the early 1980s, a loyal and diverse audience has shown up for the festival, said Dulzo. "It's like a neighborhood picnic," he said.

"We're not trying to be a big deal. We present honest music with a tradition behind it."

Throughout its history, Frog Island has been committed to showcasing local musicians. This year is no different with Sheila Landis, Wendell Harrison, Larry Nozero and Regina Carter on the program.

In an effort to attract more than 2,200 people a day, this year's line-up is also more diverse, and stretches beyond jazz, blues and rock. Indeed, the festival is distinguished by the range of styles, from Buckwheat Zydeco to the Fabulous Thunderbirds to Texas rocker Marcia Ball to the Tex-Mex sounds of Los Lobos.

The festival culminates in a day of Celtic music, featuring Cathie Ryan, who received Irish Traditional Female Vocalist of the Decade award.

Musical diversity is part of the mission of The Ark, producers of Frog Island. The Ark, located in Ann Arbor, is one of the few venues in the region dedicated to contemporary folk music.

But does the variety of musical styles diminish the celebration of jazz and blues?

"My feeling is that anything that gets people out to rub shoulders, I'm all for it," said Dulzo.

"Festivals should introduce people to new music."

In 1981, Dulzo, then a program director at WEMU-FM, assembled a line-up of jazz acts for performance in a freight house near the train tracks. The event was sponsored by the local association of businesses in Ypsilanti.

With a modest \$100,000 budget, Frog Island is the second oldest jazz festival next to Detroit Montreux, now called the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

"We have people come to the festival who were here in the early years," said Dulzo. "Now their kids are coming, too."

"Music is all about making a connection to an audience."

Croak on.

The Jim Dulzo Program, a show of jazz, rock and blues, airs 7-10 p.m. on WDET-FM (101.9).

SPECIAL EVENT



Circle: Barnum's Kaleidoscope, features traditional circus acts.

Brand new circus comes to town

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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The circus is coming to town, but the tooth-tingling scent of cotton candy won't be competing with the less-than-pleasant odors typically wafting under the big top.

Likewise, audience members won't be jockeying for optimum sight positions, squinting to read the expressions of the show's funny face clowns.

That's because the producers of *The Greatest Show On Earth* have created *Barnum's Kaleidoscope*, an elegant and intimate, one-ring circus production, scheduled to run June 23-July 16 on the greens at the Southfield Civic Center. While the show marks the first time a Ringling Bros. pro-

duction has been presented under a tent since 1956, it also translates into a total entertainment experience.

"In our mind, to have Ringling Brothers go back under the tent, we wanted to pull out all the stops," said Talton Gibson, Kaleidoscope's spokesman.

Pulling out the stops, however, might be an understatement.

Big-top atmosphere

Top-notch not only describes each of the show's acts but also the big-top atmosphere.

Patrons of the show - limited to about 1,800 - will watch

Please See **CIRCUS, E2**

What: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's presentation of *Barnum's Kaleidoscope*, a European style, one-ring, tented circus.

When: Shows at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., June 23-July 16.

Where: On the greens at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen in Southfield.

Tickets: \$20, \$40, \$60 for adults and \$15, \$30, \$45 for children ages 2 to 11. Call (877) 9-BARNUM or (248) 645-6666 for reservations; for additional information, visit www.barnumskaleidoscope.com.

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about lost love and longings for another place and time.

But she was prevented from performing and recording most of them when she sang lead with *Cherish the Ladies*, an internationally-known Irish female group in the late 1980s and early '90s. Four years ago she left to record two CDs — *Cathie Ryan* and *The Music of What Happens* on the Shanachie label. She sings on 24 other Celtic compilations as well. Ryan's own music is a mix of traditional Irish, folk and Appalachian music.

"We traveled around the country and Europe singing but I had a longing to sing my own material," said Ryan, who was named Irish Traditional Female Vocalist of the Decade by the *Irish American News* and one of the Top 100 Irish Americans by *Irish America* magazine.

■ 'Our set is a combination of every aspect of traditional Irish music. I like it because it's hard to predict what happens next in the music. It keeps you in suspense while you're listening and playing it.'

