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ELECTION RESULTS

Wayne-Westland Board of Education

Candidate	Votes
Martha Pitsenbarger	**1,039**
Lorne "Skip" Monit	**766**
Marshall Wright	708
Brenda Smith	286

Livonia Board of Education

Candidate	Votes
Kirsten Galka	**1,933**
Frank Kokenakes	**1,910**
Larry Naser	1,731
Karen Egan	1,660
Kevin Whitehead	1,174

Schoolcraft College Board

Candidate	Votes
Patricia Watson	**4,869**
Gregory Stempien	**4,108**
Michael Novak	2,581
Richard Reaume	1,949

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Pitsenbarger, Monit win race

It was good news in Monday's race for Martha Pitsenbarger, imcumbent Wayne-Westland school board member, and newcomer Lorne "Skip" Monit. They won in a race decided by 2 percent of registered voters.

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Backed by union forces, Wayne-Westland school board incumbent Martha Pitsenbarger and newcomer Lorne "Skip" Monit charged to victory Monday in an election decided by only 2 percent of registered voters.

Pitsenbarger, earning her second four-year term, won by a landslide vote in a four-way race for two seats.

"I want to think it's because I've been on the board for four years and I've done a good job," she said Monday night, celebrating amid scores of supporters who packed a Fire Academy restaurant patio on Wayne Road.

"I'm really happy," Pitsenbarger said after receiving the most votes, 1,039. "It made me almost want to cry when I pulled into the parking lot here and everybody started cheering for me."

Monit finished second and won a four-year term after defeating third-ranked Marshall Wright by only 58 votes – 766 to 708.

Candidate Brenda Smith, a 1997 Westland John Glenn graduate who was one of the youngest board hopefuls ever at age 19, ranked last with 286 votes. Still, some educators lauded her candidacy and said she grabbed enough votes to possibly affect the race between Monit and Wright.

Monit will replace board member David James, who chose not to seek re-election.

Union factor

"I think the union endorsements helped," Monit said, learning of his victory after district officials announced election results to a small group at the Dyer Center on Marquette.

Monit, accompanied by wife Kitty and their three school-age children, also attributed his showing to voter support in Westland – not just in his hometown of Wayne.

"I think I had pretty widespread support in both cities," he said. "I think that helped a lot. I always felt that I was not simply a Wayne person."

Wayne candidates ruled Monday, beating Westland residents Wright and Smith. The mood became festive as Monit joined Pitsenbarger and their supporters for a rousing victory party at the Fire Academy in Westland.

Pitsenbarger, a clinical social work-

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A slow day at polls

BY DARRELL CLEM
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The few voters who *did* cast ballots in Monday's Wayne-Westland school board race had stern criticism for those who didn't.

Wayne voter Jim Netter angrily questioned how parents could be so apathetic about their children's education in the wake of national tragedies like the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado.

"Where are the parents?" he asked. "They're out shopping. They're satisfying their internal greeds, and their children are an afterthought. I don't know what message this sends to our children."

Wayne-Westland school board member Ed Turner shook his head as he drove through Edison Elementary School's parking lot in Westland – where not a voter was in sight.

"These people ought to be ashamed of themselves," he said. "If that's all they think of this school district, then they've got no right to complain."

Only 1,519 of the district's 69,971 voters cast ballots in Monday's four-way race for two school board seats.

That's a 2 percent turnout – lower than what was reported in districts like Garden City (5 percent) and Livo-

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Exploring world

STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Smiles all around: *Katherine Hubner-Stommel with friends (left) Acacia Taylor and Eileen York.*

Coming of age has Hispanic flair to it

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A festive Hispanic celebration honoring girls when they reach the age of 15 came one year early for Westland student Katherine Hubner-Stommel.

Classmates and teachers at Marshall Middle School honored her last Thursday by hosting a quinceañera, the traditional coming-of-age ceremony for Hispanic girls.

"I think this is great," Hubner-Stommel said, smiling as friends crowded around her to congratulate her in a school hallway where the celebration occurred.

A native of Panama, she was chosen for a Spanish Club quinceañera as she approaches her 14th birthday

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Guide: *Katherine Hubner-Stommel is escorted by Marshall Middle School science teacher Marty Sylvester at the conclusion of the quinceañera ceremony.*

Galka, Kokenakes top Livonia vote-getters

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Two challengers, Kirsten Galka and Sharon Simpson, swept past incumbents to claim the most votes in the two school districts serving Livonia.

After three losses at the polls and on her fourth try, Galka brushed past incumbent Frank Kokenakes to win a four-year term on the Livonia Board of Education.

Kokenakes came in second; he will serve another four-year term on the Livonia board.

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"Some supporters have stuck with me for four years," Galka said Tuesday. "Why? They know I can make a difference, that I will talk about issues. They are relying on me. They are concerned that school board meetings are too staged, with hardly any questions asked. We need a bit more dialogue. I'll not be a rubber stamp."

The Livonia race brought 4,756 voters to the polls Monday, nearly 6 percent of the 80,894 registered voters in the city.

The total vote count is as follows: Galka, 1,933, or nearly 23 percent; Kokenakes, 1,910, or about 22 percent; Larry Naser, 1,731, or 20 percent; Karen Egan, 1,660, or 19 percent; and Kevin Whitehead, 1,174, or nearly 14 percent.

The actual vote count was not known until Tuesday morning, as 21 ballots at one precinct got misplaced Monday night. However, Livonia's five candidates knew who the two winners were Monday night, since the 21 votes would not have changed the first or second place standing of the two top vote getters.

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NEW PUBLISHER:

Rosiek heads Observer management team

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Observer team: *Heading up the Observer Newspapers management team is new publisher Susan Rosiek (left). She is working with Peg Knoespel, retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director for the Observer & Eccentric; and Larry Geiger, circulation manager of the Observer Newspapers.*

Susan Rosiek has been named publisher of the Observer Newspapers.

Formerly the managing editor of the seven newspapers serving western Wayne County and Farmington and Farmington Hills, Rosiek replaces Banks Dishmon Jr., who left earlier this year to become president and publisher of Michigan Newspapers Inc. in Mount Pleasant.

Rosiek's new position was announced recently by Steven K. Pope, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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"Susan's experience with our company and her understanding of the communities we serve will allow her to become quickly productive in her new responsibilities," said Pope.

A former reporter and editor of several Observer editions, Rosiek lives in Plymouth Township with her husband, Steve Barnaby, and their son, Ian Barnaby.

As publisher, she is responsible for coordination of advertising, circulation and editorial departments of the Observer Newspapers.

■ 'I'm honored and challenged by my new responsibilities.'

Susan Rosiek
– Observer publisher

"I'm honored and challenged by my new responsibilities," said Rosiek. "I look forward to working with a dynamic management team which remains dedicated to producing quality community newspapers and other local information products that meet the needs of our advertising customers and readers."

Community activities

A 25-year employee of the Observer Newspapers, Rosiek has been involved in many community organizations. She was most recently a member of the Livonia Family YMCA Board of Directors where she served as board chair for two years. She also served as president of the Canton Economic Club from

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Graduation milestone for Tinkham students

We did it: *Graduates Christopher Roy (left) and James Schultz pose for a snapshot with their friends. Commencement was Friday at Wayne Memorial High School.*

WAYNE-WESTLAND

Tinkham Adult Center students were lauded in ceremonies Friday, June 11. Adult/community education graduates are: Anthony Leon Anderson, Laurie Anne Brock, Dena Jean Brown, Michelle Lynn Brown, Tiffany Tanisha Burgines, Andrew Jay Cassidy, Marc E. Cole, Walter E. Davis II, Sarah J. Dollan, Jessica Marie Dombrowski, Stephanie L. Duhl, Rosalind Mae Ervin, Christopher Gerald Fritz, Bret Alan Gausden, Nicole Marie Greggi, Naim Gocaj, Erik Haley, Shelera Czarear Hardy, Staci L. Harmon, Andrew M. Herbst, Mary Hoffman, Robert Charles Holland, Amber Dawn Hutcherson.

Also, Bill Lehrman, Michael J. MacRae, James Mathews, Autumn Dawn Moore, Michelle Mullins, Eric Anthony Ramirez, Alecia Joanne Rastelli, Christopher R. Roy, Christopher John Schoenheide, Kristal Nicole Soto, Dianne M. Stalker, Annel Surkovic, Julianna Gabrielle Szabo, Tamara Sue Szmutko, Jeremy Grant Tackett, Kenneth Stuart Taylor, Jonathan Tanner Vastine, April Lynn Warnick, Michele Rene Wilde, Samuel Willingham Jr..

Graduates from other schools recognized were: David J. Bilski, Tanisha LaDawn McDonald, George David Roe, Robert Thomas Saj, Jesse William Stillwagon, John Glenn High School; Lawrence David Barbuzinski, Andrew Warren Bush, Jesse Leon Cope Jr., Jerry R. Erickson, Morningstar Madison, Kenneth James Manier, Melissa Marie Terpening, Wayne Memorial High School; Joy Melinda Borczak, Tinkham Alternative.

GED certificates were awarded to: Erin Anderson, Elizabeth Ashe, Ila Babel, Randy Banasiak, Chad Barnett, James Bates, Eric Bazan, Constance Bleyaert, Kelley Breneman, John Brock, Jeanna Brown, Amy Brueggeman, Tiffany Chapman, Benjamin Chrispen, Brooke Collinsworth, Jason Corp, Christopher Cox, Shannon Cronin, Jason Cunningham, Jennifer Dandoy, Michael Davis, Stacy Dean, James Domagalski, Bobby Durbin, Norman Fehrenbach, Eric Fields, Lora Finley, Jacqueline Foucha, Ashley Funk, Larry Gadomski, Kelly Gaffney, Ryan Goleniak, Lana Gonzales, Rose Haag, John Hanlon, Lonnie Harper, Travis Henry, Kenneth Hicks, Quentin Hicks, Bruce Hiser, Jason Horvath, Tatika Howard, Shannon Hubbard, Danny Hyatt, Kelly Jackson, Mike Jones, Deepika Joshi, Jennifer Kadamas, Connie Kilgore, Talina Clocke, Shawn Komarynski.

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Scholarship recipients for 1999 are: Lana Gonzales, Adult/Community Education; Nicole Marie Greggi, Wayne-Westland Education Assocation; Dena Jean Brown, Wayne Kiwanis Club P.D. Graham Memorial Scholarship; Jeanna Brown, Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrator's Association; Erik Haley, Adult Education Staff.

Family affair: *Lana Gonzales, the recipient of one of the scholarships, holds her son, Christian, 4.*

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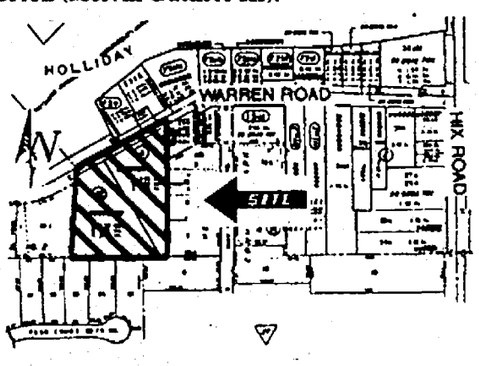

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 pm., Wednesday, July 7, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

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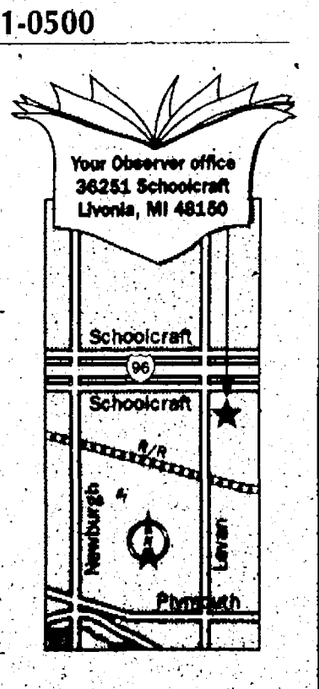

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Yielding to emergency vehicles the 'right' thing

BY JULIE BROWN
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Driving an emergency vehicle isn't an easy job, and it's made more difficult by drivers who don't yield.

"We find that more and more as new generations come through," said Sgt. Peter Brokas, who heads the Westland Police Department's traffic bureau. Driver's education isn't as comprehensive as it once was, he said, and some young adult drivers now move into the left turn lane rather than to the right when they see an emergency vehicle.

Chief Mark Neal of the Westland Fire Department is aware of the problem. "It seems as through we may have dropped the emphasis in driver's education."

Neal describes the situation as "somewhat frustrating," adding "It causes safety problems for everyone involved." Sometimes, fire department vehicles must face oncoming traffic to pass.

"That's very difficult," Neal said. "It's dangerous for everyone involved."

Traffic law requires motorists to yield to an emergency vehicle – ambulance, fire department vehicle, police car – by moving to the right when lights or siren are activated.

"We don't expect you to drive into a ditch," Brokas said. Drivers should move as far to the right as possible.

Neal said sirens sound loud to firefighters, but may be more difficult for nearby drivers to hear. He said if you can't pull to the right to slow down at least, using the turn signal to indicate lane change.

It's also important to watch for subsequent emergency vehicles after the first. "In fact, most of the time there's more than one," Neal said, adding that cities with multiple stations, such as Westland, often have vehicles coming from different directions.

Brokas said road testing standards have declined, and he favors higher standards in awarding driver's licenses. He encourages motorists to check their mirrors regularly; cars are more insulated to sound now, making it more difficult to hear sirens.

SAFETY

Sometimes, Westland police cars pull up to a gridlocked intersection. The officer is forced to go left of the center line, facing oncoming traffic.

"Most drivers are very responsive to emergency vehicles," Brokas said. Just a small percentage of drivers are rude and cause trouble.

Robbery trial ordered

A Westland mother and an Inkster man have been ordered to stand trial on charges of robbing a local cellular phone business.

Rachel Kirby and Jahan Green, both 22, could face possible lifelong prison terms if convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court on armed robbery charges.

Kirby has an 8-month-old child and, according to Westland police, had been hurting financially after being kicked out of her grandmother's house.

Kirby and Green were ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing last week in Westland 18th District Court.

The suspects are accused in a May 21 robbery that Westland police Sgt. John Buresh said occurred at Air Connect, near Wayne and Cherry Hill roads.

Store employees told police that a man wearing a nylon stocking cap over his face threatened them and ordered them to lie on the floor as he carried out the robbery.

Buresh said the man apparently was toting a BB gun, but no one was injured.

The male suspect fled the business with an undisclosed amount of money and was picked up by a woman waiting in a getaway car, police said.

The man also seized a ring, a necklace and a purse from store employees, police said.

Kirby was jailed in lieu of a $20,000 cash bond set by Magistrate Don Vandersloot. Green was held on a $100,000 cash bond.

Racism charge of protest

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Members of a Detroit-based group are planning more protests at a local record store this weekend over the sale of what they describe as racist music.

Meanwhile, Rock of Ages owner Bob Farsakian is taking the offensive in what he views as an infringement on free speech and his freedom to run his business. He's pursuing trespassing charges against two protesters ticketed during a protest and complained to the Postal Service about flyers being put into mail boxes without postage.

The Detroit Anti-Racist Action chapter, which reports having about 25 members, has had about 10-15 people participating protests on six days in front of Rock of Ages on Ford Road east of Merriman. More protests are scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"We heard several record stores were selling this type of music," said ARA member Ken Rose of Detroit. "Rock of Ages was the only one we found that was selling it."

The type of music ARA is objecting to includes what Rose describes as Nazi movement music such as that produced by Resistance Records.

"Our position is that it isn't a First Amendment issue when it promotes genocide," said Rose.

Because younger people place so much importance on the music they listen to, Rose said racist- type music is a particular concern.

"Music is so influential. If you

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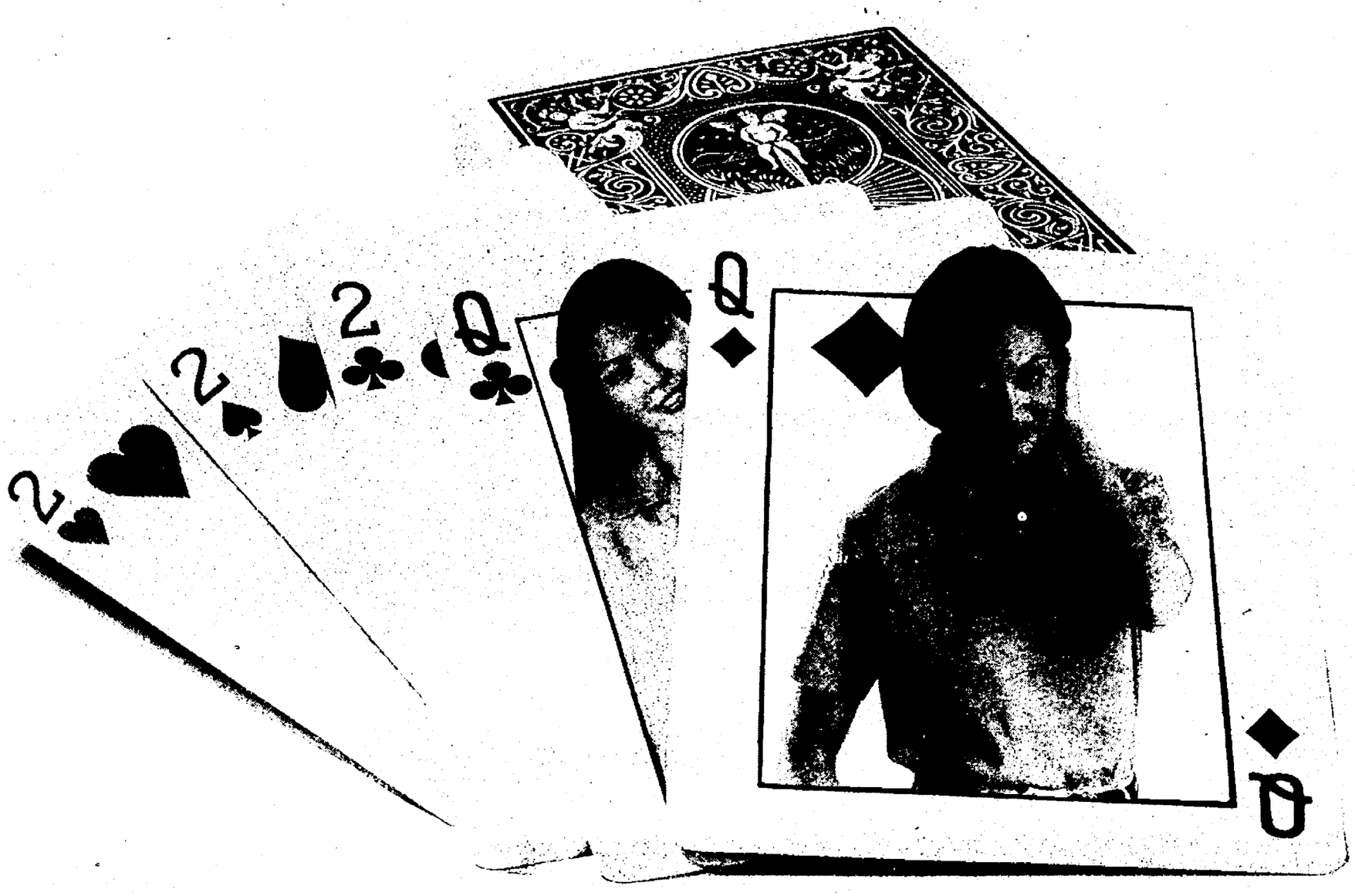

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er, and Monit, an electronics firm project manager, won support in an 11th-hour telephone push by school unions to get their members to the polls.

Some political observers said the union vote mattered, considering that only 1,519 of the school district's 69,971 voters went to the polls.

Cliff Johnson, president of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, also rallied support for Pitsenbarger and Monit from nonschool unions.

"I have to share this victory with him," Pitsenbarger said, hugging Johnson on the Fire Academy patio. "Here's the man that called me daily – sometimes three times a day – to get me to work hard."

Incumbency a plus

Political observers said Pitsenbarger benefited as an incumbent. And Monit started drawing some recognition last year when he helped lead a citizens group that lobbied voters for a successful $108.3 million bond proposal to improve school buildings and classroom technology.

When unofficial results had been tabulated Monday, Pitsenbarger received 37.1 percent of the votes cast, compared to 27.4 percent for Monit, 25.3 percent for Wright and 10.2 percent for Smith.

In separate post-election interviews Monday, Pitsenbarger and Monit seemed aligned on the issues they view as important:

- Seeking equity in school funding for all school districts.
- Improving student performance on state test scores.
- Completing school improvements made possible by the $108.3 million bond issue.

"I want to be able to say 'mission accomplished' on our school building improvements," Pitsenbarger said.

A districtwide effort is in progress to renovate schools and build several classroom additions, in the wake of a longtime budget crisis that stymied improvements.

"I want to continue building top-notch schools and have top-notch programs that will make people want to live here," Pitsenbarger said.

As Wright joined his supporters at Mary's Family Restaurant on Ford Road, he offered little insight on his election loss.

"I really don't know the reason for it," he said. "Statistically I lost."

Pitsenbarger and Monit will join board holdovers David Cox, Robin Moore, Teresa Robbins, Ed Turner and Mathew McCusker.

"Skip will make a fine addition to the board. I'm looking forward to a very fruitful experience," McCusker said Monday. "I'm very happy for him. I'm also happy that Martha's back on the board."

Bob Kowalczyk, executive director of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, seemed pleased that union-endorsed candidates won Monday. He voiced hope that the board will judiciously spend the bond dollars and also seek equity in school funding among districts.

Contract talks between school officials and WWEA leaders will begin during the next year. The current two-year agreement expires Aug. 30, 2000.

School Superintendent Greg Baracy said the board should strive to improve the district by seeking a fair share of state dollars, improving student test scores and "continuing to focus on kids."

"If we do these things," Baracy said, "this school district will move into the 21st century as a respectable and quality school district."

Views: *Lorne "Skip" Monit (left) talks with George Shenkel on Monday. Monit was elected to the board.*

PHOTOS BY PETER WILLIAMS

Support: *Martha Pitsenbarger thanks Mark Neal for help in the campaign.*

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nia (5.8 percent).

Wayne-Westland incumbent Martha Pitsenbarger and newcomer Lorne "Skip" Monit defeated board hopefuls Marshall Wright and Brenda Smith.

Big question

The question is, did many people even care?

"They must not care. They only come out when there's a money issue," said Cynthia Candela, job placement coordinator of the district's William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"The only time people vote is when there's a big issue and we force them out," she said after voting at Edison. "Most parents just don't get involved."

Candela supported Pitsenbarger. "I think she has done a good job."

And she voted for Monit. She knew him from his involvement in getting a $108.3 million ballot proposal passed last year to improve school buildings and classroom technology.

"And I had a couple of his kids when I taught at Franklin (Middle School)," Candela said.

Outside of Patchin Elementary School in Westland, election worker Mary Rose Cartwright called Monday's turnout "terrible, terrible."

Why?

"There's no money issue involved, there's not much publicity and things are going pretty well with the Wayne-Westland school district," she said. "People are saying, 'Oh, well, the election's not important.' I feel that we should think of some other way of voting to make it easier for people."

Cartwright suggested measures such as mailing ballots to all registered voters and letting them send in their choices rather than going to the polls.

"I can tell you who's voting today," she said Monday. "Senior citizens, school employees and city employees."

Outside of Wildwood Elementary School, school board winner Monit's wife, Kitty, and candidate Wright's wife, Linda, handed out campaign literature Monday afternoon.

'Pretty slow'

Both women agreed that the weather was beautiful and that voter turnout was pathetic.

"It has been pretty slow," Kitty Monit said, adding that only 20 people had voted at Wildwood by shortly before 1 p.m.

"We're still optimistic (for victory)," she said.

Linda Wright read a magazine as she waited for elusive voters to arrive. In a word, she attributed the low turnout to "apathy."

Schools named after presidents like Abraham Lincoln reported few voters walking through their doors. Lincoln Elementary in Westland had 13 voters all day, according to unofficial results.

Netter, who voted at Vandenberg Elementary, noted that this year's district turnout of 2 percent was even lower than last year's.

"Maybe if we're apathetic enough we'll have what Detroit (school district) has – a legislative takeover where no one is really accountable," Netter said.

"I'm amazed – 1,519 voters," he said, repeating the number three times in disbelief.

As U.S. government legislators debate juvenile crime bills, Netter said, perhaps they should consider bills forcing parents to become involved in their children's education.

"Maybe we need legislation to demand that parents attend one school board meeting and parent-teacher conference every year," he said. "Maybe then children can walk hand in hand with their parents from kindergarten through grade 12.

"Right now," Netter concluded, "the only time most parents go to the school board is when their kid gets in trouble."

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Watson and Stempien retain Schoolcraft board seats

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Patricia Watson and Greg Stempien have retained their seats on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees after finishing first and second in an election Monday.

In unofficial results, Watson received 5,617 votes, while Stempien collected 4,717 votes to win six-year terms through 2005. Michael Novak received 2,994 votes, and Richard Reaume garnered 2,338 votes. The Board of Canvassers was scheduled to meet Wednesday to certify the votes.

The college's district includes the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi school districts.

Watson of Northville was elated with the results and said she was looking forward to be a trustee for a "great college."

Over the next six years, Watson would like to see the college marketed throughout the entire district. "I would like to see us promote our relationship with the K-12 districts throughout our district," Watson said. "I hope we can keep tuition affordable and provide a quality education with cutting edge instruction in technology."

Community colleges face more challenges than the K-12 districts because the colleges must cover the educational needs for people of all ages, Watson said. That aspect is challenging and exciting for trustees, Watson said.

"We can't neglect job training, job retraining and lifelong learning," Watson said. Watson credited her election success to family members passing out literature and endorsements.

Stempien of Northville credited his success with endorsements and mailings to absentee and active voters. Stempien looks forward to his first full six-year term on the board.

"I would like to see us do more with the K-12 program with the school superintendents, principals and assistant principals involved," Stempien said. Stempien suggested a study session and brainstorming with teaching staff members for more local use of facilities and community involvement.

Stempien also would like to see more college visibility in Canton.

Novak, a Livonia police officer and an assistant coordinator with the police academy at the Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City, hoped for a larger overall voter turnout. Novak commended the election victors.

"I think the two who were elected will do a fine job," Novak said.

Novak said he could not justify spending money on a mass mailing to absentee voters for an unpaid trustee position.

"It was not economically feasible," Novak said. Novak did not rule out running in the future. If a seat on the Schoolcraft board was vacated, Novak said he may be interested in applying for it.

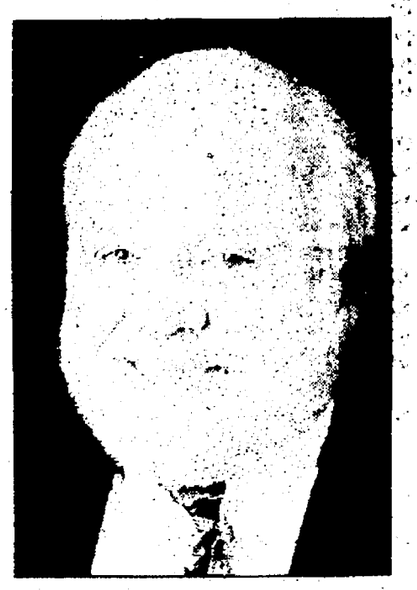
Reaume said he was disappointed with the results. "After the Faculty Forum supported the two incumbents and the newspaper came out with its endorsement of them, I knew it was too much to overcome," Reaume said. He doesn't plan to run for any other elective offices.

Reaume hopes he can attend Schoolcraft board meetings.

Reaume expects to raise his foster children and continue to be active in the Plymouth-Canton school district, particularly with a new superintendent to be hired there.

"I will work the community schools and a new superintendent," Reaume said. "They also will be building a middle school and a new high school. I will work with the current education board, that includes the new board members that unseated the incumbents."

Patricia Watson



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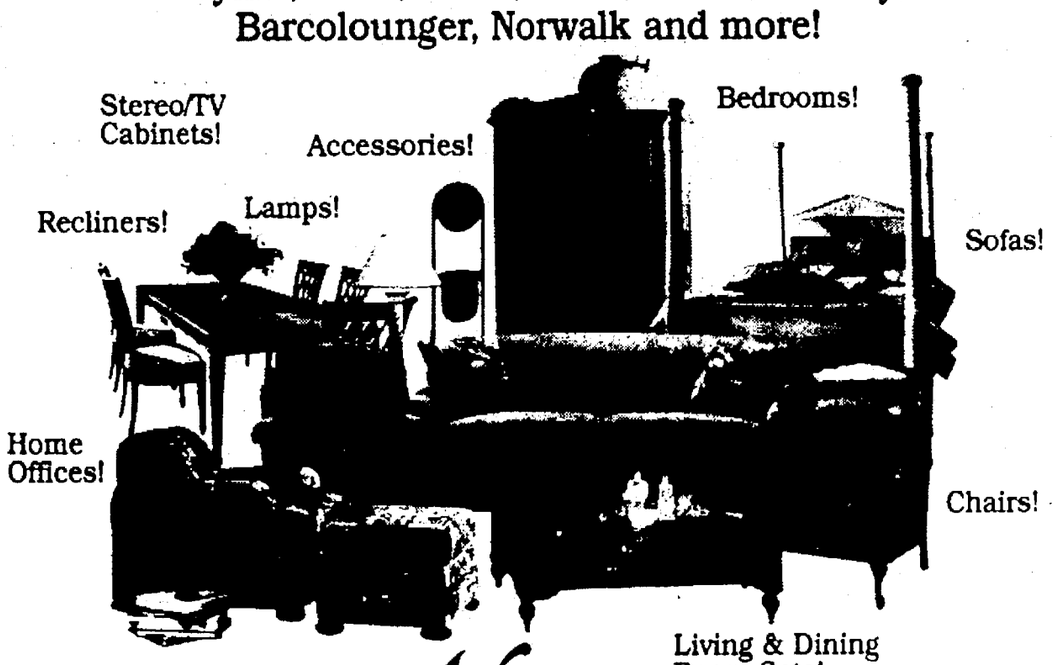

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Madonna receives Kresge grant

With a major portion of Madonna University's $15 Million Comprehensive Campaign already completed, the Livonia-based institution is concentrating on the final phase of its campaign which is a $4 million project to renovate the University Center and Residence Halls.

The Kresge Foundation has awarded a grant of $35,000 toward the renovation. The grant is made on a challenge basis to assist Madonna University in raising the balance of $1,080,466 which will complete the project's funding. Payment of the grant is conditioned upon the balance being raised by July 1, 2000.

The residence hall renovation includes upgrading the electrical structure to support today's technology, supplying a heating and cooling system to provide for 12-month use by students who study on a yearly basis; updating the infrastructure of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; refurbishing study areas, gathering rooms and kitchenettes; and improving students' living spaces.

"The Kresge Foundations belief in Madonna University's ability to raise the balance needed to complete the renovation project is gratifying and inspiring," said Sister M. Francilene, Madonna University president. "Our residence hall is 35 years old and is in dire need of upgrading. With the proposed changes, we will have increased space and incorporate some very necessary systems such as emergency lighting for the hearing impaired and barrier-free access at the main entrance."

Madonna University began its Comprehensive Campaign in July 1994. Of the $15 million, $8,880,000 has been designated for expanding and improving the physical facilities which included the purchase and renovation of a new building, art wing renovation, residence hall renovations, parking lot and roadway resurfacing, roofing rehabilitation, energy conservation and plant endowment. The remaining funds are divided between scholarships, endowments and operations.

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1995-97 and the Metropolitan Board of Directors of the YMCA.

She is currently a member of the Amerigard Health Services Board, Michigan Business and Professional Women (Garden City Organization) and Livonia Prayer Breakfast Committee.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Rosiek has post-graduate training in accounting, journalism and law.

She can be reached by phone at (734) 953-2100 or e-mail at srosiek@oe.homecomm.net

Rosiek will work with Peg Knoespel, Observer retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director of the Observer & Eccentric; and Larry Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Newspapers. Hugh Gallagher will serve as interim managing editor for the Observer Newspapers.

Knoespel, who manages a retail sales and support staff of 12, has been with the Observer for 22 years.

She excels at creating and developing special sections which meet the needs of our local communities.

She is responsible for all retail sales in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Farmington. Knoespel worked as a retail sales representative in Westland, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia before being named retail advertising manager in 1991.

Solution-minded

"I enjoy finding creative solutions for our customers' advertising problems by developing specific products to fill those needs," said Knoespel.

Under her direction the Observer advertising staff has won many state and national awards.

Knoespel can be reached at (734) 953-2177 or by e-mail at pknoespel@oe.homecomm.net

Heading up the circulation department is Warren.

As circulation director for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, he is responsible for the sales and service of the customer service and circulation departments.

Warren, who has been with the O&E for almost two years, sets department policies, procedures and marketing strategy for all 15 publications in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Prior to coming to the O&E, Warren held several positions at Heritage Newspapers including circulation director and assistant display advertising manager.

Service-oriented

"Quality service is my goal," said Warren, adding "I enjoy the challenge of resolving service issues and strive to make our delivery system the most friendly and efficient in the region."

"The Observer & Eccentric remains committed to hiring, training and working with youth carriers and their parents to foster responsibility and good business skills."

Warren can be reached at (734) 953-2041 or by e-mail at mwarren@oe.homecomm.net

Joining Warren in the circulation department is Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Group. Geiger supervises full-time and part-time home delivery managers.

Geiger has worked at the Observer for 23 years. A Livonia resident, Geiger has worked as an assistant home delivery manager, Redford home delivery manager and from 1978 until 1993 he ran circulation operations in Farmington, North Livonia, Plymouth and Canton.

"We have over 1,400 junior merchant carriers and approximately 75 drivers. Between the home delivery and stores and racks we print more than 90,000 copies each delivery day," said Geiger.

Geiger can be reached at (734) 953-2234 or by e-mail at lgeiger@oe.homecomm.net

Gallagher, a 17-year veteran of the Observer & Eccentric, most recently supervised the staff of the Entertainment and Arts & Leisure sections of the newspapers. He will move over on an interim basis to manage newsroom duties for all seven Observer editions.

He can be reached at (734) 953-2149 or via e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net.

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on June 23.

The party also served as a send-off for Hubner-Stommel and other eighth-graders preparing to leave Marshall for high school.

"We thought this was a rite of passage, a coming of age," Spanish teacher Sue Carlson said. "Children this age are leaving behind their childhood and entering the world of a young adult when they go to high school."

Hubner-Stommel made it clear that her quinceañera was for all of her classmates to share – and she said she was happy that others got to learn about her culture.

The atmosphere inside the school became festive as the quinceañera started with the school band playing "La Bamba."

Later student singers Megan Hill and Jessica Clark sang "Eres Tu (Everything You Are)" and a first-year Spanish class sang "Las Mañanitas," a traditional birthday song.

Fourteen girls formed an honor court, or corte de honor, and they walked down a school hall – flanked by students watching from folding chairs.

Each girl represented a year of Hubner-Stommel's life. Young men escorted the girls.

Dressed in a gown, the girl being honored was escorted down the hallway by science teacher Marty Sylvester. He and other teacher sponsors represented adults who helped Hubner-Stommel grow up.

Spanish teacher April Dobbs and French teacher Cheryl Boliard said all of their students in Spanish and French classes helped to plan the quinceañera and to make it a success.

Hubner-Stommel seemed appreciative.

"Here in the United States people celebrate 'Sweet 16,' but in my home country it's 'Sweet 15.' They're alike in some ways," she said.

Hubner-Stommel said she moved from Panama to the United States with her family when she was 6 years old, but she still celebrates the culture. She lived in New York before moving to Michigan a few years ago.

Hubner-Stommel said that she didn't mind that her school quinceañera came as she turns 14, rather than 15.

Besides, she already has plans next year.

"When I turn 15, I'm going back to Panama with my family," she said. "I still have relatives there, and we will celebrate there."

ACHIEVERS

John Paronish of Westland has been named to the Academic Honors List at Owens Community College in Ohio for the spring semester. Students must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average to be eligible.

Paronish is in the computer numerical control certificate program.

Jennifer Sunday has graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., with a bachelor of science degree in biology. While at Eckerd, she was active in groups related to astronomy and was a teacher's assistant for organic chemistry.

She is the daughter of George and Jane Sunday of St. Petersburg.

Amanda Lynn Beavers, student president of Adams Middle School, was honored as Student of the Year at an awards assembly. She was also chosen as one of 100 students in Michigan to attend Michigan State University's veterinary camp this summer.

Beavers will attend Wayne Memorial High School in the fall.

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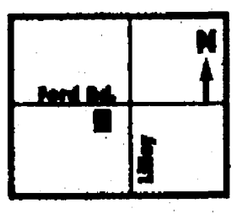

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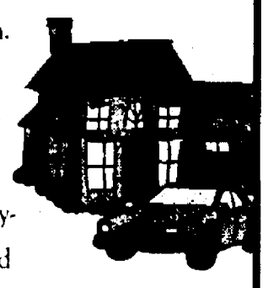

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Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott
120: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 5/17/99 (Abstain: Griffin)
-Approved request from Independent Carpet One to conduct tent sale, 1400 N. Wayne Road from 8/14-8/15/99
-Approved request from Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church to conduct outdoor tent church service on 7/4/99
-Approval to place 1999 summer board up fees on summer 1999 tax bills
-Approval to extend payment deadline for 1999 summer tax bills from 8/16/99 to 8/31/99 without additional interest
-Adopted Budget Amendment 99-21: Purchase of a stove for the Bailey Center
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-22: Additional expenses Police and Law Department, amt. $375,000
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-23: 98-99 Youth Assistance Professional Department, amt.$16,569
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-24: 18th District Court, Probation Program, amt. $34,909
-Approved purchase In-Car Computer System, Switch, Software & Lap Tops and software for Police Department approx. amt. $1,000,000.00
-Adopted lot split resolution splitting lots #9-10, Henry Gowdy Farm Sub
-Adopted lot split resolution splitting lots #41-45, Carver Sub
-Granted request for closed study session following tonight's meeting on tentative agreement for AFSCME Local 1602
121: Closed public hearing on vacation and abandonment of westerly 116' of Currier and Hanover Avenues right-of-way
122: Granted request to rezone from R-5 to CB-4, Lot 748, Kirke Neal Co's. Wayneford Townsite Sub #2
123: Confirmed reappointment of M Simpkins to Building Authority for 6 yr term, expires 4/6/205
124: Granted request Larry's Party Store transfer 1998 SDM licensed business, 35035 Cherry Hill
125: Granted request Guest Planning Services Inc. off-premise storage with Class C License, 35000 W. Warren
128: Confirmed reappointment of R Dittmar to Sanitation Authority for 1 yr term, expires 6/30/2000
129: Confirmed reappointment of R Thomas to Sanitation Authority for 1 yr term, expires 6/30/2000
130: Approved increase of Police Dept Manpower Budget for Sergeant by 1
131: Introduced Ordinance #223-A-4 renewing Cable Television Franchise to Media One of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc.
132: Adopted 1999/2000 Fiscal Year Budget commencing 7/1/99-6/30/2000
133: Adopted resolution spreading millage for Fiscal Year 7/1/99-6/30/2000 for total of 14.1305 mills
134: Adopted resolution spreading millage for summer tax levy for Fiscal Year 7/1/99-6/30/2000 for total of .6560 mills
135: Adopted Capital Improvement Program for 1999/2000
136: Approval of bid-Road Grader for Department of Public Service to A.I.S. Construction Equipment, amt $124,191
137: Approved Check List-$794,479.34 & Prepaid-$5,874,913.16
Mtg adjourned at 8:58 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

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Water Department depends on Edison to be Y2K OK

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Much of the water delivery to residents in western Wayne County depends on electricity delivered to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's operations by Detroit Edison.

While Detroit water officials believe they have tested their system successfully for Y2K compliance, they also will depend on Detroit-area electrical utilities for service to customers on Jan. 1, 2000, according to a Detroit Water & Sewer Department representative who appeared before the Conference of Western Wayne on Friday.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities. It includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

"Our biggest problem is the loss of electricity," said Teresa McCuean, information systems acting manager for the Detroit Water & Sewer Department. "If we lose electricity, nobody will have water."

McCuean said during the summer the DWSD's system pumps 1.4 billion gallons a day, which declines about to 280 million in January.

The DWSD has purchased an additional 108 megawatts of electricity, which cost $55 million. "It is to provide power in case there is a problem," McCuean said.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has an advantage in that the system is old and can still run through manual switches. Most of western Wayne County homes were hooked up to the system between 1955 and 1965. A station on Joy Road in Canton doesn't go off-line if it loses communication.

"If ongoing pressure falls, a pump goes off," said McCuean.

McCuean said the system has followed six steps of federal regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency for Y2K compliance, including awareness, assessment, corrections and remediation, contingency and test validation.

Mock exercises will take place in September and October.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey asked McCuean about the sewage treatment capabilities. McCuean said the wastewater treatment plant can hold three days of sewage. "If we lose electrical power, we will not be treating it," McCuean said. The plant can treat 1.4 billion gallons of sewage a day.

Naheed Huq, CWW assistant director, said Edison, Ameritech, MichCon and city of Detroit all indicated that they would be compliant by the end of the year. A public awareness program is expected to begin this summer.

The DWSD has created a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week hotline at (313) 964-9562 to answer questions about Y2K.

Be prepared

The CWW also approved a Y2 Personal Preparedness Checklist that was presented by Kirksey for communities to use.

That list included the following recommendations:

■ Store water in plastic container, or in used juice containers. Avoid containers that will decompose or break. Store one gallon of water per person per day.

■ Food: Store a supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water.

■ Clothing and bedding: You should have warm clothes, blankets and bedding.

■ Medication: Pack enough to meet your needs during this time.

■ Pack a battery-operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries and a non-electric can opener.

■ Cash: Take extra cash or traveler's checks to cover expenses during this time period. You should not rely on credit, debit or cash machines, but do not remove large sums of money from the bank.

■ Hang onto bank statements, bill or credit card statements.

Livonia will conduct a town hall meeting for residents to learn about the city's preparations for the Year 2000 at 7 tonight in the city hall auditorium.

Create a garden for butterflies

Nothing fascinates nature enthusiasts more than the beautiful creations of colors and markings on the butterfly.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will offer "Butterfly Gardens" 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19.

Participants can expect to learn how to identify Michigan butterflies and how to create wildlife habitat in their backyard to attract them, including aster and milkweed. A list of host plants will be provided.

Suitable for ages 10 and up, the fee is $3 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through parks millage funding.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For information on any parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Social Security topic of forum in Wayne

U.S. Rep. Lynn N. Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a forum, "Social Security: What's the plan?" 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 21, at the Wayne County RESA Center. This educational forum will take place in the Annex Building, 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne.

Rivers has invited a panel of experts who will engage in a dialogue on this important topic. After the initial presentations, panelists will be available to take questions from the audience.

Also Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Wayne 10-11:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Rivers will be at the Wayne Restaurant and Coney Island, 3709 Metro Place Mall, Wayne.

All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns.

For more information, contact Deborah Johnson of Rivers' district staff in Ypsilanti at (734)485-3741.

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Services for Helen Smith, 90, of Westland were June 14 in St. Mel Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Jay Samonie.

Mrs. Smith was born June 10, 1909, in Lebanon, Ky., and died June 10 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Dr. Joseph (Irene) Smith and James (Brenda) Smith; daughters, Jennie Blanchard, Teresa (Maynard) Dolsen, Mary Waligorski and Becky Takach; sister, Ruth Thompson; and 38 grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, William, and son, William Jr.

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

MILTON L. BLAISDELL
Services for Milton Blaisdell, 83, of Westland were June 16 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Officiating was the Rev. Robert C. Orr.

Mr. Blaisdell was born June 25, 1915, in Detroit and died June 12 in Livonia. He was a computer analyst.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; daughters, Linda (Jeffrey) Maher and Allison (Douglas) Shatter; sisters, Leona Lanning and Geraldine Muscat; and five grandchildren.

FOSTER A. KEPLER
Services for Foster Kepler, 76, of Westland were June 14 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Drexel Morton from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mr. Kepler was born July 6, 1922, in South Bend, Pa., and died June 11 in Ann Arbor. He was a supervisor for General Motors.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; son, Douglas (Karen); daughter, Beverly Moore; sister, Dorothy Gentzyel; one granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

LEE R. CHAMBERS
Services for Lee Chambers, 54, of Westland were June 12 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Drexel Morton.

Mr. Chambers was born June 11, 1944, in Anderson Co., Tenn., and died June 9 in Garden City. He was a driver.

Surviving are his wife, Diana; sons, Tim and Tracy of Wayne; daughter, Carolyn Jones of Romulus; brothers, Richard and Scott, both of Clinton, Tenn.; sisters, Eve Leinart of Clinton, Tenn., Pat Martin of Clinton, Tenn., and Jan Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

JAMES C. MADDOX
Services for James Maddox, 79, of Westland were June 12 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Joe Lowing, chaplain from Odyssey Health Care.

Mr. Maddox was born June 17, 1919, in Adrmore, Ala., and died June 10 in Westland. He was a heavy equipment operator.

Surviving are his sons, Robert, James, Thurman, Charles, Larry, Billy, Wendell and Ronald; and daughter, Patricia Hines.

MARJORIE H. SMITH
Services for Marjorie Smith, 72, of Westland were June 15 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne Walls from Christ United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Smith was born April 4, 1927, in Connecticut and died June 12 in Wayne. She was a singer.

Surviving are her son, Mathew Smith; daughter, Karen Ridgley; and six grandchildren.