Sean Gavin
Musician

"I love music and can't imagine living without it. There was always singing in our home, always music on the turntable. When the Irish settled in this country they brought their narrative with them. There's lots of crossover in Appalachian music and Irish. It's the music of what happens to us, music that speaks to the human condition."

Ryan is torn between two loves

— Ireland and Detroit. She sings about both in her songs, one of which focuses on a part of the Motor City's shameful history. The words to *When Detroit Was Burning* reflect on those dark days during the 1967 riots.

"I remember going down to Patton Park," said Ryan. "They had wrapped all the swings around the poles and the guardsmen had set up pup tents. I

remember the jeeps coming down Vernor highway. I remember reacting to the fear.

"I wrote the song because I love Detroit, the color of Detroit, the sounds of Detroit. I was always holding my transistor radio up to my ear listening to Motown. There was a pulse to that music, the African-American rhythms in that music. In my quicker tempo music there's a groove and funk."

There's no doubt, Ryan loves Detroit and growing up in the city brings back fond memories.

"I didn't go to my senior prom because there was an Irish festival going on down on the riverfront," said Ryan. "I lived for those times when song and dance would come alive on the riverfront. It was a blessing to have the music here. It made us feel close to Ireland and gave us

a close sense of community. The Gaelic League was full of culture and music. Irish bands used to come through Canada and play at the club and end up staying."

Grupai Ceol

Mick Gavin was one of the musicians who came to play the club and never left. The Redford fiddler will watch his son Sean follow in his footsteps when the 14-year old takes to the Frog Island stage with the Detroit-Ann Arbor Grupai Ceol. The sextet, all under age 17, took first place at the Midwest Irish band competition and will once again travel to the Emerald Isle to vie for the All-Ireland cup. Last year, they won second place.

"Our set is a combination of every aspect of traditional Irish music," said Sean Gavin. "I like it because it's hard to predict

what happens next in the music. It keeps you in suspense while you're listening and playing it."

Gavin, a flutist; Tyler Duncan, uilleann piper; Jeremy Kittel and Megan McLeod, fiddle; Colleen Shanks, tin whistle, and Colleen Burke, harpist have been practicing several times a week for the competition. Frog Island will give them an opportunity to try out their new material on a crowd.

"It's pretty exciting," said Gavin. "I've met a lot of the people who are playing at Frog Island and it's the start of the summer festival season."

Grupai Ceol, who played with The Chieftains at Hill Auditorium in March, go on to test their set on crowds July 9 at the Concert of Colors in Detroit's Chene Park.

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the circus from crushed red velvet seats. Those seeking the ultimate in comfort and indulgence can spend a few extra bucks and get cozy in a sofa. Best of all, the tent is air-conditioned.

Once more, the Kaleidoscope experience begins, not under the tent with a bag of peanuts, but at a gala reception in a separate tent decked out in Art Deco furnishings.

Inside, patrons can visit with each of the performers they are about to see, nibble on candy-roasted cashews and almonds, have a gourmet dinner — the Golden Mushroom is making pizza — or sip on a frothy cappuccino.

"These are elements of the experience that we can take care of. When people go to see a show, they are more willing to pay for a ticket when they know these types of things have been addressed," Gibson said, adding, "The interesting thing about *Barnum's Kaleidoscope*, as far as V.I.P. experiences go, is everybody who buys a ticket gets a backstage pass. And, everybody knows that's the best ticket to have."

Not only do patrons have an opportunity to speak with the performers before and after the

two-hour show, but they'll also see the production "up close and personal." Every seat in the house is no more than 50 feet from the ring.

Likewise, don't be surprised if a performer incorporates a member of the audience into the show. David Larible, the show's Clown of Clowns, is known for plucking patrons from the audience and making his performance an interactive, friendly experience. "The special thing about him is that he doesn't humiliate the audience members, he brings them in to take part in the show and have a good time, instead of being laughed at," said Gibson.

Larible, who is considered one of the best clowns in the world — he was awarded the Golden Clown Award at the 1999 International Circus Festival in Monte Carlo — comes from Verona, Italy and is a master of European-style circus performance, which is, generally speaking, more subtle and theatrical than three-ring presentations.

"You can see him (Larible) wink his eye. You can see him, when he raises his eyebrows, remarked Gibson. "Audiences see so much with the \$2 million special effects movies. Yes, that's a 'wow.' But, when you can go see a



Class act: *Barnum's Kaleidoscope* not only is a traditional, European circus but also a lavish entertainment experience.

real person — 10 feet away from you — do a real thing, that's a bigger 'wow.'"

Old World style

Accompanied by a live orchestra performing an original score, the show chases after *Cirque du Soleil*, the innovative Canadian circus formed in the '80s. The acts are primarily of a European style. And, featured performers include Pipo, a classic white-face harlequin from Paris; Olga Rogacheva, a Siberian animal trainer who captains a flock of geese; and The Golden Statues, three men from Morocco who create body sculpture through

pyramids of physical strength. Aerial artistry, sharp shooting and juggling intensify the show's suspense, while musical comedy, dance, and other acts pump up the humor.

"This show really celebrates the best of everything. It's a very traditional, elemental circus," said Gibson. "You're not going to see anything that you couldn't have seen a hundred years ago. Yet, this show couldn't have been done 50 years ago with wood floors and air-conditioning. It's very luxurious and elegant, but it ties back into that nostalgia of how the circus used to be."

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Community fests offer activities for everyone

Finding something fun to do with your family this weekend won't be difficult. The Livonia Spree, Canton Liberty Fest and Farmington Area Family Festival are all taking place this week and offer a variety of activities and family fun.

Livonia Spree continues through Sunday at Ford Field, Farmington Road at Lyndon. Fireworks at 10:15 p.m. Sunday are a festival highlight. Call (734) 427-8190 for more information.

Canton Liberty Fest also continues through Sunday on the grounds of Heritage Park and throughout the Canton Civic Center complex along Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill. Fireworks are scheduled 9:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

The Farmington Area Family Festival, continuing through Sunday, takes place in downtown Farmington. Fireworks begin at sunset Sunday in Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road, west of Farmington Road. For more information, call (248) 474-3440.

Here's the Livonia Spree entertainment schedule:

Thursday, June 22

1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 p.m. Puppet Adventures on Spree grounds
2 p.m. Carnival opens
3, 3:30, 5, 5:30, 9, 9:30 p.m. Racing Pigs on Spree grounds
4-8 p.m. Child I.D. at the police trailer
4, 6 and 8 p.m. Chinese Acrobats

6-8 p.m. Taste of Livonia in Eddie Edgar Arena
6-9 p.m. Dinky Face painting on Spree grounds
6:30, 8:30 p.m. Kids Comedy Magic in tent
7-11 p.m. Steve King and the Dittilies on main stage
7-11 p.m. Music by Tommy C in tent

Friday, June 23

2 p.m. Carnival opens
2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Chinese Acrobats
2, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 p.m. Puppet Adventures on Spree grounds
2-3 p.m. Dinky Face Painting on Spree grounds
3, 3:30, 5, 5:30, 9, 9:30 p.m. Racing Pigs on Spree grounds
4-8 p.m. Child I.D. at the police trailer

Saturday, June 24

10 a.m. volleyball on YMCA courts
noon, Spree and carnival open
1 p.m. Livonia Symphony Orchestra on main stage



Children's entertainment: Look for Marc Thomas and Max the Moose at the Canton Liberty Fest.