SARAH M. MINTON
Services for Sarah Minton, 97, of Westland were June 14 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mrs. Minton was born Nov. 30, 1901, in Buffalo, N.Y., and died June 10 in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Roger and Herbert; daughters, Sharon Seeley, Vickey Campbell, Edith Martin and Virginia Hurren; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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• ***http://www.el.net/CAT/index.html***

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■ PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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Internet 102: How To Search the Internet for Information. This is the second in the series of Internet classes. Included are such topics as how to search the Internet using various search engines and how to select the best search engine for your work. It is recommended that you take Internet 101 before attending this class.
Class capacity 25. No fee. No registration required, so seating is on a first available basis. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24.

■ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

• ***Summer Reading Program***

The Summer Reading Program is scheduled to begin this month. Registration will begin Monday, June 21.

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Galka said she hopes to keep the momentum going to lower class size.

She said she fears the cost of reinstating instrumental music will reduce money being set aside to lower class size.

"I don't want that to keep the district from pursuing smaller class sizes," she said.

Galka also said she has fielded numerous phone calls from Garfield parents who oppose a four-room addition on the school.

She said she might ask fellow trustees to reopen talks on the issue.

"I know I can't control six people," she said. "My goal is to be a fact finder, work with other board members. I don't want to disagree all the time. I'm not there to take things apart."

■ 'My goal is to be a fact finder, work with other board members.'

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Law will require cell phones to have enhanced 9-1-1

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Cellular phone users who dial 9-1-1 today must be able to tell police their location. If a caller is injured or sick (perhaps having a heart attack or a stroke) and unable to speak, emergency services will have difficulty finding the scene.

Sometimes callers can speak but simply don't know where they are. In the panic of an emergency situation, it is not unusual for a caller to be confused regarding his or her whereabouts. State Rep. Judie Scranton, R-Brighton, cites the example of a Southfield woman who called police during a domestic violence incident recently. She was being chased by her husband but was unable to tell the dispatcher her location. By the time officers found her, she was dead.

Come October 2001, cell phone companies in Michigan will be required to have a system in place that will allow emergency service dispatchers to locate 9-1-1 callers, under legislation sponsored by Scranton and passed by both the House and Senate over the past week. House Bill 4658, the main bill in the package, requires phone companies to develop, perfect and install equipment to make it possible for dispatchers to "triangulate" from cell phone towers in order to pin down the whereabouts of a caller within 450 feet.

"This is the single most important issue in public safety since the advent of 9-1-1," Scranton said. "If you have one family member, one friend, one neighbor who has to use it, I think you would say it is."

Calls to 9-1-1 on "land lines," regular wire line phone service, already have this feature, Scranton explained. In all but six Michigan counties, calls to emergency services by wire already automatically send critical information (name, phone number, address) to the dispatchers. The information is displayed on a computer screen inside the dispatch center as soon as the number is dialed. This allows police to respond to the scene even when the caller is unable to give any information.

But that has not been the case with wireless phones, and there have been several incidents in which police had difficulty finding the point of origin of a 9-1-1 call in an emergency.

Federal regulators gave states the option to require such a system, although the necessary technology to implement it is still under development, and Michigan is one of the first to pass such a law, Scranton said. She's been working to gain approval of the proposal for about two years.

All states have to do to get the system, she said, is "make the request and find a way to fund it," she said.

So the legislation also calls for a 55 cent charge to be added to the monthly bills of cell phone customers across the state. Three cents of the charge will cover the cost of development and so will be taken back off those monthly bills once the system is implemented, Scranton said. A portion of the charge covers the cost to the phone company of installing and operating the equipment, including directional tracking equipment on cell towers and routers, to direct the calls to the correct police department.

The remainder of the charge will cover the cost to local governments of installing the necessary equipment in police and fire department dispatch centers to make use of the new technology.

It was this figure that caused some lawmakers to part ways with the plan. Among the most vocal opponents was State Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy. He said the 55 cent fee is essentially a tax increase and would violate his pledge of no new taxes. Other opponents argued that the need for the 55 cent charge in phone bills had not been well documented.

"While the implementation of a wireless emergency telephone service is a laudable and worthwhile idea, the increase in the user fee on a cellular owner's monthly bill without any evidence of justification of the need for the increase is unsound fiscal policy," Reps. Mark Shulman, R-West Bloomfield, and Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said.

Scranton said that originally cell phone service providers had asked for a 75 cent monthly fee. The 55 cent charge was the result of negotiations with the phone companies over how much would be needed, plus estimates of the costs needed by local governments.

Representatives did agree to audit the collections yearly to determine if adjustments to the fee are warranted in the future.

House members voted for the bill 77-29.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, voted no.

Senators voted for final passage 36-1.

Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Highland, John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, voted yes.

New 9-1-1 law will increase phone bills

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Michigan residents can expect a 55-cent charge on monthly telephone bills to finance a telecommunications system to help locate callers on cellular telephones dialing 9-1-1 for emergency service.

Legislation passed last week on wireless emergency service will allow communities in the Conference of Western Wayne to get reimbursed for 9-1-1 costs, leaders of those communities learned Friday.

The CWW is a legislative consortium of 18 western Wayne County communities. It includes the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Under Public Act 29 of 1994, the CWW functions as the Emergency Telephone District Board for the CWW coverage area. The CWW's individual member communities and Detroit Metro Airport are considered public service answering points or PSAPs.

Wayne County is divided into four telephone service districts: the CWW, the Conference of Eastern Wayne County, the Downriver Community Conference and the city of Detroit.

The CWW emergency telephone district receives approximately 19,000 9-1-1 calls per month or about 228,000 calls per year. In 1998, the CWW Emergency Telephone Service District received over $2.3 million under PA 29, but the district's communities spent $7.7 million that same year in 911-related expenditures.

The legislative package allows CWW communities to receive a portion of a 15-cent portion distributed to counties on a per capita basis. The CWW also will receive and distribute 1.5 cents out of the 55 cents of billable addresses in CWW communities to train personnel assigned to 911 centers.

Three cents will go to the State Police for the first two years after the bill to fund "priority issues" of the 9-1-1 coverage. Another 10-cent portion will be available to counties with a 9-1-1 plan in place.

Another 25 cents of that money will pay commercial mobile radio service companies for compliance, or installing equipment to implement a wireless emergency service system.

State Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township, told CWW leaders earlier proposed legislation would "cut you short." Brown worked with a bipartisan group of lawmakers on the House Energy and Technology Committee on this package.

Marsha Bianconi, executive director of the Conference of Western Wayne, testified May 19 before that committee that the proposed legislation provided for total dollar-for-dollar recovery for the wireless industry "while leaving local governments with yet another unfunded mandate."

An increase in PSAP funding was "critical" for the CWW support of this legislation, Bianconi said.

"Since public funds are going to be used to help develop new technologies, any future commercial use of the technology should require repayments of the public funds," Bianconi testified.

On behalf of the CWW, Bianconi also told legislators the new legislation should require that industry provide annually to each PSAP the number of access lines and billable lines within the PSAP.

The CWW had sought those numbers for several months from Ameritech. Bianconi received figures from Ameritech last month. The CWW has lobbied Ameritech for those numbers for more than a year to help quantify what the CWW should receive in revenue for 9-1-1 operations for local communities.

Bianconi thanked Brown for his efforts and other CWW legislators for their support.

"It was a bipartisan effort, working for more funding which is what we've been looking for all along," Bianconi said.

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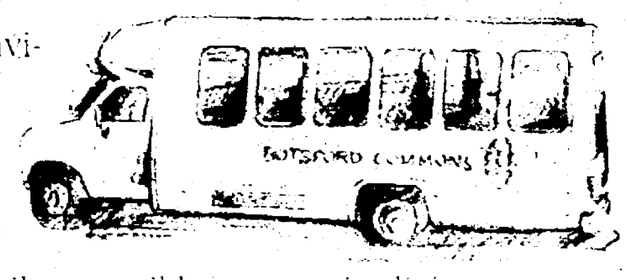

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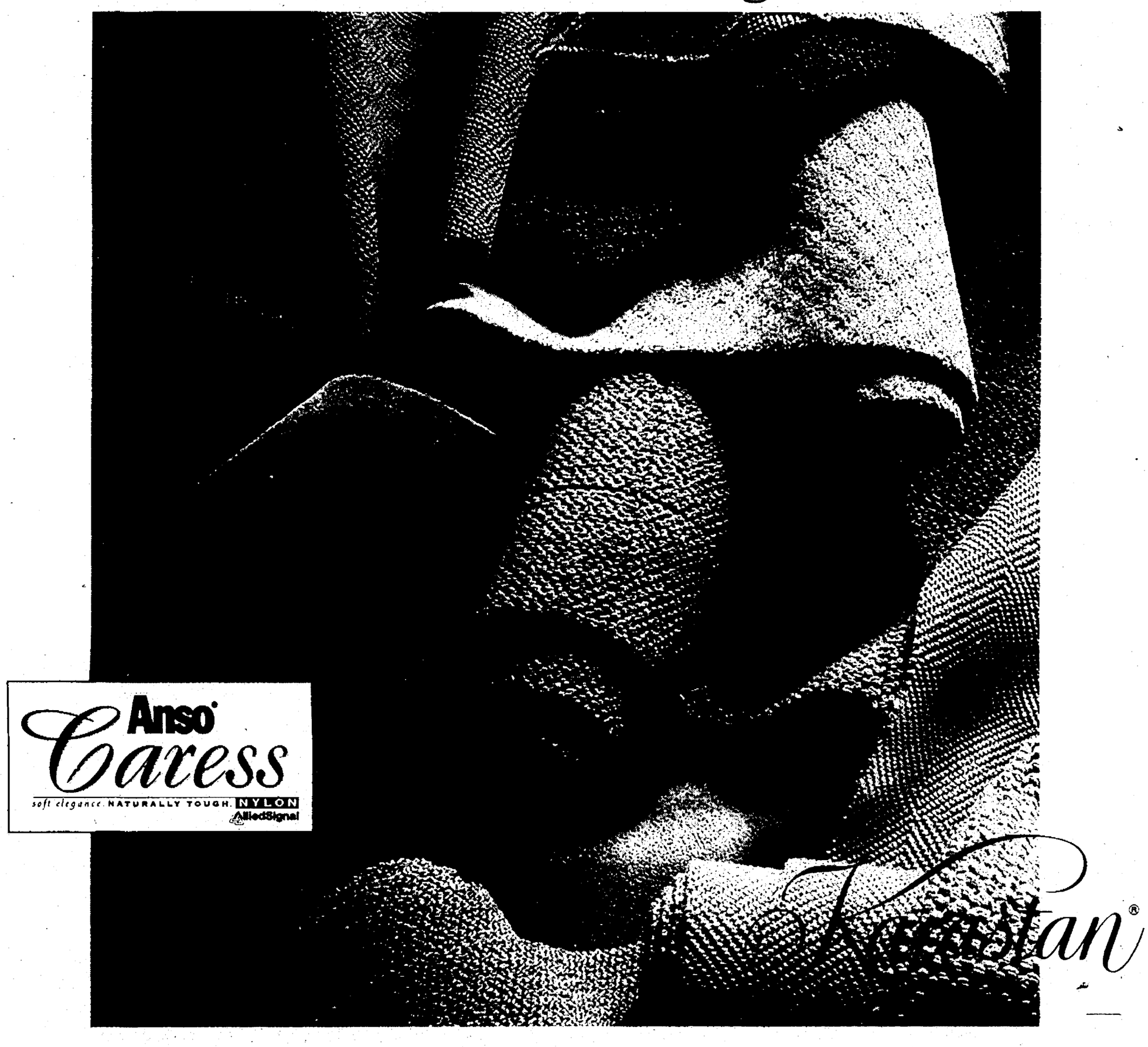

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■ Spectrum Human Services Golf Classic is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 18, at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The event is sponsored by Daly-Merritt Insurance and Michigan Assisted Living Association. Golf tickets are $150 per person and include 18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, cookout dinner, beverages, golf favors and foursome color photograph. Dinner tickets are $25 each. Spectrum Human Services Inc. is the 11th-largest private nonprofit human service agency in southeast Michigan. It offers a continuum of services for children, youth and disabled adults. Programs include foster care, adoption, family preservation programs and others. Call (734) 458-8736.

■ The 19th annual Westland Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500 Summit Parkway, Canton Township, is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

■ St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic, Friday, June 25 at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty (at Richardson) in West Bloomfield. New this year is a golf clinic by LPGA teaching professionals. Golfers can sharpen their putting and driving techniques demonstrated by area golf pros. The Classic also features a continental breakfast, practice balls, 18-hole scramble with cart, locker room facilities, lunch, cocktails and dinner. Gifts and prizes will be awarded at dinner, including a Florida golf resort package. Proceeds for the $200-per-person event are designated for specialized cardiac care equipment at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available.

A continental breakfast will be served 10-11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at noon. Hors d'oeuvres begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner, raffle and awards beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2121.

■ The IHM Sisters will host their fourth annual Royal Blue Classic Women's Golf Outing Wednesday, June 30, at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. All levels of play are welcome in this scramble, which begins with a shotgun start. Golf outing packages include nine ($100) or 18 ($175) holes with cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and silent auction. For non-golfers a reception with hors d'oeuvres begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a silent auction, raffle and dinner for $50 per person. Proceeds support the IHM Ministry Fund. For more information or tickets, call (248) 433-0950 weekdays. Registration ends June 11.

■ Farmington/ Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic, Wednesday, June 30, at Links of Novi. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is $140. Reservations can be made with Visa or Mastercard or by mailing a check to: Farmington/ Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 33000 Thomas St., Suite 101, Farmington MI 48336. For information, call the chamber office at (248) 474-3440.

■ The Livonia Chamber of Commerce will hold its 1999 golf outing Monday, July 12, at Cattails Golf Course, 57737 W. Nine Mile, South Lyon. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is $135 per golfer and includes lunch and dinner. Dinner-only tickets are $35. Hole sponsorships are available for $100. Call the chamber at (734) 427-2122.

■ The Garden City Chamber of Commerce is having a golf outing Monday, July 26. It will be at the Golden Fox Championship Course at Fox Hills in Salem Township. The format is a scramble with shotgun start beginning at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are $100 and include 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, light lunch (brown bag lunch), full sit-down buffet dinner, open bar from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., door prize ticket, contests and games, putting contest, etc. Sponsorships are available ranging from $125 to $350. Reservations are due in by June 25.

■ Canton Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic is set for Thursday, Aug. 12, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz, Canton. Shotgun start for the best ball scramble is 8:30 a.m. Cost is $150 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch, buffet dinner, awards and raffle. For more information or tickets, call (734) 453-4040.

■ Second annual Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County Charity Golf Outing Sunday, Aug. 22, at Inkster Valley Golf Club, 2150 Middlebelt. Golf ticket is $100 and include 18 holes with cart, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments and dinner. Call Robert Stogdill at (734) 261-7764 or (313) 872-0300 for tickets or more information. Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer group dedicated to providing decent, affordable shelter.

■ Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Fox Hills in Salem Township. Call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

■ The Fifth annual TeeTime Golf Classes sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is set for Friday, Sept. 10, at Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile, South Lyon. Cost is $80 for those registering before Aug. 1, $90 after that. Cost for dinner only is $25. Golf tickets include 18 holes with cart, scramble format, hot dog lunch and buffet dinner and prizes. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Dinner at 4:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the resource center at (734) 462-4443. Proceeds will provide scholarships for women to attend Schoolcraft College.

Reading program has sign-up

The Learning Center at Madonna University in Livonia is currently accepting applications for its fall term, which begins Monday, Sept. 20. Since enrollment is limited, it is important that applications be completed as soon as possible. Early applications will allow sufficient time for an assessment of each student before classes begin.

The tutorial sessions are designed for students from the first through 12th grades who are experiencing difficulty in reading and its related skills. Individual or group instruction (two students) is available.

Prior to admission, each student will be informally assessed and a tailored remedial plan will be designed. Instruction is designed to enable the student to be a more successful and independent reader and will include strategies for reading fiction and non-fiction text, process writing and study skills. Students will develop a portfolio of their work during the session.

Classes run from Monday, Sept. 20, through Thursday, Dec. 9. Parents may choose the day and time that best fits their needs: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 4-5 p.m. or 5-6 p.m.

With more than 47 years of providing service to children who are experiencing difficulty in reading and writing, Madonna University's Learning Center has assisted thousands of children, from public and private schools representing some 20 different school districts.

For more information, please call (734) 432-5586 or Sister M. Duane, director, (734) 432-5585.

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Brown said the new law was important to allow for emergency crews to locate accident victims in desolate areas. Brown remembered a snowmobiler who crashed and died last year because he could not be located quickly enough by rescue crews.

Brown said he doesn't like to raise the telephone fees. "They are just like land mines," Brown said. "No one likes higher fees, but dang it, if we don't save a life, shame on us."

CLARIFICATION

A story in the Sunday, June 13, edition of the Observer about endorsements for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees should have stated that Roy Nuffer is the president of the Schoolcraft Faculty Forum.

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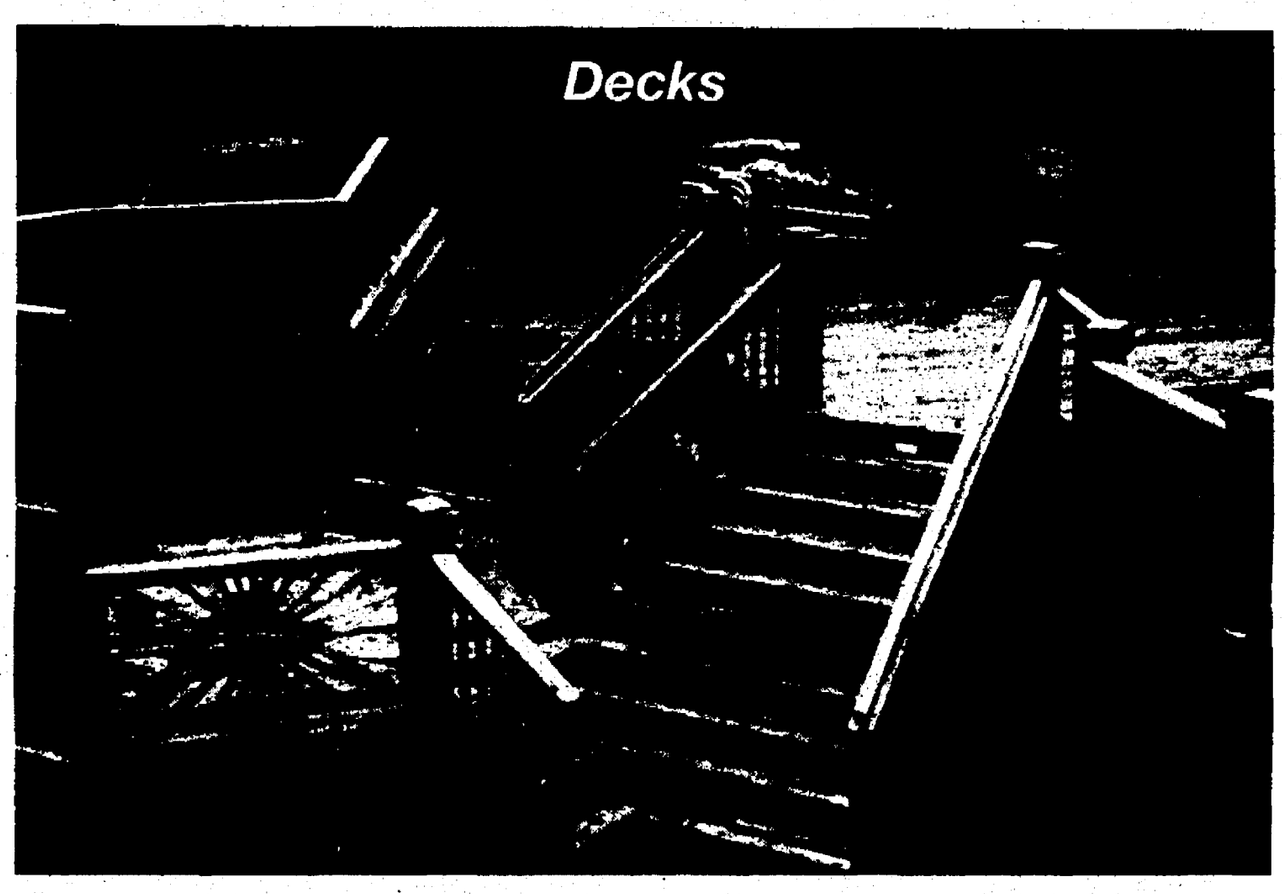

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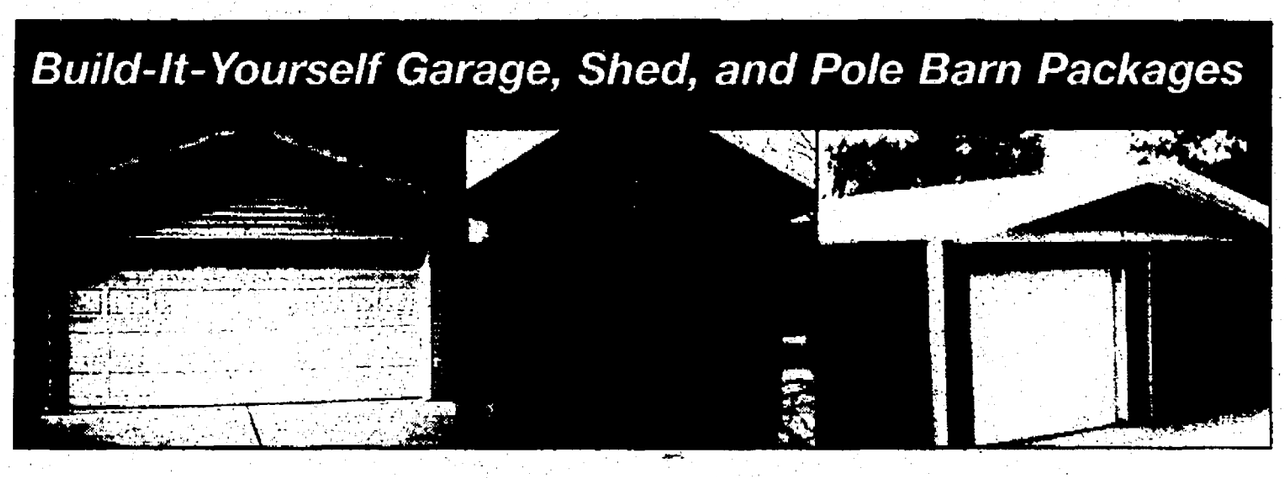

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Internet Crime Bill Signed:

Sexual predators who use the Internet to target children will face additional penalties under legislation signed into law recently by Gov. John Engler.

Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, sponsored the legislation.

"This is another important tool prosecutors and police officers can use to put away pedophiles who use the Internet to snare children," Rogers said.

The new law makes it a felony to use the Internet or a computer network to solicit, abduct, sexually assault or arrange to meet a minor. A person found guilty of the charge faces two additional years in prison and $2,000 in fines for a first offense. Additional offenses could add five years and $5,000 to the sentence.

"When we added additional felony charges for using a weapon in commission of a crime, violent crimes decreased," Rogers said. "The same thing will happen with sexual predators and other who use the Internet for illegal activity. Now that they know we are watching, they will be less likely to act."

Rogers also sponsored legislation making it a felony to use the Internet to build a bomb. That bill was passed and awaits Engler's signature.

Appointments:

Gov. John Engler appointed local residents to several state panels.

Edward Ratzenberger was reappointed to the Board of Health and Safety Compliance and Appeals, which has administrative authority over citations issued by MIOSHA.

Ratzenberger, who lives in Rochester Hills, is president and CEO of the Safety Council for Southeastern Michigan. His term will run until March 2003.

Gary Shripka was appointed to the Construction Code Commission, which works to improve the quality of housing in Michigan while assisting the housing industry. Shripka, who lives in Waterford, is director of building and zoning for Troy. He replaces Jeff Bowdell of Novi and will serve until January 2001.

Edward Gallagher was appointed to the Board of Trustees for the Self-Insurers, Security, Second Injury, Silicosis and Dust Disease and Logging Industry Compensation funds. The board governs workers' compensation claims for employers that have filed bankruptcy.

Gallagher, who lives in Clarkston, is manager of supplier relations at DaimlerChryler. He is the chairman of the Michigan Self-Insurers' Association.

Bill would limit number of elections

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Voter turnout would be increased and school districts would save money if the annual June education elections were moved to November and combined with the regular general election, says House Majority Floor Leader Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills.

He's aware that some local boards of education are opposed to the idea, but he's not sympathetic.

"Boards are only against it because it breaks up their fiefdoms," he said last week. "I'm only interested in making good policy; I'm not interested in protecting political blocs."

Raczkowski is the chief sponsor of House Bill 4106, which would consolidate annual school balloting with fall general elections. The legislation is related to House Bill 4092, sponsored by Rep. Bob Gosselin, R-Troy, which amends the election code to make way for consolidated balloting, and House Bill 4058, by Rep. Mickey Mortimer, R-Hanover, which would limit voting, even in special elections, to four days per year.

Raczkowski said he expects the bills will be taken up by the Legislature in the fall. And he expects approval.

"This won't hurt school districts. Actually, it will help school districts," he said. "It will increase voter participation, and it will put $1 million more into classrooms. How can any school board member be against that?"

Election consolidation would save districts the cost of running June elections, which schools must currently pay for. That means more money in school district budgets for educational programming, Raczkowski said.

Voter turnout at June elections is about 1 percent typically, he said. Holding elections on Mondays in June tends to discourage participation, he said.

"And this year, the election (was) on Flag Day. It's on a national holiday and school boards have refused to reschedule it. That's unconscionable," he said.

Raczkowski isn't worried that consolidation could produce even larger November ballots, known as "bedsheet ballots," and make it difficult for voters to get to know the candidates.

"They don't know who their school board members are now."

Mortimer's proposal would limit elections to four dates throughout the year, including special elections and property tax votes. Those dates would include the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February, a winter election; the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, a spring election; the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, the typical primary date; and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the general election date.

Co-sponsors of bills in the package include Reps. Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, and John Pappageorge, R-Troy.

Madonna names legal course faculty

Oakland County Circuit Judge Gene Schnelz will be among faculty members teaching legal assistant courses at Madonna University in Livonia for the fall term, which begins Sept. 7.

Schnelz will teach Legal Interviewing and Investigations on Tuesday evenings and the course Domestic Relations on Wednesday evenings.

On Oct. 22 and 23, a workshop of Computer-Assisted Legal Research will focus on the use of technology to conduct legal research. Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today, will teach the course. Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant Program at Madonna, will teach the course Legal Research and Writing II on Thursday evenings and an introductory course, Legal Assistant Orientation, on Tuesday evenings.

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach Torts: An Overview of Negligence on Wednesday evenings and a weekend workshop, Arbitration and Mediation, on Nov. 12 and 13 and Nov. 19 and 20.

Attorney Craig Tarpinian of Farmington Hills will teach Legal Research and Writing I on Thursday evenings.

Marty Champine, a Bingham Farms attorney, will conduct two courses, Litigation on Monday evenings, and Law Office Economics and Management on Tuesday evenings.

The director of Madonna's Legal Assistant Program, Jennifer Cote, who is a Brighton attorney and chairwoman of the American Bar Association Approval Commission, will teach Legal Seminar and Practicum on selected Saturdays.

Other course that will be offered include Taxation I, Legal Issues for Older Adults and Constitutional Law.

The U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the employment of paralegals is expected to grow 36 percent through the year 2005.

Madonna University's Legal Assistant Program is approved by the American Bar Association and has maintained this status for 12 years. The program offers associate and bachelor of science degrees and a post-baccalaureate certificate in the field.

Registration continues through Sept. 3. Classes begin Sept. 7.

For more information, call Mary Meinzinger Urisko at (734) 432-5548 or Jennifer Cote at (734) 432-5549.

D-Dot stops selling bus tickets

The Detroit Department of Transportation (D-DOT) has stopped selling bus tickets. Come July 1, D-DOT will no longer even accept D-DOT bus tickets – SMART tickets will continue to be accepted.

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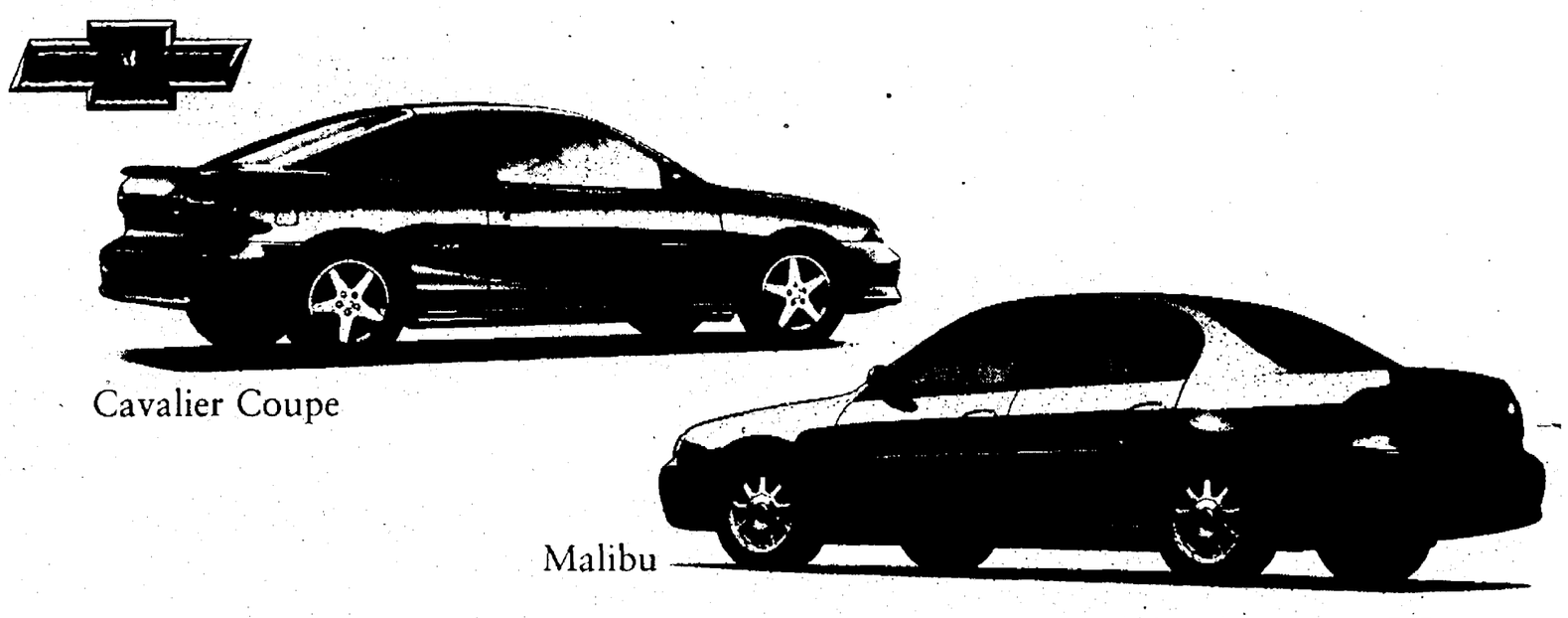
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Senate bill on concert labeling faces dim prospects in House

BY TIM RICHARD
SPECIAL WRITER

ANALYSIS

The state Senate rode sluggishly to the aid of parents who don't want their kids to hear dirty lyrics at rock concerts by passing a bill to require warning labels on tickets and posters.

The bill, passed 25-11 on May 25, goes to the House, where its future is dim.

"So now we're asking ourselves why some of our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill," said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage.

"Now we find ourselves debating the appropriateness of concert performances that glamorize suicide, rape, hatred, drug use, murder," Shugars said. "I'm not naive enough to believe that Senate Bill 239 will cure all our social ills or that Marilyn Manson and other artists like him are solely responsible for events such as what occurred in Littleton, Colorado."

But Shugars said concerts are an influence, and "we as state legislators have a responsibility to protect our children from being influenced by these things."

Freshman Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, spoke against the Shugars bill in committee of the whole but wound up voting for it.

"This will not promote active, involved parents," McCotter said. "This depends on rating concerts by the same method used in CD (compact disk recordings) ratings. The industry will just repeal them."

McCotter said the bill, if enacted, would have a "chilling effect" on the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which protects freedom of speech.

But after the bill was modified in final debate, McCotter voted yes. He said he didn't want to get in trouble with the religious right and noted it would have passed anyway because Democrat Dianne Byrum of Onondaga cast the 20th yes vote.

Here's how area senators voted on final passage:

YES – Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, McCotter, Mike Rogers of Brighton, John Schwarz of Battle Creek, and Democrats Byrum and George Hart of Dearborn.

NO – Republicans Bill Bullard Jr. of Milford and Shirley Johnson of Royal Oak, and Democrats John Cherry of Clio, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township and Alma Smith of Salem.

Cherry, Democratic caucus leader, said the flaw was imposing a mandate (warning on tickets and posters) on top of a voluntary rating system for recordings. "Madonna doesn't comply with the voluntary rating system. So consequently, there would be no warning published or notice provided regarding what the rating for her concert would be ... Many artists will simply discontinue to voluntarily provide a warning."

Smith agreed with Cherry, adding, "The content of the bill promotes a prior censorship of concerts. What we require here is the potential censorship of something that might happen at a concert based on any number of cuts of music that a performer may have done in the past five years.

"This also gives a sense of false security to parents and eliminates the responsibility that parents themselves ought to have in dealing with the music their children are listening to ... Big Brother is going to do it for me."

Sen. Art Miller, D-Warren, supported the bill but noted that "the Palace of Auburn Hills came out with a statement about three weeks ago – before we even went on this legislation – that they were going to ban acts like Manson and acts that preach violence and harm."

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Magic show set for Bell Creek Park

Children will be entertained with a blend of magic and puppetry when the Amazing Clark brings his free magic show at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, to Bell Creek Park in Redford.

Clark's appearance is part of the Wayne County Parks "Kids Kaleidoscope" series made possible through the parks millage funding. The event is co-sponsored through the Redford Parks and Recreation Department.

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Elected

New trustee: *Steve Guile, with daughter Sarah, 10, was elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday. Guile, a Canton resident, is Westland's Downtown Development Authority director.*

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Read Arts & Leisure

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

A joyful noise: *Musical sounds are provided during the Livonia Franklin High School graduation.The Senior Choir performs "Once Upon a Dream," perhaps thinking of their own dreams and aspirations.*

Protest *from page A3*

grow up in a racist environment, music reinforces and perpetuates that," he said. "These bands are not into music so much as a means of preaching and influencing young people."

An independent store, Rock of Ages offers music that customers want, said to Farsakian. Music is sold by any number of artists that are controversial including Insane Clown Posse, Marilyn Manson and Korn – all of whom have made in-store appearances at Rock of Ages.

Removing the limited selection of what might be termed White Power CDs would be the first step in censoring a variety of music because someone objects to their content, according to Farsakian.

"If you pull one, you've got to pull them all," said Farsakian. "If someone wants a particular CD, I'll get it for them. I'll be damned if I'll let someone dictate what I sell in my store."

The protesters didn't, Farsakian noted, object to his selling rap music that has anti-white content.

Farsakian also questions the impact music has listeners. "I turned 40 years old (Monday). I've listened to Black Sabbath since high school. That's still my favorite band. I haven't killed any chickens," he said.

Rose denies that ARA member are responsible for vandalism at Rock of Ages.

Along with spraypainting on the rear of the building, Farsakian said group members have damaged CDs, magazines and other merchandise in his store. He calls fliers passed around the community and in Dearborn Heights slanderous.

"These guys are nuts. They are trying desperately for attention. If they want credibility they should come out to a Klan rally. That's offensive," said Farsakian, whose store opened in 1984 on the north side of Ford and moved to his current 6,000-square-foot store in 1993.

The protest has drawn what Rose calls Nazi sympathizers and racists who made their feelings known. Others take the position supporting sale of the material as free speech, he said.

"We've had supporters. I know we've turned people away (from the business)," Rose said. "We'll be out there as long as it takes.

A Sept. 16 jury trial has been scheduled in 21st District Court for the two protesters charged with trespassing.

If they want to follow through with their protest, Farsakian said the pair should refuse to pay a fine and demand jail time if they are convicted.

***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
May 17, 1999

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of May 17, 1999; 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 Nay convened the meeting at 7 p.m., in the board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. **Present:** Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. **Absent:** None.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee Kokenakes presented the Golden Apple Award to **Marylee Skelton**, technology paraprofessional at Marshall and Taylor schools.

Team Effort Award: Trustee Nalley presented the Team Effort Award to **Dr. Allan Edwards, Jill Streit, Mary Ann Marks, Beth Bedell-Sheffey, Kathleen Guntzviller, Bette Knedgen,** and **Roberta LeMieux** as representatives of the Language Arts Benchmarks Committee numbering 50 strong throughout the district.

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:16 p.m. and reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

Written Communications: Mr. Lessard read a proclamation from Mayor Kirksey on the drug awareness seminar to be held at the Livonia Civic Center Library on May 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Audience Communications: Bernie Pulk, counselor at Riley Middle School addressed the Board regarding team teaching at the middle school and its many advantages. **Julie Wyett,** first grade teacher at Cleveland Elementary School, addressed the Board to share the accomplishments of the staff and students. **Karen Zyczynski,** addressed the Board to thank them for their time, hard work and support.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: **IV.** Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 1999. **VLA** Move that general fund check nos. 315941 through 316838 in the amount of $2,308,778.68 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of $1,632,938.35 be approved. **VI.B** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of one Thomas mini bus from Hoekstra Truck Equipment Co., in the amount of $35,467. VI.C Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of four lawn mowers from Foote Tractor for the low bid amount of $56,791.20. **VI.D** Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District adopt a resolution appointing election inspectors for the regular school election on Monday, June 14, 1999. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift–Nankin Mills PTA: Motion by Kokenakes and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the gracious gift of $9,900 from the Nankin Mills PTA for the purchase of 15 classroom amplification systems from Lifeline Amplification System Company for classroom usage. This will equip each classroom at Nankin Mills with an amplification system. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Schools of Choice Resolution: Motion by Nalley and Morgan that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the resolution in regard to Schools of Choice.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has passed State School Aid Legislation requiring school districts to decide whether to accept for enrollment non-resident students residing within the same intermediate school district (ISD);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livonia Public Schools will not accept any applications for enrollment pursuant to Section 105 of the above referenced legislation from non-resident students residing within the same intermediate school district for the 1999-2000 school year.

In witness whereof, the undersigned Board secretary has executing this resolution this 1st day of June, 1999.

(Signature of the Board Secretary) Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Leaves of Absence: Motion by Morgan and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for leaves of absence for: **Judy Bayer, Jennifer Couzens,** and **Sarah Pyzik,** effective for the 1999-2000 school year. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by: **Robert Dennis, Cecily Farragher, Mary Gibbons, Jerome Gough, Paul Holmberg, Ramon Kugler, Nancy LaPine, Mary Merline, Gerald Nehs, Paula Rivard, Marian Sutherland,** and **Ronald Van Horn.**

Resignation: The Board of Education accepted the resignation of **Brad Nettles,** effective 5/7/99.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson read a letter from a Westland parent of a special education student complimenting the district for its intervention on his behalf; congratulated Randolph, Hoover, CHS, SHS, FHS, and Livonia Career/ Technical Center for achieving their North Central Accreditation; acknowledged a letter received from a student thanking the district for providing technology for students; and announced off-duty police officers will be stationed at all high schools starting Thursday, until the end of the year.

Hearing from Board Members: Mr. Kokenakes attended the Marshall Bank performance at Stevenson High School which consisted of 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Mr. Timmons stated that the Livonia Public School Staff have tightened their belts for the last fives years in the best interest of the district's programs; it is now time to compensate the five groups for their dedication. Mr. Lessard attended the Co-op Breakfast at Waterman Center to honor the co-ops and the businesses that work with our students; and was proud to attend the first meeting of the newly organized Perrinville PTA. Ms. Morgan asked to CHS student that called her to interview her to call again because her answering machine was not working properly; and thanked the DARE officers for all they do for the students of our district. Mr. Watters was proud to hear that Dr. Watson was increasing security in our buildings because we are there to protect the students and staff.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Morgan that the regular meeting of May 17, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE

The City of Westland Summer, 1999 Tax Bills will be mailed on or about July 1, 1999. The Summer Tax Bills are payable through August 16, 1999 without additional interest.

Publish: June 17, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 7, 1999.

#1490C, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road, Parcels #014-02-00025-000, -0026-000 and -014-99-0002-0702, East Side of Wayne Road, South of Joy Road, NW-4, Michael Rupert.

#1529A, Proposed Split of Lot No. 609C of Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 12, East of Merriman, South of Warren, NW-11, David W. Evens & Connie Evens.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

Published: June 17, 1999

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Deliver three (3) copies of the Bid Proposal Form in a sealed envelope marked with the Name of Bidder and Project.

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public meeting.

Time: June 30, 1999, 2:00 p.m. EST Delivery of bids. Bid opening shall be 2:00 p.m. EST

Place: Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185

If delivering prior to Public Bid Opening or mailing your Proposal, send to:
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Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: Barb Evanson, Supervisor of Purchasing

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after June 17, 1999 at TMP Associates.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ASSOCIATES, INC., Architects - Engineers - Planners, 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; F. W. Dodge Corporation Plan Room, Detroit, Michigan; or the Construction Association of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan, or Daily Construction Report Plan Room, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Board of Education.