Thursday, June 22

1, 3, 5, 7 p.m. Kids Comedy Magic in tent
1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 p.m. Puppet Adventures on Spree grounds
Noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m.
2 p.m. Family Fun Day on Spree grounds
2-5 p.m. Child I.D. at the police trailer
4:30 p.m. Kids parade
6-10 p.m. Dinky Face painting on Spree grounds
7-11 p.m. Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw on main stage
7-11 p.m. Music by 3 of 9 in tent

Sunday, June 25

2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Chinese Acrobats
7-11 p.m. Jack Dalton's Dixie Land Band in tent
7-11 p.m. Music by New Odyssey on main stage
7-11 p.m. Bugs Beddow in tent

Canton Liberty Fest entertainment schedule

Thursday, June 22
6-9 p.m. Paddle boats on the pond (\$1)

Friday, June 23

5 p.m. Firefighters Spaghetti Dinner (\$4-6)
6-10 p.m., Senior Center Bingo (\$1 per card, per game)
6-10 p.m. Sports Den (3 for \$1)
6-10 p.m. Fun Zone (\$5)
6-9 p.m., Paddle boats on the pond (\$1)
7:30-9:30 p.m., Fantastics (amphitheater)
7:30-9:30 p.m., Charlie Chaplain (strolling)

Saturday, June 24

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Classic Car Show
10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Arts and Crafts Show
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fun Zone (\$5)
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Paddle boats on the pond (\$1)
noon, talent show (amphitheater)

Sunday, June 25

8:30-11 a.m. pancake breakfast (\$3.95 adults, \$2.95 kids)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Classic Car Show
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fun Zone (\$5)
11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Paddle boats on the pond (\$1)
11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Arts and Crafts Show
noon, Dance Extreme (amphitheater)

Monday, June 26

noon, Juggler Ben Spitzer (kids stage)
noon-2 p.m., bike stunt demo (strolling)
noon-2 p.m., Ala Mode barbershop quartet (strolling)
1 p.m., Elmo Thum (strolling)
1-3 p.m. Dixie Land Band (strolling)
1 p.m., Flying Aces Frisbee demonstration (kids stage)
2-3 p.m., Salem Rockettes (amphitheater)
2-4 p.m., barbershop quartet (strolling)
2-4 p.m. Charljie Chaplain (strolling)
2:30 p.m., Puppeteer Marc Thomas (kids stage)
3-5 p.m., Joe Moore on saxophone (strolling)
3:30-5 p.m. Reel Happy String & Swing Band (strolling)
4:30-6:30 p.m., Uncle Sam stilt walker (strolling)
5-6 p.m., MP2 (amphitheater)
6:30 p.m., lip synching Earth Angels (amphitheater)
8 p.m., National Anthem singer Sarah Medley (amphitheater)
8-9:30 p.m., Three Men and a Tenor (amphitheater)
9:30 p.m., fireworks

Tuesday, June 27

7 p.m. Miss Farmington Pageant in Civic Theater
8-10 p.m. Thornetta Davis in band shell
Saturday, June 24
9 a.m. to dusk, downtown sidewalk sale
9 a.m. 4-mile run, 3-mile walk, in Shiawassee Park
10 a.m. Founders Parade on Grand River
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Crafts show in Big Apple Bagel parking lot.
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fine arts show in Memorial Park.
1-1:30 p.m. Juggler Greg Fernandez in band shell
1:30-2:30 p.m. Magician Amazing Jack in band shell
2:15-3 p.m. Ricky The Clown in band shell
3:30-4:30 p.m. Spirit of Country Dancers in band shell
4-5 p.m. Ara Toupouzian Trio in band shell
5-6 p.m. Jill Jack in band shell
6:30-7:30 p.m. Forbes Brothers in band shell
8-10 p.m. Imperial Swing Orchestra in band shell
Sunday, June 25
1-3:30 p.m. raffle ticket-holder party in Shiawassee Park
Sunset: fireworks in Founders Sports Park
The Westland Summer Festival takes place Thursday-Tuesday, June 29 to July 4, in Central City Park, Ford Road near Carlson, and surrounding areas. Event offers entertainment, carnival rides, a parade 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 1, and Fourth of July fireworks. See Entertainment on June 29 for details.