Publish: June 17 and 20, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 28, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on June 28, 1999 at 7:20 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments regarding the Proposed Alley Vacation within Lot 29, Folker's Full Acre Farms Subdivision on the south side of Ford Road between Middlebelt and Brandt Roads.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

Posted: June 15, 1999
Publish: June 17, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (734-525-8814) on or before **June 25, 1999 at 3:00 p.m.** for the following items:

ELECTRICAL WORK AT CITY PARK

Bid must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the following description:

BID ENCLOSED: ELECTRICAL WORK AT CITY PARK

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: June 17, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, June 22, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
89	FORD	2DR ESCORT	RED	1FAPP9199KT112556
??	PONTIAC	4 DR GRAND AM	BLUE	NONE
80	TOYOTA	PICK UP	BLUE	RN42118967
89	FORD	AEROSTAR VAN	BLACK	1FMDA31U1KZB35449

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

88	DODGE	2DR DAYTONA	RED	1B3YA44K1JG451287
97	HYUNDAI	4DR ELANTRA	BLUE	KMHJF34M7VU405740
87	PONT	2DR GR AM	BLUE	1G2NE14U6HC876628
84	CHEV	2DR CAMARO	CREAM	1G1AP87G4EN130223
87	FORD	2DR ESCORT	WHITE	1FAPP23J5HW213695
88	BUICK	4DR LESABRE	SILVER	1G4HP54C7JH525958
87	FORD	2DR ESCORT	GRAY	1FAPP2192HW198226
79	CHEV	2DR CAMARO	BLUE	1Q87G9N626409
85	PONT	2DR GRAND AM	WHITE	1G2NV27L9FC776609
82	FORD	FAIRMONT 4D	YELLOW	1FABP21B3CK155303
86	PONTIAC	SUNBIRD 2D	RED	1G2JD2708G7509088
86	PONTIAC	6000 4D	SILVER	2G2AF19R1G9228409
88	FORD	2DR ESCORT	GRAY	1FAPP9191JW321397
84	HONDA	MOPED	BLUE	JH2AB0701EK103502
85	MERC	2DR CAPRI	BROWN	1MEBP79A2FF610933

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

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IS IT FATE?
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INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blond, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad#.1212

PERSONABLE
Semi-retired DWCF, 65, 5'7", who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of a SCM, 60-69. Ad#.4444

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD
This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad#.1098

GET GOING
Personable, petite SW mom, 33, who enjoys music, is hoping to share friendship and fun with a caring, considerate SWM, 33-45. Ad#.1716

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 43-51, for companionship. Ad#.4488

LET'S CUDDLE
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad#.1992

THE POWER OF LOVE
SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad#.7141

A RARE FIND
Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#.8317

COMPANIONSHIP
Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad#.4536

FRESH START
Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWM, 48-52, without children at home, for friendship first. Ad#.3907

NEW TO THE AREA
Sweet DWCPF, 27, 5'9", is seeking an honest, caring SWCM, 48 or under, who is interested in a long-term relationship. Ad#.1531

LOVE'S IN THE AIR
Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad#.1203

IRRESTIBLE
Kind DBF, 45, 5'6", who enjoys music, movies, reading and going to the theater, is looking for a DBM, 35-45. Ad#.2468

UNTIL NOW
Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more, is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2451

VALUES HUMOR
Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad#.2041

HONESTY COUNTS
SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad#.8498

LET'S TALK
Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad#.3333

SOUND LIKE YOU?
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, would love to meet an honest, humorous SWCM, 58-67, a N/S, who's interested in friendship and companionship. She enjoys traveling, movies, dancing, reading and more. Ad#.3131

POSITIVE VIBES HERE
Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad#.1199

CHILD OF GOD
Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 56, for friendship first. Ad#.5321

BE SURE TO SMILE
Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad#.7733

BE MY COMPANION
SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish-red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies, is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad#.2433

WALKS WITH THE LORD
Get to know this vibrant, classy DWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad#.1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad#.8565

GOD IS FIRST
Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad#.6623

GREAT TIMES AHEAD
She's an outgoing and friendly DWC mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad#.1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad#.4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...
Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad#.5454

START AS FRIENDS
Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad#.2828

SIMPLY YOURS
SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60. Ad#.9114

CONSIDER ME
Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad#.2323

SIMPLY MARVELOUS
Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad#.4240

IT HAS TO BE YOU
Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad#.3138

AVAILABLE
Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad#.1126

JOIN HER...
In celebrating her love for the Lord. She's a SBCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad#.7110

Light Up Your Life With Romance

JUST YOU AND I
Considerate SWCM, 36, 6'3", who enjoys working out, has his heart set on finding that one special lady, a sweet, sincere SWCF, 28-38, to share interests, friendship and a possible LTR. Ad#.2739

HEART TO HEART
Born-Again SWCM, 22, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes, self-employed, N/S, from the Redford area, who enjoys Bible study, movies, swimming and children, is ISO a SWF, 18-25, with similar interests. Ad#.4653

FAITH & DEVOTION
Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad#.1111

DELIGHTFUL
Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.3580

ONE OF A KIND
Down to earth, custodial SW dad, 40, 5'9", brown hair/hazel eyes, enjoys everything, loves barbecue's, candlelight dinners, ceder point and camping, seeks LTR, with sincere, caring, loving, slender SWF, 30-42, with or without kids. West Bloomfield area. Ad#.5858

AVID DOWNHILL SKIER
Handsome SWCPM, 36, 5'7", 140lbs., likes outdoor activities, golfing, travel and fun things with friends. He's looking for a SWF, 23-38, who realizes how important honesty is to a relationship. Ad#.1550

DESTINY
Outgoing, self-employed SWM, 38, 5'11", with brown hair, who enjoys hockey, working out and the outdoors, is seeking an open-minded SWF, 28-38, who is willing to try new things. Ad#.1999

OPEN ARMS
Never-married SWM, 36, 5'11", with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, weekends at his cottage and spending time at the lake, wants to meet a sweet SF, 19-43. Children welcome. Ad#.3884

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2942

HONESTY COUNTS
Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad#.4141

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?
Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad#.5550

NEW IN TOWN
Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWC dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad#.3841

HE COULD BE THE ONE
Catholic DWM, 41, 5'6", of Italian heritage, who enjoys skiing and boating, wishes to meet a Catholic SWF, under 41, without children at home. Ad#.2015

HONESTY COUNTS
Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sporyts, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4123

HONESTY TOPS MY LIST
Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad#.4275

LET'S MEET SOON
Sincere SWM, 33, 5'8", seeks an affectionate, attractive SWF, under 35., who enjoys dining out, movies and fun. Ad#.9865

HOPES & DREAMS
Never-married Catholic SWM, 25, 6'2", 240lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys playing pool, traveling and quiet times at home, is searching for a Catholic SWF, under 32. Ad#.2222

PATIENTLY WAITING
He is a humorous Catholic SWPM, 36, 5'10", who's waiting to hear from a SWCF, 24-35. He enjoys the outdoors, working out and spending time with family activities. Ad#.7000

GET IN STEP
If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad#.4163

AMAZING GRACE
Born-Again DWC dad of two, 36, 6'1", who enjoys church activities, working on cars and more, is seeking a well-rounded SWCF, 44 or under. Ad#.1944

CONFIDENT
Very handsome and honest SWCM, 33, 6'3", 185lbs., with hazel eyes, is seeking a SWF, 25-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1201

SETTLE DOWN
Personable SWJPM, 52, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing and more, is seeking a sweet, humorous SWJF, 45-50, for a happy life together. Ad#.4567

THE MOON, STARS & YOU
Take moonlit walks with this nice, self-employed DWM, 42, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker. He is looking for a nice SWF, under 50, who also enjoys the outdoors, roller blading, camping and working out. Ad#.4212

MAKE THAT CHOICE
Handsome, slim SWCM, 40, 5'9", who enjoys children, the outdoors and biking, is seeking a kind, loving SWF, under 42. Ad#.4545

PUTS GOD FIRST
This wonderful DWCM, 42, 5'9", is seeking a SWCF, 28-44, who enjoys the outdoors and puts God first in her life. Ad#.6667

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad#.1534

THINK YOU'RE THAT LADY?
DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad#.1885

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME
Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad#.3524

NEVER-MARRIED
Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad#.1970

THE MARRYING KIND
Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad#.2328

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Charming SWCM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys outdoor activities, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a fun-loving SCF, for a LTR. Ad#.1414

FIND OUT TODAY
SWM, 41, 5'10", seeks an intelligent, honest SWF, 30-45, who enjoys music, writing, reading, drawing and painting. Ad#.1951

HONESTY COUNTS
Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6',1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad#.2843

MOMS WELCOME
Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad#.2415

SEARCHING
Never-married SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs., is looking for a fit, petite SW mom, 28-44, for a romantic, monogamous long-term relationship. Ad#.4251

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad#.1961

A GOOD GUY TO KNOW
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McNamara calls airport probe payback by GOP

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER
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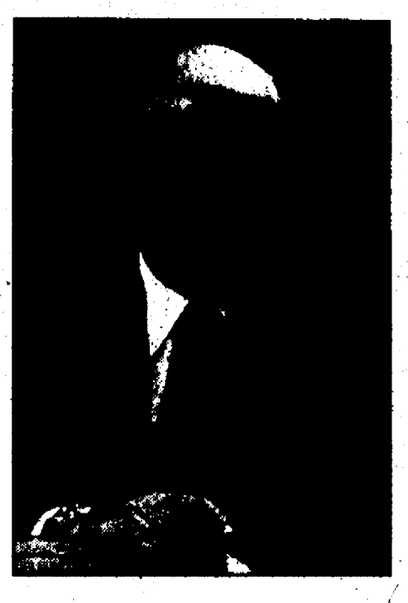
House Speaker Charles Perricone has appointed a special committee to investigate complaints about Detroit Metro Airport and review operations there in what may be a politically charged review.

To quiet that potential criticism by Democrats, a western Wayne County Republican legislator removed himself Thursday from the special committee. Instead the committee will be chaired by a Republican from Grandville, who will oversee the bipartisan commitee of three state representatives and three senators.

Perricone's decision to select a panel came just days after a report by U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater found aircraft conditions during the Jan. 2-3 snowstorm were severe enough to "jeopardize passengers' well-being" and were "bad enough to justify a shutdown of Northwest Airlines operations even though the deteriorating conditions were above the legal limits."

The report found Northwest lacked a snow emergency plan for Metro Airport, while very little criticism was aimed at Wayne County, only that it did not coordinate snow removal emergency plans with Northwest. Airport officials said the report "exonerated" them.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara slammed Perricone's decision to appoint a special committee, calling the move a response for Wayne County's gathering of support against guns and killing the con-



Edward McNamara

cealed weapons package supported by many Republicans.

"We organized the sports teams, theater people and shopping center against the new gun laws," McNamara said. "This support was sufficient for some Republicans to back off of their support for the bills."

"This angered him enough to investigate our airport," McNamara said. "That's his motivation, because we embarrassed him on this gun business."

Perricone could not be reached for comment on McNamara's remarks.

At the time when he appointed the special panel, Perricone said there was "more than meets the eye when it came to laying blame.

"Northwest has admitted fault, but that is only part of the equation," Perricone said. "Now, it's time to review airport operations themselves."

Perricone appointed state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, to chair the committee, but Patterson removed himself last week from that committee, because he believed McNamara and the Democrats would "demonize" him.

Patterson, a former county commissioner whose district included the airport, was a frequent critic of McNamara.

"This is the epicenter of McNamara's fiefdom, and I was an outspoken critic," Patterson said. "I think they think I am public enemy No.1."

Perricone has since appointed Jim Koetje, R-Grandville, to chair the committee. Other House members are Mickey Mortimer, R-Jackson, and Ray Basham, D-Romulus, whose district includes the airport. Three Senate members have yet to be named.

Koetje wants to meet with the committee members to see how they would like to proceed. He would like to see the committee review operations to see "if the dollars going into the airport are being spent prudently and wisely" and passengers are served well.

"We may find that that is happening now," Koetje said. Koetje said if recommendations were made, he hoped state lawmakers could work with airport officials in a positive fashion.

"I'm not going to rule anything out. We will look at all areas of inquiry." That will include expenditures, Koetje said. "If we have recommendations based on our findings we make along the way, I hope they will be looked at favorably at Metro," Koetje said.

Koetje expects the committee to talk with airport officials and air passengers, but didn't rule out others who "work in the trenches," such as ticket agents, who might bring a different perspective.

"It's a big project," Koetje said of his review. "There's a lot of information that is out there."

Last week House Democrats had questioned the political motivations of that committee and four other select committees.

"The House has 22 committees in place already," said House Democratic Leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw. "Our committee structure is perfectly capable of exploring these issues in depth. That's what committee members are paid by taxpayers to do."

Rep. Joseph Rivet, D-Bay City, the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Oversight and Operations, said the joint committee has a starting budget of $10,000 — 10 times greater than the budgets of the four House committees. The committee's budget can be expanded without limit by the chair of the committee, upon joint approval by Perricone and Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, a Port Huron Republican.

Rivet said the investigation had the potential to be a "Republican-led witch hunt."

"Democrats appreciate an opportunity to improve services at airports around the state," Rivet said. "But this should be done in cooperation with the governing authorities of those airports, including Wayne County.

"There is no excuse for Republicans to raise the ghost of Joe McCarthy, or open another Ken Starr investigation, to properly examine airport operations."

Koetje responded that county officials have indicated that they will cooperate and called the comments, which were directed at Patterson's chairmanship, "terribly unfair."

"If either the media or the Democrats want to paint that factual gathering as a 'witch-hunt,' I think it's unfortunate," Koetje said.

Michigan Learning has Summer Learning packet

Michigan Learning magazine is offering a Summer Learning Packet with dozens of ideas about projects and activities parents can use to encourage their child to keep on learning and like doing it.

"Learning doesn't have to stop on the last day of school," said Linda Wacyk, editor of Michigan Learning parent guide. "But summer learning doesn't have to be a bore. These are simple things parents can do with their kids that are fun and can help keep them ahead of the game in academics."

The Summer Learning packet includes teacher-approved reading lists, U.S. Department of Education activities that will improve your child's skills in math, science, social studies and reading and a handy calendar and daily suggestions on incorporating learning into summer fun.

Here are a few ideas from the Summer Learning guide:

■ To improve your child's listening skills and sharpen his imagination, read a story aloud and stop before the end. Ask the child how the story will turn out, then finish the story and discuss the end. Did it turn out the way he expected?

■ Get older elementary students to focus their math skills in a fun way. Use the weather section of the local newspaper to check temperatures across the nation and the world. This is good geography practice, too. Discuss football and baseball scores and averages on the sports page. Who are the high scorers? What are the percentages?

■ Let your child's voice be heard and promote good citizenship. Help her write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about an issue affecting children. For example, suggest a bike path be built near the school or that a city event be planned for youngsters. Children are citizens and their ideas are worth hearing.

The free Michigan Learning Summer Learning packet is available by calling 1-800-TEACH-MI.

Park offers a nature bike ride.

Grab your bike, helmet and a sack lunch and head to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center to explore the Middle Rouge Parkway (Hines Park) from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 19.

Taking part in the hike allows enthusiasts to learn about not only the historic aspects of Hines Drive, but also the creatures that live in the area and make the Rouge their home. The class will pedal approximately six miles, beginning at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and breaking at Newburgh Pointe for lunch. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch and cold drinks will be provided.

Bicycles are not provided for this event, and bike helmets are required. The program is free and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through money generated from the property tax for parks.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive.

For information, call Wayne County parks at (734) 261-1990.

Hines shows outdoor movies

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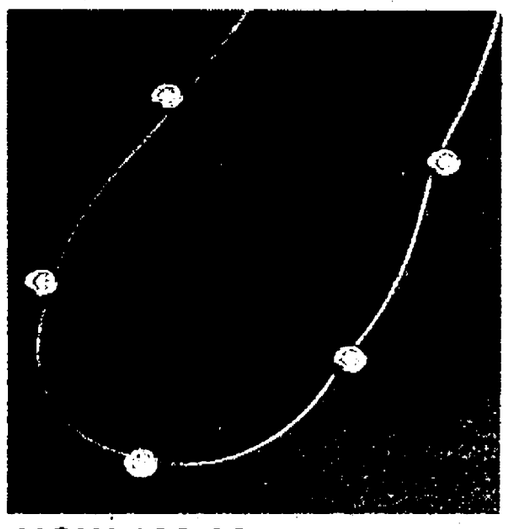

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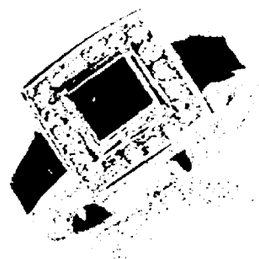

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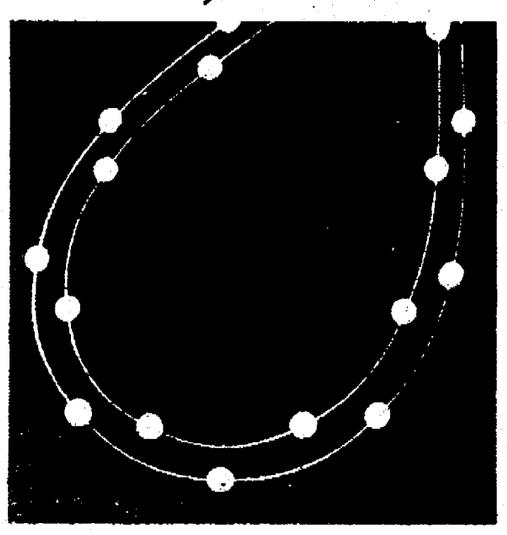

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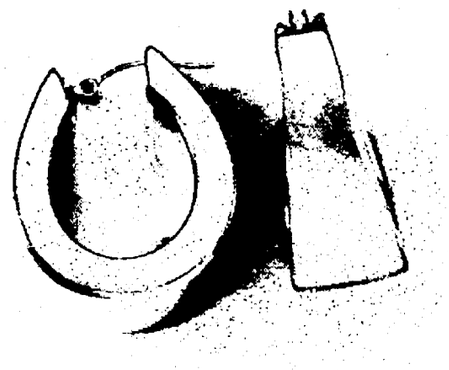

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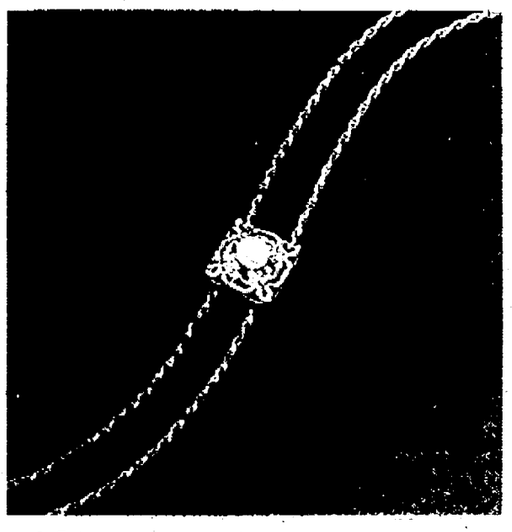

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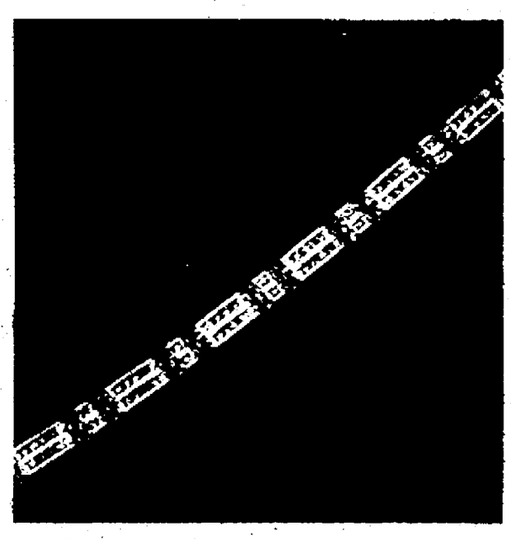

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School board

Advice offered after election

The Wayne-Westland school board race is over, and we congratulate the winners, incumbent Martha Pitsenbarger and newcomer Lorne "Skip" Monit. We also have a few words of advice.

Board members need to provide independent voices, representing students, parents, staff and others openly and honestly. We encourage board members to listen to – but not to be unduly beholden to – the school administration, board colleagues, unions or any others who helped to elect them.

It's important to listen with an open mind, but the interests of the district and its students must come first.

We encourage responsible spending of bond money on school improvements, and are pleased with what we have seen in that regard to date. This responsible approach should continue; it's the people's hard-earned money being spent, and they deserve to have it spent well. Questions about spending should be answered fully and quickly.

Words of encouragement are also in order for unsuccessful candidates. It's always a disappointment to lose after all that work, but we encourage them to stay involved and make their voices heard.

The recent graduations, and success stories that go with them, remind us of just what education is all about. Let's try to keep a focus on that.

Keep teenagers safe at work

Westland area teens are flooding the workplace this summer, looking to make money for college or other expenses. It's important that those teens work under safe conditions and that their formative workplace experiences are positive.

Last week Bernard Anderson, U.S. assistant secretary of labor, came to the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland to discuss teen workplace safety. He wasn't the only one at the podium that day; two students, Melissa Jones and Alicia Bingham, also spoke, one giving a presentation and the other introducing Anderson.

We're pleased with efforts to bring Anderson into the school district to discuss such an important issue. Teens at the career center paid attention and seemed to heed Anderson's message.

Anderson said some 70,000 teen workers are hurt on the job each year seriously enough to require hospitalization. About 70 will die each year, with driving the most hazardous activity at work for young people.

Anderson urged his listeners to be responsible for their own safety, knowing what standards apply to young workers. That's true, and we also encourage local employers to take good care of their workers, young and older.

The price of earning a decent living shouldn't include serious injury or worse.

Merger mania a health woe

Hospital mergers – or health care alliances, as the industry likes us to think of them – are a good thing. At least that's what we were told in the early 1990s as, one after another, major trauma centers and community hospitals began adding each other's names to the signs in front of their buildings. St. Joseph Hospital became St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems, also affiliated with Mission Health (Providence Hospital); St. Mary Hospital was a partner with William Beaumont Hospital; and Oakwood Hospital took on Annapolis and Beyer to become the Oakwood Healthcare System.

Look at the efficiencies, we were told. A replication of services would lead to lower costs. Expanded purchasing power would do the same, as would sharing of technology.

And for a while, it looked like it might be working. For about three years, health care costs – which had skyrocketed through most of the 1980s – rose in step with (or slightly above) the national inflation rate. That "progress," combined with a stellar marketing campaign by the insurance industry, increasing prevalence of HMOs and some severe missteps by the Clinton administration, was enough to kill off talk of nationalizing health care.

Then Congress lowered what turned out to be the boom. The 1997 balanced budget deal included declining reimbursements for Medicare and Medicaid, government insurance programs for senior citizens, poor and disabled people. Beginning this year, hospitals in southeastern Michigan will receive $400 million less annually from the state and federal government to cover those patients, according to the Southeast Michigan Health and Hospital Council.

While the pain has been particularly sharp for urban-based health care networks, shockwaves are reverberating for residents in western Wayne and Oakland counties. This spring, for example, St. Joseph Mercy Health Systems closed its urgent care facility in Plymouth, sending those patients to a newer building in Canton. It also consolidated urgent care to one site (formerly two) in Ann Arbor. The moves will save $3.5 million a year, a spokesman said. Some 250 jobs will be cut this year.

Given the latest round of job cuts and endangered hospitals, the Observer questions what all this consolidation has really accomplished. A recent study showed southeastern Michigan hospitals with more employees and more acute-care beds per resident than the national average. Much of that is due to generous health benefits tied to the auto industry, said Don Potter, hospital council president. A high demand for health care services has led to construction – almost all of it in the suburbs – and additional medical workers.

Potter also pointed out that doctors have taken a carte-blanche approach to ordering drugs through hospital pharmacies, further hurting the bottom line. It's odd that insurance companies have no trouble dictating their desire for generics and other cost-saving measures to the general public. Perhaps hospitals need better controls in this area.

One can hope that merger mania among hospitals will slow. But it isn't likely to reverse direction. That's too bad. Because in hindsight, the public might have benefited from more local competition, not less.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What advice would you give this year's graduates?

We asked this question at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

"To study hard and not let anyone sway them away from their career choices. To work extra hard."

Larry Horton
Westland

"I would say continue with school. That's a must."

Mary Skalski
Plymouth

"Just be true to themselves, be happy and do what they want to do."

Helen Ontko
Westland

"Ethics are a very important part of our life. Let ethics guide you in decisions. Be yourself and never take no for an answer."

Julie Wickwire
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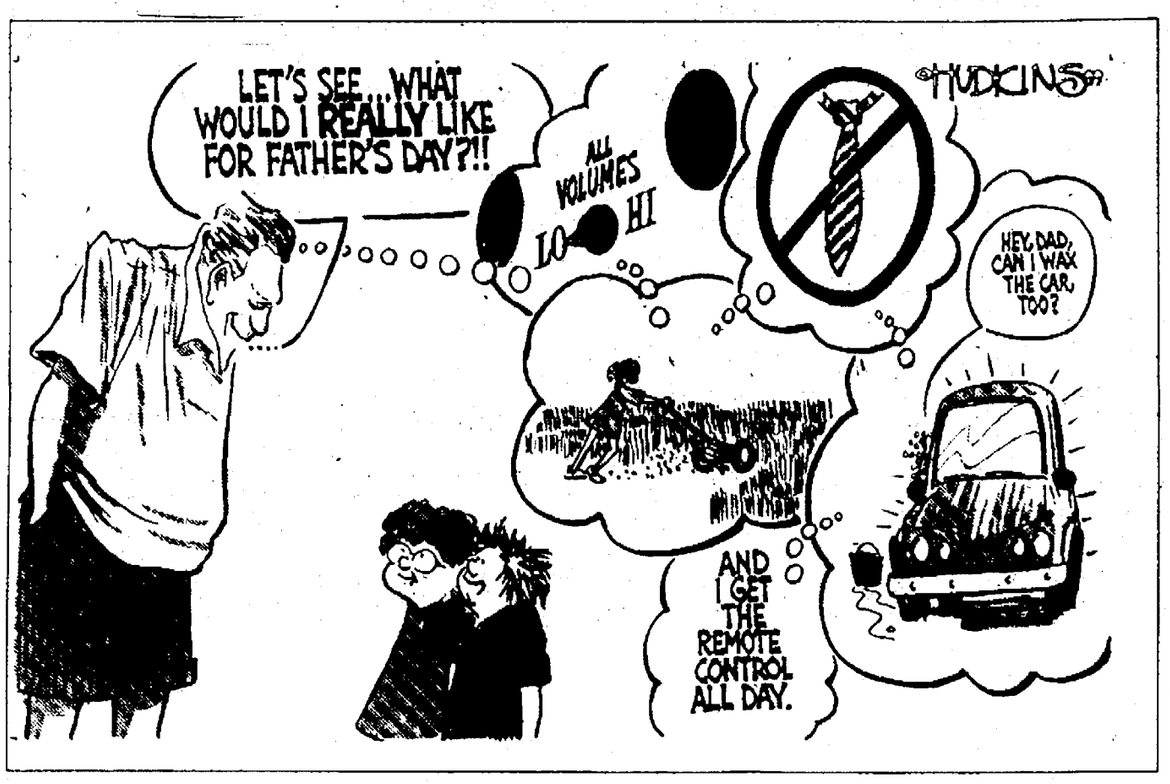

LETTERS

Terrorist Central

Does NATO realize the long-term consequences of its actions in Serbia and Kosovo?

I predict that within a year both Serbia and Kosovo will be base camps for terrorism against American and European interests worldwide.

First, the Serbs will blame the U.S. and NATO for the near total destruction of their country and economy. But, being weak in high-tech military might, they will resort, by necessity, to terrorist acts to seek their revenge.

This could take some surprising turns, with considerable help from Russia and China, both of whom were openly humiliated by NATO during the recent war.

But NATO's new aggressiveness demands some type of response from the anti-NATO bloc. We shall soon see what that will be.

Second, the emboldened Kosovo Liberation Army will quickly fall out with Europe and NATO. NATO never really supported the KLA anyway. And NATO won't spend big money rebuilding Kosovo either.

Kosovo will descend into an Albanian-style anarchy. Amazingly, NATO will be blamed for Kosovo's destruction. And, with KLA ties to the Middle East, a Muslim Kosovo will soon become a base camp for Islamic terror in Europe and elsewhere. Saddam should be very pleased with NATO's recent handiwork.

Finally, the Balkans will end this century as they began it, a hotbed of coffee shop anarchists, cafe politicians and bomb-throwing terrorists.

Is anyone really better off now than they were before this all began? Is this progress?

Walter Warren
Westland

Public school indictment

A recent segment on the NBC show "Dateline" portrayed the story of first-grader Zachary Hood, who lives in Medford, N.J. Little Zach was given an assignment by his teacher to read a story out loud for the first time.

Zach chose an incident from his beginner's Bible about the time Jesus miraculously pulled the coin out of a fish's mouth to pay a tax. The teacher deemed the story inappropriate and the principal concurred. Zach returned home in tears, not at all understanding what had happened.

Eventually, the parents sued, asserting Zach had been denied his First Amendment rights. The Hoods lost the case. In the meantime, the two who killed 13 in Colorado were known hoodlums who proudly displayed their Nazi propaganda in the school and their intense fascination with Hitler.

They even had a personal Web site espousing their racist ramblings and one wrote an essay explaining "He would love to be a bullet." The above two incidents without explanation indict the American public school system – guilty as charged. The crime? The destruction of traditional family values and the unimaginable tolerance of such evil as shown in Littleton.

Isn't it sad Zach cannot read from the Bible, but two hooligans can spread Nazi and racist agendas with no chance of being silenced? Does anyone really believe our founding fathers had this in mind while penning our beloved Constitution ?

The Voice of Reason.

Steve Jeffers
Westland

Citizens' input healthy

Citizen involvement is vital to the health and running of our government and I wish to commend Mike Malott for his excellent column urging citizens to make their feelings on issues known to their elected officials.

Where to write or phone is a mystery to many people and the column mentions several sources for this information. There is yet another one titled "They Represent You," prepared by the League of Women Voters of Livonia.

This pamphlet contains voter information for residents of Canton Township, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Wayne and Westland.

Federal, state and county officials are listed with their postal and e-mail addresses and their office and fax numbers.

The league has distributed "They Represent You" to the public libraries and chambers of commerce in above municipalities. The pamphlets may also be obtained by writing to the Livonia LWV, P.O. Box 51512, Livonia, MI 48151 or calling the league at (734) 421-4420.

Laura Callow
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— Philip Power

LETTERS

Garfield concerns

A letter to the Livonia school superintendent and board:

My name is Virginia Klein. My husband, Ken, and I live in Westland and we have two children attending Garfield Elementary School.

It has been with great pride and thanksgiving that I have written to you in the past about the extraordinary people at Garfield. We have thought of Garfield, its staff and the families we have come to know as part of our extended family. They have been willing to listen when we have concerns, they have supported us in times of need and they have assisted us in becoming better parents when we have opened ourselves to learning. In short, I have come to describe Garfield as one of the best things to have happened to us on the way to parenthood.

I have spoken glowingly to clients, family and friends alike about what a special place Garfield is. I have even encouraged people looking for housing to consider our neighborhood, knowing that the Garfield Community was a special place.

Yesterday, a group of parents who claim to represent the community immediately surrounding the school grabbed front page headlines in an attempt to further their opposition to the addition of four classrooms onto Garfield. In support of their opposition they offer the following:

1. No one from the "Garfield Community" took part in making the decision.

To this I would respond. This seems to be something of a hypocritical statement inasmuch as this group arranged to meet with the superintendent to discuss this issue and neglected to invite any of the families from the Westland side of the Garfield school boundaries.

If in fact there was no opportunity for input from the community, then please let's include the entire community, not just those who feel like they own the school.

2. Expansion will bring more noise, traffic and decreased property values.

To which I would respond: Where is the evidence to support such an assumption? To my knowledge, two elementary schools have been added onto in Livonia in recent years and Garfield itself was renovated and expanded a number of years ago and in no case could I find evidence that property values declined.

3. The number of Garfield students from Westland exceeds the number of students from Livonia. It would appear that this group of people feels that the "transient" nature of the students from Westland is a detriment to "their" nationally acclaimed school.

To which I would respond: Where is the proof? The Westland students have been a part of Garfield every time the school has received any acclaim. Why would their future participation in the school have any effect on such acclamations? Garfield receives acclaim because it has an outstanding staff and equally outstanding parent participation from both Livonia and Westland.

As I understand it, Garfield has one of the lowest IQ scores among the Livonia elementary schools. Yet it scored the third highest among these schools on the MEAP test last year. That tells me wonderful, creative things are happening at Garfield and those wonderful, creative things are happening for all of our children. How dare anyone try to exclude children from such an environment because they are labeled by a few as "transient."

Dr. (Kenneth) Watson and members of the school board, a darkness is creeping into our little community and it is beginning to overshadow the wonderful things happening here. Our staff and students have achieved wonderful things. They deserve the space and our support to continue striving for new and innovative ways to grow. They deserve those new classrooms. Don't take that away from us without first hearing the voice of the entire community. That school belongs to all of us!

Virginia Klein
Westland

Board attacks residents

This is a reaction and reply to the June 10 Observer article "Opposition wilts amid bias charge." The article reported on the June 8 Livonia school board meeting. Many people utilized their constitutional right that evening to voice opposition to changes proposed for the Johnson and Garfield schools. The disturbing fact is that of all the presenters only one, Cathey Brachulis, speaking for a group of concerned homeowners and 276 neighbors who signed letters of opposition to building additional classrooms at Garfield, was accused of discrimination for presenting her views and facts. Mrs. Brachulis repeatedly stated that the group concerns were in no way meant to be discriminatory. This would seem to be a case of shooting the messenger. Does the school board really think that 276 families living in the Country Homes subdivision endorse discrimination?

The attack began by the school board focusing on four words taken out of context from the other 400 words in the signed letters. Those words were "transient" and "high density population." According to the school board "our attorney agrees, these words are a euphemism for minorities and low-income families." Upon looking the two words up in Webster's Dictionary I found two very different definitions. The dictionary defines transient as passing or temporary. Webster does not have a definition for high density population; however, it defines density as the average number of individual or units per space unit. None of the Webster definitions make reference to minorities or low-income families. My wife, son and I lived in the Scottsdale Apartments in Westland prior to purchasing our present home in the Country Homes subdivision. At that time we were transient, having moved to Westland from California and then to Livonia.

In closing, it would seem that the school board endorses using tactics to attack and discredit those who are opposed to its decisions rather than taking the time to address the real issues. The school board has decided to make this a discrimination issue even though the letter and Cathey Brachulis clearly stated that it is not.

The sad part is that due to the school board's tactics in this matter many people have been hurt, our community has been weakened, and they have passed judgment on a group of people they do not know.

Jim Brachulis
Livonia

Don't let chief mislead

The cause to keep Garfield School small has NOT "withered." Our objective is to keep the student population under 500 at each school in the southwest quadrant as recommended by the Southwest Enrollment Committee.

Dr. Watson had no right to accuse us of "needing an engraved invitation" to voice our concerns. We didn't receive the dialogue in time for the March 8 meeting to discuss the addition of four classrooms to Johnson or Garfield which, coincidentally, was the first time Garfield was mentioned. Therefore, our PTA invited him to Garfield April 1. We invited Dr. Watson back to address the neighborhood on May 19. Still dissatisfied with the sometimes vague answers received, we approached the board with our concerns and our words were deliberately twisted. At the June 7 school board meeting, Dr. Watson dissected our May 14 petition and put his own meanings to the words "transient" and "high density." Webster's Dictionary defines "transient" as *staying only for a short time, not permanently settled.* "High density" is defined as *high quantity or number per unit i.e. apartment building.* Our campaign is in no way discriminatory – such an accusation is ludicrous.

We believe Dianne Nay, president of the Livonia school board, was remiss in not stopping Dr. Watson's appalling display of unprofessionalism when he attacked Cathey Brachulis as she spoke on June 7. He attempted to debate and ask questions of her which is against board protocol. We thought the board was elected to represent us. Where was their support that evening?

We wish to offer our heartfelt apologies to the Garfield Westland families for any inferences by Dr. Watson that you are not welcome at Garfield School. This apology is also extended to the 276 supportive Country Homes residents whose good names his allegations of discrimination have smeared. Please don't be misled by Dr. Watson's manipulation and incorrect interpretation of our petition.

Finally, our questions still remain unanswered. Why didn't Superintendent Watson and the school board follow their own committee's advice? How can the school board justify the expenditure of $800,000 taxpayer dollars for new classrooms when the needed space already exists? Why was a deliberate ploy of discrimination allowed to muddy the waters and take the focus off of what is best for the children?

Rick and Ann Hassell
Jim and Karen Click
Michael and Suzanne Woynick
Livonia

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Best use of scarce resources is marred by the political process

PHILIP POWER

As a news item, it got buried, but it offered a revealing insight into the workings of the political process. And it provided telling evidence of why public expenditures allocated by the legislature so often waste taxpayer money.

As part of the overall $1.5 billion-plus appropriation for state universities that received legislative approval last week, spending $50 million on basic research into the life sciences is peanuts. But Sens. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, and Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, wanted to promote a "life sciences corridor" where medical research could both save lives and provide high tech jobs for Michigan.

The original idea was to target three of the state's 15 public universities – U-M, MSU and Wayne State – together with the new Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids with money for research support.

The idea made good sense: Focus the spending on the place where it's most likely to get a good return. That meant concentrating funds on the universities with an established track record in research. The U-M is the top public research university in the country, with a research budget of $360 million in 1997. At $145 million, MSU ranks second in the state, while Wayne at $87 million ranks third.

Enter, however, legislative politics, which in practice means delivering pork for the locals before bothering with concentrated investments. Many legislators think it's their job to represent the university in their district, while others want to grab support for their alma mater. For example, House Speaker Chuck Perricone, who represents Kalamazoo (where Western Michigan University is located) objected to the tight focus of the proposed research corridor. "The corridor is too narrow," said Perricone.

So the original idea was watered down. The appropriation is still for $50 million. But instead of tightly focused support for life science research at three state research universities, a 14-member commission will be appointed to decide which research projects deserve state funding and report annually to the legislature on its work. Supposedly, individual legislators will have no direct say in which projects are funded.

If you believe that, I've got a nice bridge I'm willing to sell you.

It was ever thus. Back in the early 1980s, I was appointed a member of Gov. James Blanchard's Commission on the Future of Higher Education, chaired by legendary former MSU president John Hannah. This was when times were tough and funding for Michigan public universities had suffered.

I suggested something called the Research Excellence Fund, a pot of money designed to be doled out to state universities in proportion to their demonstrated ability to carry out funded research. As a practical matter, this would have focused the lion's share of extra money on state's four main research universities: U-M, MSU, Wayne State and Michigan Tech.

The commission agreed with the idea and made it part of the final report. Blanchard endorsed it and sent it to the legislature.

Guess what? Legislative politics took over. First, lawmakers argued that it would look "bad" if only a few universities got the bulk of the extra funding. Next, individual reps and senators started pitching for their own schools. The final outcome was a Research Excellence Fund that was watered down beyond all recognition. U-M, MSU, WSU and MTU got some extra money, but a lot of it went to a lot of other universities that had no particular history of carrying out research. In other words, a lot of the money got wasted.

Most effective business executives say a key part of good management is always to focus scarce resources where they can do the most good and not to scatter them hither and thither. But that's business thinking, which takes place in an environment where resources are scarce and bottom line results are all-important.

That's hardly the way the political system does business. And that's why so many folks are so deeply suspicious of the political process as a way of allocating scarce public resources.

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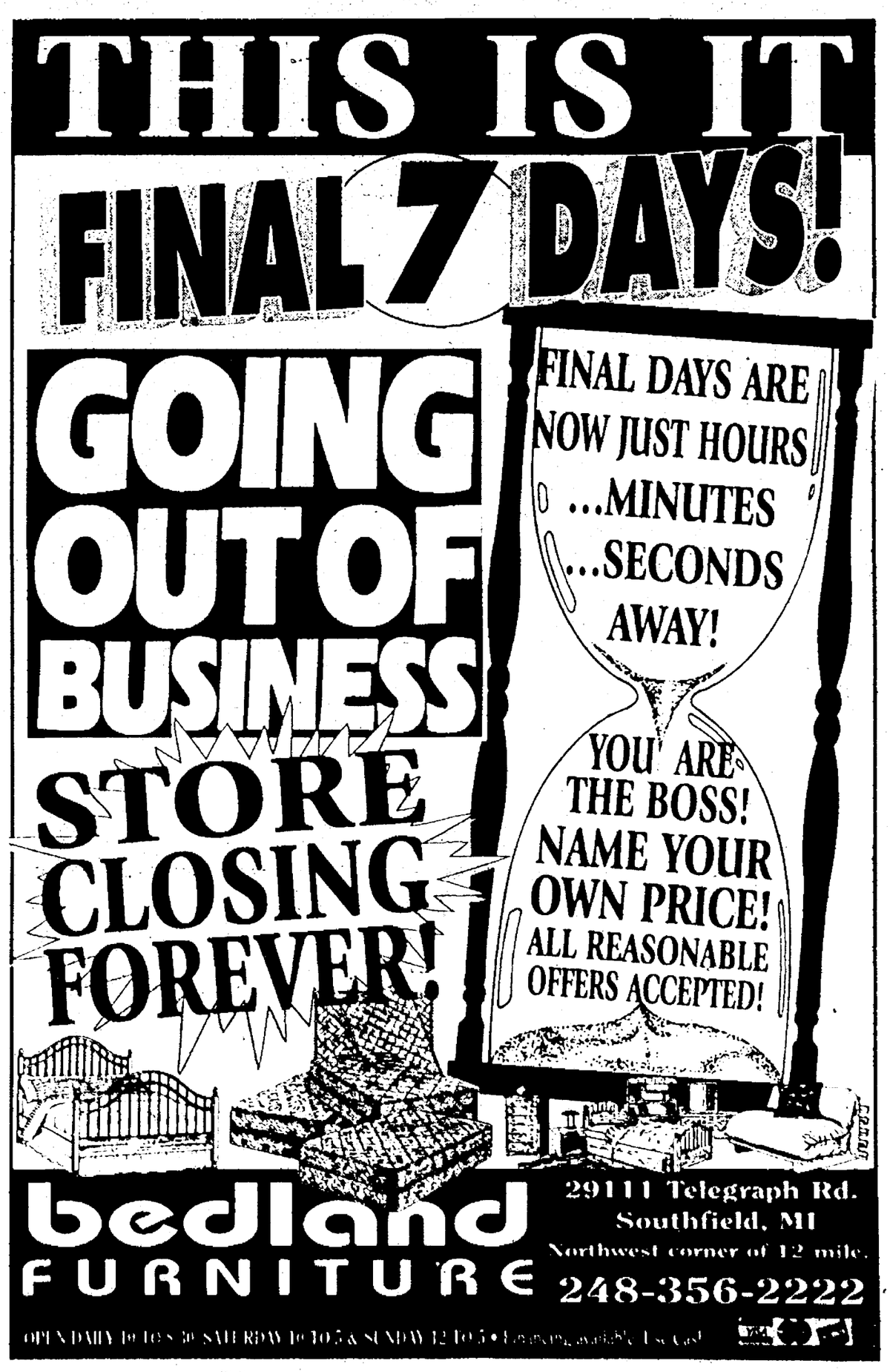

New facility will give area police FBI-style training

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In just two years, police officers from across the region will have access to training now available only at facilities like the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Ground will be broken this fall on the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College to begin construction of a "simulated city" — including a main street, a bank, residences, a motel and a convenience store. The facility, known as the Emergency Services Training Center, will give police a place to practice their response to emergencies such as hostage situations, bank robberies, traffic accidents and toxic chemical spills.

The decision to begin construction on phase one of the project came Monday, June 14, when the OCC Board of Trustees reached an agreement with Oakland County police and fire chiefs about the terms, timing and funding of the $7 million, 22-acre center.

Those police chiefs, members of the Oakland Police Advisory Board, had voted two weeks earlier to move their contracts for training to other institutions unless OCC started work the facility.

Jeff Warner, chief of the Bloomfield Township Police Department and chair of the Advisory Board, explained that the vote was a result of "frustration over long delays" with the start of construction. Money for the center was approved in a county-wide millage vote in 1995. Police chiefs had campaigned on behalf of the tax proposal because of the college's plans to construct the training center.

OCC administrators have said it was never their intention to back away from their promises to build the center. Rather, the college has been seeking grants to help cover the costs and make millage money go a bit farther.

OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson said Monday grants had been applied for, but the college has yet to hear whether they have been awarded. The college has asked for a $4 million grant from the state. Final word is expected to come in September.

Administrators further said work on the training center had been delayed because the college put a higher priority on other renovation and construction projects at the college with the money from the 1995 millage ballot. They noted funds from the millage have been used for other improvements to the OCC Police Academy, in the Criminal Justice Building on the Auburn Hills campus, including upgrades to the firing range, construction of a new forensics lab and improvements to classrooms.

In return for the promise to move ahead with construction, Warner said the police chiefs gave their promise to seek additional funding for the center and utilize it to once it's built. Further, the chiefs will be involved in architectural review of center plans.

The OCC board voted 6-0 Monday to begin building this fall. Police and fire chiefs had signed the agreement earlier.

Lake Orion Police Chief James Leach called the center a "top-notch" facility. Art Smith, deputy director of Public Safety in Bloomfield Hills, said he was happy the construction would soon get underway.

More police will be able to get the training. All officers must receive a certificate from an academy, but most of that is classroom instruction, Warner explained. The Emergency Services Training Center will give officers a chance to try out their approaches to various situations — from barricaded gunman scenarios to traffic stops — in a realistic setting.

"This is a great opportunity to provide more training to more officers — better training to more officers, I should say," Warner explained. "The difference is it costs probably $2,000 a piece to send someone to (the FBI Academy near) Washington. It will cost probably a couple hundred a piece to send them here. When you have only so many dollars in your budget for training, you want to do the most with what you have."

Smith suggested there would be additional advantages in the fact all area police would have similar training when they work together, under mutual aid pacts, in large-scale emergencies.

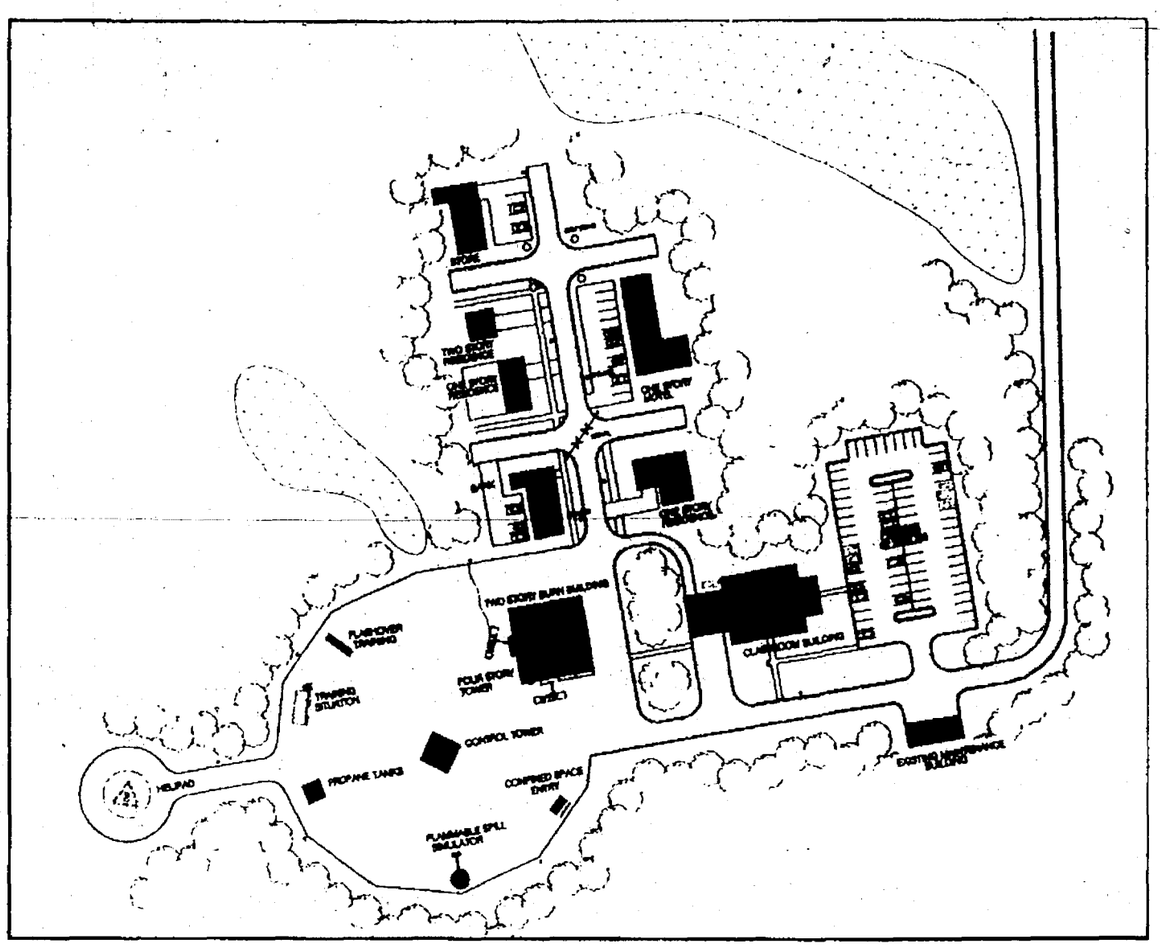
In phase two of the construction, a two-story "burn building" will be added for training of fire fighters. The fire training section is also expected to include a beauty salon, a retail store, a residential townhouse, hotel rooms and offices, all of which will be used for emergency training, according to OCC. The center will also be used for training of emergency medical technicians.

OCC's Police Academy already trains officers from across Oakland County as well as Brighton and Howell. Officers are often sent for classes from as far away as Lansing and Grand Rapids, according to Joseph Macri, Dean of Public Services at OCC.

Warner predicts that once the center is built, OCC will be contracted to train for even more departments, perhaps drawing from a multi-state region.

"You'll be hard pressed to find another training center of its kind anywhere near this region," Warner said.

The name of the center has changed several times since the 1995 millage vote. Originally, it was referred to as "Sim City." Later, the name was changed to the Combined Regional Emergency Service Training Center, or CREST. Most recently, the center has become known by the shortened version of the name, the Emergency Services Training Center.



Sim City: *This is a layout of the proposed training center for police, fire and emergency personnel.*

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COMMON SENSORS

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Our greatest enemy today? Is it apathy?

What is the greatest enemy to the people of the United States today?

What is it that allows us to hear about the sins of the world and the struggles of others, shake out heads, cluck our tongues and say, "Ain't it awful?"

Back to our little worlds we go.

The answer is apathy. Apathy, the opposite of pathos (emotion and feeling) literally means without feeling. We are so interested in making our own lives better that we forget about the travesties around us.

It's what stops us from getting involved, speaking out about injustices, speaking up for our rights and being intolerant of bad things. Far too many of us have as a personal motto: *someone else will do it.*

More specifically, many of us parents have not modeled for our children how and when to speak out when we are disgruntled or worried about dangerous or disturbed people we come across.

For many, speaking goes no further than sharing our feelings with our spouse or a friend.

Reading a letter to the editor in Time Magazine on May 24 highlighted for me just how this overall apathy has consumed and hurt us – children and adults alike.

■ 'The children of America should be the ones most involved in seeking out signs of a disturbed youngster. Students can observe things on a closer and more personal level than adults.'

Jake Douglas
Student

But 14-year-old Jake Douglas, who wrote the letter, had an exceptionally astute answer to our complacency. *His answer lies with the students themselves.*

He wrote: "The children of America should be the ones most involved in seeking out signs of a disturbed youngster. Students can observe things on a closer and more personal level than adults."

As the director of a family resource center, I have decided to take it upon myself to find out *why* students are *not* telling adults when their friends are in jeopardy of getting into trouble, or are already exhibiting troubling behaviors.

I suspect that if you were to ask your teen about **who** in school has been talking about suicide, or pregnancy, or acting "weird" or violent, they could probably list five to 10 people in one of these categories.

The problem is that your child, and most students, are keeping that information to themselves.

I also suspect that most kids would justify their position by saying that it's none of their business and they don't want to get involved.

For me, beginning to move from apathy to action will be in this realm. What are you going to get involved in?

Writing letters, calling companies, using e-mail, talking to legislators and boycotting are avenues we all have to move from complacency to control.

At the same time, you'll be a good role model for your children.

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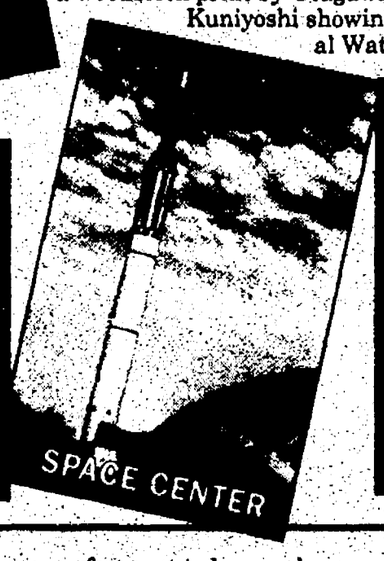

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Weekends ... gotta love 'em. They're a chance to kick back and relax, forget about work for 48 hours and catch a few innings of baseball on the tube.

But they're also a good time to expand yours and your children's horizons, a chance to explore space and science, learn about the history of Michigan, sample life in the good ole days or delve into automotive technology.

Let's see ... between now and Labor Day, there's 12 Saturdays (or Sundays, if you prefer) that can be set aside to explore southeast Michigan attractions.

You can start off close to home with the recently opened Spirit of Ford, an interactive automotive science and technology center at 1151 Village Road, Dearborn.

The center offers visitors an opportunity to experience the unique creative process behind automotive design, technology and manufacturing with hands-on exhibits, the full-motion "Turbo Tour," an assembly line simulator ride, and an action-packed NASCAR pit stop.

Spirit of Ford is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday. Admission is $9 for adults (age 13 and older), $7 for youths (ages 5-17), $6 for children (ages 3-4) and $8 for senior citizens (age 62 and older). For more information, call (313) 31-SPIRIT (317-7474) or visit the Web site at http://www.spiritofford.com

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, has more than 100 galleries, featuring sculpture, textiles, paintings and antiquities. Exhibitions include "Valor and Grace" through Sept. 19 in the Japanese Gallery. It features objects belonging to a seventeenth-century Japanese samurai, including a full set of armor, swords, sword guards and ornaments, quiver and arrows and a woodblock print by Utagawa Kuniyoshi showing General Watonai in full samurai armor.

"Ancient Gold: The Wealth of the Thracians, Treasures from the Republic of Bulgaria" runs June 27-Aug. 29 and features more than 200 gold and silver artifacts from museums across Bulgaria that demonstrate the extravagant artistic tastes of the warlike tribes from ancient Thrace. Loosely organized but powerful, the Thracians occupied most of central Europe for almost 2,000 years before being conquered by the Romans in the fourth century A.D.

DIA hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Recommended admission is $4 for adults and $1 per child. For more information, call (313) 833-7900.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads, Bloomfield Hills, encourages children and adults to understand scientific concepts by experimenting.

In addition to its lineup of natural science and history exhibits and laser and planetarium shows, the center has a towering Tyrannosaurus Rex as the centerpiece of its "Our Dynamic Earth," five permanent exhibits designed by Cranbrook scientists, artists and educators to encourage visitors of all ages to explore the connections within our universe.

"Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters" head-spinning, stomach-churning interactive exhibits, artifacts and images invite visitors on a fun ride through science that ranges from physics to physiology to the psychology of thrill-seeking while revealing the rich history of roller coasters.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday . Admission is $7 for adults ages 18-59, $4 for children age 3-17 and senior citizens ages 60 and older and free for children—under age 3. There's an additional charge for the planetariun/astronomy shows of $2 for adults, $1.50 for children (ages 3-17) seniors (age 60 and older) and students. For information, call (877) GO-CRANBrook (462-7262) or www.cranbrook.edu

"Whales" is the summer's giant sized addition to the film schedule at the Detroit Science Center, 5020 John R at Warren Road, Detroit. The film in the IMAX Dome Theater takes visitors to the world's deepest oceans to swim, feed, court and sing with these amazing creatures. Also showing are "Tropical Rainforest," "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun."

In the Exhibition Hall, visitors can explore scientific phenomena, such as optics, motion, electricity, weather, chemistry, technology, matter, sound, anatomy and engineering, through exhibits and then extend the experience by utilizing the Internet for more information and insight in the Cyberspace Safari Exhibit Lab.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6:30-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $3 for adults and $2 for children (ages 3-17) and senior citizens (age 60 and older). Tickets to IMAX movies cost $4 each. For information, call (313) 577-8400.

Located in a renovated historic firehouse, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, is an interactive center with some 250 exhibits that make science fun.

Hands-on exhibits interrelate concepts of physics, mathematics, biology, physiology, botany and geology with technology, art and history. There's also science demonstrations at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for students, seniors citizens and children age 3 and older. For information, call (734) 995-KIDS.

Take to the air but stay on the ground at the Yankee Air Force Museum at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. The museum features a static display of vintage military aircraft, including a fully restored World War II B-17 Flying Fortress and artifacts dating from World War I.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

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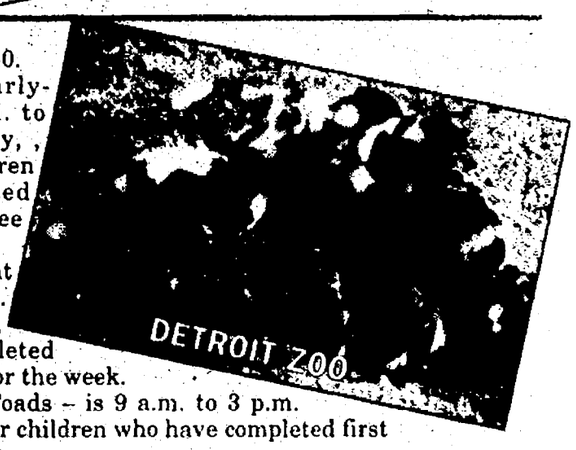
PARKS AND NATURE AREAS



On a warm, sunny summer day, a perfect spot to be may be one of the area's many parks and nature areas. Many offer special programs for children and families, in addition to plenty of space for picnics, playtime and just plain fun.

The Wayne County Parks System once again is offering week-long nature/history day camps at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Each week features a nature and history program, guaranteed to be interesting, informative and fun.

Hands-on games, crafts, hikes, stories and outdoor adventures round out a week of learning and enjoyment. Campers should come dressed for outdoor activities, including a raincoat, hat, sunscreen and appropriate walking shoes. Snacks and juice are provided. Full-day campers should bring a sack lunch, drink and bathing suit.

■ Session 1 – Fox and Coyote – is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 28-July 2, for children completing fifth and sixth grades. The fee is $100 for the week.

■ Session 2 – Tadpoles – is 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Friday, July 6-9 for ages 3-4. The fee is $40.

■ Session 3 – Early-birds – is 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 12-16, for children who have completed kindergarten. The fee is $50.

■ Session 4 – Night Owls – is 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16, for children who have completed kindergarten. The fee is $50 for the week.

■ Session 5 – Frogs and Toads – is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 19-23, for children who have completed first

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LOCAL DAY CAMPS. PLAYGROUND AND LIBRARY PROGRAMS

A parent in need of some quick summer activities for children with "nothing to do" can find them through the YMCA, public libraries and parks and recreation departments.

Many of the programs are relatively inexpensive and offer plenty of opportunities for children to learn and have fun.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA is offering two summer day camps this year – Camp Explorer for children ages 5-8 and Camp Challenger for ages 9-13.

There will be daily swimming and outdoor exploration, fieldtrips and age appropriate activities for Explorer campers, while Challenge campers will be challenged by fun games, crafts and activities especially designed for their age.

Camps will be Monday through Friday, June 21-Aug. 27. Y member fees are $100 per week, $60 for two days and $72 for three days. Program member fees are $150, $108 and $90, respectively. Before and after care is available at $2 per hour per family.

For more information, call the YWCA at (734) 721-7044. The Y is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

PARKS PROGRAM

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department will offer five weeks of free supervised outdoor play for Westland residents 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. July 12 through Aug. 13.

Sports, crafts, organized games and activities for children ages 5-12 (5-year-olds must have attended kindergarten or be accompanied by an older child) will be offered at the pavilion at Central City, Cayley East, Stottlemyer and Sam Corrado parks.

Fridays will be special activity day with participants coming to Central City Park to picnic, swim or fish (catch and release), and participate in presentations and outings. There will be a small fee for some of the activities.

For more information, call the Westland recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

■ The Garden City Parks and Recreation Department will be offering Summer H.E.A.T, high energy activities and trips for children ages 5-14, 9 a.m. to noon and 12:45-3 p.m, Monday-Friday June 21-Aug. 5 at the city's public elementary schools and the Maplewood Community Center. The cost is $20 per child and $50 maximum for a family.

Trips include movies, bowling, roller skating, museums, Wayne's waterslide pool and ice skating. Activities include arts and crafts, youth fitness, Wiffle Ball contest, miniature golf and picnics.

For more information, call the recreation department at (734) 261-3490.

SUMMER READING

The summer reading club, sponsored by the Garden City Library, will feature "G'Day for ... Reading" Wednesdays June 23-July 28 for children who have completed the first-sixth-grades.

The club will meet 2-3 p.m. and will feature "G'Day for Music" (singer Randi Luxton) on June 23, "G'Day for Animals" (Dan Briere and The Little Creatures) on June 30, "G'Day Outdoors" (a mini carnival with eats, treats and games) on July 7, "G'Day for Magic" (Baffling Bill the Magician) on July 14, "G'Day for Bats" (Creatures of the Night) on July 21 and "G'Day Zoo Talk" (the Detroit Zoo Outreach program for Kids) on July 28.

The club meets at the library, 2012 Middlebelt. Call the library at (734) 525-8855.

■ The William P. Faust Public Library in Westland is offering its summer reading program, "Read Around the World," June 21-Aug. 7. Youngsters can

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read and play to win cool prizes like a mountain bike, attend great programs and take part in games and crafts. Children need to register at the Children's Services desk

For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford.

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

The Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, Westland, with its water slide has open swimming noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. Teen nights are 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Youths must have a waiver signed by a parent on file in order to participate. Therapeutic Program swimming is 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Per-session resident costs are $3.75 for children and $4.75 for adults, with $4.25 and $4.25 for non-resident children and $4.75 for non-resident adults. The wading pool is $2 per child (adults free).

Resident season swim passes are $50 for the first family member and $35 for each additional member. Non-resident charges are $70 and $55, respectively.

Swimming lessons also are available in five sessions – June 21-July 2, July 5-16, July 19-30, Aug. 2-13 and Aug. 16-27. Times are 9-9:50 a.m. for ages 5-10, 10-10:50 a.m. for age 11 through adult, 11-11:30 a.m. for ages 3-5 and 11:30 a.m. to noon for ages 6 months-3 years. Costs are $30 for residents and $33 for non-residents for the 9 and 10 a.m. classes and $20 and $23, respectively, for the 11 and 11:30 a.m. classes. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult in the pool.

For more information, call the Westland recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

■ Opening swimming at Memorial Pool in Garden City Park, Merriman at Cherry Hill, is available 1-3:45 p.m. and 5-7:45 p.m. Monday through Sunday through Sept. 11.

Daily resident charges are $2 for children age 16 and under and $3 for adults age 17 and older with a discount pass ($50 for resident family and $26 for resident individual) or $3 for children and $4 for adults without the pass or non-residents.

American Red Cross swim lessons are being offered June 28-July 9, July 12-23, July 26-Aug. 6 and Aug. 9-20,. Class times are 9-9:45 a.m., 9:45-10:30 a.m., 10:30-11:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. to noon and noon 12:30 p.m. Cost is $23 for residents and $30 for non-residents.

Preschool classes for children 6 months to age 4 are available at noon-12:30 p.m. during the five sessions. A parent must accompany the child in the pool. Cost is $20 for preschool residents and $25 for preschool non-residents, $23 for Level 1-7 residents and $30 for non-residents.

For more information, call the Garden City recreation department at (734) 261-3491.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

The Westland All-Stars Youth Theatre Troupe will offer three summer workshops 7-9 p.m. Thursdays in August for children ages 5-17. The workshops, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford, will cover improvisation and pantomime on Aug. 5, creative movement and dance on Aug. 12 and storytelling on Aug. 26. The cost is $8 per workshops or $20 for all three. Preregister at least three days before each workshop.

For more information, call the Westland recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

TEEN NIGHTS

The Westland Parks and Recreation Department will hold Middle School Teen Nights 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays June 22-Aug. 17 at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford.

The lineup includes Dance Night June 22 and Aug. 3, Swim Night (8-9:30 p.m.) June 29, Tie Dye Night (bring 1-3 white T-shirts) July 6, Volleyball Night July 13, Hawaiian Night July 20, '50s Night July 27, Sports Night Aug. 10 and a performance by "The Earth Angels" Aug. 17 Participants must have a waiver signed by a parent on file in order to participate.

For more information, call the Westland recreation department at (734) 722-7620.

Girl Council honors cookie salesmanship

Fifteen-year-old Erin Muldowney knows how to sell cookies.

The Livonia resident was recently honored by the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council for selling more than 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies during the 1999 sale.

One of 53 girls honored for selling more than 1,000 boxes of cookies, Muldowney's motivation for selling cookies was a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Muldowney is a 10th grader at Livonia Stevenson High School and a member of Girl Scout Troop 1805. The troop is using its cookie profits to do on a Disney cruise, while Muldowney plans to use her "cookie dough" award for her Gold Award project and for the trip with her troop.

"The thing I like best about being a Girl Scout is that I like being with my friends and learning new things," said Muldowney, who has been a Girl Scout for nine years. "I get a chance to try things I couldn't do by myself."

The Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council is the fourth-largest council in the United States. It provides leadership and cultural development opportunities for more than 41,000 girls in most of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Erin Muldowney

Ward Church summer camps focus on children and sports

Children interested in learning more about volleyball, basketball, soccer or roller hockey can check out summer sports clinics offered at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

The Sonward Bound Wings program is offering Summer Sports clinics throughout the month of July from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road.

The clinics are for children entering the fifth- and sixth-grades in the fall. Each day camp will cost $10 and includes special instruction and a special Sonward Bound Wings T-shirt. The clinics are taught by former coaches and players and are open to the public.

The separate girls and boys basketball clinics July 3 and July 10 respectively, focus on the basic skills and rules of the game. Participants get to learn dribbling, shooting and passing.

The volleyball clinics are offered to boys and girls July 17 and include such skills as bumping, setting and serving. Students are recommended to wear knee pads.

The roller hockey clinic July 24 focuses on game skills, including passing, shooting, stick-handling and skating. Helmets, knee pads, roller skates or in-line skates and hockey sticks must be provided by each student.

The soccer clinic July 31 is open to both boys and girls, Skills taught through a variety of drills include passing, dribbling and shooting. Students involved must bring their own soccer shoes, shin pads and a soccer ball. Following the drills, there's time for scrimmage play so students can use the skills they've learned.

For more information, call Ward Church at (248) 374-5953.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ST. DAMIAN

Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is $25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is $70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs $60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6-by-8-foot table is available for $50 for one day and $90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional $5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Riedinger-Hopson

Terry Riedinger of Midland and Mary Jo Hummel of Saginaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Stefanie Leigh, to Jeffrey John Hopson, the son of Suzanne and John Hopson of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. She is working on her master's degree in industrial and labor relations at Wayne State University. She is currently employed as a human resources specialist for Lucas Varity Automotive.

Her fiance is a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a mortgage banker for Rock Financial.

A September wedding is planned in Fort Wright, Ky.

Uller-Goins

Carol J. Goins and Peter D. Uller were married Feb. 27 at the Sharonville Presbyterian Church in Sharonville, Ohio, by the Rev. Frank Wyche.

The bride is the daughter of Samuel and Elaine Goins of Cincinnati, Ohio. The groom is the son of Daniel and Beatrice Uller of Wixom.

The bride attended the University of Cincinnati. The groom is employed as a designer by Lapeer Design in Westland.

The bride asked Laurie Stern to serve as her honor attendant. The groom asked Joseph Bosio to serve as his best man.

They received guests at a reception at Raffel's Banquet Hall in Reading, Ohio, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Toronto. They are making their home in Livonia.

Tinskey-Johnson

Joan Tinskey of Commerce and Lawrence Tinskey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina, to Timothy Johnson, the son of Carol Johnson of Grand Blanc and Charles Johnson of Flint.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as the executive operations manager for MBM Productions, a meeting planning company in Chicago, Ill.

Her fiance is a graduate of Grand Blanc High School and Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in business. He is an assistant vice-president at Nations Bank in Chicago.

A July wedding is planned at the Mystic Creek Golf and Country Club in Milford.

Grant-Burns

Sarah DiAnn Burns and William Scott Grant were married Nov. 21 at Memorial Church of Christ by the Rev. MarK McGilvary.

The bride is the daughter of Martin and Kathryn Burns of Garden City. The groom is the son of William and Bobbie Grant of Livonia.

The bride asked Cheri Martin, Melissa Grant, Beret Burns, Nichole Roberts and Lisa Donathan to serve as her attendants. Madison Grant was the flower girl.

The groom asked Cory Grant, John Austin, Jim Burns, Patrick Burns and John Hartman to serve as his attendants. Chad Dunn was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Stephen's Banquet Hall in Dearborn Heights. They are making their home in Garden City.

Runstrom-Crawford

Robert and Barbara Runstrom of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Jeffrey Lawrence Crawford, the son of Lois Crawford of Inkster and the late Raymond Crawford.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of Schoolcraft College where she majored in science. She is employed at Contemporary Imaging and Annapolis Hospital.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed as an registered technologist by Alliance Imaging.

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

Cuda-Burke

Ted and Shirley Cuda of Livonia and Allen and Ruthan Knarr of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy, to Michael Burke, the son of Vince and Christine Boido of New Hudson and Tom Burke of Davisburg.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northville High School. She is employed at Sterling Bank and Trust.

Her fiance is a graduate of Mott High School in Waterford. He is employed at RBI Products in New Hudson.

A September wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

Zmilky-Cullin

Jerry and Diane Zmilky of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nichole Marie, to Eric James Cullin, the son of Ken and Kay Cullin of Pinckney.

The bride-to-be received her master's degree in April from Eastern Michigan University. She currently is working as a front desk receptionist at an engineering company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in computer-aided design. He is employed as an engineering coordinator in Wixom.

A July wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Sinclair-Downer

Daniel and Karen Sinclair and John and Dorcy LaFrance announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn M. Sinclair, to Thomas J. Downer, the son of Jerry and June Downer.

The couple became engaged on Oct. 18, 1998, at the Detroit Red Wings championship banner raising ceremony at Joe Louis Arena.

Both are natives of Garden City and attended Garden City High School. Residents of Deland, Fla., they are planning an October wedding in Plymouth.

Gates-Sholler

Chuck and Sylvia Gates of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen AnnMarie, to Jeremy Scott Sholler, the son of Kevin and Beth Sholler, also of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed at ST Micro Electronics in Livonia.

Her fiance is a 1996 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is serving in the Marines Corps and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

No wedding date has been set.

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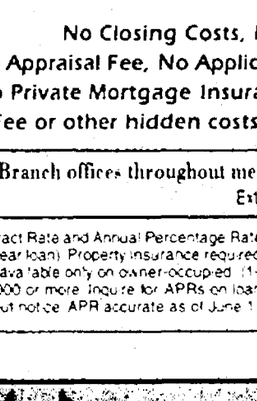

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCERT SERIES
The Westland Cultural Society summer concert series will continue. Remaining dates are Sunday, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. All concerts will be 6 p.m. at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland Performance Pavilion, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford, except 6:30 p.m. July 18 at Stottlemeyer Park. Concerts are free, and the Bailey Center is the rain location. Concerts are sponsored by the Westland City Council and feature a variety of musical styles. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

AT THE CHAMBER

GOLF CLASSIC
The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. Call (734) 722-1091.

BAILEY CENTER POOL
The pool at Westland's Bailey Center is on Ford at Carlson. Regular hours are noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. There is a water slide and a baby pool for kids age 3 and younger. There are birthday packages at $7 per person, including pizza, pop, pool admission, games, and a T-shirt for the birthday person. Teen/ Middle School Night is 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, with a disc jockey, pizza and pop. Admission is $1. Swim lessons will start the week of June 21 and will be 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. These are two-week sessions; for information, call (734) 722-7620.

SUMMER DAY CAMP
The Salvation Army in Westland is accepting registrations for summer day camp for children ages 7-12. Camp will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 28 to Aug. 6, at the Salvation Army, 2300 Venoy, Westland. For information, call Sharon, (734) 722-3660.

VOLUNTEERS

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

HOSPICE
Community Hospice & Home Care Services will hold a volunteer training program for eight weeks, 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, June 24 through Aug. 12, at 32932 Warren Road at Venoy, Suite 100, Westland. Volunteers are needed to help with general office duties, fund-raising, marketing, bereavement, direct patient care and companionship. Training is free. For information or to register, call Pat Garland, volunteer director, (734) 522-4244, on or before Monday, June 21.

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

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

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

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

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

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Registration has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

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

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Kid stuff: *Donovan Krueger, 1, and his aunt, Zada Kummerl, 3, of Westland ride a kiddie ride during the Redford Township Community Festival. More fun awaits visitors this summer at the Westland Summer Festival, June 30 through July 4.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE
The historic Perrinsville one-room school opens to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriman in Westland.

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

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

FOR SENIORS

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

GARDEN VISIT
The Westland Senior Resources Department is sponsoring a Monday, June 21, trip to the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Participants will leave the Friendship Center on Newburgh in Westland 9 a.m. They will tour the gardens 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Lunch at Weber's Inn will follow at approximately 1 p.m. Prime rib and whitefish will be the entrees, with a selection to be made when signing up. Cost is $25. For information on the trip, call (734) 722-7632.

TIGER GAMES
The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering trips to Tiger games this year: Tigers vs. Yankees, Thursday, July 8; Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is $25 a person a game. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. Return to the center between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. First 23 seniors to register.

WINDSOR RACEWAY TRIP
A trip to Windsor Raceway is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4. Cost is $25. Leave Friendship Center at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., post time is 7:30 p.m., with races over at about 10:45 p.m. Return to center about midnight. Call (734) 722-7632.

DINNER AND SHOW
A trip to dinner and the play "Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is $85. Arrive at the Friendship Center at 4 p.m., eat at Three Brothers Restaurant at 5 p.m., arrive at Detroit Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Play starts at 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

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

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

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a $3 membership fee for residents, $12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

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

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

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to work in. Call (734) 422-1052.

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

MORE DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call (734) 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH
Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, Westland.

MORE BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt, Westland. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

SHAMROCK BINGO
Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. Call (734) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of $400, $300 and $200.

K OF C BINGO
Pope John XXIII Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games 6:45 p.m. Thursdays. The games are in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 425-2246.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

HEARING IMPAIRED
Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road, between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 or Ginny Schroeder at (734) 458-3408.

CALENDAR FORM

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

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Superbook kids buy Daisy the Cow for Rwandan family

Super job: *The Superbook children and adults – Gloria Chruscial (back row, from left), Ruth De Marois, Diana Allen, Vicki Nelson, Danielle Mosier and Amy Nagy, Christian Mosier (middle row, from left), Steven Thomas, Jacob Tonti, Erin Allen, Anna Szalma, Ryan Chruscial (front row, from left), Michelle Tinan, Katie Allen and Courtney Bishop – have plenty to smile about after receiving a photograph of Niyonkuru Isaac with Daisy the cow, which his family purchased thanks to the children's $200 gift.*

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

When Sunday school students at a Canton Church decided to buy a gift for a war-torn African family, they chose one that keeps on giving.

A 12-year-old Rwandan boy named Niyonkuru Isaac recently sent a thank-you letter to the church group for the gift, a cow named Daisy. His family uses the cow for milk and for fertilizing crops. He also sent a photograph of himself with the cow, which is almost as tall as he is.

The cow cost $200 in American money, sent to the family to buy the cow, according to Marilyn Thomas, wife of the Rev. Rick Thomas, pastor of Canton Free Methodist Church. Thomas coordinated the correspondence between the children and Isaac.

The 11 children in the Superbook kids program used their allowance, money earned from doing additional household chores and what they had saved for the cow fund. Every week the children would place the money inside a cow-shaped bank.

"They just did wonderfully," said Linda Sinischo, who along with several other women, led the Superbook kids with the fund-raising drive. "They had a great spirit about it."

The fund-raising was part of the Superbook Olympics, and the children, who ranged in age from kindergarten through sixth-grade, kept constant tabs on their fund-raising through regular updates. The church sent the cow money to the Isaac family last fall, and the children are paying the church back.

The Superbook children meet monthly to make crafts, play games and compete in Bible drills. Participating this year were Erin Allen, Katie Allen, Ryan Chruscial, Laura Courtney, Amanda Findley, Kyle Johnston, Danielle Mosier, Christian Mosier, Amy Nagy, Stephen Thomas, Jacob Tonti and Erik Wright.

Thomas has been corresponding with and coordinating support for the Isaacs for eight years. Over the years, the letters have described numerous hardships resulting from the ongoing civil war. The family has had their belongings and livestock stolen numerous times, endured drought and lost family members to the violence.

For about one year, no one knew where they were. Child Care Ministries, which coordinates correspondence between the families, informed Thomas that the Isaacs were "lost." As it turned out, the family had been forced into hiding while war raged in their immediate area.

Thomas said she breathed a sigh of relief in May 1996 when a letter finally came from Niyonkuru. In the letter, he said a brother and other family members had been killed. The family also was forced to start over after their home was looted and their livestock stolen.

Later letters described Niyonkuru father's violent encounter with thieves, which resulted in his being stabbed while trying to protect the home. He survived the altercation, according to the letter.

Last year, the Superbook children raised money for the Isaacs to buy a pig named Wilbur. When Niyonkuru said they were going to use surplus money to buy a cow, the children decided to step in. So far, the Isaacs have received two cows and a pig through the children's efforts.

Do the children have any plans for next year's gift for the Isaacs?

"Not yet, but I'm sure we'll come up with something," Sinischo said.

Friends of WCLS to hold golf benefit

Tickets are now on sale for a Wayne Community Living Services raffle that has a 1999 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 convertible as the top prize.

Tickets cost $100 each and benefit Friends of WCLS. No more than 600 tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place at 8 p.m. Aug. 26 at the conclusion of WCLS's fifth annual All "Fore" Friends Celebrity Golf Challenge.

There will be four additional raffle prizes – a vacation package to Florida, his and her Movado watches, a 32-inch color television and an outdoor patio furniture set.

Tickets are available at the WCLS, office at MetroCenter Mall, 35425 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

The golf challenge will be held at the Fox Hills Golden Fox Championship Course and will feature a noon shotgun start. Honorary chair is John "Ankles" Stewart of the Dick Purtan Morning Show on WOMC-FM.

The Purtan's People cast and other local media and sports celebrities will join foursomes for a fun day of golf. Registration is $250 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and refreshments on the course, a gourmet dinner, open bar, comedy entertainment, prizes and gifts. Hole sponsorships are $1,300 and include golf for four and a plaque.

Proceeds from both the raffle and golf challenge benefit Friends of WCLS and assist people with developmental disabilities and their families.

For more information about the raffle tickets or a registration form for the golf challenge, call Carla Wells at (734) 722-7185.

Schoolcraft adds camps to Kids on Campus fare

The summer of 199 marks the 20th year Schoolcraft College has offered enrichment activities to children through its Kids on Campus program and TAG classes for gifted children.

Offered July 12-29, children in the fifth through sixth grades can choose from such offerings as Web Page Master, where students learn how to design their own Web page, and Rocket Science I and II, where they learn to build and launch their own rocket and use pop bottle water rockets to test the variable of flight-like rocket design, mass, fuels and payloads.

Back by popular demand are Severe and Unusual Weather, examining the science of weather; Hot Air Balloons, exploring the principles of buoyancy and lighter-than-air flight; Video Production for aspiring film makers; Bugs on the Move, getting up close and personal with bugs; and Chess Strategy taught by four-time state champion and Chess Life Master Dexter Thompson.

Parents are invited to join their children on campus for the Kids on Campus Showcase 10:40-11:20 a.m. in the Waterman Center to see the students' projects and artwork

Classes are offered in morning and afternoons sessions in two-week increments. Students signing up for TAG classes for the first time must be classified as talented and academically gifted according to their local school criteria or be recommended by a school staff member who feels they will benefit from the challenges of a specific TAG class or group of TAG classes.

New this year are summer day camps for children ages 5-14. Camps run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except during the first session July 6-19 when classes run until 3:30 p.m. to accommodate the Fourth of July holiday) in two-week session, starting July 6 and July 19.

The designated arrival time will be 8:30 a.m. with the designated pickup time 4:30 p.m. Between 3 and 4:30 p.m., children will participate in such activities as arts and crafts, games and movies.

For 5-7-year-olds there's Techno Detectives to uncover some of the world's greatest secrets using amazing multimedia techno-gizmos.

For ages 5-6 National Space Camp will send them streaking across the Milky Way in search of black holes, red giants, super novas and neutron stars.

Children ages 7-9 can try Radical Robot Rangers and create their own radical robot or Discovery Pre-Med for an amazing medical school experience.

And for children ages 10-14 there's Incredible Inventors, an opportunity to create inventions never seen before and Pre-Med Code Blue, where they step into the shoes of medical specialists as they explore a medical center and research lab using the resources of the Discovery Channel.

The $375 fee includes breakfast, snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

Kids on Campus also offers skills classes in basic mathematics, pre-Algebra and Algebra, reading and study, English and Algebra/Geometry.

For more information on registration and other children's class offerings, call (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The college's Kids on Campus received the 1998 National Council for Continuing Education and Training Exemplary Program Award as well as the 1998 LERN International Award for outstanding continuing education programs.

Community Hospice adds new Home Care Services

Community Hospice and Home Care Services is offering a new service for its clients.

For 18 years CHHCS, with offices in Westland and Plymouth, has provided compassionate, state-of-the-art care to patients with a limited life expectancy.

Responding to community need, CHHCS now also provides the same care and compassion to patients who are homebound and recovering or disabled by illness or injury or are chronically ill.

The Home Care Services include diagnostics, treatment, monitoring, rehabilitation and support through skilled nursing, home health aides, medical social work and physical, occupational or speech therapy.

The goal of the new CHHCS Home Care Service is to help each patient achieve optimal function and independence while enhancing the quality and meaning of life within its limitation.

For more information, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

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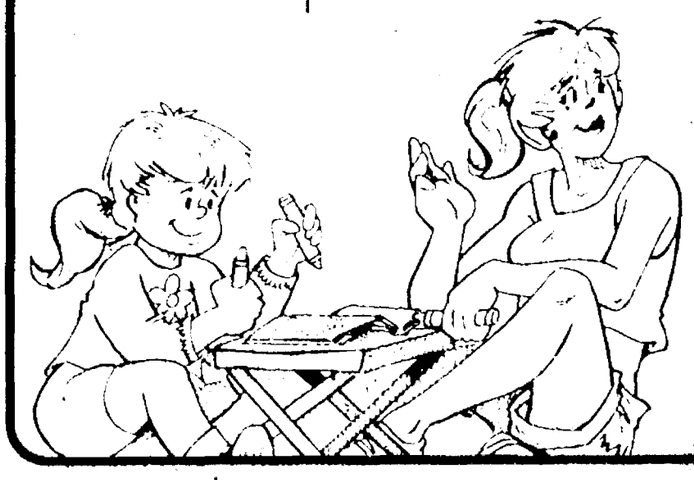

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ANNIVERSARIES

Herbert

William E. and Donna J. Herbert of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron on June 11.

The couple, who moved to Redford 45 years ago, also took their family to Maui, Hawaii, at Christmas.

The Herberts exchanged vows on June 11, 1949, at Westlawn Methodist Church in Detroit. She is the former Donna Day.

They have two children – William A. Herbert and Patricia A. Beck – and six grandchildren.

He retired as a photo engraver 10 years ago. He belongs to the Elks Club and VFW. She works at Sears store in Livonia Mall.

Mazzoni

Peter and Ida Mazzoni of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 25 by renewing their vows at San Francesco Church in Clinton Township.

The couple exchanged vows on April 29, 1939, at Santa Maria Church in Detroit. She is the former Ida Gizzi.

The couple are the parents of John and the late Patricia Cosco. They also have two grandchildren.

He retired from Fisher Body in Livonia in 1981.

Ramsay

William and Lillian Ramsay of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21 at a dinner with their family.

The couple, who moved to Livonia in 1971, exchanged vows May 21, 1949, at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Detroit. She is the former Lillian Brokenshire and worked at the J.L. Hudson's Co. when they met.

They have two married sons – William John and wife Barbara and Dean Scott and wife Virginia – and five grandchildren – Brian, Lori, Kristin, Cary and David.

He retired from Burroughs-Unisys in 1982. Their interest include gardening.

Mullen

Jack and Maryann Mullen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 25.

Residents of Livonia, they have three sons, three daughters, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and four grandchildren.

McGill

Robert Wilson and Helen Marie McGill of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The couple married May 7, 1949, at Hillcrest United Brethren Church in Livonia. She is the former Helen Marie Jones.

They have four children – Robert, Cheryl Schairer, Debra and Dawnmarie Ozog – and four grandchildren.

The McGills have been retired for more than 10 years.

Yuhasz

Julius and Betty Yuhasz of Farmington Hills, formerly of Westland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4.

They will continue the celebration in July with their children – Robert and wife Rosanne of Livonia, Kenneth and wife Kerry of California and Philip and wife Sandra of France – their seven grandchildren and friends.

Friends celebrate 50th anniversaries

In 1946 Janet Peacock, Verle Reno, better known as Mickey, and Doris Bailey met when they went to work at Michigan Bell.

They have stayed friends through the years, celebrating each other's marriages, the births of their children, deaths, graduations and weddings ... and their golden wedding anniversaries.

The first of the trio to reach the milestone was Janet who married Fred Delaney on April 17, 1948, at Henderson Methodist Church in Detroit. Redford residents, the Delaneys are the parents of two sons, both deceased, and have three grandsons and three great-granddaughters. He is a Detroit Edison retiree.

The next to marry was Doris who exchanged vows with Thomas Cocking on Aug. 7, 1948. Livonia residents, the Cockings have a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is a Michigan Consolidated Gas retiree.

And the last to marry were Mickey and Robert Hoyrup who tied the knot on Jan. 22, 1949. He is a retiree of Michigan Bell where they originally met. The Westland residents have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Fiftieth anniversaries aren't unusual for the Hoyrups. When their oldest daughter married, both sets of grandparents – Carl and Betty Hoyrup and Merrill and Helen Reno – were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Golden time: *Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries are Fred and Janet Delaney (from left), Thomas and Doris Cocking and Robert and Verle Hoyrup.*

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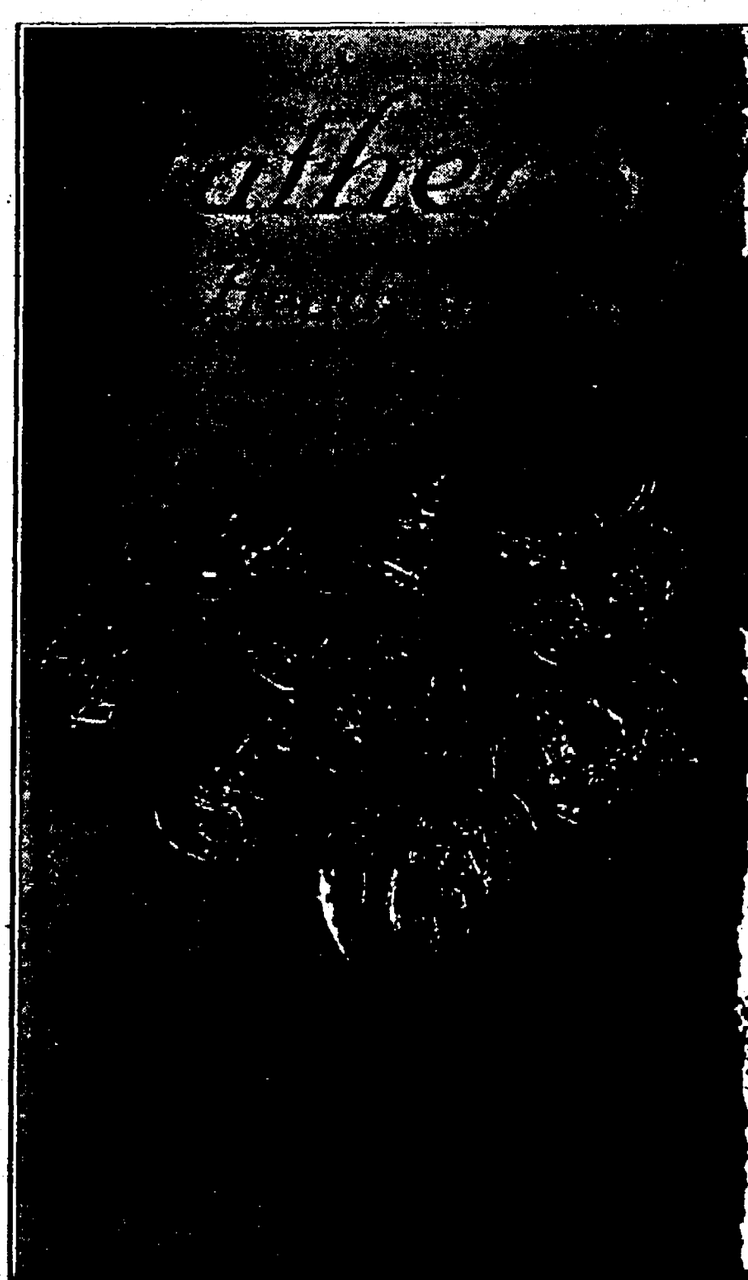

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and second grades. The fee is $100.

■ Session 6 – Muskrats and Minks – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 26-30, for children who have completed third and fourth grade. The fee is $100.

The parks system also offers Kid's Kaleidoscope at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and family movies in the park on a giant video projection system on Fridays.

Kid's Kaleidoscope features The Amazing Clark June 22 at Bell Creek Park in Redford, The Spoon Man June 29 at the Nankin Mills Area of Hines Park in Westland, Off Broadway Productions' presentation of "Wizard of Oz" July 13 at Waterford Bend of Hines Park in Northville, Anna Jarrett, the traveling Australian storyteller, July 20 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, Gemini July 27 at Waterford Bend, The Storytellers Aug. 3 at Belle Creek Park, Tina Lau and the Tahiti Wahines Aug. 10 at the Warrendale Area of Hines Park in Dearborn Heights and Brad Lowe's Fantasy E-Fex Puppets Aug. 17 at Elizabeth Park.

Movie nights will be "E.T. The Extra Terrestrial" June 25 at the Warrendale Area, "Space Jam" July 16 at Inkster Park in Inkster, "Mulan" July 30 at Bell Creek Park in Redford, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" Aug. 13 at the Waterford Bend Area and "Mary Poppins" Aug. 27 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

For information, call the Wayne County Parks office at (734) 261-1990.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

Maybury State Park in Northville can be explored on foot, bicycle or horseback during the summer. Its "working farm" is open all year for visitors to explore life on an early 1900s family farm.

Summer activities include demonstrations of grain harvesting and processing at 2 p.m. July 24, and Kids' Garden Day 2-4 p.m. Aug. 21. Visit various stations throughout the farm to learn about gardening, weather, helpful insects and animals and enjoy some garden crafts.

At 2 p.m. Aug. 28, visitors can help build scarecrows for the farm's garden and crop fields.

Preregistration is required for programs and can be completed by telephone or in person at the park office. For information, call (248) 349-8390. A motor vehicle permit is required. The park is on Eight Mile Road west of I-275.

KENSINGTON METROPARK

Kensington Metropark in Milford has a full lineup of nature and farm interpretive programs so children and parents to have fun learning together.

Especially for Kids at 10 a.m. Wednesdays is for 8-10-year-olds and will look at "Bug Buddies" June 23, "Fossil Finding" June 30, "Stars, Mars and Other Night Lights" July 7, "Go with the Flow (as in water)" July 14 and "Fishin' Fun" July 28.

Nature Discovery at 10 a.m. Wednesdays is for children ages 6-7. The program includes "Indian Children" June 23, "Bugs and Bugs" June 30, "Mud! Glorious Mud!' July 7, "Warm and Fuzzy (mammals)" July 14, "Cold Blooded Critters" July 21 and "Fishin' Fun" July 28.

The Small Fry Sampler at 10 a.m. Tuesdays is for children ages 4-5. The program includes "Creepy Crawlies" June 22, "Dino-Mite" June 29, "A Frog's Eye View" July 6, "Growing Like a Kid" July 13, "Bird's Feet Are Neat" July 20 and "Wiggly Worms" July 27.

All children must be accompanied by a parent and advance registration is required.

Kensington Park is 2240 W. Buno Road. For information, call (248) 685-1561 or 1-800-24-PARKS. A motor vehicle permit is required.

MATTHAEI GARDENS

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Conservatory in Ann Arbor has three greenhouses of tropical, desert and temperate flora, and 280 acres of gardens filled with roses, perennial flowers and medicinal, rock and herbal plants.

Located at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, the conservatory is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while the gardens are open 8 a.m. to sunset. Admission to the conservatory is $3 for adults and $1 for students (kindergarten-12th grade) and free for those under age 5. Admission is free 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays.

For information, call (734) 998-7061.

DETROIT ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Detroit Zoological Park at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak is one of America's great zoos, housing more than 1,000 animals, mostly in their natural habitats.

The park is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, with special summer hours – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays and holidays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays – through Sept. 2. Admission is $7.50 for ages 13-61, $5.50 for students ages 13-18 with identification and senior citizens age 62 and older, $4.50 ages 2-12 and free for those under age 2. Parking is $3 for cars and vans, $6 for buses.

For information, call (248) 398-0903.

The Bell Isle Zoo and Aquarium on Belle Isle in Detroit is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs $3 for ages 13 -61, $2 for ages 62 and older, $1 for ages 2-12 and free for those under age 2. The aquarium is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and costs $2 for ages 13 and older, $1 for ages 2-12 and free for those under age 2.

The 13-acre zoo features a view of wildlife from an elevated walkway, while the aquarium, the oldest, continuously operating public aquarium in North America (it opened in 1904), currently has 60 exhibits, including its popular electric eel exhibit.

For information, call (248) 398-0903.and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Cost is $5 for ages 13-61, $4 for 62 years and older, $3 for ages 5-12 and free for ages 4 and under. Tours for groups of seven to 10 are available with a $1 discount on admission. For more information, call (734) 483-4030.