Farmington Area Family Festival schedule

Thursday, June 22

9 a.m. to dusk, downtown sidewalk sale
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Crafts show in Big Apple Bagel parking lot.
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fine arts show in Memorial Park.
noon to 5 p.m. Kids Day with Professor Bloono the Clown, in Shiawassee Park
7:30-8:30 p.m. Farmington Community Jazz Band in band shell
8:30-9:30 p.m. Farmington Community Chorus in band shell

Friday, June 23

9 a.m. to dusk, downtown sidewalk sale
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Crafts show in Big Apple Bagel parking lot.
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fine arts show in Memorial Park.
5-6 p.m. Black Market in band shell
6:30-7:30 p.m. Mudpuppy in band shell

TELEVISION

Artworks in public places capture the 'Spirit of Detroit'

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

There are thousands of 45-year-old guys who have been known to sit around in their Detroit Red Wings jersey. One, in particular, is truly something special, having been observed and admired by millions of onlookers over the years.

That guy is the Spirit of Detroit, the city's best-known and most-recognized sculpture. Created by native Detroit sculptor Marshall Fredericks in 1955, the bronze and marble figure outside the Coleman Young Municipal Center at Woodward and Jefferson is an icon of the city that gets a close examination during a segment on Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

The beauty of the piece is apparent to all, but it is the spirit of humanity that seems to radiate from the sculpture that connects with the people of our area.

It's inscribed with the sentiment that family is the noblest human relationship. And, like in the best families, The Spirit of

The most controversial example of 'Art in Detroit Public Places' is undoubtedly the memorial to Joe Louis. It has been 14 years since the fist' caused a stir with its unveiling, and, over time, much of the negative feedback has subsided.

Detroit is there for us in good times and bad. Maybe that's why it seemed appropriate for the work to be fitted with a Red Wings jersey during the city's celebrations of the team's Stanley Cup championships.

Joe Louis memorial

The most controversial example of "Art in Detroit Public Places" is undoubtedly the memorial to Joe Louis. It has been 14 years since the fist' caused a stir with its unveiling and, over time, much of the negative feedback has subsided. Once perceived by some critics as a hostile symbol of the city, it's now regarded as a powerful representation of the determined will of the former heavyweight champ, the city of Detroit, and the nation.

Fountain

The Jefferson and Woodward area is also highlighted by the Horace Dodge & Son Memorial

Fountain, which became the focal point of Hart Plaza when it was erected in 1978. Commissioned by the auto tycoon's widow, Anna Thompson, the piece created by Isamu Noguchi is a welcoming and inspiring fixture in a dramatic waterfront setting.

These three strikingly different works are located just a stone's throw away from each other. But you don't have to travel far to find more outstanding sculptures, dating back to 1872, when the Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Monument was dedicated at its Campus Martius and Woodward site.

I featured segment producer Todd Hastings last week on a fascinating two-day tour of the city's most prominent public art installations. You'll get a look at them on the June 25 BACKSTAGE PASS, along with a new appreciation for these gems of the city.

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Dagwood's Deli a popular sandwich stop

MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Stuck in the same-old-sandwich-for-lunch routine? Ami Friesorger has a suggestion - Dagwood's Deli and Eatery.

"Dagwood's white chili is the best!" said Friesorger, who frequently enjoys her lunch break at the downtown Farmington restaurant. "The chili is made with chicken and (great white Northern) beans. Sour cream and shredded mozzarella are served on the side."

Tuna and turkey sandwiches are two of her other favorites. "They are very good," commented the Novi resident.

The indoor-outdoor restaurant - depending on Mother Nature's mood - accommodates approximately 65 patrons.

Inside, a picture of comic-strip characters Dagwood and Blondie hangs from the pale-blue walls. Splashes of teal, cranberry and grape highlight the comfortable eatery.

Why the name Dagwood's?

"We thought it coincided with the idea of serving sandwiches," said Jerry Burger, who owns the restaurant with Sandra Cloutier of Farmington Hills. "It was a catchy name. People could identify with the comic strip and associate the sandwich Dagwood always eats."

Burger, a Livonia resident, and his partner, have owned the former Kowalski shop since May 1984.

Soups are homemade. "Laura Juengel, our kitchen manager, makes the soups from a base," explained Burger. "The chicken dumpling is really popular and (so is) the New England clam chowder."