The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit, has the largest exhibition ever created in the United States on African American people.

The core exhibit is "Of the People: The African American Experience," which reflects on a 400-year legacy and heritage. There also are two galleries with changing exhibits.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12 years of age. For information, call (313) 494-5800.

The University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, 1109 Geddes Road at Washtenaw Avenue on the central campus in Ann Arbor, features prehistoric life displays, Michigan Wildlife and rock and mineral exhibits, but is best known for its dinosaur collection and the Hall of Evolution. The main feature in the planetarium is "The Loneliness Factor," shown at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3:30 p.m. Sundays.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is a suggested donation of $5 for adults and $3 for children. Admission to the planetarium is $3.25 for adults and $3 for senior citizens and children ages 12 and under.

Now through Aug. 22, at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, visitors are invited to imagine life as it was envisioned through the eyes of Thomas Edison or Henry Ford, while witnessing first-hand the fruits of their labor. Each month, a different dream will be explored through programming and activity.

Visitors also can hear the past through musical performances each day throughout the village. The Summer Evening Concert Series kicks off each Saturday evening during the festival.

And the museum chronicles the Industrial Age from locomotives, automobiles and airplanes to the conveniences of modern life from home furnishings to musical instruments.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and will be open until 8 p.m. Saturdays July 10-Aug. 29. One-day admission is $12.50 for adults, $11.50 for senior citizens age 62 and over, $7.50 for children ages 5-12 and free for those under age 4. Two-day ticket is $22 for adults and $12.50 for children. Admission to the museum and village is separate. For information, call (313) 982-6001.

Next door to the village and museum is the Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd. between Rotunda Drive and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

The Automotive Hall of Fame is filled with hands-on exhibits and interactive displays that recognizes and celebrates accomplished people of the worldwide motor vehicle industry.

There's also a 10-minute interactive show, "Inspiration," how mechanical power replaced the horse, and "Carl's Car," which traces the path of Carl Benz in developing the first gas-powered automobile.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Oct. 31. Admission is $6 for adults (ages 13-61), $5.50 for senior citizens (age 62 and older) and $3 for children (ages 5-12). For more information, call 313-240-4000.

Take to the road and head for Lansing and the Michigan Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan St., two blocks west of the State Capitol between Allegan and Washtenaw streets.

Visitors are surrounded with Michigan history from prehistoric times through the late 20th century. Major exhibit environments include a three-story relief map of Michigan, walk-through Upper Peninsula copper mine, one-room schoolhouse, 1920s street scene, 1957 Detroit Auto Show and a diorama of lakes and lands complete with a rustic cabin and lighthouse.

Explore all 26 permanent galleries on four levels. And don't miss the changing temporary exhibit gallery on the first floor.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. For more information, call (517) 373-3559.

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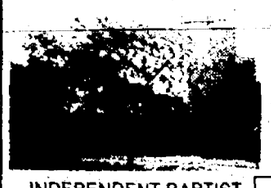

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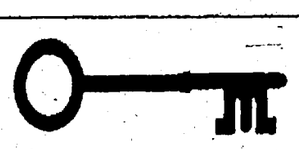

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A PARENTS' GUIDE

The Teen Music Scene

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Teen-oriented harmony-driven pop is all the rage. Look at the Backstreet Boys' latest album, for example. In its first week of release, "Millennium" sold more than 1.1 million copies.

Britney Spears' album, "...Baby One More Time" has been certified quadruple platinum, while 'N Sync and 98 Degrees have both sold millions of albums.

Gil Wachsman, vice chairman of Musicland Stores Corporation, said these sales figures show teens steer the market.

"The performance of the Backstreet Boys' release reflects the heavy shopping habits of the teen demographic, which will grow in numbers until 2020. Young people shopped at our stores in full force because they want a hot new release in their hands the same day it is available."

The average age is 13-18 years at shows by Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync and 98 Degrees, but are these concerts and albums appropriate for young children?

We've compiled an easy-to-read chart for parents that describe a little bit about the groups and their lyrics. There's even fun facts thrown in that parents can use to impress their children.

Backstreet Boys

Concert info: Scheduled to play the area in the fall. Visit http://www.backstreetboys.com for more information.
Who are they? Howie Dorough, Nick Carter, A.J. McLean, Brian Littrell and Kevin Richardson
What you should know: Parents of teenage girls probably know all there needs to know – and then some – about the heartthrobs du jour. The group's latest album, "Millennium," sold 1,133,505 copies the first week of release, smashing the record set by Garth Brooks.
Score brownie points: Littrell had heart surgery last year, and the guys really do play instruments. Littrell and Richardson are cousins.
Sample lyrics: "Ain't nothin' but a party/Tell me why?/Ain't nothin' but a mistake/Tell me why/I never want to hear you say/I want it that way." Even if the lyrics were somewhat suggestive, younger fans at the shows will never know – the screaming drowns out most of the performance.
Appropriate age: If hip thrusts and booty shaking are OK with you, then all ages.
Hear for yourself: http://www.backstreetboys.com

98 Degrees

Concert info: "Nickelodeon All That Music and More Tour" featuring performances by 98 Degrees, Monica, Aaron Carter, 3rd Storee, No Authority and Billy Crawford, and the cast of Nickelodeon's "All That" television show, begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets are $28.50 pavilion, $20 lawn. Groups of 20 or more get $3 off pavilion tickets, and $2 off lawn tickets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com or http://www.nick.com. (See related story in Entertainment)
Who are they? "All That" is a "Saturday Night Live"-style variety show for kids that airs on Nickelodeon. Monica is an R&B/soul singer, while 98 Degrees is group of Ohio men who specialize in ballads – and sending teenage girls' hearts aflutter. Carter is the brother of the Backstreet Boys' Nick Carter. Billy Crawford and 3rd Storee are up and coming acts. No Authority is signed to Michael Jackson's Sony-affiliated record label, MJJ.
What you should know: The "Nickelodeon All That Music and More Tour" is a sort of "Nickapalooza" with its festival atmosphere. Along the sidewalks of Pine Knob, there will be interactive activities, auditions for different Nickelodeon television shows, Nickelodeon game show-style activities, a traveling millennium mural, the "Drencher Adventure" theater; a virtual movie experience, the Big Helpmobile and the Reebok Wall of Challenge.
The music groups perform on Pine Knob's main stage.
Score brownie points: Drew Lachey of 98 Degrees is rarely without a baseball hat. Like 'N Sync, the Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears, Tommy Hilfiger is 98 Degrees' designer of choice. The group has a holiday album coming out in October, "98 Degrees ... This Christmas." Monica's last name is Arnold.
Sample lyrics: The words to Monica's "The First Night" are somewhat questionable: "I wanna get down/but not the first night." The group 98 Degrees, however, prides itself on innocuous, vague lyrics: "I've made up my mind/There is no turning back/She's been good to me/And she deserves better than me."
Appropriate age: Nickelodeon says it is a G-rated festival. All ages.
Hear for yourself: http://www.peeps.com (Monica), or http://www.98degrees.com.

'N Sync

Concert info: 'N Sync, Jordan Knight, Five and Billy Crawford, perform Saturday, July 31, at the Pontiac Silverdome. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are $32.50. For more information, call (248) 456-1600 or (248) 645-6666.
Who are they? 'N Sync is a group of Orlando, Fla., men – JC Chasez, Justin Timberlake, Chris Kirkpatrick, Lance Bass and Tony Fatone. Jordan Knight is a former member of New Kids on the Block. Five is from the United Kingdom.
What you should know: Timberlake and Chasez are former stars of the "Mickey Mouse Club." Kirkpatrick has funky dyed hair and braids.
Score brownie points: The man wearing the bunny ears in 'N Sync's "I Drive Myself Crazy" video is the group's bodyguard. Timberlake is rumored to be dating Britney Spears, and Fatone is a Superman nut who wears the superhero's logo on a gold chain.
Sample lyrics: 'N Sync's lyrics are generic love songs: "It's tearin' up my heart when I'm with you/When we are apart I feel it too/And no matter what I do I feel the pain/with or without you."
Jordan Knight, on the other hand, is a bit risqué for 'N Sync fans: "You know I got to give it to you/Can't deny/We'll do it right." Five is all about fun with non-specific party lyrics: "Slam dunk the funk/put it up/when you got that feeling."
Appropriate age: Because of Knight, 18 and older.
Hear for yourself: http://www.peeps.com ('N Sync, Jordan Knight and Five).

Britney Spears

Concert info: The show, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 24, at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, is postponed until Sunday, Sept. 12. The all-ages show is sold out, but more tickets may be released closer to the show. Call (313) 961-5451 or visit http://www.statetheater.com for more information.
Who is she? A Louisiana teen who dreamed of being a star since she was in kindergarten.
What you should know: Her debut album, "... Baby One More Time," has sold more than two million copies. Like members of 'N Sync, she is a former cast member of the "Mickey Mouse Club."
Score brownie points: Spears lost in the final round of "Star Search." She is a model for Tommy Hilfiger and has a television show in the works.
Sample lyrics: "My loneliness is killing me/I must confess it's killing me/When I'm not with you I lose my mind/Give me a sign/Hit me baby one more time." Spears has repeatedly explained in interviews that this song has nothing to do with sex.
Appropriate age: All ages, unless you don't buy her explanation of "... Baby One More Time."
Hear for yourself: http://www.peeps.com

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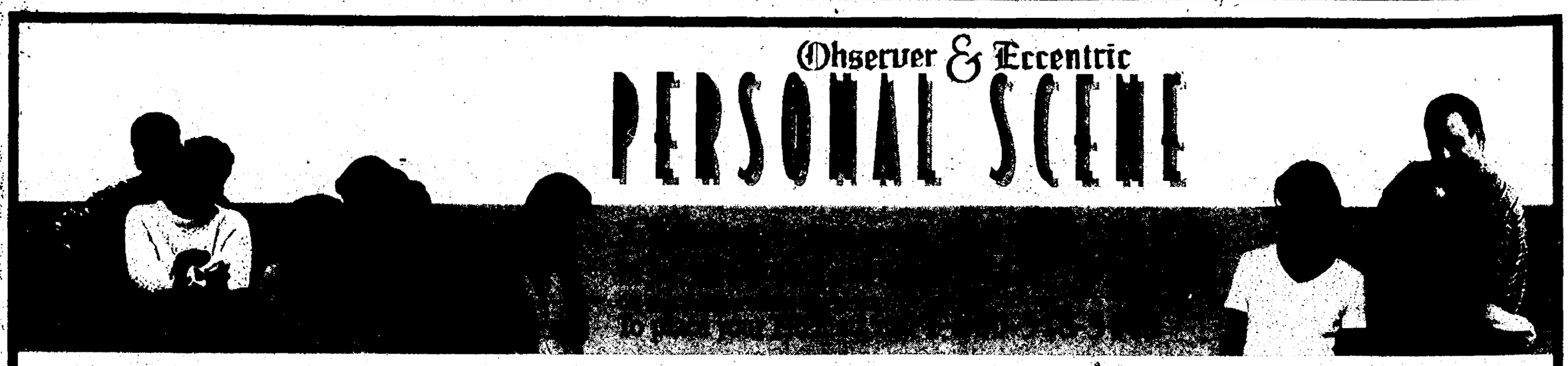

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SBF, 30, 5'4", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks BM, 38-48, with similar interests, for dining out, concerts, plays, comedy clubs. ☎4381

BIG & BEAUTIFUL
SWF, 36, brunette/green, enjoys the outdoors, camping, taking walks, and sharing quality time with someone special, seeks WM, 34-44, for a possible LTR. Only serious need apply. ☎4464

QUALITY
Attractive, professional, blonde, 40s, medium build, enjoys weekend getaways, adventure. Seeking quality, stable, relationship, with good-looking, honest, financially secure, active, energetic DWPM, 45-55, N/S. ☎3304

IS IT TIME?
Sincere SWPF, 44, enjoys art fairs, flea markets, concerts, hockey. Seeking companionship with SWM, 40-50, with similar interests. ☎4432

SPECIAL LADY
DWPF, 52, comfortable in jeans or formal, seeks quality caring male, 47-57, N/S, for LTR. Golfing, dancing a plus. ☎4463

MAD ABOUT YOU RELATIONSHIP
sought. Slender physically fit attractive SWF, 38, 6", likes sports, seeks divorced or single WPM, 35-50. For committed relationship. Must like animals, kids ok. ☎4461

BEAUTIFUL & CHARISMATIC
Intelligent, romantic, witty, affectionate SWPF, 33, 5'8", honey-blonde/brown, slender, many interests. Seeking handsome, very successful, fit, witty, trustworthy, romantic, intelligent SWPM, 35-45, for LTR. ☎4338

STARTING OVER
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining-in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. ☎4232

LOVE A MAN IN A BIG TRUCK
If you're looking for a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde who knows how to treat her man, look no more! Seeking SM, 35-43, who appreciates children, for wild times, and quiet evenings. ☎3521

BRAINS AND BEAUTY
Very attractive DWPF, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'8", full-figured, N/S, no dependents. Seeking tall, intelligent WPM, 38-48, for fun and dating. ☎3757

STILL LOOKING
SWF, 25, 5'9", single mom, enjoys outdoors, movies, quiet times with someone special. Seeking honest, caring, employed SWM, 27-32, 5'10"+, for LTR. No games. ☎4471

FIRST TIME AD!
Personable, fun loving SBF, who enjoys movies, swimming, jazz, seeks outgoing male companion, 30-35, N/S, with similar qualities and interests. ☎4026

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE
Petite DWF, 34, brunette, mother of two, seeks honest, sincere, fun-loving, responsible guy, who isn't afraid of a challenge. ☎4016

IRRESISTIBLE...
with beautiful eyes. Sensuous, sexy SBF, 28, seeks tall, dark, and handsome SM, 30+, smoker/social drinker ok, for fun and dating. ☎3980

YOUTHFUL
Versatile, creative, spiritual, romantic, adventurous, ecology-minded SWF, 41, N/S, enjoys organic gardening, ethnic and vegetarian cuisine, natural healing, art, music, dancing, walking, swimming, canoeing, bon-fires, horses, motorcycles, billiards. ☎3306

SUMMER DREAM
SWF, 35, seeks to find a special, down-to-earth guy with sense of humor, to share camping, picnics, ball games, and the summer. ☎3642

SOFT INTROVERT
Artistic SBF, 31, 5'7", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, seeks cultured, extroverted SM, over 30, 6'+, H/W proportionate, no dependents, for friendship and more. ☎3644

PRETTY WIDOW
Slender, tall, intelligent, refined yet fun SF, 53, smoker, seeks an intelligent, tall, classy and confident gentleman, 53-65, for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. ☎4470

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?
Fun, outgoing SWF, 21, 5'7", 175lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, enjoys sports, hanging out, having fun. Seeking honest, fun, outgoing SWM, 21-30, who loves kids, for LTR. ☎4225

LET'S MAKE LIFE COMPLETE
Pretty health care professional, classy, slender, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, homeowner, no dependents, enjoys biking, dancing, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated SWPM, 45+, emotionally/financially secure, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎3928

NO PICKUP TRUCKS...
for this classy, degreed, attractive, blonde, leggy lady. You're sophisticated 46+, N/S, who likes Pine Knob, Meadowbrook, fine dining, travel. Let's enjoy summer, and wonderful times together. ☎4334

LOVES LIFE
Attractive, easygoing, humorous, financially secure DWF 42, mom, tall, slim, N/S, seeks male counterpart 38-45, who enjoys family, outdoors, football, shooting pool, romance, concerts, and more. North Oakland County. ☎4323

LET'S ENHANCE OUR LIVES
Very pretty, energetic, spontaneous, petite SWF, 43, long blonde/hazel, N/S, N/D, loves horses, nature, hiking, traveling, the arts, reading, dancing, conversations. Seeking same and more in handsome, intelligent man. ☎4164

AMERICA'S ANGEL
Slim, educated, financially secure, blue-eyed blonde, nifty 50s, 5'7", Jewish, visionary dreamer, optimist with distinctive qualities, attractive, fun and informative. How about you? Seeking active gentleman who is sweet and warm, age unimportant. ☎2089

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Slender DWF, 43, 5'6", blonde/green, enjoys movies, dancing, vacations, romance. Seeking fit, outgoing S/DWM, 34-48, 5'10+, with good sense of humor. Possible LTR. N/S. ☎4076

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 36, 5'7", 128lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life with. ☎2629

STABLE, SMART...
attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'6", nice figure, love to smile/laugh, love to keep an active/busy lifestyle. Seeking devoted, secure, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scrabble is the only game I play. ☎3979

MALE WANTED...
by pretty, blue-eyed blonde, youthful-looking 49, bright, warm and full-figured. Seeking attractive, warm man, 35-55, for romance. Troy area. ☎3827

DESERVING SOUL
Perky, petite, youthful, honest SWF, blonde, very thoughtful non-smoker, into high-tech gadgets, Mac computers, cats, collecting stuff, lake-living. Seeking SWM who can give 100% for same in return. ☎3756

PROFESSIONAL AND SEXY
N/S, yes that's me, looking for the same. SF, 5'5", 120lbs, blonde/brown, seeks SM, 50-65, must be in good shape and love life. Talk to you soon. ☎2903

SPARKLING BLUE EYES
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, medium build, seeks tall WM, 50-60, honest, fun-loving, commitment-minded, for LTR. ☎2444

ANGEL ON EARTH/A RARE GEM
Pretty inside/out, petite, perky SWF, youthful 44, blonde/brown, N/S, high tech, thoughtful, honest, seeks deserving soul, N/S, N/D, for possible relationship. Your mom would be proud of me. ☎3735

FANCY GIRL
Happy-go-lucky, slender, cute, cuddly SF, 22, 5'4", 115lbs, brown/brown, seeks attractive, sensitive SPM, under 30. ☎3737

WORTH THE CALL
Attractive SWF, late 40s, 5'2", blonde, who enjoys dancing, boating, skiing, travel. Seeking witty, financially secure S/DM, late 30s to 40s. For dating. ☎3589

SHORT & SWEET
Pretty, passionate, smart DWF, 44, seeks attractive, smart, humorous, no games SWM, 38+, N/S, for highly romantic fun, one-on-one relationship that could develop into something meaningful. ☎4466

PARTNER NEEDED
Sports enthusiast needs partner for tennis, golf, volleyball, dances, dinner, more. SPF, 46, medium build, never married, no dependents, seeks tall SPM, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship first. ☎4468

LADY IN WAITING
Beautiful BCPF, 47, mahogany complexion, N/S, enjoys all fun activities. Seeking gentleman Christian male, 40-55, N/S, who also enjoys fun activities, for friendship or possible LTR. ☎4343

BLUES FOR YOU
West side DWF, 50, 5'6", auburn/green, N/S, enjoys dining, dancing, concerts, sunsets, and starry, moonlit nights. Seeking outgoing, caring male, 45-55, N/S, for dating and LTR. ☎4339

HIPPIE AT HEART
Attractive, sensuous DWF, 45, 5'7", 145lbs, who loves music, no country, nature, movies, kids, camping, seeks tall, fit, fun, passionate SWM, 40-50, 6'+, brains+, no bores. Livonia. ☎4327

A LOT TO OFFER
SWPF, 23, 5'6", full-figured, blondish/green, looking for sweet, sincere, caring, man, 22-30, race/H/W unimportant, to spend free time with. ☎4331

TRUE BLUE AND FUN TOO!
Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, emotionally/financially secure, seeks compassionate, honest, similar SWM, for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel or just being together for mutual TLC. Friends first, LTR. ☎4333

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Tall, attractive lady, H/W proportionate, with great sense of humor, seeks quality male, 60+, N/S, social drinker, who enjoys theatre, concerts, dining, dancing, conversation. Let's meet for coffee and interview. ☎4319

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Widowed, retired white lady looking for a special, down-to-earth guy, 65+, with sense of humor, to share the golden years. Livonia area. ☎4233

ATTRACTIVE, BLONDE LADY
European born, refined, loving, educated SF, young mid-60s, 5'5", good figure, many interests, seeks caring, intelligent, secure gentleman 67-75, N/S, with sense of humor, for lasting relationship. ☎4234

EASY ON THE EYES
Gentle on the heart. Cute DWPF, 52, N/S, seeks S/DWPM, N/S, 45-60, 5'10"+, for dancing, warm-weather-fun and enjoying life. Livonia area. ☎2534

NEW RECRUIT
Outgoing DWF, 52, 5'5", brown/blue, medium build, N/S, social drinker, enjoys dancing, dinners, movies, outdoors or just hanging. Seeking SM, similar interests, for long/short term romance or just for friendship. ☎3595

THE BEST IS YET TO COME
Attractive, intelligent, DWPF, 49, N/S, affectionate, outgoing, energetic, humorous, seeks tall, fit, attractive, degreed, energetic, honest SWPM, 45-53, 6'+, N/S, sense of humor, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎3596

PRETTY FEMME FATALE
Fun, mischievous, kind, outgoing PF, interior designer, seeks Ralph Lauren type male, 55-65, in Birmingham area. ☎4079

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Do you open doors? Help with her coat? Let her choose her favorite places ? Willing to go forward with life ? If so, give this attractive DWF, 56, a call. ☎2445

VERY ROMANTIC
Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 49, 5'4", medium build, likes the water, up north and Florida. Seeking total gentleman, who is honest, nice, kind, romantic, a one-woman man. ☎4075

COULD WE...
have perfect chemistry? If you're a SWPM, 45-57, N/S, fit, not into games, who likes traveling, theater, beach, is honest, intelligent, fun, romantic call this attractive SWPF, 51 young. ☎4021

ALL WORK...
Attractive, college-educated DWF, 53, looking to share dinner, dancing, and spontaneous activities, when time allows. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who needs to relax and enjoy life. ☎3893

ROMANTIC REALIST
Attractive, intelligent, educated, creative, intuitive SWPF, 40, br/br, seeks SWM counterpart, 35-50, enlightened, enduring, fit, confident (not arrogant), open to the transformative, for trust, communication, friendship, intimacy. ☎3983

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easygoing, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5', brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking S/DWM, 47-55, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎3929

SINGLE DAD OR GRANDPA!
Attractive, petite, red-headed DWCF, 5'3", 120lbs, N/S, loves camping, biking, outdoor activities, classic cars, dancing. Seeking attractive, fit WCM, 38-52, under 6', N/S, financially/emotionally secure who's active and fun. ☎3921

CAN'T BUY ME LOVE
Fun, fit DWPF, 48, 5'8", brunette, Auburn Hills homeowner, seeks honest, stable companion, 44-52, 5'8"+, husky build, for fun this spring and summer. ☎3648

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, sincere, honest, caring SBF, 47, 5'8", medium build, seeks honest, sincere, caring SBM, 47-50, who wants a committed relationship, for travel, movies, companionship. ☎3794

IN THE STARS
Vivacious, shapely DWF, 45, Virgo, professional musician, seeks college-educated, secure WM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, for possible LTR. ☎3799

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, 49, with varied interests, needs friend and companion to share life with, possible LTR. Give me a call. ☎3889

WANTED: ROMANCE SPECIALIST
Easygoing, talkative, friendly, romantic, attractive SWF, 44, 5', redhead, N/S, social drinker, employed homeowner, no dependents, with many interests. Seeking attractive, honest, sincere, romantic, taliish SWM, 40-50, for friendship leading to passionate LTR. ☎3891

CHRISTIAN CUTIE
Cute SBCF, 33, medium build, seeks attractive, well-built, tall, professional, marriage-minded, intelligent SWCM, 28-43. I live near water, so bring swimsuit. Sincere Christian need apply. ☎3833

BEAUTIFUL...
thin, spunky, unique, loving SF, 44, 5'7", long naturally curly hair, stunning blue eyes, into self-growth, meditation, nature, yoga, natural health, laughing, speaking truth and life. Seeking soul connection SWM, N/S. ☎3723

DESIRABLE, HAPPY, HOPEFUL...
passionate professional, SWF, 36, 5'5", 112lbs, loves life, laughter, seeks stable spontaneous S/DWM 36-55, who is open minded, fit, and sensual. Eventually looking for monogamous involvement. ☎3750

I DARE YOU...
to call this dependent free DWF, 40+, smart and challenging, this shapely brunette desires passionate, intelligent S/DWM, 45-55, for weekend escapes, star gazing, dating. North Oakland county. ☎3746

63 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 53, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. ☎3738

SWING DANCING???
This classy romantic, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 60, 5'2", seeks honest, sensitive, fit SWM, N/S, to share my heart and passion for life. ☎3192

DOWN-TO-EARTH/POLISHED
Youthful, kind-hearted SWPF, 50, who loves to laugh. Seeking SWM, 50-63, who has interests in golf, boating, theater, home life. ☎3366

FROM CHICAGO
Willowy SJF, 37, 5'6", 115lbs, brunette/green, advanced degreed professional, very attractive. Seeking SJM, 35-42, cultured degreed, trim, attractive, films, non-fiction, travel. And if you could cook, great! For LTR. ☎3677

BEST FRIEND WANTED
SWF, 44, N/S, looking for honest, caring S/DWM to share hugs, laughter, movies, meaningful conversation, for friendship, leading to LTR. ☎3641

SOUTHERN GIRL IN DETROIT
DWPF, 27, just relocated, childless, seeks caring, understanding SM, who loves people for LTR. No games. Kids okay. ☎3596

CREME DE LA CREME
Widowed female, 55, likes the outdoors, theater, home cooking, fine dining, seeks quality SPM for possible relationship. ☎3553

TOMBOY ALL GROWN UP!
Friendly, trusting, looking for a man I can coupt on. Must be muscular but not too big. Humorous a plus! ☎3679

LOVE & COMPANIONSHIP
This active, attractive, caring, senior SWF, 55+, seeks tall, honest, dependable, sincere gentleman, N/S, with many interests, to get to know, for possible LTR. Age is unimportant; it's the spirit that counts. ☎3527

FLORIDA BEAUTY
SWF, dark red/green, 5'4", living in Fort Lauderdale, considering relocation to hometown in Detroit area. Seeking tall, attractive PM, 6'+, for friendship, possibly more. Must love music and exercise. ☎3560

CUDDLING SPECIALIST
SWPM, 29, 6'1", 215lbs, blond/blue, good listener, no dependents, working on Bachelor's degree, loves working out. Seeking pretty SWF, 27-32. You've never met a better cuddler. ☎4434

NEW TO THIS
Unprofessional SWM, 33, blue collar, drinks, smokes, barbecues, love to go to park with Chewie my Golden Retriever. Seeking SWF, with personality, kids no problem, age unimportant, must communicate. ☎4332

ROMANTIC WARRIOR
Creative, intelligent, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, open-minded, intelligent, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎3588

GROUNDED CONSERVATIVE
Spend time with professional SWM, 35, dark/brown, who enjoys cultural activities, sporting events, day trips, dining out, hanging out. Seeking attractive SWF, 26-35, N/S, with similar interests. ☎3800

BIG TEDDY BEAR
Romantic, affectionate, witty SWM, 37, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, music, concerts, fairs, travel. Seeking good-humored, queen-sized SWF. ☎4465

SINGLE DAD
DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, who enjoys music, travel, dining, and romantic, quiet times. Novi area. ☎4321

YOUR SMILE WILL...
start my days, fill my nights. SWM, father of one, seeks active, in shape SPF, 30ish, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎4322

GIGGLES, WIGGLES WANTED
Handsome, financially secure SWM. Seeking fun-loving, feminine, free-spirited lady, 40-55, to keep company with. ☎4109

SERIOUS ONLY
Caring, outgoing SWPM, N/S, enjoys movies, outdoors, summer activities. Seeking SWF, 35-50, Armenian, Greek, Lebanese or similar background, N/S, for relationship. No games. ☎4335

DAZZLING AND FLAWLESS...
not required! Romance-ready, sharp SWM, 40-ish, enjoys travel, culture, great company. Seeking an understanding, friendly lady I can count on. Age open. ☎4324

FOR PLAY TODAY!
The time is right, let's meet tonight! Handsome SWM with varied interests, wishes to court a feminine, attractive lady, 36-52. ☎4325

HAVE FUN W/THIS 38, SWPM
Do you like weekends up north? Lakes? Motorcycles? Mountain biking? Being in shape? Then have fun with this SWPM, 38! You're in your 30s, fit, and you love kids. ☎4020

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slender, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted, single W/A/HF, for monogamous LTR, and true love. ☎3931

A GOOD FIND
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, outdoors, rock music, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, with similar interests. ☎9818

FIRST TIME AD!
Quiet, down-to-earth SWM, 45, 6'3", nice-looking, likes motorcycle riding, boating, skiing, outdoor activities, sincere conversation, seeks slender SWF, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎4115

ULTIMATE MAN
Romantic, honest, extremely attractive, passionate, sexy SWM, 28, 6', incredible kisser, seeks slender, pretty, athletic SWF, age unimportant. If you like being swept off your feet, give me a call. ☎3919

SINCERE ONLY
Dignified, cultured, articulate SBM, 48, 5'8", 148lbs, seeks sincere, affectionate, very feminine SWF, or biracial female, 35-45, slim to medium build, for LTR. ☎4342

SLIGHTLY HUMOROUS
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate, sensitive SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. Talk to you soon... ☎2626

I LOVE LIFE
New ad! Honest, sincere, romantic DWM, 41, 5'9", 180lbs, 9 year-old son, loves concerts, sports, cooking, traveling, outdoors, ...more. Seeking DWF, 34-40, with similar interests. Friends first, possible LTR. ☎3922

SEEKING FULL-FIGURED LADY
Sincere, caring DWM, 40, 5'9", 175lbs, seeks medium-build, loyal, sincere, understanding S/DWF, 35+, N/D, sense of humor, who likes to take nice walks at night, holding hands, sunsets, the outdoors, movies, cooking. ☎3189

FREE SOUL
Sensitive, honest, loyal, reliable man, 61, 5'9", portly, N/D, with some intelligence, looking for another misfit with similar qualities. ☎4165

TIME FOR A CHANGE
Communicative, curious, humorous, fit, flexible, persevering SWPM, 42, 5'8", no dependents, has eclectic taste in movies, music, and more. Seeking fit, emotionally available SWF, 28-42, to share healthy, happy relationship. ☎3193

DESPERATELY SEEKING
Good-looking, DWM,43, easygoing, sincere, honest, enjoys sports, beaches and romantic candlelit dinners. Seeking SWF, 32-45, with passion for life. N/S. D/D-free. ☎4230

OLD-FASHIONED
Down-to-earth, secure CM widower, 48, 6'4", 220lbs, father of twins. Likes movies, cooking, martial arts. Seeking an attractive young female, 38-49, for possible LTR. Must have God first. ☎4226

BODY, MIND, SPIRIT
Open your heart to this nice-looking, sensitive SWM, who enjoys travel, dining out, quiet times, and doing the town. Seeking reasonably attractive SWF, 30s-40s, for possible LTR. ☎4227

YOUR LAST CALL
Handsome gent, SWM, 45, looking good,one of a kind, enjoys the arts, dining, outdoors, etc. Seeking a special lady in my life, to adore. ☎4228

LEAN ON ME
Friendly, handsome, supportive SWM, 46, has nice shoulder to lean on, willing to communicate and understand, seeks to bring out the best in a lady, 35-49. ☎4014

SEEKING EASYGOING FEMALE
Down-to-earth SWM, 51, bald/hazel, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, movies, quiet times. Seeking SWF, 40-51, H/W proportionate, for monogamous LTR. Livonia area. ☎4472

COOL AND REALISTIC
Slender, funny, SM, 42, 6', 190lbs. Seeking, fun-loving SF, 35-50, N/S, who enjoys comedy clubs, coffee houses, jazz clubs, dancing, swimming, backgammon, chess. ☎4474

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎3930

A LOT TO OFFER
Humorous, yet intellectual; active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 35-45, N/S, petite/medium build, for possible relationship. ☎4469

BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH
Warm weather, outdoorsy SJM, 46, 5'9", 162lbs, dark brown/blue, spiritual, sensual, sensitive, enjoys boating, volleyball, art fairs, outdoor cafes, hiking. Seeking soulmate SF, 29-44, sense of humor a plus. ☎3923

SINCERE
Tall, honest, loyal DWM, 54, 6'4", with sense of humor, financially secure, N/S, social drinker, slim, in good physical condition, seeks a slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎4330

SUMMER SURPRISE
Handsome, fit DWM, 39, N/S, N/drinker, enjoys life, fun, children, other activities. Seeking attractive S/DWF, 25-40, with positive outlook, let's talk, date, have fun and grow, children welcomed. ☎3597

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of a beautiful little girl, seeks warm-hearted female, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. ☎4320

WAITING IN WATERFORD
DWM, 41, 5'10", 180lbs, brown/green, enjoys movies, dining out, travel, cooking for family. Seeking family-oriented woman, with values and personality. ☎3743

RUGGED, MUSCULAR...
...tall, clean-cut, degreed SWM, 40, 6'3", 233lbs, brown/blue, jock type with no dependents, good personality, enjoys most everything. Seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎4018

SINGLE FATHER
Professional, degreed, financially secure, easygoing, caring, Christian DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs, seeks attractive mother, 30s, to participate in fun family activities, biking, camping, canoeing, card games, camp fires. Must be honest, fun, caring. ☎4284

PLEASE CALL MY DADI
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 40, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. ☎3828

FAIRY TALE ROMANCE
This attractive, fun, sensitive, caring DWPM, 40s, 6'2", light brown/blue, maybe right for you. Seeking attractive, charming, under 40, H/W proportionate, for true romance. ☎4080

HANDSOME, ROMANTIC...
easygoing, honest. This humorous, fun to be with SWM, 44, 6'4", H/W-proportionate, financially secure, enjoys art fairs, flea markets, movies, dining in/out, travel, concerts, good conversations, NASCAR, sports. ☎4113

XXX'S & OOO'S!
Affectionate, attractive SWM, 43, enjoys culture, current events, traveling, seeks radiant, responsive, romantic lady, with charm, for dating, possibly more. ☎4107

ROMANCE, LOYALTY...
Laughs, passion is what I have to offer Italian male, 40, 5', loves kids, sports, family, life. Seeking same in attractive, slim SWPF, 36-42, to fall madly in love with. ☎4106

SINGLE IN LIVONIA
Attractive DWM, 47, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, N/S, light drinker, enjoys movies, dancing, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. ☎3594

EMPTY SADDLE ON MY HARLEY
Muscular DWM, 44, 6', 200lbs, fit, shaved (Yul Brenner), goatee, looking for slim lady, under 40, who looks good on and off my Harley, for fun and frolic. ☎4103

TALL, HANDSOME, FIT
DWPM, 45, enjoys tennis, checkers, chess, jumping rope, movies. Seeking caring SWF, for possible LTR. ☎4074

SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST
Nice-looking, trim DWM, 60, 5'10", 150lbs, jogger, designer, artist. Seeking attractive, trim lady, 50-60, to share concerts, dining out, travel, movies or just hanging out. ☎4024

DESTINATION YET UNKNOWN
Handsome SWM, 40, with good build, into spontaneity, entertainment. Seeks sweet, caring, attentive SWF, age open. For friendship and fun. Let's see what happens! ☎4015

SUMMER IS HERE!
Well-rounded SBPM, 35, seeks attractive, educated SBF, 24-40, full-figure preferred, for sizzling summer romance, leading to...? ☎4017

IN CONTROL/ROMANTIC
Romantic SWPM, 39, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out, theater. Seeking feminine, passionate SWF, 25-45, for adventure and fun. ☎2823

BEETLES TO BACH...
beer to champagne. Handsome, slender, intelligent, relaxed, cuddler WPM, 46, interested in most everything. Seeking SWF, 30-46, also interested in most everything. ☎3675

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SPM, 32, 6'1", medium build, seeks attractive, affectionate PF, 25-40, for meaningful relationship/romance. ☎4229

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Down-to-earth, family-oriented SWM, 30, 5'10", 145lbs, interested in sports, bowling, fishing, wrestling. Looking for down-to-earth SWF, 21-30. Kids welcome. ☎4111

BROTHA WITH DENZEL-APPEAL
SBM, 28, chocolate brown skin, black hair, college-educated, seeks SF for friendship only, at least for the moment. By the way, I don't look like Mr. Denzel Washington. ☎4019

SUMMERTIME ROMANCE & FUN
Attractive SWM, 39, 5'9", 180lbs, muscular build, enjoys working out, outdoors, festivals, concerts, art fairs, picnics, motorcycle rides. Seeking S/DWF, 30-40, H/W proportionate, who's in search of her soulmate. ☎4438

THIS KISS!
WM, 45, 6'2", 205lbs, police officer, in great shape, seeks N/S female, 25-40, who's also in great shape, for possible relationship. ☎4341

WHERE ARE YOU?
Bright, easygoing, good-looking, well-established SWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, with many interests including music, exercise, old movies, outdoors, dancing, seeks intelligent, good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF. Children ok. ☎4473

LOOK NO FURTHER
Sexy SBM, 26, built to last, seeks SBF, 18-30 who can tame me. ☎4116

ARE YOU SENSUAL?
Very attractive, balanced and secure DWM, 35, seeks very attractive S/DWF, 25-30, with no children, for fun, fun, fun! Are you waiting for the right guy? Then respond to me. ☎4114

DREAMER
I can dream about you if I can't hold you gentle all night. DWM, 48, 5'7", 195lbs, long brown hair, N/S, social drinker, seeks lady, 40-50, petite to medium build. ☎4110

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER
Greetings, friend SWM, 26, 6'1", sandy-brown/blue, seeks SF in the Georgia area for possible relationship. ☎4025

LOVER OF LIFE
Easygoing, great personality SWM, 5'8", 180lbs, brown/blue, enjoys slow dancing, sports, dining out, movies, theater. Seeking petite S/DWF, 49-55, for LTR. ☎3747

SECOND TIME AROUND
Spunky, attractive, fun SF, 5'3", 125lbs, blonde/blue, seeks SWM, 60+, for fishing, camping, dancing, etc. ☎4078

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SINGLE CANADIAN!
Attractive SBPF, 35, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, with healthy lifestyle enjoys traveling, jazz music, theaters, and dining out. Seeking marriage-minded SBPM, 35-50, with similar interests, for LTR. ☎3586

SMART, SEXY, SELECTIVE
Blue-eyed blonde, 30, 5'6", 118lbs, who's blunt but diplomatic, witty, happy, fit, and confident, seeks attractive, social, athletic, realist. ☎4231

TALL, STATUESQUE BRUNETTE
Female, 35, with dog, seeks tall (6'+), active, intelligent, classy, kind-hearted S/DWM with good moral character and a ready wit. Must be healthy, have wide variety of interests. N/S, N/Drugs. ☎3832

SCARLETT SEEKS HER RHETT
Female, 50+, but looks younger, blonde/green, petite, has great legs, and loves to dance. Seeking gentleman, 45-58, with whom to share my interests, for LTR. ☎3736

WHERE IS THE ONE FOR ME?
Professionally employed SBF, 32, no dependents, enjoys movies, concerts, dining out, cooking, quiet times. Seeking sincere, college-educated, serious, family-oriented, employed SM, 32-49, for a relationship. ☎4336

SEEKING A REAL MAN
Full-figured DWF, 42, loves life, nature, animals, card games, the theater, music, and more. Seeking normal man, 40-50. Gray hair to balding ok, not thinning is not. Let's talk. ☎4022

SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY
WF, single mother with 11 year-old daughter, seeks a man, not a boy, 34-40, with no dependents. Responsible behavior need only apply. ☎4023

GIVE ME A CALL
Beautiful, intelligent BF enjoys movies, trips, dining out, quiet/romantic evenings at home. Seeking male, 48-61, 5'8"+, financially/emotionally secure, for possible LTR. ☎3890

SERIOUSLY LOOKING
Attractive, fun SWF, 35, with two dependents, likes camping, the outdoors, movies, dining, cuddling, hand-holding, romance. Seeking tall SWM, 30-45, H/W proportionate, with same interests, for serious relationship. ☎3673

FUN-LOVING
Down-to-earth, attractive, professional SWM, 32, enjoys theater, adventure, good times. Seeking attractive woman, 21-37, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎3741

NEW BEGINNINGS
DWM, 5'6", 150lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, beaches, pets, country music, dancing, rock-n-roll, movies, dining out. Seeking female, age/race unimportant, for friendship, possible LTR. All calls answered. ☎4431

POSSIBLE LTR
SWM, 25, 6'1", 190lbs, in shape, employed full-time, seeks in shape SWF, 20-30, for fun and whatever else develops. ☎4435

VERY ATTRACTIVE AND ATHLETIC
Healthy, honest, romantic, intelligent, kind-hearted, outgoing, fun-loving SWM, 40, 5'10", 180lbs, lean, muscular build, N/S, animal lover. Seeking honest, attractive, feminine/tomboyish, female, with serious side, for fun, friendship, LTR. ☎4112

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SWPM, 28, 5'10", brown hair, enjoys music, arts, outdoor activities, seeks stable, kind female, 24-28, N/S, to spend quality time with. ☎4462

BICYCLE, BOATING, DANCING
These are some activities that I'd like a partner for. Nice-looking, active SWM seeking out lovely, lively, energetic doer, SWF, 30s-40s. ☎4345

FORMER CHEERLEADER WANTED
by former football player. Let's reminisce then kiss! Athletic, sharp SWM, 44, enjoys sports, outdoors, oldies music. Seeking rah-rah girl wanting something to cheer for. ☎4347

STILL SEARCHING? ME TOO!
Very handsome, honest, dependable SWPM, 33, 6'2", 185lbs, N/S, never married, no dependents, great morals/personality/job/house. Seeking attractive, fit, honest SWPF for lasting monogamous relationship. ☎4348

MAN OF QUALITY
Athletic, 39 year-old male, sexy blue eyes, who enjoys movies, dining out, cozy nights around the fireplace, Tiger baseball, and romantic walks around the lakes. You won't be disappointed. ☎4013

LET'S PUT THE GLOVES ON
Handsome, Catholic SWM, 49, 6'2", 220lbs, moustache, loves book, boxing. Seeking SWF, 40-50, 5'9"+, N/D, N/Drugs, for terrific romance, possible LTR. ☎4467

SEEKING A FRIEND
Easygoing, semi-athletic DM, 28, 6'2", 220lbs, N/S, father of one, seeks S/DF, 23-28, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎4329

TREASURE UNCLAIMED
Sensitive, caring, fun-loving, unique, friendly, tall, handsome SWPM, 40ish, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. ☎9554

REGULAR GUY!
Responsible, fun-loving, honest, gentle, SWM, pharmacist, 46, 5'9", seeks SWPF, 35-45, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. No drugs. ☎4344

ATTRACTIVE MALE
SWM, 27, brown hair/eyes, very fit, enjoys movies, dining out, romance, outdoors. Seeking friendly, attractive SF for friendship that could lead to LTR. ☎4337

QUALITY GUY
Sincere, romantic DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining out, dancing, plays, summer concerts, weekend getaways. Seeking special friend to share great times with. ☎4340

ADVENTUROUS
Educated, adventurous, passionate DWPM, 46, 5'7", 140lbs, N/S. Seeking similar SWPF, willing to embrace wonder, excitement, life offers. Must enjoy all types of music, dancing, travel, romantic evenings, passionate nights. ☎4326

LET'S SHARE THE PRESENT
Open, honest, spiritual, financially secure DWM, young 60s, 6', 200lbs, N/S, N/D. Summers Michigan, Winters Flor

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News 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.

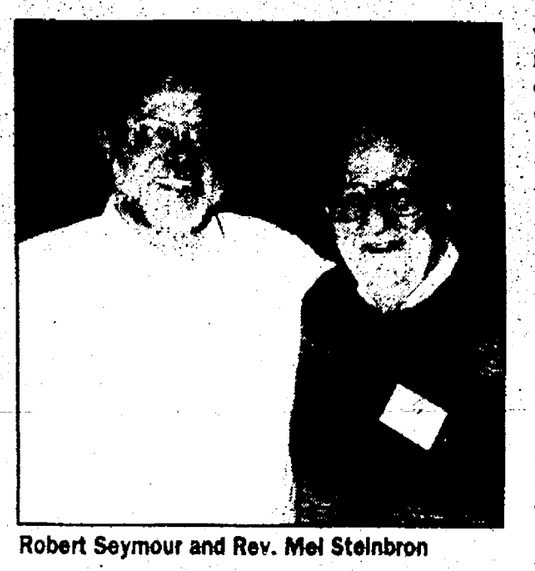
St. Paul's starts new lay ministry

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is launching a new ministry based on the simple concept of church members providing mutual care for one another.

Led by the church's new director of care ministries, Robert Seymour, the goal of the lay ministry is to insure that everyone at St. Paul's is embraced by the church as fully as possible and to avoid having the needs of members fall through the cracks.

The lay minister or husband-and-wife team of ministers are assigned a "flock" of five-10 households within the congregation. They are responsible for praying for those members, being available when members have concerns or requests for help, visiting members regularly and setting a Christian example for members.

The church launched the program in February after hosting a seminar on developing a lay pastor ministry, "The Lay-Driven Church" and "Can the Pastor Do It Alone?, presented by the Rev. Mel Steinbron. Some 145 people from nine churches attended the seminar.



Robert Seymour and Rev. Mel Steinbron

Steinbron believes the worldwide church is beginning a new reformation, one in which members play a central role in caring for the needs of each other and not depending solely on help from a single, ordained minister.

Seymour, who currently is in seminary training, was hired to be the new lay minister. He also coordinates and leads the Stephen Ministry, a support ministry which gives one-on-one care during a crisis, the bereavement care ministry and grief support ministry.

He is excited about the new lay ministry because "it allows the needs of the congregation to be brought to the attention of the church in a timely fashion."

So far, 22 members have responded to the call to become lay ministers. They have 103 households under their care. The primary focus of the first ministers is to care for new members, but the goal of the church is to have every member of the congregation under the care of a lay minister.

VOCAL TRIO

Take 3, a vocal trio from Troy, will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The trio performs a mix of classics from groups like the Andrews Sisters and Supremes, as well as contemporary and traditional gospel music. They've been performing together for six years throughout Michigan and Indiana. Refreshments will be served following the concert. For more information, call the church at (734) 721-0800.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

People who remember the blonde singer with Mel Ball and Colours at the Vineyards 20 years ago will want to reacquaint themselves with the musical talent of Barbara Keefe at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

A former soloist and musical director at Unity of Livonia, Keefe has entertained before President Gerald Ford, Prince Charles and Princess Diana. While in Australia, she performed one-woman shows, recorded for ABC and made regular appearances on television. She also performed extensively throughout southeast Asia.

Her concert is offered on a Love Offering basis. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-1760.

IN CONCERT

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will present the Destiny Youth Choir in concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The 74-member group, which includes Plymouth Nazarene teens Dana Hamilton, David Hamlin and Joanna Withrow, will perform a variety of popular, inspirational and gospel music drama and share personal testimonies.

For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

SINGLE PLACE

Barbara Waltry and Mary Ann Mercieca will talk about stalking and personal protection orders at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E.Main St., Northville. The Open Forum will feature "The Book of Questions" with facilitator Tony Valenti. There is a $4 per person charge.

The singles group also take in a Detroit Tigers game and dinner at Xochimilco at 5 p.m. Friday, June 26. Baseball game tickets are $15 each and a limited number are available. Meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. to car pool. Dinner is participants' expense. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Westland Church of the Nazarene will have its first Family Fun Festival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the church, 38600 Palmer Road, Westland.

There will be games (dunk tank, basketball shoot, treasure hunt), and bake sale. Hot dogs, popcorn and beverages will be served. All food and activities are free of charge.

For more information, call the church at (734) 721-5545.

MONOPOLY

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will host Life-Sized Monopoly noon-10 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road, Westland. The cost will be $5 per person for a half hour of playing time. Proceeds will benefit the Workcamp Mission trip. For more information, call (734) 722-1735.

DAY CAMP

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will sponsor five weeks of day camp 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (extended care will be available) June 28-July 30 for children entering the first grade through sixth-graders at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville.

Activities include Friday "fun" lunches, recreation, stories, crafts and two weekly field trips to places like Greenfield Village, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Maybury State Park, Four Bears Waterpark, putt-putt golfing and a trout pond.

Children can register for one or more weeks. To register or for more information, call the Christian Education Office at (248) 374-5977.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a rummage sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 9, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 10, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

FLEA MARKET

Vendors are needed for a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 10, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Space costs $20. Applications are available by calling Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other July 16-18 and Sept. 24-26 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is $50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a summer divorce recovery workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 17, at the church.

The cost is $25 in advance or $30 for those who register the first night and $15 for those who are repeating the workshop and have the books. Free child care will be provided.

The ministry also has volleyball at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Rotary Park in Livonia, a Lighthouse Cafe (coffee house) that meets 7-9:30 p.m. in Knox Hall the fourth Friday of the month (cost is $5), outdoor tennis 4:30 p.m. until dark Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 1 Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays at Rotary Park and biking to various locations at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the church.

For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is offering Tai Chi classes at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

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WARD PRESBYTERIAN
Ward Presbyterian Church will host a Summer Adventure for Children 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. "Uncle Jerry" Jacoby will share humor, stories and songs. Children will spend time on Bible stories, games and crafts. There also will be a moon walk, an inflated obstacle course, butterfly displays and face painting. Summer Adventure is for children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Storytellin' Man will be at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia, for its vacation Bible school 6:30-8:45 p.m. June 21-24. The closing program will be at 7 p.m. June 25. For more information, call the church office at (248) 476-8222.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE
Westland Church of the Nazarene will host a vacation Bible school 6:30-8:30 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 38600 Palmer Road, Westland. Children will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, skits, music and snacks, all centered around "Celebration Station." For more information, call the church at (734) 721-5545.

BEREAN BAPTIST
Children are invited to come and explore the vacation Bible school "Jungle Journey" 9:30 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile Road, Livonia. There will be Bible stories and memory verses, crafts, songs, skits, games and more for children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade. For more information, call (248) 477-6365.

RICE MEMORIAL
Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Gospel Rock," 6-8 p.m. June 21-24 at the church, 20601 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The program is for children ages 3-12 and will include music, Bible study, story time and "fun snacks." There also will be a family hot dog party 6-8 p.m. June 25 and children will sing at an outside picnic service on June 27. The cost is $5 per child or $10 per family. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-4907.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
St. John's Lutheran Church is accepting registration for its vacation Bible school, scheduled for June 21-25 at the church, 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road and south of the I-96 service drive, Redford. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. each day. Classes for ages 3-adults will be 6-8:15 p.m.. The theme is based on a Holy Land archeological dig, and activities will include drama, crafts, music, Bible stories and games. To register, call (313) 539-2660 or visit the church office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

AGAPE FAMILY WORSHIP
Agape Family Worship Center will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the center, 45081 Geddes Road, Canton. The theme will be "Veggie Tales Part II." For more information, call (734) 397-0357.

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Memorial Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "Broadcasting His Light to the World," 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For one week, the church will become the home of TV station WSFJ (We Shine for Jesus), with the junior reporters broadcasting His light to the world while enjoying crafts, music, games and other activities. Classes also will collect food for the Benevolence Food Closet. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will host a Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure 9:30 a.m. to noon June 21-27 at the church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information about the vacation Bible school, call the church at (734) 464-8844.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
Children are invited to come to a "Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure" where the Bible is the map and Jesus is the treasure at Trinity Presbyterian Church, West Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson Road in Plymouth Township. The vacation Bible school will be 9 a.m. to noon June 21-25 for children entering kindergarten through those entering fifth-grade in the fall. Wednesday evening in family night with a family scavenger hunt, snacks, incredible obstacle course and a visit from "Washtenaw Jones." For more information, call the church at (734) 459-9550.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR
Children entering kindergarten through sixth-grade are invited to attend the Jungle Journey vacation Bible school 9:30-11:30 a.m. June 21-25 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The program will include Bible stories, drama, snacks, music, games, crafts and preparing health kits. To register, call the church at (734) 522-6830.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN
Children ages 4 through the fifth grade are invited to a castle adventure set in merry old England. Geneva Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, SonCastle Faire, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. June 21-25 at the church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. SonCastle Faire will feature songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks. Everything will draw to a conclusion at the closing program, a family musical event, at 7 p.m. June 25. The cost is $5. To register or for more information, call the church at (734) 459-0013.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN
St. James Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon June 21-15 at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The school is for children ages 3 through sixth grade and costs $5 per child. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

Lutheran Home gets aid from brotherhood

Lutheran Brotherhood Western Wayne County Branch 8197 has brightened the day at the Lutheran Home Livonia.

The branch's president and co-chair of the Steering Committee for the home, Weldon Schwiebert, recently presented Michael Bell, the home administrator, with a check for $6,000. The home is on Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Livonia.

The check represented an effort by members of the branch who had their donations matched dollar per dollar through the Lutheran Brotherhood Branch Challenge Fund. The goal was to raise enough to furnish a resident's room.

"We meet the goal and then some," said Schwiebert. "This is truly a blessing from God and an excellent way to maximize an individual's stewardship."

The Lutheran Brotherhood offers members an opportunity to have a portion of their gifts matched to the Lutheran Home through the Lutheran Brotherhood Lutheran Social Ministry Organization Member Matching Gift Grant.

Each Lutheran Brotherhood policy-holding family member can give up to $100 in 1999 and 2000. The minimum gift is $25. The LSMO commitment match is up to $50,000 each year.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Mariners call up Scheffer

Westland John Glenn High product Aaron Scheffer, a right-handed pitcher, made his Major League debut Sunday for the Seattle Mariners in an 8-4 loss to the host San Francisco Giants.

Scheffer earned a roster spot after the Mariners placed pitcher Rafael Carmona on the 15-day disabled list (strained right bicep).

Aaron Scheffer
Seattle hurler

The Mariners complete a four-game series tonight against Detroit at Tiger Stadium.

The 23-year-old Scheffer becomes the first Westland native to reach the Majors since Franklin High School product Bernie Carbo did it in 1970 with the Cincinnati Reds (where the outfielder captured National League Rookie of the Year).

Scheffer gave up one run on two hits and a walk (to Barry Bonds) in one inning of work.

Scheffer, an undrafted free agent signed in August of 1993 by Mariners scout Ken Madeja, was promoted from Seattle's AAA farm club in Tacoma, Wash. after going 1-2 with a 1.42 earned run average.

Pitching primarily as a middle reliever for the Rainers, the 6-foot-3, 220-pound Scheffer made 12 appearances, striking out 26 in 25⅓ innings with just five walks. He started the season at Class AA New Haven.

Westland netter qualifies

Jason Beydoun of Westland, who will enter the eighth grade this fall at Livonia's Emerson Middle School, recently qualified for the Midwest Closed Tennis Tournament in the Boys 12 age division Saturday, June 26 in Okemos.

Beydoun, currently ranked No. 12 in the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association and No. 113 in the Midwest Tennis Association, captured the Eastside Open June 6 in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Beydoun, who has been playing since the age of 10, began competing in tournaments in 1977.

Crusader spikers 1st

The Madonna University Crusader Juniors 17-and-under AAU elite team, coached by Lee Cagle, captured the Michigan Junior Volleyball Association state tournament last weekend with seven straight victories including a 15-3, 15-3 triumph Sunday over Genessee of Flint in the championship final at Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern High School.

On Saturday, Crusader Juniors, who did not lose a game in the tournament, defeated the Stingin' B's (15-0, 15-0), Grosse Pointe (15-7, 15-7), VBVB (15-8, 15-6) and We Can of Battle Creek (15-6, 15-8).

On Sunday, Crusader Juniors defeated Downriver (15-10, 15-4) in the quarterfinals and We Can in the semifinals (15-3, 15-3).

Members of Crusader Juniors include Alexis Bowman, Andrea Kmet, Tera Morrill and Lyndsay Sopko, all of Livonia Franklin; Kate LeBlanc, Livonia Stevenson; Rachel Rock, Livonia Ladywood; Jill Dombrowski and Amanda Suder, Plymouth Salem; Meredith Hasse, Northville; and Jennifer Sharick, Lincoln Park.

Crusader Juniors move on to the national tournament starting Saturday in Chicago, Ill.

Hall new EMU coach

Scott Hall, a former resident of Farmington Hills, has been named head coach for women's soccer at Eastern Michigan University.

Hall, who was an assistant coach at EMU for the last four years, takes over for Paul Scicluna, who died in an automobile accident April 24.

Hall was a four-year letter winner on EMU's men's soccer team from 1990-94 and was a team captain for two seasons.

He earned his bachelors degree in elementary education in 1994 and has been working on a masters degree in special education.

Hall, who was born in South Carolina and grew up in Farmington Hills, graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1989 after earning all-league and all-area honors.

Slide tackle: *Livonia Stevenson's Cheryl Fox (right), vying for the ball against Rochester Adams' star Kristin Fisher, was a defensive wizard throughout the course of the Division I state championship game played Monday night at Plymouth Canton. Adams pulled out a 2-1 double-overtime victory to claim the coveted title.*

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Heartbreaking 2 OT loss denies Stevenson 3-peat

Rochester Adams wins state title, 2-1

DIVISION I GIRLS SOCCER

BY BRAD EMONS
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Rochester Adams was just five minutes away from settling for the first-ever state co-championship in Michigan girls soccer history, but Michelle Perun would have no part of that.

The junior midfielder won a ball in the air, pushed the ball upfield and rifled a wicked shot into the upper right-hand corner of the net to give the Highlanders the outright Division I championship, 2-1, in a thrilling double-overtime victory over two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson.

Adams, a 3-0 loser last year to Stevenson in the title matchup, took home its second state championship in school history (the first coming in 1992).

Adams finishes the year 21-2-2 overall, while Stevenson bows out at 16-5-1.

"It was nerve-racking out there at the end," Adams coach Ralph Torre said. "Obviously, it's an incredible feeling to win a state championship."

The goal, coming with 5:36 left in the second 15-minute OT, capped a dramatic end to a tooth-and-nail struggle before over 600 fans at Plymouth Canton.

"At first I thought it was over (the net), then I saw that it was in — I was shocked, I just froze after that," said Perun, who also scored the equalizer with 17:16 remaining in regulation. "It felt just great."

Play resumed Monday night at Canton when a scoreless game was suspended after 23 minutes late Saturday afternoon because of lightning and thunderstorms.

Under significantly cooler conditions and the wind whipping from the northwest, Adams continued to carry the action as evidenced by its 31-9 shots attempted advantage, including a 16-5 shots-on-goal margin.

"They (Stevenson) did a great job defending against us," Torre said. "They were able to take what we were throwing at them. That was the tough thing — breaking through the

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tough setback: *Livonia Stevenson coach Jim Kimble consoles player Andrea Sied as the Rochester Adams players celebrate above.*

Sied selected Michigan's Miss Soccer

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Where do you go after you've reached the mountain top?

Try the clouds.

For Michigan's Miss Soccer, Andrea Sied, that's a good way to go.

Sied has won the state's highest individual award, Miss Soccer, as a junior at Livonia Stevenson. While playing sweeper, at that.

Andrea Sied
Stevenson defender

"It's a huge honor," Sied said, "considering all the people who could win it.

"And not a lot of defensive people usually get it. Usually the people who score all the goals get it. That made me 10 times more surprised."

Winning Miss Soccer was an individual honor, though. Team triumphs are different because everyone can share in them, right down to the practice players who seldom see game action.

The Spartans ran it right down to the end in their bid to win three Class A soccer championships in a row.

Stevenson lost to Rochester Adams, 2-1, in double-overtime.

"It would have been great to win again," Sied said. "We would have been the first team to three-peat. (Being named Miss Soccer) made me feel a little bit better, but it still would have been great to have won again."

Sied scored Stevenson's lone goal, and for a time it looked as though it would stand up. It did not, however.

Sied won the Miss Soccer balloting by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association over such stars as Abby Crumpton of state champion Rochester Adams and Nicole Breger of Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

A former teammate of Sied's, Allison Campbell, was Miss Soccer last year. She went to Tennessee, where she stood out as a freshman this season.

Schools from around the country are already recruiting Sied, who isn't sure yet where she's going or what she might major in.

Sied used to play volleyball and basketball, but they stopped being fun and interesting to her so she dropped them last year.

As a practical matter, there's big money involved, too, in the form of a college scholarship.

"There are a few places I have in mind I would like to go to," she said. "It all depends on what I can get.

"I'm not really sure what I'd like to major in. I thought about pre-med but that takes a lot of work, too. That's my main interest right now.

"I'm not sure if I want to go that far away from home. But I'd be willing to if that's what I should do."

Sied played defense as a freshman and sophomore at Stevenson and was switched to sweeper this season.

"I've pretty much been playing there (defense) my whole career," she said, "except for a couple at midfield.

"I like it a lot. I like it the best. I've gotten used to it. I know what to do there."

The junior has been playing soccer since the fourth grade, when she was nine. After one season of recreational ball, she made the Michigan Hawks travel team and has been with them ever since.

She also plays for her State and Midwest Regional teams in the Olympic Development Program and has been since the seventh grade.

Her family moved to Livonia from Dearborn Heights before she entered

Please see **SIED MISS SOCCER**, C8

PREP BASEBALL

Clutch homers spur CC

36-1 Shamrocks reach semifinals

Redford Catholic Central and Brighton were locked in a pitchers' duel through six innings of a Division I baseball quarterfinal on Tuesday at Carleton Airport.

You'd never know it just looking at the final score: 10-2, in CC's favor.

The Shamrocks erupted for eight runs on eight hits in the top of the seventh, highlighted by a grand slam from senior cleanup hitter Casey Rogowski and a solo homer from the next batter in the lineup, Anthony Tomey.

The win sends the Shamrocks, 36-1 overall, to the Final Four for the third time in the last five years.

Portage Central, which beat Rochester Adams 12-2 in another quarterfinal, is the semifinal opponent. The Shamrocks lost in the semifinals last year to Saline and in the 1995 semifinals to Adams.

The CC-Central semifinal starts at 2 p.m. Friday at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek. The championship game is at 2 p.m. Saturday, also at C.O. Brown Stadium.

"I think part of it is the disappointment from last year (losing in the semifinals) really has been a motivator for the kids," CC coach John Salter said. "They seem to find a way to win."

Tomey, CC's ace, improved his record to 11-1 with a complete-game four-hitter to go with 11 strikeouts. After surrendering a two-run homer in the first to Jeff Biehl, Tomey blanked Brighton on two hits the rest of the way.

CC scored two runs in the fourth to tie the score, 2-2.

Mark Cole led off with a walk, and a double by Rogowski put runners on second and third. Cole scored on Tomey's sacrifice fly and Rogowski went to third.

Rogowski scored on a wild pitch, a bang-bang play at the plate, that tied the score 2-2.

Rogowski finished 2-for-4 and Tomey was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Southgate regional action

CC and Dearborn met in a regional semifinal on Saturday at Southgate Anderson, which is good, because it's the only game that didn't get postponed by rain.

It would have been a shame to have something interrupt this pitchers' duel between Tomey and Dearborn's Ryan Golem, both recently selected in the Major League draft.

Tomey was the winning pitcher and hit the winning homer in the eighth as CC beat Dearborn, 5-2, to advance to the regional final, played on Monday. The Shamrocks won the rain-delayed final against Monroe, 17-3.

Monroe earned its way into the final with an 11-1 win over Livonia Churchill, a game postponed in the third inning Saturday by rain.

Golem, a 28th-round draft pick by the Detroit Tigers, took a 1-0 lead into the sixth, allowing only two hits and striking out nine to that point.

CC senior Bob Malek led off the sixth with a homer on the first pitch, and Rogowski followed with a double, eventually scoring on a wild pitch for a 2-1 lead.

Dearborn tied the game at 2-2 on an RBI single in the sixth, which ended with two runners stranded on base.

Tomey, a 23rd-round selection by the Cleveland Indians, pitched out of trouble again in the seventh, striking out the final batter to leave a Dearborn runner stranded at third and force extra innings with a 2-2 tie.

In the top of the eighth, Tomey hit a fastball over the right-field fence with Dave Lusky on base for a 4-2 lead. On the next pitch,

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Judy Telford
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Grubaugh, Simon set standard

1999 ALL-OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Judy Telford, sophomore, Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Paula Tomlin, senior, Plymouth Salem; 3. Jenny Scibergras, senior, Plymouth Canton.

Discus: 1. Tiffany Grubaugh, junior, Plymouth Salem; 2. Jenny Hefner, junior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Emily Yambasky, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

Long jump: 1. Nicolette Jarrett, senior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Kate Bouschet, freshman, Farmington; 3. Erin Hayden, senior, Livonia Ladywood.

High jump: 1. LaToya Chandler, junior, Westland John Glenn; 2. Alexis Noel, freshman, Livonia Ladywood; 3. Carey Czech, senior, Farmington Hills Mercy.

Pole vault: 1. Kim Wise, sophomore, Garden City; 2. Keri Cezat, sophomore, Livonia Churchill; 3. Jane Peterman, junior, Livonia Churchill.

RUNNING EVENTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. LeTasha Chandler, sophomore, Westland John Glenn; 2. Emily Mayberry, senior, Farmington Harrison; 3. Erin Lizura, junior, Redford Union.

300 hurdles: 1. Suzanne Peplinski, senior, Livonia Ladywood; 2. Christy Tzilas, senior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Crystal Alderman, senior, Plymouth Canton.

100 dash: 1. Angka Morris, senior, Farmington Hills Mercy; 2. Brianna Watson, junior, Livonia Ladywood; 3. Meredith Fox, sophomore, Plymouth Canton.

200 dash: 1. Tiffany Simon, senior, Redford Bishop Borgess; 2. Rachel Jones, senior, Plymouth Salem; 3. Dayna Clemons, junior, North Farmington.

400 dash: 1. Autumn Hicks, sophomore, Plymouth Salem; 2. Jenny Hardacre, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 3. Rita Malec, sophomore, Livonia Franklin.

800 run: 1. Ashley Fillion, senior, Livonia Churchill; 2. Dawn Daniels, senior, Wayne Memorial; 3. Val Burnisky, freshman, Farmington Hills Mercy.

1,600 run: 1. Andrea Parker, junior, Livonia Stevenson; 2. [illegible] Kuehne, freshman, Lutheran Westland; 3. Kristen Sekatski, senior, Redford Union.

3,200 run: 1. Heather Vandette, freshman, Livonia Stevenson; 2. Allison Fillion, junior, Livonia Churchill; 3. Stephanie Sawiers, junior, Livonia Churchill.

RELAYS

400 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Felicia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler), 2. Plymouth Salem (Michelle Conner, Celena Davis, Melissa Drake, Rachel Jones), 3. Livonia Ladywood (Brianna Watson, Kelly Cleary, Kelly Hartmann, Katie McGraw).

800 relay: 1. Westland John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Felicia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler), 2. Plymouth Salem (Autumn Hicks, Melissa Drake, Blynne Dellaert, Rachel Jones), 3. Redford Bishop Borgess (Raechelle Hampton, Alana Simpson, Niya Haggard).

1,600 relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Katie Sherron, Cassie Ehlendt, Jennifer Hardacre, Christy Tzilas), 2. Plymouth Canton (Kristen Schultz, Katie Kubert, Crystal Alderman, Meredith Fox); 3. Plymouth Salem (Autumn Hicks, Melissa Drake, Alana Chapman, Brynne Dellaert).

3,200 relay: 1. Livonia Stevenson (Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Kubert, Christy Tzilas, Andrea Parker), 2. Plymouth Salem (Becky Phelps, [illegible] Hoyte, Shannon Will, Annemarie [illegible]), 3. Lutheran Westland ([illegible] Montgomery, Hana Hughes, [illegible]).

Dave Brown/Lutheran Westland

It was an up-and-down year for girls track in Observerland — mostly up.

There were state qualifiers in every event and a state champion in three of them: Plymouth Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh won the discus (and placed third in the shot put) at the Class A finals and Redford Bishop Borgess' Tiffany Simon was first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in Class C.

Tiffany Grubaugh

Want a depth perspective? Then calculate this: There were 39 athletes honored by the Observer for their individual performances during the prep high school girls track season. A total of 24 of them can return for at least one more season.

If they continue to improve along the scale indicated thus far, the number of state champs we had this season could be dwarfed in as little as a year.

By the same people, in some circumstances.

But to realize what might be one first must accept what can be. The potential for greatness — in some instances, further greatness — is there. It simply must be realized.

Our girls track coach of the year award goes to Lutheran Westland's Dave Brown. The Warriors were 14-0 in Class C dual meets and finished first in their state regional.

Introducing the 1999 All-Area girls track team:

Tiffany Grubaugh, Jr., Plymouth Salem (discus): There are all sorts of ways to look at what Grubaugh accomplished this season: league and regional champion in both the shot put and discus, state champ in the discus, third in the state in the shot. Knowing Grubaugh's competitive spirit, however, her viewpoint is apparent: Repeat in the discus, tops in the shot.

Certainly she has that ability. In 16 of 17 outdoor competitions this past season, she was first in the discus; in 17 of 18 outdoor competitions this past season in the shot; she placed first (she was third at state). Her season best effort in the discus — 139 feet, 4 inches — was nearly five feet better than the throw that won the state meet (134-7).

Has Grubaugh peaked? Perhaps this answers that question: Nine times this season, she set a new school record in the discus.

"Tiffany has worked extremely hard since the seventh grade to become the best that she can be in the discus and shot put," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "By combining great determination, athletic skill, personal pride and commitment to our program, she has reached one of her major goals this season."

Judy Telford, Soph., Farm. Hills Mercy (shot put): Telford was the most consistent thrower in Observerland after Salem's Grubaugh with distances of 34-10½ in the shot put and 120-9 in the discus.

She set the school record in the discus in dual meet with Divine Child, breaking Jeannette Turner's 9-year-old record of 120-3½.

In the shot put, Telford was second in the Catholic League and fourth in the regional. In the discus, she was first in the league and Operation Friendship meets and second in Oakland County.

"She's only a sophomore, so we're looking forward to a couple good years to come," coach Gary Servais said. "She had an incredible year; she improved her throws tremendously.

"To do what she did the last part of the season was pretty good, because she had mono the last five weeks. She was fighting a physical ailment and still performed at a high level. That shows her toughness."

Nicolette Jarrett, Sr., Westland Glenn (long jump): The senior led Observerland with a best leap of 18-1¼.

She captured first in the WLAA, won the regional and was undefeated in dual meets.

Jarrett, headed to Michigan State, also had the area's best time of the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.3 en route to a first place at the regional. She also had the area's fourth best time in the 200 dash (26.4).

"Nicolette is a versatile athlete," Glenn coach John Kitchen said. "She ran one of the best 400s, can long jump, run 200 and was a key member of our 400 and 800 relay teams."

LaToya Chandler, Jr., Westland Glenn (high jump): Chandler paced Observerland with an area best leap of 5-8.

Ashley Fillion
Livonia Churchill

Andrea Parker
Livonia Stevenson

Heather Vandette
Livonia Stevenson

She was undefeated in dual meets, regional and Western Lakes champion.

As a sophomore, Chandler finished second in Class A in the high jump.

"LaToya's a great athlete who excels in several events," Kitchen said. "She shows a lot of versatility in track and field."

Kim Wise, Soph., Garden City (pole vault): Wise is on track to become the state's best pole vaulter before her high school career is through.

Her coach, Rob Phillips, believes she ranks among the top pole vaulters in the nation one day isn't a stretch.

Wise was the regional champion and cleared 10-8 to take third place at the Class A state meet.

She was the 1998 Mega Conference White Division Meet champion before slumping to second this year on a sub-par day. She also is a talented sprinter, which helps her in the pole vault, Phillips said.

"Kim is a very talented athlete," Phillips said. "With her speed and strength she has the ability to be one of the top pole vaulters in the nation. She is a pleasure to coach and is a very dedicated athlete."

LaTasha Chandler, Soph., Westland Glenn (100 hurdles): The 10th-grader took first at the regional with an area best time of 15.3. She also won the WLAA and made it to the semifinals in Class A at the state meet.

"LaTasha is a first-year hurdler who's dedicated and motivated," Kitchen said. "LaTasha is a hard worker who also help our 400 and 800 relays."

Suzanne Peplinski, Sr., Liv. Ladywood (300 hurdles): Peplinski was the regional champion and school record holder (46.5). She also took second in the Catholic League meet (48.6) and made All-City at the Operation-Friendship meet (47.0) between the Catholic and Detroit Public School leagues.

An honor student, Peplinski carries at 4.0 grade-point average.

"Suzanne first broke the school record as a freshman and has never faltered since," Ladywood coach Rod Sorenson said. "She has courage and perseverance. She tries harder than anyone I've every coached, and I think that her success is attributable to that, and to a much greater extent, than her natural ability.

"She has been a pleasure to work with."

Angka Morris, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy (100 dash): Morris was the best sprinter the Marlins have had since Terri Ford in the early 1980s.

She was the Catholic League champion in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes. She won all three events at the Mercy and Jackson invitationals and also helped the Marlins win the 1,600 relay.

Morris, who will compete for Ball State University next year, was second in the regional and fifth in the state in the 100 dash. Her best times were 12.1 in the 100, 25.4 in the 200 and 58.9 in the 400.

"She had a great season and should be even better in college," coach Gary Servais said. "It will be hard to replace her."

Tiffany Simon, Sr., Redford Bishop Borgess (200): Simon is a sprinter so there are limits on how far she can go — in a race.

As for accomplishments, coach Eugene Thomas says there could be a long trail of them for Simon, who has only been running track since her sophomore year.

She won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes at the Class C state meet after placing first last year in the 200.

She broke 25 seconds for the first time ever in the 200 meters at the state meet, setting a new Class C record in a time of 24.94. Her best time in the 100 meters was 12.1 and it took a 12.4 to win the state meet.

"Tiffany's got a world of talent and can go as far as she wants to go," Thomas said. "She's got an 'I don't want to lose' attitude. She's just a very competitive young lady. She's been flirting with breaking 25 seconds (in the 200) all year. I told her (at the state meet) this is her last shot and she rose to the occasion. She's got potential to be like Marion Jones. She's

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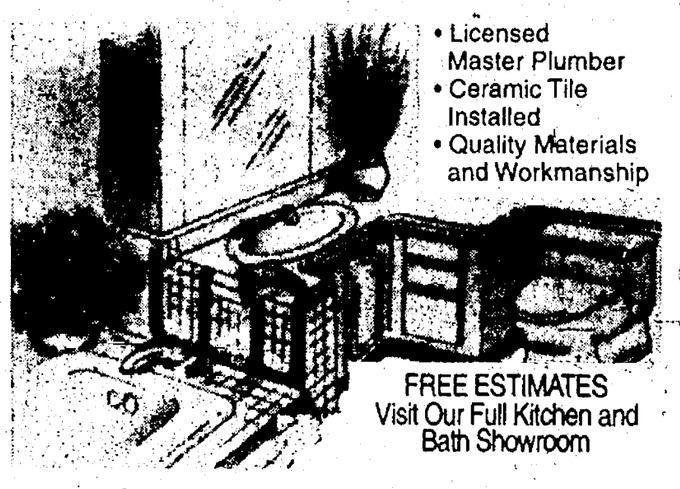

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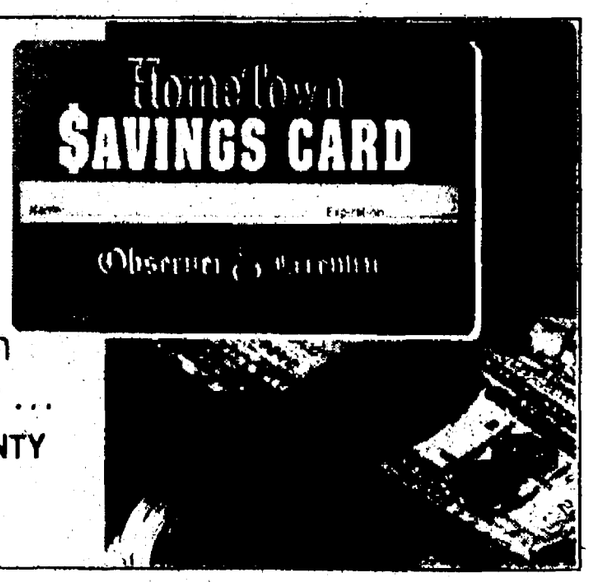

Blazers, Churchill ousted in softball

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Ladywood hurler: *Michele Moros, a sophomore, pitched 10 strong innings in a 3-2 loss to Taylor Truman.*

Livonia Ladywood bowed out of the Division I regional semifinals, but not without a battle Saturday at Southgate Anderson.

Taylor Truman needed 10 innings to subdue the Blazers, 3-2.

The loss ended Ladywood's season at 13-21 overall.

Lincoln Park, a 6-0 winner over Livonia Churchill in the other semifinal, went on to beat Truman in the regional championship game, 3-0.

Ladywood lost despite out-hitting the Cougars, 6-3.

Sophomore Michele Moros pitched all 10 innings in taking the loss. She walked four, gave up just three hits and fanned one.

Truman took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning, but Ladywood sent the game to extra innings by scoring twice in the fifth.

The game was then delayed almost 90 minutes in the sixth inning because of rain.

Truman scored the game-winning run in the top of the 10th with a single, a walk and two Ladywood errors.

Cathie Rospierski had two singles for the Blazers.

Senior Sara Thiesmeyer, who made the switch to third base to make way for freshman Dawn Rani, had an RBI double.

Rani, Kristen Barnes and Ann Pattock had the other Ladywood hits.

"The kids played well," Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said. "I was happy with the effort."

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Creating havoc: *Lincoln Park runner Denise Haus (right) slides into Churchill second baseman Sallie Kuratko as the ball gets away.*

•LINCOLN PARK 6, CHURCHILL 0: Lincoln Park's Joyce Diakow threw a masterpiece to beat Livonia Churchill (17-15) in Saturday's the Division I regional semifinal at Southgate Anderson.

Diakow, who retired the final 14 Charger batters she faced, hurled a three-hitter over seven innings. She struck out 12 and did not walk a batter.

"Lincoln Park is a solid team and Diakow is the best pitcher we've faced," Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge said. "Diakow had good speed and control.

"Lincoln Park played solid defense. They also have good hitters."

Eight errors, including four in a Lincoln Park four-run fourth inning led to Churchill's demise. All four runs were unearned.

"We played sound defense until that inning," Hardwidge said. "We misplayed some blooper balls."

The Railsplitters (23-6) also scored two more in the fifth inning.

Freshman Meghan Mislak, the Churchill starter, gave up seven hits, two walks and struck out three.

Churchill's Sallie Kuratko and Kristen Derwich opened the game with back-to-back singles, but the Chargers left the runners stranded with a pair of strike-outs followed by a pop-out.

Sarah Hennessey had a one-out single in the second before Diakow quieted the Churchill bats the rest of the way.

Junior centerfielder Kristen Hughes led Lincoln Park with two hits.

"I think we met most of our goals this season," Hardwidge said. "We wanted to be over .500. We wanted to play well in the leaue, but it was tough. We also didn't win the city tournament, but we won the district and that made up for it.

"We made some changes this year and we improved a lot."

•ST. MARY 8, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2: On Saturday, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central (28-6) captured the Division III regional at Erie-Mason.

Lutheran Westland, which finished 18-11, could muster only a fifth-inning hit off the bat of Stephanie Lynch in the regional semifinal matchup.

Sierra Whiteman, the Monroe St. Mary starter, whiffed the first nine batters she faced in picking up the win.

"She (Whiteman) pitched against us a year ago and she was tough," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "She overwhelmed us, but I was pleased with the way our kids tried.

"We had a good year."

Whiteman struck out nine and allowed just one hit in a 4-0 championship final win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Lutheran Westland starting pitcher Katie Heiden, who gave up eight hits, took the loss.

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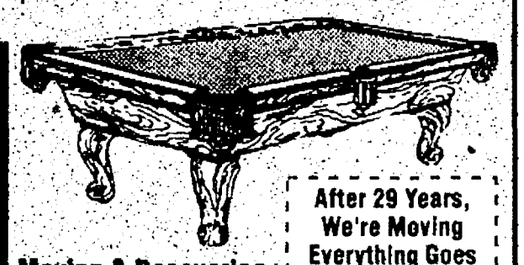

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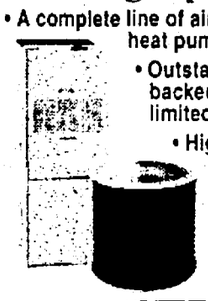

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Matt Loridas provided insurance with another homer and a 5-2 lead.

Each pitcher struck out 11. Tomey walked one, Golem three.

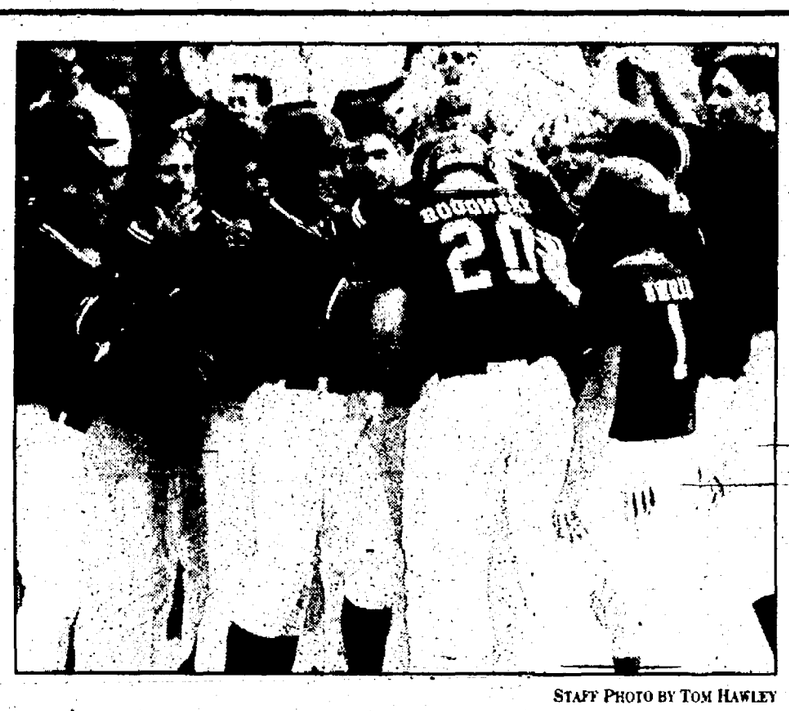
Dearborn collected five hits and CC eight.

The final on Monday was far less suspenseful as CC scored five runs in the first and 12 in the second en route to a 17-3 victory over Monroe.

Cole and Dan Duffey shared pitching duties for the Shamrocks.

Loridas was 3-for-5, missing only a triple for the cycle. His single, double and homer accounted for six RBI.

Tomey was 4-for-4 with three RBI and Malek was 2-for-3, including a homer, and two RBI.



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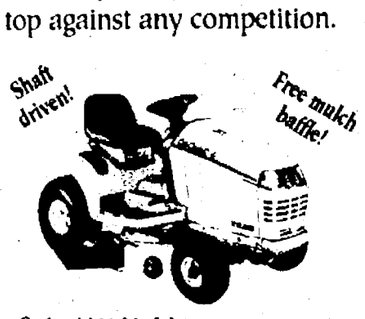

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Chargers' bats flat vs. Monroe

C'ville ousted, 11-1

Livonia Churchill trailed only 2-0 when thunderstorms halted play after three innings of its Division I baseball semifinal against Monroe Saturday at Southgate Anderson.

The Chargers came back Monday and found themselves in deeper water, eventually losing to the Trojans, 10-1.

The loss ended Churchill's season at 15-16 overall, while Monroe (21-14) earned a spot in the regional final against Redford Catholic Central, losing 17-3.

Churchill collected just two hits and couldn't solve Monroe right-hander Scott Comment, who pitched all seven innings.

Comment struck out three and walked only three.

"He (Comment) was basically a fastball pitcher with an occasional curveball," Churchill coach Herb Osterland said. "I thought we'd swing the bat, but we felt pressured to come back and make something happen on Monday. We just didn't hit the ball and we lost some momentum."

Monroe collected 12 hits off three Churchill hurlers — Andy Shoemaker, the starter and loser, Justin Draughn and Brad Bescoe.

Brandon Dye and Jared Thomas each had three hits for the Trojans, who scored four in the fourth inning and one each in the fifth and sixth innings to put the game away. Monroe added two more for good measure in the seventh.

"Monroe had good bat control and the kept the ball in play," Osterland said. "They had very disciplined hitters."

Churchill's lone run came in the fifth inning on a triple by Dave Wasil and a groundout off the bat of Bescoe.

•BLISSFIELD 11, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Kyle Knoblauch finished with four RBI, including a three-run double in the first inning followed by an RBI single to power the Royals (34-3) to a Division III regional semifinal victory over Livonia Clarenceville (10-13) Saturday at Erle-Mason.

Blissfield went on to beat Onsted in the regional final, 4-2.

The game was halted after five innings because of the 10-run mery rule.

Scott Siefert, who pitched the first four innings before giving way for a reliever in the fifth, got the victory. The two Blissfield hurlers combined on a two-hitter.

Brian Pankow and Josh Fritch had the only Clarenceville hits.

Blissfield jumped on the Trojans for five runs in the first inning, chasing starter John Wallace. The Royals put it away with six more in the third against Trojan relievers Dave Lemmon and Rey Guttierez.

The three hurlers gave up eight walks on eight hits.

"It's been a fun year and to accomplish what we did was amazing with only 15 kids in the program," Clarenceville coach Rich Roy said. "It's been a trying year. We only had back a core group of kids, seven or eight. We had guys playing out of position.

"For some reason this year the kids didn't come out for whatever reasons — jobs, girls, grades and every conceivable excuse not to come out. We had about 35 who could have come out, but only 15 in the entire program."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPS

■ The Livonia Family YMCA Meteors, an under-11 boys team, recently placed first in the Soccer Select Division II spring league.

The Meteors, who finished 6-1-1, defeated the Northville Sting, Plymouth Kicks, Novi Jaguars, Farmington Force and Canton Rangers to win the championship.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Livonian Steve Barnas, include: Alex Bokas, Brian Chandler, Jason Clemens, Ben Czerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Chris Hoepner, Luke Knochel, Steve Minicilli, Ryan Muzzell and Nick Reed, all of Livonia; Nick Biskelonis, Plymouth; Shane Budlong, Sean White and Sherrick White, Novi; Peter Barilovich, Dearborn.

Open tryouts for the under-12 Meteors of the Little Caesars Permier Soccer League (1999-2000 season) will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 22 at Bryant Field, located on Merriman between Six and Seven Mile roads.

Players, asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to tryout to register, should also bring a size-4 soccer ball shin guards and water.

■ The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-12 select boys team, recently finished first in the Great Lakes Open Division with a 9-1 league record.

The Wings, trained by Adam Pichler, outscored their opponents 71-23 while compiling an overall spring record of 14-3.

Members of the Wings include: Shawn Bush, Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Danny Karas, Dave Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Matt Moryc, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrosky, Ryan Raickovich, Nate Regan, Steve Sudekum and Zach Swim, all of Livonia; along with Brandon Diehl, Plymouth.

Final tryouts for the Little Caesars fall season Select Wings will be Monday, June 21. Individual tryouts will be arranged if needed.

For more information, call Jim Moryc at (734) 425-2666.

SPRING HOCKEY CHAMPS

■ The Livonia Squirt B Shamrocks scored a 4-3 victory recently over the Flint Blue Devils to win the Blue Division of the 199 Pepsi Showdown Spring championship at Suburban Hockey Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Timmy Droze tallied the game-winning goal with just 47 seconds left in the final period. Dustin Wischmeyer tallied a pair of goals, while Chris Rapp added another goal.

The Shamrocks finished 11-0-1 in league play and 13-0-1 this spring. The team is sponsored by Time Warner Cable and Ryder Integrate Logistics.

Other members of the Shamrocks include: Justin Okerstrom, Teddy Schroeder, Alex Hoelzel, Alex Dehne, Sean Burry, T.J. Stencel, Tony Martinico, Kevin Longe, Tyler Smith, Bryon Niemczak and goaltender Bryan Betke.

The coaching staff includes Tim Rapp, Mike Droze and Keith Burry.

■ Livonia Squirt Taz capped an undefeated 14-0 season in the Spring Shoot Out Metro Hockey League with a 5-4 overtime victory recently over the Grosse Pointe Senators.

Playoff MVP Todd Gamache scored his second and third goals of the game during the final three minutes to knot the score at 4-4. Chad Cezon then tallied his second goal, the game-winner, with one minute remaining in the first overtime.

Ben Hoyt, Bobby Marshall, Justin Brown and Gamache drew assists during the game. Goaltender Drew Maceachern made several key saves during the game, including a breakaway in OT.

Rounding ot the Taz squad include defensemen Derek Johnson, Marty Layne, Colin McClevarty, Brandt Miller and Sean Pennington. Forwards include Dan Darrow, Greg Killeen, Brandon Marshall, Mike Piotrowski and Bill Streicher.

Don Brown is the head coach. His assistants include Steve Johnson, Joe Lesinski and Terry Hoyt. The team managers are Al and Sally Miller.

The Taz is sponsored by Charles & Co. Salon of Dearborn Heights.

WESTLAND 3-ON-3 HOOPS

As part of the Westland Summer Festival, a three-on-three basketball tournament will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 3 at the outdoor courts on the west side of the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road (behind City Hall).

The cost is $30 per three-person team. Each participant will receive a T-shirt. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in age divisions 16-18, 19-29 (open), 30-and-over.

Registration is through Thursday, June 24 at the Bailey Center.

For more information, call Westland Parks & Recreation at (734) 722-7620.

S'CRAFT BOYS HOOP CAMP

The second annual Schoolcraft Camp of Champs for boys will be 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, July 26-29 (ages 6-13) and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 16-19 (ages 14-18).

The cost is $100 for each session.

The camp will be conducted by Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, who led the Ocelots 26 wins last season and its first-ever Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship. Briggs, a former standout at Baylor University, was also named MCCAA Coach of the Year.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5249.

WAYNE BASKETBALL CAMP

Wayne Memorial High varsity coach Chuck Henry will hold two sessions of summer basketball camps for boys and girls.

Session I will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 21-25 for grades 7-12 (as of Sept. 1999).

Session II for grades 3-6 (as of Sept. 99) will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 28 through July 2.

The limit is 48 campers per session.

The cost for each session is $40 (includes instruction, skill development, competition trophies, T-shirt, and 3-color basketball to the first 36 paid campers for each session).

For more information, call Coach Henry at (734) 398-5975.

S'CRAFT GIRLS HOOP CAMPS

The 18th annual Schoolcraft College Women Ocelots Championship Basketball camps will be from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 21-25 (grades 1-6); and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 2-6 (grades 7-12).

Camp instructors are Schoolcraft women's coach Karen Lafata and assistant Maria Christian.

Cost for the half-day camp (grades 1-6) is $70; full-day (grades 7-12) is $110.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5249.

S'CRAFT SUMMER SOCCER

Schoolcraft College's Summer Soccer School for boys and girls ages 6-16 will be from 9 a.m.-noon Monday thorugh Friday, July 19-24; July 26-31; Aug. 2-7; and Aug. 9-14.