When you walk in, head straight for the deli counter and

Dagwood's Deli & Eatery
Where: 33179 Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road, in Farmington, (248) 474-3800, fax: (248) 474-7265.
Open: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday.
Menu: Extensive selection of deli sandwiches, white chili and vegetarian selections, salads, soups, pita wraps, lawash rolls and desserts; limited breakfast items; corporate and personal catering. Delivery available during lunch hours. Indoor and outdoor seating.
Reservations: Not necessary.
Cost: From \$1.99 to \$7.75 for the half-pound sandwich.
Credit cards: VISA, Master Card and American Express.

ponder your choices. Specialty sandwiches, subs, and croissants, piled high with meats, cheeses, vegetables and a variety of dressings, are prepared "your way."

The most requested menu items?

"People keep coming back for sandwich No. 3, Cookie's Club," said Burger. It's made with ham, turkey, bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and mayo, served hot on a grilled roll. Patrons describe this combo as "addicting."

Mr. Beasley, a warm sandwich on marble bread, is layered with corned beef and topped with Swiss cheese, cole slaw and Russian dressing. Sandwich No. 9, Blondie's Own Reuben, offers the same ingredients, except it's prepared with turkey on rye bread.

Other options include rollups, pitas, bagels, lawash rolls, salads and desserts. First-time patron Laura Wolford of Livonia tried the Reuben on rye. "It was good," she said. "Dagwood's is a good place to go to lunch, because (we are) always pushed for time. I want to go back and try the white chili."

And, if you're really pressed for time, just fax your order. It will be ready in 15 to 20 minutes.

Bring the kids. Grilled cheese,

peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches and hot dogs are popular with the younger crowd.

Not much of an appetite? Then order a half sandwich and a cup of soup for less than \$5.

Everyday, one or two deli sandwiches are featured. If you wander in on a Monday, order the gyro, a blend of lamb and beef, drizzled with a yogurt-cucumber sauce, onions and tomatoes, wrapped in a pita. Chips are served on the side for a total cost of \$4.

Monday specials also include shredded barbecued-chicken on a roll with chips for \$3.75.

"We have a large variety of vegetarian sandwiches," Burger explained.

"My favorite is No. 6 (Tootsie's Vegetarian)," he said. "It's a warm sandwich on pita, made with colby and Muenster cheeses, lettuce, tomato, onions, mushrooms, black olives and Italian dressing."

Other veggie-friendly eats? Black-bean burgers, veggie burgers, salads and some soups.

Need some help feeding the new graduates and their friends? Or, perhaps you're planning a backyard bash. For a fee, Dagwood's delivers.

And, said Burger, "we do emergency deli trays." Sometimes, customers show up at the eatery



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Super sandwich: Jerry Burger holds one of the delicious sandwiches you'll find on the menu at Dagwood's Deli and Eatery.

in the morning with a request for same-day luncheon trays.

Not a problem. "We can usually put a catering order together in a couple of hours. That's part of our service thing."

Continental breakfast items, like coffee, tea, juices, bagels, toast and muffins, can be purchased anytime of the day.

"We provide a fast, friendly service," said Burger. And, he added, good quality. "People want value for their money. I don't think you get that in a fast-food restaurant. (It's important to) really care about the customers. We try to do that."

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about restaurants and travel for the Observer Newspapers.

What's your favorite breakfast restaurant? Send suggestions for breakfast restaurants to feature in Dining to Keely, Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail, kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

SPECIAL EVENT

TasteFest - The 12th annual Comerica Michigan TasteFest kicks off Friday, June 23 through Tuesday, July 4 in Detroit's New Center Area. Forty of Michigan's great eateries including Iridesence, Hunter House Hamburgers, Dave and Busters, Beale Street Blues, Sweetwater Tavern,

Ginopolis, Ja-Da, Peacock Restaurant, Mario's, Under the Eagle, Cicini Cafe, Too Java Coffee House and more will furnish the always-terrific TasteFest. The all-new Coastal Seafood Celebration features seafood from America's four coasts. Tastes are \$5 for 9 tick-

ets, 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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