The instruction staff is headed by Schoolcraft men's coach Van Dimitriou, along with former Detroit Rocker Dominic Sciclunа.

Cost for beginner and intermediate players is $95 per session or $90 for each additional family member. Cost for advances players is $130 or $120 for each additional family member. For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5249 or 5255.

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All-Observer Girls Track Team

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got the same body build, tall slender, with a smooth stride."

Simon also ran on the 800 and 400 meter relays most of the year, dropping the 400 near the end of the year so she'd be rested enough to compete in two individual events. The 800 relay was third at the state meet (1:31.15).

"She stood a better chance of doubling up (winning the 100 and 200) with just one race," Thomas said. "I didn't want to put too much pressure on her."

Simon, also a standout basketball player, is thinking about trying both sports at Fresno State, which has given her a basketball scholarship.

Autumn Hicks, soph., Plymouth Salem (400): There weren't many who could better this sophomore at 400 meters.

Hicks was undefeated in dual-meet competition (6-0), and was second in both the state regional meet and the Western Lakes Activities Association finals, both times to Nicolette Jarrett of Westland John Glenn. Hicks placed ninth at state in the 400 in 59.5, just off her personal best time (59.34, at the regional).

Hicks has multi-faceted ability, running legs on Salem's 4x200 and 4x400 state-qualifying relays and making state in the high jump. Her best effort in the latter was 5-3.

"Autumn possesses tremendous athletic ability and is willing to do whatever it takes to help her team," said her Salem coach, Mark Gregor. "Her pleasant personality and fierce determination are qualities that set a good example for her teammates. She is especially competitive in the big meets and takes great pride in being a major contributor. As we move toward Autumn's junior year, refinement of skill will be our major objective."

Ashley Fillion, Sr., Liv. Churchill (800): The Chargers' workhorse excelled in the three distance events with personal bests of 2:30.7 in the 800; 5:26.0 in the 1,600 (second in the area); and 12:04.1 in the 3,200.

Fillion was WLAA champion in the 3,200 and a state qualifier for the second consecutive year in the 1,600. She was also a regional runner-up in the 1,600 and fourth in the regional in the 3,200.

The team captain and Churchill MVP also holds the school record in cross country (18:36).

Carrying a 4.5 grade-point average in the math-science-computer program, Fillion is headed to run track and cross country at Miami of Ohio.

"Ashley distinguished herself as one of the most successful track and cross country athletes in the history of Churchill High School," assistant coach Sue Tatigian said. "Her hard work and dedication has helped to build a solid distance program.

"She is an amazing role model for other athletes because of her genuine personality, positive attitude, and unbeatable work ethic. She gives 100 percent in everything that she does. She will be greatly missed next year."

Andrea Parker, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (1,600): The Spartan distinguished herself as the top distance track performer in the area.

Parker paced Observerland with area bests in the 800 (2:27.1), 1,600 (5:15.5) and 3,200 (11:48.8).

She led Stevenson to the Class A regional title with firsts in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, along with a third in the 800. She was also a member of the Spartans' first-place 3,200 relay team with a 2:24 split.

In the MITCA meet, Parker took third. She was also 11th in the state meet.

In the WLAA meet, Stevenson's leading point producer and MVP won the 1,600 and finished second in the 800. She was also on Stevenson's first-place 3,200 relay team and third place 1,600 relay squad.

"Andrea was willing to sacrifice personal goals for team goals," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "She ran four events in every meet and never had enough recovery time between events to display her very best.

"She was the major reason for Stevenson's regional championship. She has improved each season and will lead us once again next year."

Heather Vandette, Fr., Liv. Stevenson (3,200): Vandette, just in her first season of high school track, made a strong showing at the regional with a second-place time of 11:55.7. She also added a third in the 1,600 at the same meet (5:34.8).

In the WLAA meet, Vandette took second in the 3,200 (12:16). She also was ninth in the MITCA meet (12:23) and clocked a 12:24 in the state finals.

"Heather made great strides this season towards developing into a quality distance runner," Holmberg said. "She moved from the 800, to the 1,600 to the 3,200 with ease.

"She posted her second fastest time in the area (behind Parker) and competed well at the regional, the state team championship and the state final meet.

"She has the potential to become one of the state's elite distance runners."

400 relay, John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Felecia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler): This quartet led Observerland with a season best time of 50.2 en route to a first in the Western Lakes meet and a second behind Detroit Cass Tech in the regional.

"This is a very versatile group," Kitchen said. "They showed a lot of speed."

800 relay, John Glenn (LaTasha Chandler, Felecia Barnett, Nicolette Jarrett, LaToya Chandler): This foursome won the WLAA meet and finished second at the regional. They clocked a 1:45.3 to lead the area.

"This is a team with a lot of potential who scored many points for the team," Kitchen said.

1,600 relay, Stevenson (Katie Sherron, Cassie Ehlendt, Jennifer Hardacre, Christy Tzilos): The Spartan quartet took second at the regional (4:08.3) and clocked a 4:09 at the state finals.

"There were no weak links on this team which feature four of Stevenson's most talented runners," Holmberg said. "They were undefeated in dual meets and had their two best times at the regional and state finals."

3,200 relay, Stevenson (Jennifer Hardacre, Katie Sherron, Christy Tzilos, Andrea Parker): This quartet posted their best time in the regional (9:49.1) en route to a first-place finish.

They also won the WLAA title (10:04) and clocked a 9:57 in the state meet. They were also undefeated in dual meets and led the area listings all season.

"This four 3,200 relay team featured no true 800 runners," Holmberg said. "There are two hurdlers (Tzilos and Sherron), a 400 runner (Hardacre) and a miler (Parker) on the team.

"All of them proved to be very capable 800 runners and each ran a sub-2:30 at least once during the season."

Glenn 400-800 relays: *The Rockets' quartet consists (clockwise, from upper left) Felecia Barnett, LaToya Chandler, Nicolette Jarrett and LaTasha Chandler.*

Stevenson 1,600 relay: *The Spartans' quartet consisted (clockwise, from upper left) Katie Sherron, Jennifer Hardacre, Christy Tzilos and Casse Ehlendt.*

Stevenson 3,200 relay: *The Spartans' foursome consisted of (clockwise, from upper left) Andrea Parker, Christy Tzilos, Jennifer Hardacre and Katie Sherron.*

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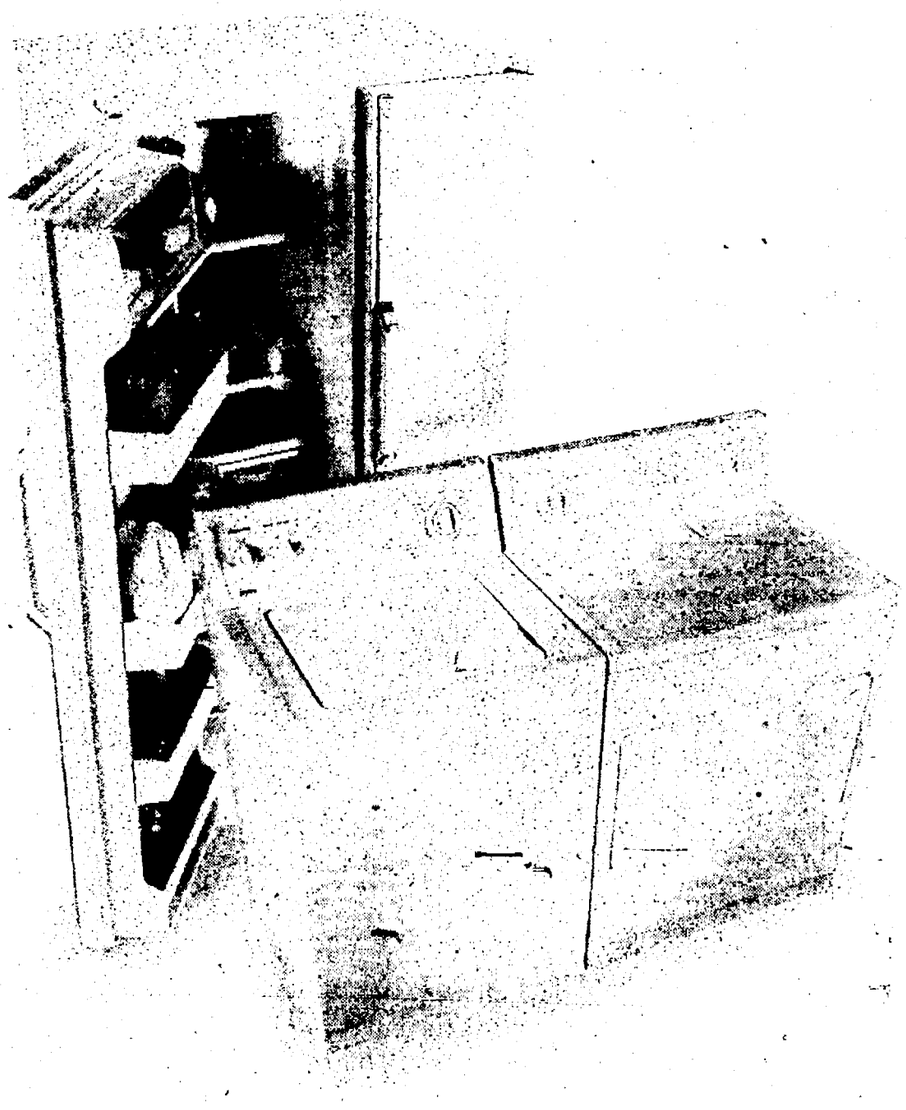

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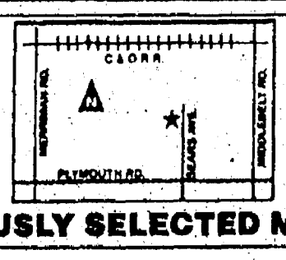

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THE SPORTS AUTHORITY

Brighton capitalizes on Spartans' miscues

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■ PREP BASEBALL

One thing's for certain: Saturday's Division I Baseball Regional semifinal between Livonia Stevenson and the host Brighton Bulldogs lived up to expectations.

Which indicated the hitters would rule.

And they did.

A five-run sixth inning put Brighton on top to stay, but the Spartans did not go without a fight, getting the game-tying run to second base in the seventh inning before finally succumbing, 10-8.

The win boosted Brighton into Saturday's regional final opposite Ann Arbor Huron, a game the Bulldogs won 11-0 to improve to 36-5. Stevenson finishes at 20-10.

"They hit the ball hard on us and we hit the ball hard on them," said Stevenson coach Harv Weingarden. "These were two evenly-matched teams."

The game's turning point came in that sixth inning, when Brighton's potent bat attack emerged. Stevenson had broken through in the fourth, using two walks and a bunt single to load the bases with no one out and the score tied at 3-3. After Dan Wilson was called out on strikes, Bulldog pitcher Eric Biehl unloaded a wild pitch that scored the go-ahead run, then gave up a two-run single to Roy Rabe that gave the Spartans a 6-3 lead.

It was still that score when Brighton came to bat in the top of the sixth. Brad Buckler had relieved Rabe in the fifth and retired three-consecutive Bulldog batters with two runners on. Buckler wasn't nearly as effective in the sixth; the first two hitters he faced, Biehl and Frank Garcia, both doubled to account for one run. Buckler got the next two batters, the second a ground out to short by Ryan Jones that scored a run to make it 6-5.

But with two out and no one on, Buckler created more trouble for himself. He walked Kyle Dennis and gave up a single to Chris Carrow, bringing Greg Landry to the plate. Landry lashed Buckler's pitch over the left field fence for a three-run home run, putting the 'Dogs up 8-6.

"We're on a pace now that if we stay in this tournament, we'll break our school record for hitting," said Brighton coach Mark Carrow, noting his team's batting average of .381. "We don't have great pitching and we don't have great defense. This year isn't like last year, when we had three great senior pitchers."

But his team can hit. "Those kids at the bottom of our order (Dennis, Chris Carrow and Landry) have been hitting for us all year," the Brighton coach said. "I expect them to."

The 'Dogs cushioned their lead in the seventh on an error by Rabe at third base and a two-run home run by Jeff Biehl, making it 10-6.

The Spartans had experienced little trouble with Brighton pitcher Eric Biehl, but they couldn't get much going against Bulldog relief pitcher Charlie Christner, a sophomore lefthander. He recorded eight-straight outs before the Spartans started getting to him with one out in the seventh.

Rabe started the final-inning rally with a one-out base on balls. Steve Anderson and Buckler both singled to load the bases. Brian Campbell hit a grounder to Christner, who threw home to get one out, but catcher Jeff Biehl's relay to first for the attempted double-play was overthrown, allowing two runs to score to narrow the gap to 10-8. Pete Pinto followed with an infield single, and a wild pitch moved the baserunners to second and third with Matt DiPonio at the plate. DiPonio slapped a hard grounder up the middle, but Garcia gobbled it up at shortstop and threw him out to end the threat — and the game.

"They hit all of our pitchers," said Weingarden. "I think the turning point may have come early in the game. We made some baserunning mistakes and got some guys thrown out.

"One more foot (on DiPonio's grounder), that ball is up the middle and we have a tie game."

The Spartans got a run in the first on singles by lead-off man Brandon Gajda, Rabe and Buckler, the last producing a run. However, when the ball rolled away from the Brighton catcher and Phil Szumlanski — running for Rabe — tried to move up a base, he was thrown out, ending the rally.

The Bulldogs tied it in the second on a one-out, bases-loaded single by Ben Gielda. They, too, had their scoring chance cut short when they had a runner picked off second base.

A walk to Brian Campbell, a single by Pinto and an error by Brighton's Carrow at second base loaded the bases for Stevenson in the second, and Brandon Gajda delivered a run with a sacrifice fly to center, making it 2-1. Brighton took the lead in the third on a run-scoring double by Ryan Jones and a sacrifice fly by Carrow, making it 3-2. The Spartans tied it at 3-all in their half of the third, Campbell singling in the run with two out. Buckler tried to score from second on Pinto's single, but was thrown out at the plate by Steve Sharp.

The Spartans lost another baserunner in the fourth, when Szumlanski was picked off first by Jeff Biehl.

Each team had 12 hits, but Brighton had two home runs and three doubles while none of Stevenson's was for extra bases. Pinto led the Spartans with three singles; Rabe had two and two RBI, and Buckler had two hits and one RBI. Anderson also had two hits.

For Brighton, Chris Carrow and Garcia each had two hits and an RBI, while Jones had a double and two RBI. Then there was Landry's three-run homer and Jeff Biehl's two-run shot.

Christner was the winning pitcher, allowing two runs (one earned) on three hits and one walk in 3⅔ innings of relief. Buckler took the loss for Stevenson; he was charged with five runs (four earned) on six hits and one walk, with one strikeout, in two innings.

For Brighton, the honor was advancing to meet Redford Catholic Central in Tuesday's quarterfinals. For Stevenson, there was a redefinition of "a game of inches."

State soccer final from page C1

nine or 10 players they had back there.

"We talked about (our controlling play), especially in sudden-death overtime, where you give up one opportunity and you're done."

The Spartans smelled their sixth girls state title in school history when Michigan's new Miss Soccer, Andrea Sied, taking a left-footed direct free kick, placed the ball over the Adams defensive wall and eluded 5-foot-1 Highlander goalkeeper Erica Williams with just 24:50 to go.

But Stevenson couldn't hold the 1-0 lead despite keeping Adams' two most dangerous players — Abby Crumpton and Kristin Fisher — pretty much in check.

"We knew we couldn't run with them (Adams)," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "We played a [illegible] disciplined game [illegible] back, [illegible] by [illegible] and Urban [illegible]

Kimble [illegible] White back to keep a [illegible] while Cheryl Fox [illegible] in the playoffs, [illegible]

Perun's game-[illegible] goal started came after a brief lull in the action from just inside midfield.

"It could have been a fatigue thing, the play was more harmless than dangerous," Kimble said. "We just didn't track her down.

"Perun made quite a shot. It was a bomb to the upper right. She hit a good shot. There was nothing Hooker could do."

Perun, the team's second leading goal scorer (17), earlier had poked a rebound past Hooker to tie the score in regulation.

Then, she ripped a hard shot that left little doubt about the outcome.

"Michelle kind of went unmarked," Crumpton said of the game-winning play. "When I saw she had the ball I went wide and I yelled at her to shoot it. Sometimes she won't even shoot when she's six yards inside the box. Sometimes she's too unselfish.

"But Ralph has always told us were not a two-person team and then come the surprises."

Perun may have been an unlikely offensive hero, but not as far as Torre was concerned.

"Michelle is a hard worker, very skillful and she's very willing to be generous as far as passing the ball," he said. "Next year she'll take on the center-midfield position in more of a pro-leading role."

For Stevenson, it marked the end of a marvelous tournament run after an uncharacteristic so-so regular season.

The Spartans lose just six seniors to graduation, including three starters.

"I was happy with the effort and their teamwork this year," Kimble said. "Hard work made them better and they never quit in their goal to get here.

"Fox was such an underrated player. She's been doing it all year. And I couldn't ask for more from Andi Sied."

Without the shootout rule in effect for state finals, a co-share of the title loomed large.

"We would have been disappointed to be co-champion, our goal was to win," Torre said. "I guess both teams would have been happy, but it stills leaves a 'what if.'"

Beating a two-time defending state champion outright also provided satisfaction after losing the title to the same team in 1998.

"We knew we had to come out and play well against Stevenson," Torre said. "We knew it would be hard for us."

Sied Miss Soccer from page C1

seventh grade.

Sied and brothers Marshall, 14, and Keith, 11, were already into the soccer scene in Livonia. They were just made it that much easier.

Her season ruled [illegible] year-round.

"Sometimes you'll get a short break during the winter or summer," she said, "but it's pretty much an all-year thing. The short breaks help a little bit. You take what you can get.

"I just like the competitiveness about it. It's what keeps me interested. Basketball and volleyball couldn't keep me interested. I just love soccer."

Sied found out she was named Miss Soccer after Stevenson's loss to Rochester Adams.

"After we got back on the bus, Coach (Jim Kimble) told us," Sied said. "I was pretty much in shock. I was upset because of the game. When he told me that, I just couldn't believe it."

It's too early to start thinking of a second straight Miss Soccer away. But it isn't too early to start planning for a third state Class A title in the last four years.

"Hopefully, we can come back and win it again," Sied said. "I think we have a good chance. That's my main goal. I'm not going to shoot for anything less than that."

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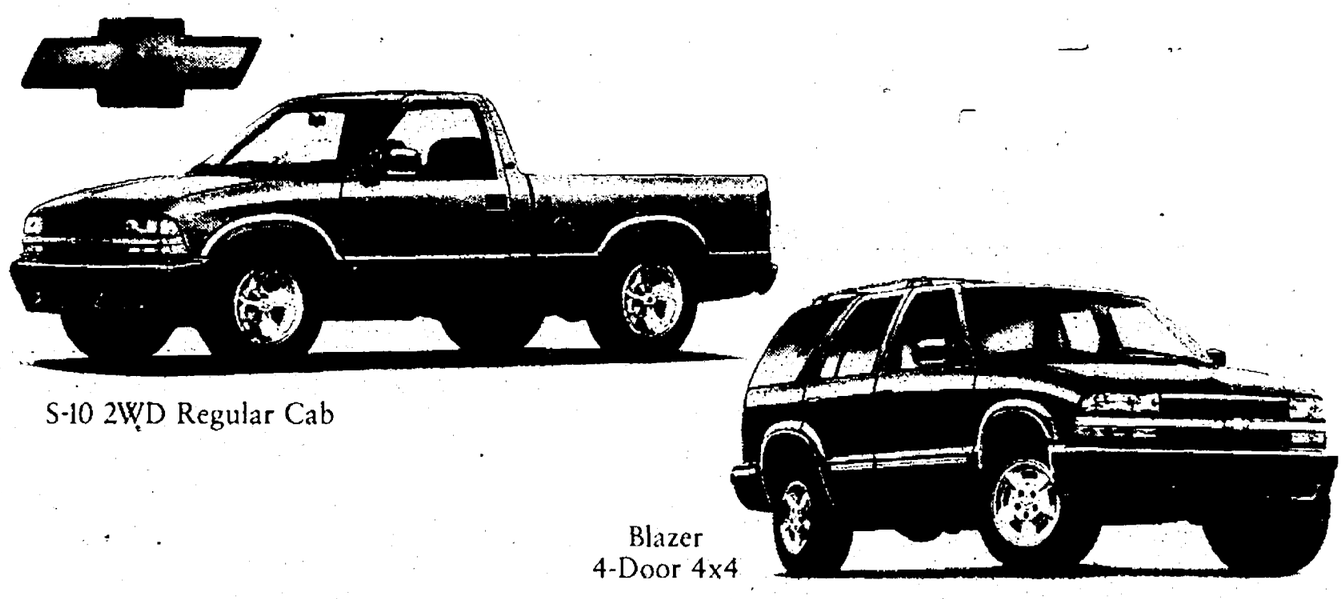

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FRIDAY

Tarzan "surfs" through the trees and uses it as his 'freeway system in Walt Disney Pictures' "Tarzan," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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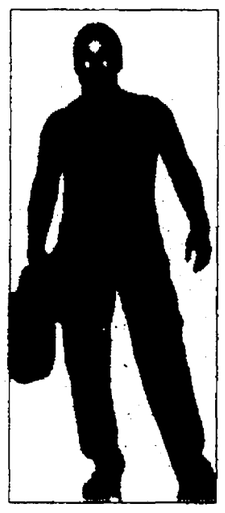

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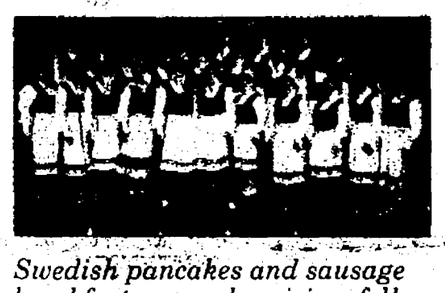

Swedish pancakes and sausage breakfast, maypole raising, folk dancing and singing by the Scandia (pictured) and Arpi choruses, and children's games are just some of the activities taking place during the Swedish Club's Midsummer Festival. Breakfast 9:30-11 a.m., maypole raising, folk dancing, and choral performances at noon, dinner at 1:30 p.m. at the club, 22398 Ruth St., at Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 646-4073 for more information.

Hot Tix: *SRO Productions presents "A Pretty Piece of Business," during the Civil War Re-enactment of Burgh Village Life, Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, at the City of Southfield's historic center the Burgh, on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. It's just one of the many activities taking place during the weekend. Tickets to the play are $5 per person, available at the door. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information, or to charge tickets.*

Kids' day out: *Teen heart-throbs 98 Degrees, R&B singer Monica and the cast of Nickelodeon's "All That" give kids their own Lollapalooza-style day at Pine Knob Music Theatre on Sunday, June 20.*

It's a family affair

Nickelodeon, pop groups strive to provide a G-rated afternoon

WHO: 98 Degrees, Monica, Aaron Carter, 3rd Storee, No Authority, Billy Crawford, and the cast of Nickelodeon's "All That" television show

WHAT: Appear as part of the "Nickelodeon All That Music and More Tour"

WHEN: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

HOW: Tickets are $28.50 pavilion, $20 lawn. Groups of 20 or more get $3 off pavilion tickets, and $2 off lawn tickets. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit http://www.palacenet.com or http://www.nick.com.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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Jeff Timmons, one of 98 Degrees' four singers, is frantically running up and down the stairs backstage at Detroit's State Theatre.

Dressed in brown pants and a Cleveland Browns' football jersey, Timmons is trying to get a meet-and-greet in order. After all, he doesn't want to let down his fans with backstage passes for the event.

"When are we going to do this meet and greet?" Timmons yells down to the tour manager. "Come on, we gotta get going."

Fans are the No. 1 priority of 98 Degrees. The Ohio-based quartet schedules autograph sessions at record stores, take time to shake the trembling hands of teen-aged girls, and find promotions that help them bond with the more than two million people who purchased their sophomore album, "98 Degrees and Rising" (Motown/Universal).

In May, a Buffalo, N.Y., radio station held a contest giving area high schools a chance to win a private concert with 98 Degrees. It generated more than 14.4 million (yes, you read that correctly) postcards.

So it's no wonder that Timmons is in a tizzy.

Day-long affair

Like their peers 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys, 98 Degrees' main fanbase is young girls between the ages of 8-18. Headlining their own tour this summer could have alienated younger fans who still have a bedtime. Instead, 98 Degrees opted for the "Nickelodeon All That Music and More Tour," along side the cast of the "All That" television show, and singers Monica, Aaron Carter, brother of

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Songwriter tells stories about life

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Listen to Will Danforth's songs and before long he'll seem like an old friend. The man behind the music is just as congenial as he talks about his years in the corporate world as a financial analyst and the day he turned his back on the 9 to 5 world to create and play music full time.

That isn't always easy. To eat and survive, the Rochester resident is diversifying his song list by playing children's and traditional music at such venues as Borders and the Canton Liberty Fest on June 19. But deep down, it's gigs like the one during the Royal Oak Clay Invitational on June 20, that he lives for.

Storyteller: *Will Danforth brings his special brand of folk, blues and country songs to Farmington, Canton and Royal Oak this weekend.*

Don't get him wrong. Danforth loves performing "Old Joe Clark," "Froggy Went a Courtin'" and the "Baby Beluga." As for folk and traditional music, Danforth's doing his part to keep it alive.

"My music is roots music so I value traditional American music as source material and it's being lost today," said Danforth. "It's not being taught today. These songs give you real insight on your parents, grandparents and great grandparents. I like the children's music because I like to retain that sense of fun. They help keep you young. I have two kids but they're grown so this keeps me young at heart."

The influences on Danforth's "roots" music are obvious on his second CD, "Skeletons," released last fall. From the award winning song, "Discover What You've Got" to intros and backbeats reminiscent of America's "Horse

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Local appearances

- 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Borders, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.
- 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Canton's Liberty Fest in Heritage Park, behind the Canton Adminstration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill.
- Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 at Gayle's Chocolates as part of the Royal Oak Clay Invitational.

Danforth's "Skeleton" CD is available for $16.50 ($11 cassette), includes shipping and handling by writing to Will Danforth at P.O. Box 80422, Rochester, MI 48308.

FESTIVAL

Kevin McCarthy knows how to 'Give 'Em Hell'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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"This is Kevin McCarthy calling from Sherman Oaks, California."

The message on the Voice Mail was strong, vigorous and direct.

At 84, McCarthy is a gregarious man with a pleasant, plain spoken style that is appropriate for a role he has made his own – President Harry S Truman.

McCarthy has been performing "Give 'Em Hell Harry" for 21 years and will bring his one-man presentation to Ann Arbor's Power Center for the Arts 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, as part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

McCarthy's performance as the 33rd president has won the endorsement of Truman's daughter, Margaret.

"Jimmy Whitmore created the part 25 years ago and didn't stay with it. He never played New York, oddly enough," McCarthy said.

McCarthy's extensive stage experience and that commanding voice won over the play's author/producer Sam Gallu.

"The guy (Truman) once you read it, I was taken by him. When you first adjusted to the idea that this, what, utility man was trying to play president after Roosevelt," McCarthy said. "I always had an affair of the heart with him. He's affected my life."

McCarthy launched into Truman's familiar high, twangy Missouri accent.

"He was plain spoken, just give them the facts."

That plain spoken quality is one of the challenges for McCarthy. Unlike Hal Holbrook's celebrated one-man Mark Twain show, "Give 'Em Hell Harry" does not draw on the work of a literary master.

"The stress comes from having to navigate through plain song," McCarthy said. "Some scenes are less dynamic than others. You have to take a seemingly prosaic or dull moment and turn it into something dynamic. Sometimes you feel you accomplish it and sometimes you're less successful."

McCarthy has cut down his Truman performances from 75

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Ann Arbor Summer Festival, June 18-July 11

Power Center for the Arts:

- Gregory Peck, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19
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- Kevin McCarthy, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24
- Art Garfunkel, 8 p.m. Friday, June 25
- Luma: Theatre of Light, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 26
- Bobby McFerrin and Astral Project, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29
- Bolcom and Morris, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 30
- Diana Krall, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 1
- Peter Sparling Dance Company, 8 p.m. Friday, July 2
- Gloria Loring, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 3
- Capitol Steps, 5 and 8 p.m. Sunday, July 4
- Trio Vorónezhm, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7
- The Wilkinsons, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8
- Paula Poundstone, 8 p.m. Friday, July 9
- Marcel Marceau, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10

Ticket prices vary according to program. For information, call (734) 764-2538. Tickets are available in person at the Power Center Box Office, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday.

Kevin McCarthy

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BSB's Nick Carter, No Authority and more.

"We had two ideas," said Jonathan Hochwald, president of Pace Variety Entertainment in New York and executive producer of the tour.

"One was to create a touring live show based on 'All That.' The other was to create a Nickapalooza or a Nickstock, a massive kids festival with the Nickelodeon theme and the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, if you will."

"What happened over time, we decided to combine the ideas to create the 'All That Music and More Tour' with the same ideas as Nickapalooza, hosted by the cast of 'All That;' an entire festival that has a real Nickelodeon feel to it."

Hochwald explained that the target audience for the "All That" tour is families, especially those with children ages 9-16.

"We wanted to create a real family feel to it with a real Nickelodeon sensibility. Parents and Kids are more connected than they've been in the past. With each generation, the generation gap gets smaller and smaller, if it even exists. Being on the same wavelength will make this an ideal family event."

The gates for the Sunday, June 20, Pine Knob show will open at 3 p.m., about two to three hours earlier than festivals in other markets, he said.

The "All That Tour" has a festival atmosphere. Along the sidewalks of Pine Knob, there will be interactive activities, auditions for different Nickelodeon television shows, Nickelodeon game show-style activities, a traveling millennium mural, the "Drencher Adventure" theater, a virtual movie experience, the Big Helpmobile and the Reebok Wall of Challenge.

If that isn't enough, local musicians will perform throughout the venue, and DJs will compete for prizes.

"We're trying to create that kind of family feel throughout – with roving performers, photo opportunities and autograph opportunities," Hochwald explained.

"We're trying to allow children to have their first concert experience while enabling parents to connect with their own first concert experience. I think this generation has attended music events for the most part. This allows them to take a step back and remember their first experience."

Hochwald said he promises that he and his crew will keep the performers' lyrics rated G.

"There's a whole standards procedure that each artist will have to go through. It's not about censorship. It's about trying to create this family vibe. We don't want to do anything inappropriate."

98 Degrees, whose video for "True to Your Heart" from the soundtrack to "Mulan" appears daily on the Disney Channel, is one act that keeps its young fans in mind.

At the State Theatre show in mid-April, 98 Degrees left the swearing and suggestive behavior behind. Instead they opted for silliness, leading the crowd in a chant of "Our name is, what?/Our name is who?/Our name is 98 Degrees," taking a cue from Detroit rapper Eminem's hit "My Name Is."

Opening with "Heat It Up," 98 Degrees resembled the first-string variety football team with their bulky upper bodies chiseled good looks and tattoos. The group quickly switched gears to cover songs midway through the second song when Timmons began flapping his arms like wings.

"What up with the chicken stuff?" Justin Jeffre asked Timmons, the obvious crowd favorite with his 98 Degrees tattoo.

"I thought it was fun. I was trying to have a good time. I thought it was fly," Timmons responded.

"Yeah, kind of fly for a white guy," the group said in unison before tearing into a respectable cover of The Offspring's "Pretty Fly for a White Guy."

The 90-minute set featured songs from both of their albums, their self-titled debut and "98 Degrees and Rising." The group changed costumes four times morphing from "American Gladiators" with silver chest protectors, black tank tops and red running pants, to Romeos in black suits and cream-colored dress shirts, to black and white camouflage pants and flack jackets. They ended the show with their hit "Because of You" donning powder blue Tommy Hilfiger basketball jerseys and pants – the same ones worn by 'N Sync at its Palace show in March. (oops!)

Like Nickelodeon, 98 Degrees just wants kids to have fun.

"They should look forward first and foremost to good music," said the backward baseball-hat wearing Drew Lachey of 98 Degrees. "We're not the strongest dancers. We don't claim to be but we claim to give our show everything we got. At the end of the show, if you're not tired and you're not warn out from screaming and jumping around, we feel like we haven't done our job."

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With No Name" and the dueling banjos from the movie "Deliverance," Danforth's roots shine loud and clear as the veteran musician tells a story with his songs. Recorded at The Mission Studio in Birmingham, the CD was co-produced by Danforth, Michael King and David Mosher. Country music fans will like the fiddlin' on "Bucketful of Blues." Danforth, and a handful of musicians including King, Mosher and Danny Cox, give the tracks a down home feel using everything from a slide guitar to blues harp, dulcimer, jawharp, and a penny whistle.

"I'm influenced by folk, blues and country artists, also world music," said Danforth. "Folk, blues and country are all roots oriented music. I'm moved by its simplicity, and the purity of expression."

Danforth follows in the footsteps of troubadours such as Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie and Peter, Paul and Mary who were on the radio when he started playing guitar at 14. Back then, Danforth "was a loner and a sort of shy kid."

"It was the kind of music you could sing and listen to, and play by yourself," said Danforth. "The Byrds, the chord books, were out there. I was a good writer. I liked to write short stories in school. I learned to play the guitar and combined the two." By 18, Danforth was performing at open mikes at Cape Cod during the summer, and hasn't stopped playing since. "I write a lot about spirituality as opposed to religion," said Danforth. "I deal with the duality of spirituality, wasting your life, the boomer experience, seeking, heeding the call. My early songs were autobiographical but of late I've taking to writing songs where I put himself into other people's shoes and write about subjects common to other people." Danforth lives by the words in "Discover What You've Got," one of the first place winners in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, sponsored by the Songwriters Association of Washington, in May. The universal images, which Danforth creates, cuts right to the core. Take from it what you will. "It's about feeling trapped not only in the corporate world but society around us," said Danforth. "It's about not living your life according to a formula and discovering what their calling is."

Apparently, Danforth has.

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Southfield High grad salutes dad in one-woman show

BACKSTAGE PASS

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There are many things that go into the makeup of a great dad. At the top of the list is warm-hearted mushy stuff like the ability to say the ideal words of encouragement when we face a challenge.

Great dads have a tendency to teach the value of a dollar — then do without something they need so that their kids can have something they want. But there's another trait that shouldn't be overlooked in a prototype of a perfect dad. They're hilarious.

It's dad-like to be at a gathering where there's a sea of words and opinions, and have a dad float in with a softly spoken, crisply delivered spray of irony and clarity that ends the debate with a laugh. Many dads are always good for a chuckle because of the way they dress or eat. We've all known great dads who send the message that "image . . . means nothing."

In her new one-woman show, "Get to the Part About Me," scheduled June 17-20 at Meadow Brook Theatre, Rose Abdoo offers a comical and loving tribute to her dad, whose behavior may sound familiar.

"My dad loved to snack. Everything he liked was considered a snack . . . even a cold cut sandwich. Here's what he'd pull on you. 'You know, there's some Rice Crispy treats in the kitchen if you're hungry. And while you're there, why don't you bring me one,'" Abdoo says.

A 1980 graduate of Southfield High School, Abdoo's career in comedy has included a four-year stint with Second City — Chicago, appearances in the films "My Best Friend's Wedding" and "U.S. Marshals," and the recent HBO/U.S. Comedy Arts Festival Special.

She's eager to come home to perform for many reasons, but one in particular. It's Father's Day, and one of her favorite things about her new show is when she gets to the part about her dad, who died in 1988.

"I've developed an imitation of dad that I use in the show, and my family and friends say it's identical. My dad's memories of World War II are especially funny and emotional."

Why does she deal with so many actual experiences in "Get to the Part About Me?"

"When I first started doing comedy, I used to worry that my experiences were too specific and that no one else would find them funny. But I quickly discovered that the more specific you get, the more universal you are. People laugh because something very similar has happened to them," Abdoo says.

There's one other bit of advice that has guided her career.

"Find the people you admire...and try to do what they did. I was a big fan of Gilda Radner, and used to love to watch her on Saturday Night Live. She had come out of Second City and that was the reason I wanted to join the cast in Chicago.

Gilda's characters were hilarious and unforgettable, and inspired me to develop characters in my act."

In addition to the Meadow Brook Theatre shows, you can catch her on the next edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, and at midnight Friday, June 18, on Detroit Public TV.

Your dad will be snoring in his easy chair, and as you grab the remote and switch to Channel 56, he'll jerk awake and claim he was watching his favorite show. Caught you, dad. "Gunsmoke" has been off the air for a few years now.

Thought I would close with a classic "dadism." Happy Father's Day.

Rose Abdoo will present her one-woman show, "Get to the Part About Me," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19, and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University, in Rochester. Tickets are $25, call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. A portion of the proceeds will benefit AIDS Walk Detroit.

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a year to about a dozen. But that doesn't mean he's not always busy.

He's a contributor and "co-editor" ("I didn't really edit anything but they needed my name") of a new book now at book stores, "They're Here... Invasion of the Body Snatchers: A Tribute," (Berkley Boulevard, $13 paperback).

The cult classic "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," is considered by many to be one of the best science fiction movies of all time. McCarthy starred as Dr. Miles Bennell, who begins to notice his neighbors are acting strange.

The film has been remade twice, but neither version has replaced director Don Siegel's original. It is the subject of online discussions, conventions and now the book which includes an introduction by Dean Koontz ("These immigrants don't need no stinkin' green card") and essays by Stephen King and others exploring every aspect of Jack Finney's original novel and the three films made from it.

■ Kevin McCarthy is well wired and makes contacts with many fans through cyberspace.

"They're Here..." concludes with a long, rambling and engaging interview with McCarthy. The interview covers everything from the death of his parents when he was 4 during the influenza epidemic to his casual entry into acting and his role as a founding member of the Actors' Studio. McCarthy, of course, has had a long and successful career as leading man and character actor. McCarthy's late sister, Mary, was the noted author of "The Group" and other books.

"Ed Gorman started the book, he's a huge fan of the the picture," McCarthy said. "At some point we got to know each other by e-mail. That picture is one of the greatest pictures ever made."

McCarthy sought out his co-star in the film Dana Wynter and discovered she was living in Ireland.

"She's such a lady, divinely genteel. I called her and left a message, 'Becky, this is Miles. Wake up.' I got a transatlantic call back. Since then we've become great buddies. ... She's the most vital 69-year-old lady," he said.

In an interview with Wynter in the book, she has similar praise for McCarthy, "You feel there's not shadow on Kevin; he doesn't speak badly of people, he's full of praise, he's full of enthusiasm, you feel that he's decent through and through and through."

Together they made the circuit of "Body Snatcher" events.

McCarthy was also the star of another cult favorite, the Twilight Zone episode, "Long Live Walter Jameson," in which he played a man who had been alive for centuries.

McCarthy said he has mementos from his many movies, especially "Body Snatchers," but he had nothing on the Twilight Zone episode. He said he received an e-mail six weeks ago from a fan who has the pictures he wants.

McCarthy is well wired and makes contacts with many fans through cyberspace.

McCarthy made his screen debut playing Biff Loman in the film adaptation of "Death of a Salesman" with Fredric March. He had appeared in the first London production of Arthur Miller's play with Paul Muni under the direction of Elia Kazan. He won an Oscar nomination for his screen performance, though in the book he says he has reservations about the movie.

He is, also, not impressed with the new Broadway production starring Brian Dennehy.

"It wasn't for me, I didn't care for it," he said. "Many actors I've talked to feel the same way. He's a powerful actor, but I wish I could have directed him."

McCarthy and his wife, Kate, will perform this summer at the Galway Arts Festival in A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters."

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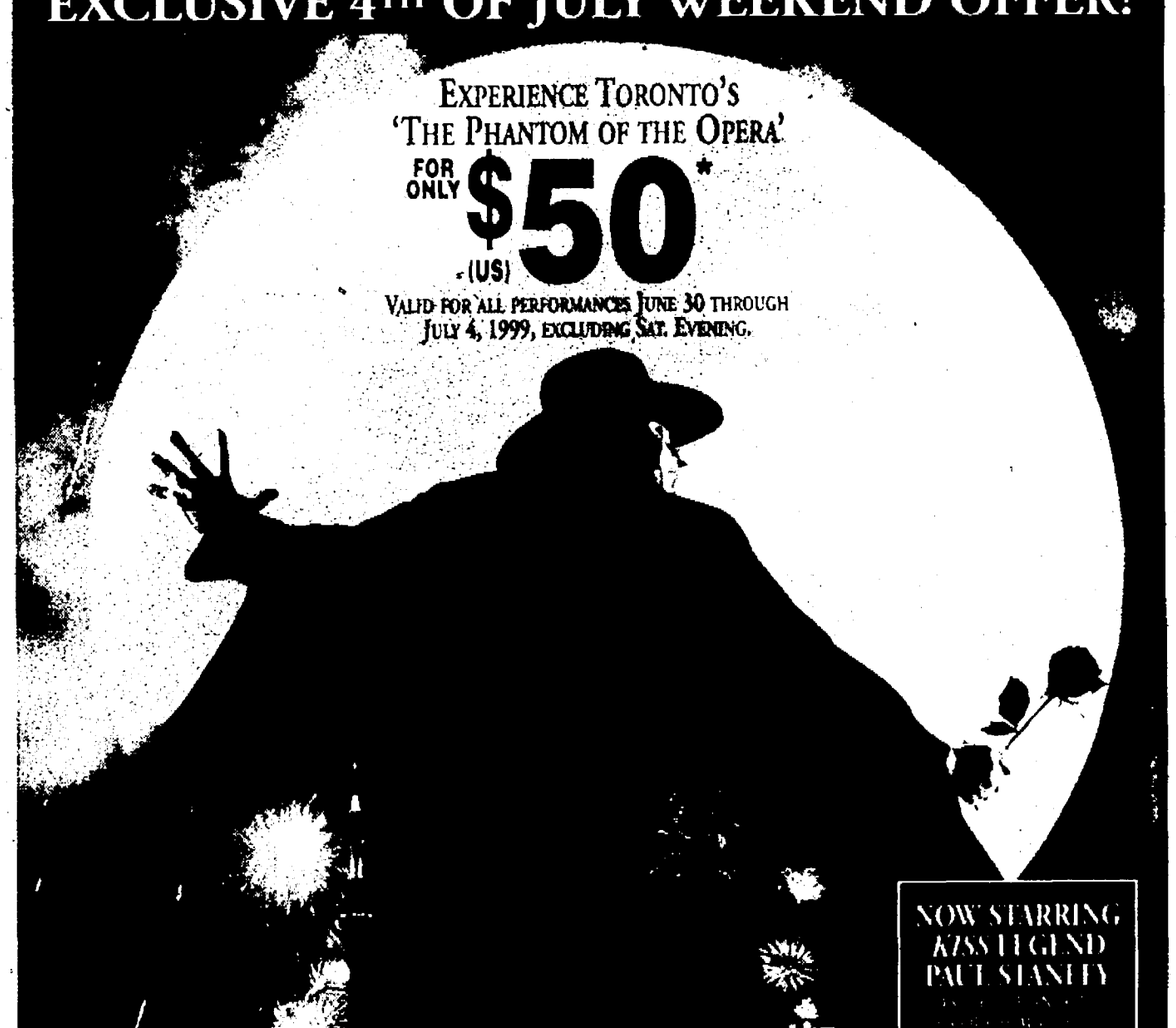

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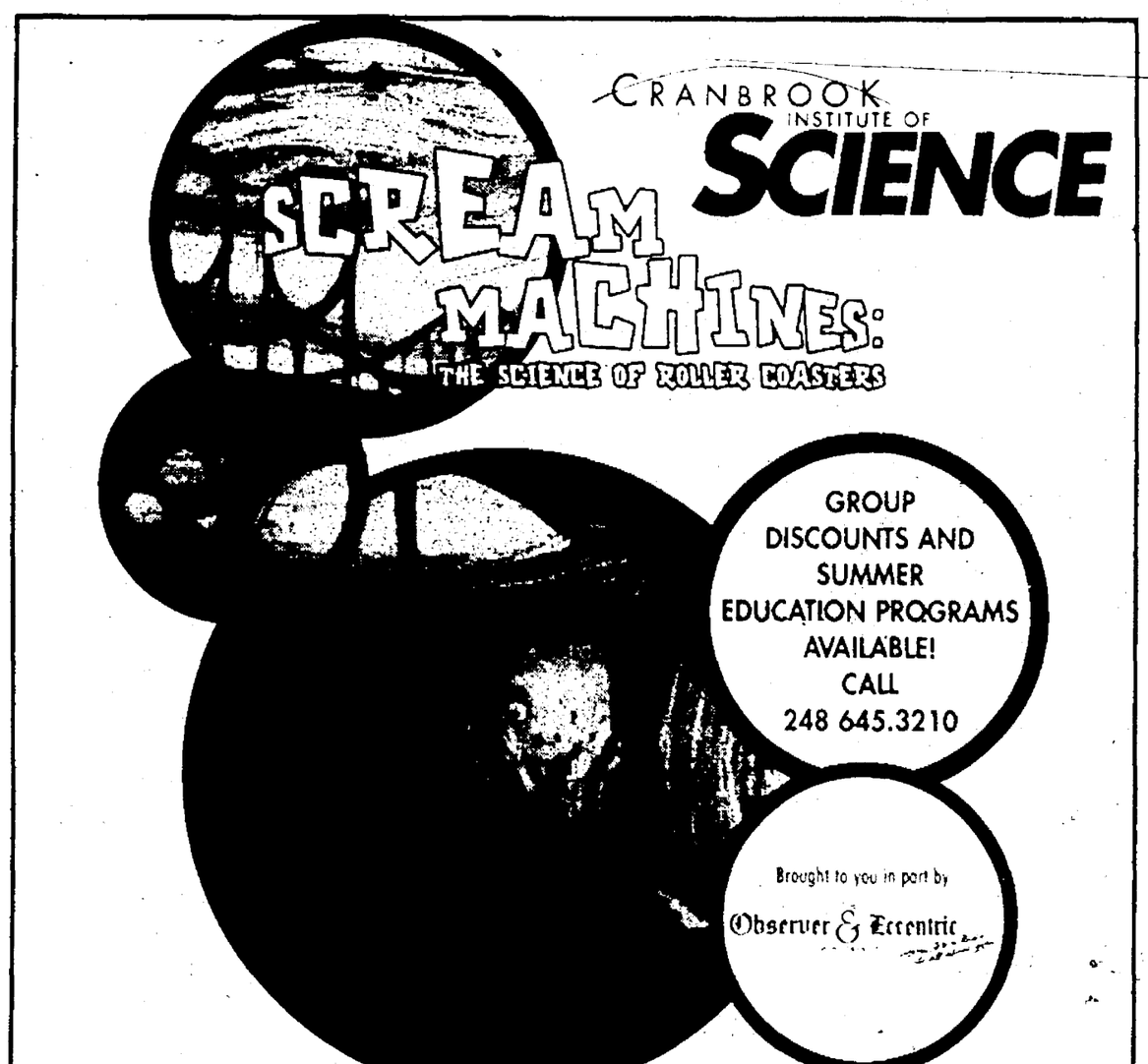

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BOB-LO CRUISE
On the Diamond Belle to Bob-Lo Island, 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19, from Diamond Jack's landing at foot of west Grand Blvd., Detroit. $75, includes lunch at the old pavilion. You must bring two forms of identification, one of which must be a passport or birth certificate. (313) 852-4051

"FLOWERS ARE FOREVER" GARDEN WALK
Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, rain or shine, seven gardens presented by Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth, refreshments and floral art exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. $6 advance, $7 day of tour. (734) 459-7146/(734) 454-4625

REDFORD THEATRE
Film "Kismet," with guest organists Sharron Patterson and Gus Borman, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, June 25, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, June 26, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. $2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

"SUMMER ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR"
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Residence Inn, 2600 Livernois, Troy. $5 admission; $15 readings. (248) 528-2610

SWEDISH CLUB BREAKFAST
Pancakes and sausage with maypole raising, folk dancing and singing by Scandia and Arpi Choruses, 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, June 20, dinner at 1:30 p.m. at the club, 22398 Ruth St., at Freedom Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 646-4073

WCW
Featuring Goldberg, "Diamond Dallas" Page, Sting, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Macho Man" Randy Savage, "Gorgeous George," Charles Robinson, "Bam Bam" Bigelow, Hak and more, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. $15, $25. Groups of 15 or more receive $3 off $25 and $15 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

BENEFITS

Historic farce: *Jennifer Wilson as Charlotte, and Kerry Plague as Captain Felix Merryweather, in "A Pretty Piece of Business," a farce in one act by Thomas Morton. The play will be presented 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, June 19, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 in the city of Southfield's historic center, The Burgh, in the renovated 1854 church on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, one block east of Telegraph. Tickets are $5 per person, available at the door. Call (248) 827-0701 for more information, or to charge tickets. The play is just one of many activities taking place during the Civil War re-enactment, Burgh village life, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, June 20. Variety of activities about life and times during the Civil War period including speeches, military encampments, and 7 p.m. Saturday, and noon Sunday, skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers. With the exception of tickets to the play, admission to the Civil War re-enactment is free. No parking at the Burgh. Signs on Civic Center Drive will guide visitors to parking. There will be a free shuttle to the Burgh.*

"ART FOR HUMANITY"
An evening of poetry readings, live music and visual art, also a silent auction, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Pangborn Design Gallery, 275 Iron St., Detroit's Rivertown District. $25, to raise funds for programs to aid the homeless and mentally ill at the Detroit Central City Community Mental Health. (810) 757-2177

"FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH"
Gourmet brunch with the Larry Nozero Quartet and guest artist Johnny Trudell, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, in the Waterman Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. $25, to raise funds for the Michigan Jazz Festival July 18 at Schoolcraft College. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

GARDEN WALK
The Friends for the Development of Greenmead showcase seven gardens and yards, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in Livonia. $7 advance, $8, proceeds go to Greenmead Historical Village. (734) 425-4855/(734) 464-2741

"JUST ZOO IT"
Gift of Life 5K Run and 1.5 mile Fun Walk to celebrate the gift of life and learn more about organ and tissue donation, 9 a.m. Saturday, July 17, rain or shine, at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile, Royal Oak. Registration $14 by June 12, $18 by July 3, $20, includes zoo admission, two free tickets to the Detroit Rockers home opener Nov. 7 and commemorative t-shirt. Children under age 10 admitted free to the zoo before 10 a.m. (877) 966-6863

"SMOKE ON THE GRILL"
Featuring food and music by Dearborn Big Band, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Ford Field, Dearborn. $20 includes grilled chicken breast sandwich or ground round, corn on the cob, baked potato, a variety of salads, beer and soft drinks. Benefits World Distribution, Inc., and the Dearborn Firefighters' Burn Drive. (313) 943-2126

"SUNSET AT THE ZOO"
Take a guided tour in a chauffered safari vehicle or ride the safari train after a buffet dinner, evening begins with champagne reception, also auction of safari trip to Kenya, entertainment by Black Folk Arts and Brassworks Orchestra, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. $70, to benefit zoo's African wild dogs. (248) 541-57171

"RELAY FOR LIFE"
A 24-hour walking event to benefit the American Cancer Society, Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, luminary ceremony 10 p.m. Friday, cancer survivor victory lap 10 a.m. Saturday, at Stevenson High School, Six Mile, west of Farmington, Livonia. (248) 483-4329

FAMILY EVENTS

CHILDREN'S DAY
The Tree House for Earth's Children fun-filled day on the theme "what comes from the heart, reaches the heart, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, arts and crafts with talented people to guide the youngsters, puppet shows, petting animal area, clowns, and hugging booth, at 22906 Mooney St., Farmington, west of Orchard Lake, off Grand River. (248) 473-0624

HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA
"Bird Beaks," a program for children to learn the different types of beaks and how they help birds survive, 10 a.m. Thursday, June 24, at the park, 5200 E. M59, White Lake Township. Free, motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 685-2187

PROUD LAKE RECREATION AREA
"Beginning Birding," two-hour walk along the Marsh Connector, 9 a.m. and "Frogs and Toads," observation, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19; "Fishing for Beginners," 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 22; at the park, 3500 Wixom Road, Commerce Township. Free, motor vehicle permit required. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the fishing program. (248) 685-2187

SHAWN RICHIE
The performer with "Pandora's Puppets" shows the importance of nature to all living things, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, Cohn Amphitheatre, adjacent to the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $2.50. (248) 625-6473/(248) 858-1684 (TTY) or http://www.co.oakland.mi.us

YOUTH FISHING DERBY
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, prizes and trophies for the most fish caught, first fish caught, biggest fish caught, at Sashabaw Road, north of I-75 (exit 89). $3 entry fee ages 16 and younger. (248) 969-0962/(248) 373-1521

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages, rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Auditions for male and female dancers for its 20th anniversary season, must have extensive modern dance training and performing experiences, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at fifth floor at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, and Woodward, Grand Circus Park, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

FOCAL POINT FILM/VIDEO STUDY
Opportunity for adults and mature high school students to work with either 16mm film or video, Monday-Friday, June 21-25, at Cranbrook Educational Park, Bloomfield Hills. $555-$585. (248) 547-0847/(248) 645-3678

NANCY GURWIN
Holds auditions for children ages 7-15 for "Harmony Garden Tour," an original music production promoting love growth and harmony, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Jewish Community Center, room 150, 6600 W. Maple Road (near Drake Road), West Bloomfield. Children are asked to bring proper dance attire, sheet music with proper cuts for one ballad and one uptempo song, and a photo and resume. (248) 354-0545

INTERLOCHEN DAY CAMP
Designed for students with little or no background in dance, theater, vocal and instrumental music, visual art, and creative writing, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday-Wednesday, June 16-30, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren at Brush, Detroit. (616) 276-7638

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
General auditions for the theater's 1999-2000 season featuring The Odd Couple (female version), Tintypes, A Christmas Carol, Dangerous Obsession, All My Sons, Chagall's Arabian Nights and Crimes of the Heart, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, June 14-16. Equity actors may make appointment (248) 370-3310. Non-equity actors seen on an availability basis.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Auditions for chorus members for 1999-2000 season for "Tosca," "Peter Grimes," "Werther," and "The Barber of Seville," prepare to sing two memorized arias, one in English, bring sheet music. (313) 961-3500, ext. 3237 to schedule audition.

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Auditions for the cast, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 21, Oakland University, Room 110 of Varner Hall, Rochester. Candidates will perform an improvisation audition. Some candidates will be asked to perform basic movement auditions and a brief original monologue based upon the character for which they are auditioning. Auditions by reservation only, Lu Harding-Capots 1-800-601-4848 before June 17.

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS
Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS
Ages 5 and up join the Whistle Stop Players for three sessions10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 21-25, July 12-16 and Aug. 9-13, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction. $100, $75 PCAC members. (734) 416-4ART

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for high school and college age actors for "Godspell," also needed electric guitar and drums, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 27 and 6-9 p.m. Monday, June 28, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, Detroit. For performances Sept. 11-18; also placement auditions for Performing Arts Summer Camp for children ages 1-12, camps to run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 19-30, latch-key available. (313) 535-8962

JAZZ

GEORGE BENSON
With Boney James, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Chene Park, Detroit. $35 and $45. (313) 983-6616

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

"FROG ISLAND FESTIVAL"
With Motor City Street Band (5:30 p.m.), Beau Jocque and The Zydeco Hi-Rollers (7 p.m.), The Charmaine Neville Band (8:50 p.m.), and Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas (10:40 p.m.). Friday, June 25: Imperial Swing Orchestra (noon), Hot Club of Cowtown (1:30 p.m.), Johnny Johnson with George Bedard and the Kingpins (3 p.m.), Sonia Dada (4:30 p.m.), The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson (6 p.m.), Alberta Adams and The Blues Insurgents (7:30 p.m.), Anson and the Rockets with Sam Myers (9 p.m.), and Son Seals and the Chicago Rhythm and Blues Kings (10:45 p.m.). Saturday, June 26: The Campbell Brothers featuring Katie Jackson (1 p.m.), Pamela Wise Latin Jazz All-Stars (2:30 p.m.), Straight Ahead (4 p.m.), Bobby Watson and Vincent Herring (5:30 p.m.), and Larry Coryell Quartet with Donald Harrison and Alphonse Mouzon (7:30 p.m.). Sunday, June 27, Frog Island park, Ypsilanti's Depot Town. $17.50 per day in advance, $20 per day at the gate. $40 special, non-transferable three-day pass, available only in advance. A special group rate of "buy 10, get two free" available by mail order only. (248) 645-6666/(734) 764-TKTS

FUNKTELLIGENCE
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

THE BILL HEID TRIO
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555; 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays, Northern Lakes Seafood Company's Tavern Bar, 475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 646-7900 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

"JAZZ IN THE STREETS"
Norma Jean Bell & the All Stars, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward. $20. (313) 833-1921

KATHY KOSINS JAZZ QUARTET
7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, The Plaza at Kercheval Road and St. Clair Street, Grosse Pointe's Village Shopping District. Free. (313) 886-7474 or http://www.thevillagegp.com

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Chris Collins, saxophone and Dennis Tini in for Matt, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17; with Dee Dee McNeil, vocalist, 8-11:30 p.m. Thrusday, June 24, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. $5 cover waived with dinner, and $5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

NEVER NEBULA
9 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

LARRY NOZERO QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass/drums)

SHAHIDA NURULLAH QUARTET
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, June 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, June 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

SIMONSON, TAYLOR, TYE
9 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6369

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION
6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

WIRELESS GREEN
With Guernica and Nefrete, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (acid jazz)

GOSPEL

TAKE 3
7 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Free. (734) 326-5220 (pop/gospel)

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
9 p.m. Fridays, June 18 and 25, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, June 20, Jamaica Joe's, 6041 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 926-5300 (reggae)

TIPPA IRIE AND RAPPA ROBERT
Backed by Tabarruk Band, 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $12 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (reggae)

JO NAB
9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

UB40
7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20, State Theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $24.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (reggae)

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION
9 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Deck above The Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TUESDAY
9 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com

R.G. DEMPSTER AND FRIENDS
8-11 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

ZOE LEWIS AND ZRAZY
8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

THE LUDDITES
With Fez, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

MOONDOG MATINEE
8 p.m. Friday, June 25, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0004

JAKE REICHBART
8 p.m. Friday, June 25, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (solo guitar)

SAGE
With Geoffrey Esty, 8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 15, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041

BRANDY SINCO
With Michael Shelata, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free; suggested donation $7 adults, $5 students ages 13 and older, $3 for kids 6-12. (734) 327-2041

BOB SKON
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041

KEVIN SO
8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 19, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041

SPYDER JOE
8-10 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 18, Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., Chelsea. Free. All ages. (734) 327-2041; With Richard Lawrence, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free; suggested donation $7 adults, $5 students ages 13 and older, $3 for kids 6-12. (734) 327-2041

NEIL WOODWARD
8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

DANCE

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COBBLESTONE FARM DANCERS
Robin Warner and Peter Baker call to live music by the Pittsfield Union Grange Jam Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 19, open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. (free), at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 665-8863/(734) 426-0241

"HAWAIIAN LUAU DINNER DANCE"
With music by The Mike Wolverton Band and entertainment by Hawaiian Aloha Tropics and a special appearance by "Elvis," 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. $25 includes dinner of roast pork, roasted potatoes, two pastas, marinated zucchini and eggplant, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and pineapple cake. Tickets sold in advance only. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

"THE SHOW...'99"
Starring Freedom: Danz Xpressionz, Detroit's hip-hop flavored dance studio, The Company and the X Generation, 7:15 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium, on Cass at Kirby, McGregor Bldg., Detroit. $15 advance, $20 at door. (313) 964-8497

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Mark Gross, Arlo Stone and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, June 17-19 ($12); Leo DuFour, Manny Shields and Jeff Margrett, Thursday-Saturday, June 24-26 ($10), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Keith Ruff, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19 ($10, $22.95 dinner show package); Joe Dunkel, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26 ($10, $22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Mike Green and David Luther Glover, Thursday-Sunday, June 17-20; Kevin Naughton and Tim Rowlands, Wednesday-Sunday, June 23-27, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays ($12), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Alternative Mondays" with "Funny Like Cancer," 8 p.m. Mondays, $8; Improv Jammers, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, $5, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MARV WELCH
7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Marvin's Bistro and Piano Bar, 15800 Middlebelt Road, between Five and Six Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 522-5600

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Ceintral Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. $3, $2 seniors age 62 and older and students, $1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 26 ($10); Thursdays to Sept. 30 a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional $10; gardens open through Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday ($5), at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Extended Friday hours, 5-10 p.m., June 4-Aug. 13. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Wiggle Giggle Studio for ages 5-10, 1-2 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, $5 per child. (313) 833-1262; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby). Detroit Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week, "Whales" opens June 19, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS
With The Bill Heid Trio, 9 p.m. Thursdays June 17 and 24, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368; With Blue Suit, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

LORI AMEY
8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110 or amey@tir.com (pop)

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

BLACK BEAUTY
With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (rockabilly)

ADRIAN BELEW
With The Irresponsibles, 8 p.m. Monday, June 21, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100/(734) 99-MUSIC or http://www.99music.com (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Paxil, Liquid No.-9, Friction and Nailing Betty, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLISS
9 p.m. Friday, June 25, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (pop)

BLUE CAT
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856; 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE SUIT
9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BOON DOGGLE
With Bowl Scraper, Dose and Hellooseination, 9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

BOREDOMS
W-Vibe, 6 p.m. Friday, June 18, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $12 in advance, $15 day of show. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (noise rock)

THE BURROS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (roots rock)

ROBERTA BRADLEY AND GYPSY
9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (modern blues/rock)

BRANDED
10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, June 17-18, and Wednesday, June 23, Bullfrog Bar and Grill, 15414 Telegraph Road, one block north of Five Mile Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older. (313) 533-4477 (rock)

CODE BLOOM
9:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Theo's, 705 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 485-6720; 8 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Barnstormers, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 303-8630 or http://www.codebloom.com (rock)

COLONEL SUN
With Sublimation, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

A.J. CROCE
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 or http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com (blues)

CYCLEFLY
8 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 43 E. Congress, Detroit. $6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

PAT DAILEY
7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, The Barnstormer Entertainment Complex, 9411 M-36, Whitmore Lake. $20 in advance, $25 day of show. 21 and older. (248) 645-6666/(734) 449-0040 (pop/comedy)

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA
A band that recreates Grateful Dead concerts in their entirety, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (rock)

DE LA SOUL
7 p.m. Friday, June 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $22.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com (hip-hop)

THE DELTA RHYTHM KINGS
9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

JOE DIFFIE
With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Clio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio. $26 reserved. $21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.clioamp.org (country)

ELIZA
10 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (pop/rock)

EMMET SWIMMING
9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

FUNKTELLIGENCE
With Soul Clique, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

GRAVITY WELL
With Propeller and Prime Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

"HARD-CORE HIP-HOP FEST '99"
With Mr. Woods, Thik, Buddha Fulla Rymez and Taproot, 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10 in advance, $12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT/(248) 542-6110

HARPER
9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 or http://www.fifthavenuebilliards.com (blues)

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m. Thursdays, June 17 and June 24, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393; 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (boogie blues)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
With Time No Reason and Spat!, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555; 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, The Whitney, 4421 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 832-5700 http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch (pop/rock)

WHITNEY HOUSTON
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $100, $77.50, $67.50 and $50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop/R&B)

IMPACT 7
10 p.m. Friday, June 18, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

JORMA KAUKONEN
8 p.m. Saturday, June 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $17.50 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com (rock)

KGB
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (classic soul)

LATE SHOW
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, June 17, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (classic rock)

LIMP
With Gob, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 19, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

"LIVE LYRICS"
With Funktelligence, Da Ruckus, Paradime, Prime Numbers and Sun, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

LOVERBOY
With comedian Chris Zito, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $22.50 pavilion, $12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

LUCKY HASKINS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rockabilly)

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

MERCURY REV
With Sparklehorse and Diane Izzo, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $12 in advance, $14 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

BILL MORRISSEY
8 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

"NICKELODEON ALL THAT TOUR"
With 98 Degrees, Monica, Aaron Carter, 3rd Storee and No Authority, 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $28.50 pavilion, $20 lawn. Groups of 20 or more get $3 off pavilion tickets, and $2 off lawn tickets. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop)

THE NOTE BENDERS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (blues)

OLD 97'S
8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Canceled. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (roots rock)

THE OTTOMANS
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (acoustic rock)

"OUT OF SCHOOL JAM"
With MTV's DJ Skribble and DJ Slynke, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. $14.99 in advance. All ages. (248) 926-1000 (dance)

OVER THE RHINE
7:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $10 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800

"OZZFEST '99"
With Black Sabbath, Rob Zombie, deftones, Slayer, Primus, Godsmack and System of a Down on the main stage, and Fear Factory, Puya, Slipknot, Hed Pe, Flashpoint, Pushmonkey, Drain, Apartment 26 and Static X, 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, and Sunday, June 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $49.50 pavilion and lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (metal/rock)

JIM PARAVANTES WITH MERIDIAN
Perform a Frank Sinatra tribute, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays in June, Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road, at Maple Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 865-9300 (pop)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

PERPLEXA
With the Ghetto Billies, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com or http://www.ghettobillies.com (rock)

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
With Lucinda Williams, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $52.50 pavilion, $25 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)

PSYFUNK
9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (funk)

QUEEN BEE
With Easy Action and The Crash, 8 p.m. Friday, June 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

PAUL RANDOLPH AND MUDPUPPY
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. $5. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (blues/R&B)

THE REEFERMEN
9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

ROCKELL
7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. $14.99 in advance. All ages. (248) 926-1000 (dance)

ROOSTER
9 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, The Alley behind Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441 (rock)

ROOT DOCTOR
9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 735-4011 (blues)

SAX APPEAL
8 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

VONDA SHEPARD
8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. $25. 21 and older. (248) 433-1515 (pop)

SICK OF IT ALL
With Good Riddance, Anti-Flag and No Motiv, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10 in advance, $12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

SIMPLE NEPTUNE
With Rooster, 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

SIXTEEN PIECES
With Victim, Wired Masses and Threshold, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Paycheck's, Hamtramck. $5. 18 and older. (313) 874-0909 (rock)

KRISTYN SMITH
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 18-19, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550 (top 40)

STEVE SOMERS BAND
With Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Friday, June 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; Saturday, June 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

SOULSON
9 p.m. Sunday, June 20, Music Menu, 511 Monroe St., Detroit's Greektown. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-6368 (funk)

"SOUNDS OF SOUL"
With George Duke, Rachelle Ferrell and Kenny Lattimore, 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $32.50 and $40. (248) 433-1515 (soul)

SPAT!
With The Hope Orchestra, 9 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555, (313) 884-7824 or http://www.lilis21.com (pop)

STREETCORNER
7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, as part of Troy Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concerts at the Troy Civic Center, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. All ages. (248) 524-3484 (Motown)

SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Oxford Inn, 43317 E. Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856 (R&B)

SUN 209
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 25-26, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (roots rock)

"THE TAKE ACTION TOUR"
With Fifteen, F.Y.P., The Weaker Than, Falling Sickness and Scared of Chaka, 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $9 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (emo-punk)

TELEGRAPH
7 p.m. Sunday, June 20, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $7 in advance, $8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (ska-punk)

MARY THOMPSON
9 p.m. Thursday, June 17, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (blues)

RICHARD THOMPSON BAND
8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $20. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (singer-songwriter)

UNIVERSAL INDIANS
With Clone Defects, 9 p.m. Friday, June 25, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (punk)

LUCY WEBSTER
8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (acoustic rock)

WILDBUNCH
8 p.m. Saturday, June 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)

DWIGHT YOAKAM
With Deana Carter, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $25 pavilion, $15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country)

CLUB NIGHTS

THE ALLEY/MAIN STREET BILLIARDS
DJ and dancing, 9 p.m. Thursdays June 17 and 24, at the club, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-8441

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays in June at the restaurant/bar, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons and dancing, 8 p.m. Sundays, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3, $5. 19 and older; "Solar" night featuring Art "Pumpin'" Payne and Minx and Magda Tag Team, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 23. $6. 18 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com

GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com

THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free. "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays. Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays. Alternative dance Tuesdays: gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free. "Work Release," Rock n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. $6. 18 and older. "Rock n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older. "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older. "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older. "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. $3. 18 and older. "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. $6. 18 and older. "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. $6. 21 and older. all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. $3 before 11 p.m., $5 afterward. 18 and older. "2K dance night," 10 p.m. Saturdays. "Degenerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. $6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB
"Cruise Night" with hot rods, Harleys and live bands, 8 p.m. Thursdays. Latin-House dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays, intermediate swing lessons, 9 p.m. Tuesdays, and beginner swing lessons, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE
"Viva La Noche Latina!" with dance lessons from 9-10 p.m. followed by dance night. Fridays, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

Excesses make Austin Powers movie a smash

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

I'm not always sure what they mean, but an awful lot of things happen in "The Spy Who Shagged Me," the new Austin Powers movie that revisits the Swinging Sixties.

Here's a sampling: Somewhere near the beginning of the movie, a Big Boy spaceship lays an "egg: in outer space. Fab photographer/secret agent Austin Powers (Mike Myers) gets a dynamite surprise on his honeymoon. We look in on Jerry Springer's TV show; today's topic is "My Father is Evil and Want to Take Over the World."

The Blofeld-ish Dr. Evil (also Mike Myers) travels back in time to 1969, accompanied by his malicious mini-clone, Mini-Me (Verne Troyer). Burt and Elvis Costello team up for a sidewalk version of "I'll Never Fall in Love Again." As the result of a car chase, somebody breaks a leg – only it's not painful, it's funny (well, maybe painfully funny).

Every once in a while, the cutely repulsive A.P. and some shagadelically outfitted dancing gals appear to have gyrated over from an old "Laugh In" episode.

Again, I'm not absolutely certain about this, but I think the movie has a plot, maybe even a sub-plot or two. Something to the effect that Dr. Evil, on that dizzying trip back to 1969, has (oh no!) stolen (yes, of all things!) Austin's magical mojo.

Somehow, Austin must retrieve his mojo, which means he must travel back to 1969 himself, which he does in a 19900's Beetle. Only isn't he already there since that's where Dr. E lifted the mojo?

But never mind. To quote a line of advice in the movie: "I suggest you don't worry about this sort of thing and just enjoy yourself."

Meanwhile, Dr. Evil is also devising a plan to destroy the planet. Our hirsute hero has to stop him, of course. All this at about the same time he learns that his "fab chick," Felicity Shagwell (Heather Graham) has been fooling around with a 500-pound Scotsman (Mike Myers again) who's on the side of Evil, and is the very personification of wretched excess ("ouch very ouch").

How does this ribald nonsense work? Search me. Maybe it's all that magical mojo floating around.

Or maybe it's that Jay Roach directs a cast that's smashingly right on. Myers, who, along with Michael McCullers, wrote the frantically paced, incisively funny script, gets a chance here to really show his stuff.

Playing three very different characters, he absolutely nails each one.

Who knew – until Austin Powers came along – that Michael York (reprising his role as Basil Exposition from the first movie), Robert Wagner (returning as Number Two), or Rob Lowe (as Young Number Two) were killer comics?

And who among us has more than a vague recognition of Verne Troyer, a tiny Texan who plays Dr. Evil's evil twin to a "T."

He's supposed to be one-eighth the size of the devilish doctor, but he's twice as creepy, even through he hardly ever mutters a word.

Seriously, folks, he's fab. He's switch on. He's more than a bit of all right. Yeah, baby, he deserves some real applause.

Seth Green as Dr. Evil's comically contemptuous, adolescent son and Mindy Sterling as Frau Farbissina add to the delightfully wretched excess.

The many "in" jokes and take-offs provide more punch.

See how many you can pick up on. James Bond stuff leads the list.

But you'll also spot spillovers from "Jerry Maguire," "Independence Day, "2001," "Star Wars," "In Like Flint," "Sleeper" and many others.

K. WRIGHT/NEW LINE CINEMA

Sequel: *Mike Myers and Heather Graham star in "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me."*

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Scheduled to open Friday, July 30

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Life is a happy dream for MTV's DJ Skribble

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These days, MTV's DJ Skribble feels like he's living in a fog.

Last weekend he went to Toronto to shoot an "itty bitty" part in Madonna's film "Ghetto Superstar." To appear in the film, he had to take time off from MTV, which is filming in the Caribbean for the summer. Rough life.

"It's like a dream that I don't want to wake up from," he said from his crackling cell phone.

Although his schedule is packed, DJ Skribble isn't too busy to spin records at the teen club La Boom in Walled Lake on Thursday, June 17, for the "Out of School Jam."

"La Boom, that place was crazy," he said about his appearance earlier this year. "There was a lot of people. Everybody had fun."

DJ Skribble, known to his mother as Scott Ialacci, knew from a young age that he wanted to stand on stage and have fun. He's been a DJ since he was 11, he's "over 25" now. Plus, he comes from a musical family.

"My dad had a doo-wop group so I guess it was always there. I originally wanted to be an artist. That's how I got the name Skribble. But I just got the love for it, and just went for it," he said.

From 1998 to 1992 he did a world tour and two U.S. tours as a member of Young Black Teenagers, a young, all-white male rap group. For the next five years, he shared a stage solo with Notorious B.I.G., Craig Mack and Channel Brothers.

In 1997 he moved to WQHT-FM where he joined "Ed Lover and Dr. Dre Mornings." He continued to move up the entertainment ladder by making guest appearances with Sinbad's "Vibe" band and winning the top spot at Mountain Dew's 1998 Slamming DJ Mix-Off.

Through Dr. Dre and Ed Lover, DJ Skribble was hired to spin during MTV's Spring Break broadcasts in Jamaica in 1998. Little by little he inched his way up to co-host of MTV Jams. In his free time, he visits Carson Daly's MTV show, "Total Request Live," and tapes his own syndicated mix show.

This year, DJ Skribble is releasing two albums – "Traffic James Vol 2," a hip-hop album he did with partner DJ Slynke, in July, and "MDMA," which will feature guest appearances by Jay-Z, Blackstreet, Juvenile, Trick Daddy, and JT Money, in the fall.

"Sometimes I still just wake up and go, 'I can't believe it.'"

"Out of School Jam" featuring MTV's DJ Skribble and DJ Slynke, begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets are $14.99 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 926-1000.

Simple Neptune latest is summertime buffet of music

CHRISTINA FUOCO

Simple Neptune's sophomore release "Barbque" (sic) is a virtual buffet of musical tastes – reggae, pop, rock and ska.

"Yolt" wavers between reggae and sounding sonically like Pearl Jam's "Go." The title track, the hit apparent, grooves, while ska and metal bleed into one another on "Dirk and Dale."

The schizophrenic sound is a reflection of the tastes of Simple Neptune's four members – vocalist Billy Allen of Milford, guitarist John Madigan of Waterford, formerly of Livonia, drummer Brandon Husken of Sterling Heights, and bassist Scott Morrison of Madison Heights.

"I've been into a lot of punk lately. I like Blink-182. I started getting back into listening to the Ramones a little bit," Morrison said, adding Our Lady Peace and Tool are also favorites of his. "I like a lot of punk and ska. I go through my phases."

The hidden track, on the album, ironically, shows the depth of Simple Neptune's talent. The lyrics are simple (a list of folks the band wanted to thank) but the harmonies are tight.

For "Barbque," Simple Neptune skipped the home studios, instead collaborating with Andy Patalan at his and his brother Tim's studio, The Loft in Saline.

"Andy, he's actually doing backing vocals on two songs – the hidden track 'Skabba the Hut' and 'Fenced In,' " Morrison explained.

For Simple Neptune, songwriting is a collaborative effort. Allen writes the lyrics, many of which deal with relationships gone bad, and Madigan lays down the musical foundation. The songs evolved from there through teamwork.

"John will bring an idea to practice. We'll start playing around with it. One song, it took a year to get together. 'Boxes' probably took three years. We'll just play around with them for awhile. Everybody will throw in what they think goes with it," Morrison said.

Simple Neptune and Rooster perform Friday, June 18, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is $6 for the 18 and older show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com or http://www.simpleneptune.com.

Returning to Detroit

In the last few months, New York-based Mercury Rev has seen its mainstream appeal soar. The acerbic alternative rock band has played a proverbial game of chess with Detroit audiences, packing The Shelter, moving on to the Mill Street Entry, and a month later headlining St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday, June 17.

Mercury Rev's following is expected to increase when it opens for R.E.M. on selected dates in August. Guitarist Sean "Grasshopper" Mackiowiak speculated on why his band's 1998 album "Deserter's Songs" (V2 Records) was the one to push it over the edge.

"I think it's because of the honesty of the album we did. Some how this one connected with people in some kind of way. A lot of it is luck and the time that it comes out, and things like that. I think the album is really strong, and the new record company has done a great job."

He added that while the band was sitting in the studio creating "Deserter's Songs," Mercury Rev members had no idea the album would be critically acclaimed.

"We didn't know if people would like it or not. We liked it while we were doing it and we hoped that other people would connect with it."

When its U.S. tour concludes on June 20, Mercury Rev is heading to Iceland to play a series of shows. Then it's off to the European summer festivals in England, Belgium, Ireland, Denmark, Norway and Scotland.

"I've never been there," Mackiowiak said of Iceland. "It should be pretty cool. It's daylight there 24 hours."

Mercury Rev, Sparklehorse and Diane Izzo perform Thursday, June 17, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are $14 for the all-ages show. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com.

Misc:

John Maurer of the rock band Social Distortion has been named an executive with StreamlineMusic.com, a company that markets and distributes music via the internet, giving 100 percent of the profit from sales to the artist or record label. His exact title has not been determined. The Web site goes up in July.

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Older and wiser Naughty by Nature comes to Hart Plaza

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Vincent Brown of Naughty By Nature said after his group scored the hits "O.P.P." and "Hip-Hop Hooray" in the early 1990s, he strove to put a positive spin on rap.

The group took its money and reinvested it into the community through support systems and retail outlets. But four years ago, Naughty By Nature seemingly dropped out of the music business. Behind the scenes, the trio was negotiating a new record deal with Arista Records, but in the meantime, it saw egos and greed trample over rap music's integrity.

"The hiatus was because we were transferring labels. We were on Tommy Boy and we transferred over to Arista. It wasn't a voluntary thing. We didn't intend for it to be four years. That's the way it happened," Brown explained.

"We were basically sitting and stagnant trying to get these negotiations going. Then we saw a lot of other artist come out using a lot of our flavor, a lot of our deal. We weren't really there to put our point of view across, especially with the deaths of Tupac and Biggie. I think during that time, we really needed Naughty By Nature in the marketplace."

"I felt that we put a good medium in the music. We rode a fine line between hard-core hip-hop and crossover pop kind of stuff. Just the ideals that we put forward, we put out a lot of good vibes to the community and stuff like that. When we had our success, it wasn't about us being rich and flashing all of our wealth in front of the people's faces. We went back and reinvested in the community."

With the release of "19Naughty9: Nature's Fury" (Arista), the group is continuing the work it started in the early 1990s. Brown opened Naughty Gear after a mail order insert in "19NaughtyIII" spawned thousands of orders. That in turn created jobs in his East Orange, N.J., neighborhood. Naughty By Nature also supported youth voter registration drives and worked with Managed Healthcare Systems, a non-profit that provides healthcare to low-income families.

One of his employees runs SYSTAs 4 SYSTAs, a non-profit organization that provides young female mentors to girls in crisis.

"Whether it's teenage pregnancy, health care, schooling, education, we got scholarship programs that help the girls through their first couple of years of college. We tie into a lot of those kinds of organizations."

Naughty By Nature is working with the East Orange School District to open an interactive vocational program.

"We met with the superintendent and every principal in the school district. It's (the program) like a television show. The kids will write the show, be the cameraman, all that stuff. They'll maintain a Web site and a newsletter, and market it locally. We'll use our local cable access channel to air it," said Brown.

"If we give the kids hands-on training while they're in high school, if they're interested in any one of those fields, they'll at least know what to pursue when they go to college."

Then there's the music. Naughty By Nature is touring in support of "19Naughty9: Nature's Fury," an album of party anthems, R&B and straight-out rap.

The trio will perform Sunday, June 20, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. Brown explained that so far, the tour has been interesting.

"There's definitely a little generation gap," he said with a laugh. "When we came out in 1991, your average 6-year-old that was saying, 'O.P.P.' and 'Hip-Hop Hooray,' now they're, like, 17 and 18 years old. It's like since we've been gone the last four years, they've grown up on Puff Daddy, Jay-Z and all of these guys.

"Those guys were fresher on their minds. We've got a little dust on us, but once we come out here and tour and perform this stuff it's like we never left."

Naughty By Nature performs as part of WDTJ-FM's "Summer Jam Concert" on Sunday, June 20, at Hart Plaza in Detroit. Copper Sun, Derrick Starks and the New Generation, Reston Jackson and Grace, Isiah Thomas and Elements of Praz, Antun Foster and Chemistry, Kim Burrell, God Side Connection featuring E. Banks, Entourage, Jay Powell, Crazie Bone, JT Money, Trina and Tamara, Ruff Ryders, and a mystery guest are also on the bill. Showtime is noon. Call (313) 871-0590 for more information.

'Ally McBeal' singer to perform

Vonda Shepard

Vonda Shepard of the television show "Ally McBeal" performs at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

Tickets are $25 for the 21 and older show.

Prior to performing on "Ally McBeal," Shepard was best known for her duet with Dan Hill on "Can't We Try."

For more information about her performance, call (248) 433-1515.

Vonda Shepard's latest album entitled "By 7:30" was released in April. The first single off the album is "Baby, Don't You Break My Heart Slow," a remake from her debut album, the self-titled "Vonda Shepard." This time there was a twist – the song is a duet with Emily Saliers of The Indigo Girls.

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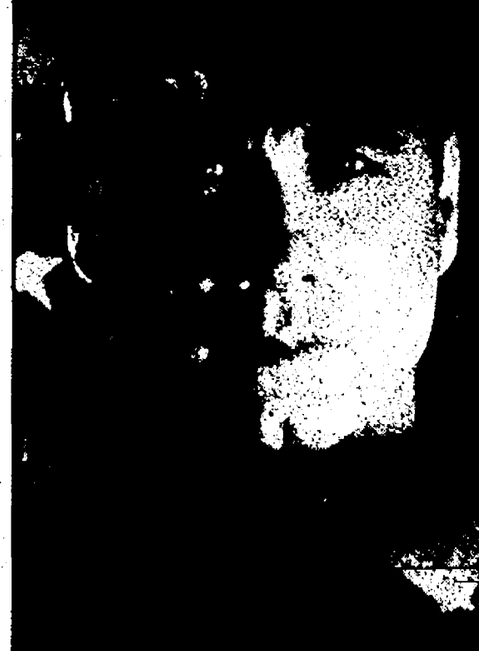

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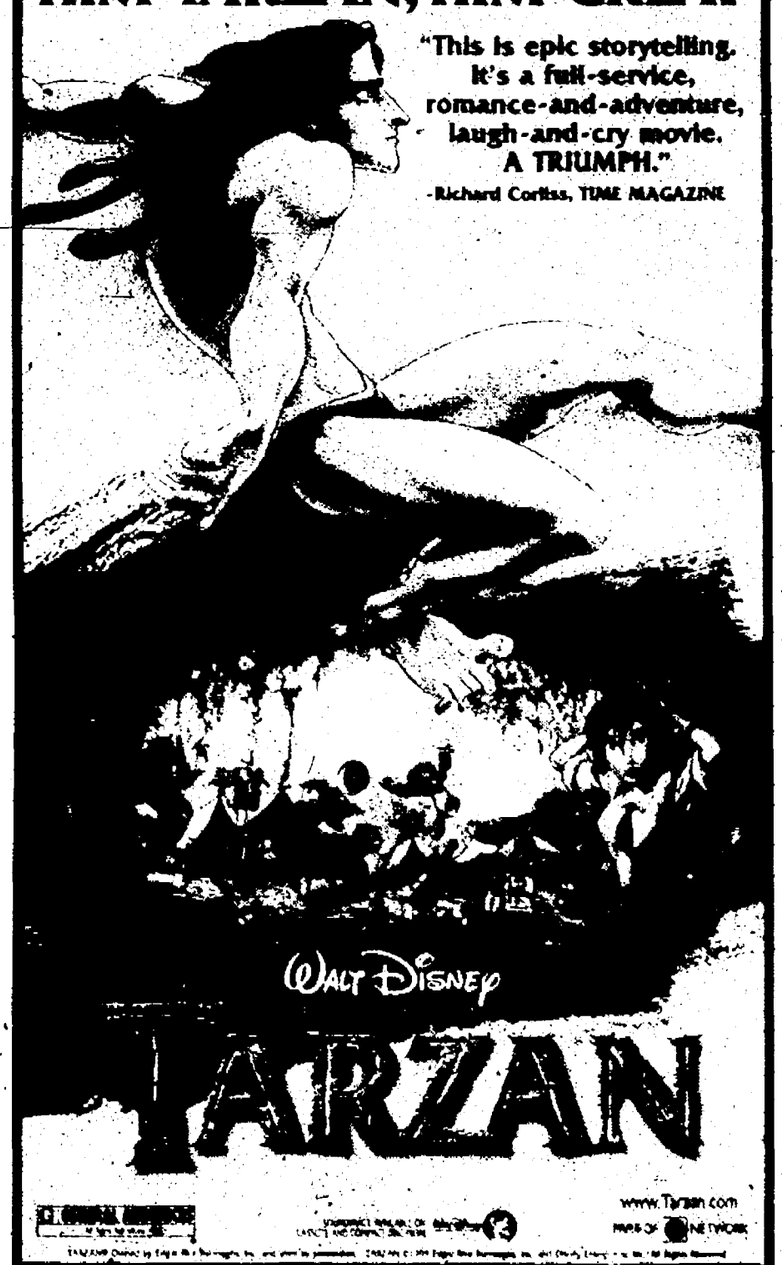

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DINING

Treat dad to brunch, or dinner on Father's Day

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Give dad the day off Sunday. It's Father's Day, and even if he likes to make dinner on the grill, don't you think he deserves a break?

Lots of metro Detroit restaurants are open, and offering dinner specials to surprise dads on their day. Tell dad not to worry about making dinner, you made reservations, and of course, you'll pick up the tab.

Here are some restaurants to consider. Be sure to call ahead for reservations.

BRUNCH OPTIONS

Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 474-4800 — Serving brunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults $13.95, children age 10 and under accompanied by an adult, half price.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Highway, (just north of 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 351-2925, fax (248) 351-2919 — Serving brunch 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; regular menu 2-10 p.m.

Excalibur — 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield, southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, (248)358-3355. Brunch buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults $22.50; children $15.95. Dinner 2-8 p.m.

Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-7272 — brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults $19.95, children ages 2-12, $8.95, children under age 2, complimentary.

Giulio & Sons, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, (313) 593-1234 — brunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., $21.95 adults, children ages 4-12, $10.95, under age 4, complimentary.

Oceania Inn, 3176 Walton Blvd., at Adams, in the University Shopping Square, Rochester Hills, (248) 375-9200 — Father's Day Brunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., adults $6.95, children under age 10, $3.95. Menu features soup, egg roll, and other Chinese dishes.

Paint Creek Cider Mill Restaurant, 4480 Orion Road, 3 miles north of downtown Rochester (248)651-8361 — brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults $17.95; children ages 5-10, $7.95, children under age 5 free.

Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, The Grill, 300 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, near the Fairlane Town Center, (313) 441-2100 — Accepting brunch reservations for 11 a.m. and after 1 p.m. Adults $35, children ages 5-12, $20.

The Townsend Hotel — 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham, (248) 642-5999 — Rugby Grille serving a la carte brunch specialties ranging $19-32, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DINNER OPTIONS

Capital Grille, in Somerset Collection-North, 2800 W. Big Beaver Road, (248) 649-5300 — Open 5-9 p.m., steaks, seafood.

Water Club Grill, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, (734) 454-0666 — Open noon to 8 p.m. Menu includes seafood, ribs, chicken, steaks, and pasta dishes.

Morton's of Chicago, The Steakhouse, 1 Town Square, in the Oakland Towne Square office building, just off the Northwestern Highway service drive, south of 11 Mile Road, east of Lahser, (248) 354-6006 — open 4-10 p.m. Steakhouse fare.

Fox & Hounds, 1560 North Woodward Avenue., Bloomfield Hills (248) 644-4800 — dinner 3-9 p.m. Menu includes steaks, seafood, chicken, and vegetarian dishes.

Ruth Chris Steak House, 755 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, (248) 269-8424 — Open 1-8 p.m., menu features steaks, pork chops and other steakhouse fare.

Charley's Crab, 5498 Crooks Road (next to Northfield Hilton), Troy (248) 879-2060 — Open 2-9 p.m. for dinner. Menu includes seafood, pasta, steaks, and chicken dishes.

Big Rock Chop & Brew House, 245 S. Eton Street, Birmingham (248) 647-7774 — serving dinner 4-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes steaks, chops, some seafood, pasta dishes, and yummy appetizers. Hand-crafted beers.

Bonfire Bistro & Brewery, 39550 Seven Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville, (248) 735-4570 — open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Accepting reservations for Father's Day only. Menu includes seafood, steaks, chops, chicken, pasta, hand-tossed pizza. Some vegetarian items. Handcrafted beers and root beer. Children's menu for ages 12 and under.

Ernesto's — 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, (734) 453-2002 — open noon to 9 p.m. for dinner. Italian specialties, seafood, steaks.

Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248)646-7900 — Dinner 5-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes seafood, steaks, pasta, and chicken.

No. VI Chophouse and Lobster Bar — 27790 Novi Road (in The Hotel Baronette), Novi (248) 305-5210 — Dinner 5-9 p.m. from regular menu, which includes seafood, pork chop, veal, chicken, and steaks.

Steve & Rocky's, 43150 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 374-0688 — Open for dinner 1-9 p.m. menu includes seafood, pasta, steaks, short ribs and lake perch.

De Palma's, 31735 Plymouth Road (west of Merriman), Livonia, (734) 261-2430 — Open 4-9 p.m., menu includes a variety of Italian dishes including fresh pasta, seafood, and steak.

Corsi's, 27910 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 777-4960 — Open 3-10 p.m. regular menu, which features homemade pasta and other Italian specialties, veal, and pizza.

Leather Bottle Inn, 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia, (248) 474-2420 — open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., American fare with some Father's Day specials.

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At your service: *Dad's sure to find something to enjoy on the menu at the Water Club Grill in Plymouth where Chef Mike Dopkowski (left) and restarant owner, John Cleveland, aim to please.*

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BUCA DI BEPPO

New Italian restaurant opened Tuesday, June 15, 38888 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Hours are 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday; 4-11 p.m. Saturday; 4-10 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 462-6442 for reservations/information.

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New summer hours begin Monday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Serving dinner Thursday-Saturday, beginning June 24, 450 Forest Ave., Plymouth, (734) 454-0777.

TOO CHEZ

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