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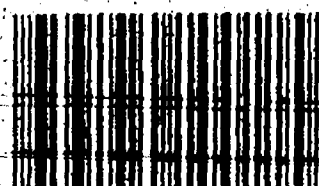
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Festival fun



Going up: Eric Anderle, 13, of Wayne, works his way up a rock climb wall.



Pie in sky: Tiffany Summers, 10, of Westland tosses a pizza in the Toarmina's Pizza Toss.



Whoosh: Kaitlyn Dufour, 2, (front), and Melissa Parks, 2, ride with Sherry Parks on the Super Slide at the Summer Festival.

Fun draws crowds to festival

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Adults were sticking their faces in plates of ice cream.

Well, actually, they were eating ice cream as fast as they could without spoons. It was part of the Westland Summer Festival's ice-cream eating contest during the festival which ended Sunday night.

The annual festival, which includes the Miss Westland Summer Festival Pageant held the weekend prior to the festival, officially kicked off with a parade down Ford

Road on Wednesday evening.

Events then continued Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The 27th annual festival was a success, according to Ken Mehl, chairman of the non-profit Westland Festival Committee Inc., which organizes the festival. Estimates are that between 200,000 and 250,000 people attended the festival from Wednesday through Sunday.

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Council votes down buying leased car

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to buy a car the city had already leased for two years was defeated Monday night and renewed concerns about the need for a policy.

Westland City Council voted down a plan to buy a Pontiac Bonneville for \$13,631 from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC in Westland.

The car, which has fewer than 30,000 miles on it, had been leased for the mayor. The city now has the option of

buying it or sending it back to the dealership.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc questioned why the issue of the police department needing vehicles hadn't come up in recent budget talks.

With the cost of the lease at \$10,300, buying the car now makes the cost of the car nearly \$24,000, LeBlanc said.

The city bought a similar vehicle for the police chief a few months ago, Councilman Glenn Anderson said. "It

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Red Wing signing

Detroit Red Wing Larry Murphy will be at the Westland Shopping Center from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 11, in Center Court, signing autographs.

Tickets for \$15 must be bought from Fan Zone before the event. Each ticket includes one autographed photograph.

The line will start outside of Lot 9 at Hudson's Package Pickup, off of Central City Parkway. For more information, call Fan Zone at (734) 762-9618.

Reappointments

Westland Planning Commission members Deborah Suir and Robert Bowers were reappointed to the commission at Monday's Westland City Council meeting.

Bowers and Suir were each appointed to three-

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year terms to expire July 6, 2001.

Surplus food distribution

Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times:

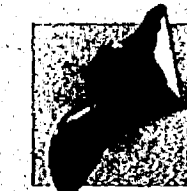
Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

All other residents excluding Precinct 28: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 17.

City's 1st fire chief dies

■ Ralph Savini, who served as Westland's first fire chief and remained a resident after his retirement, died Monday at age 78.

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER



Westland's first fire chief is remembered as a great man with a gift of humor.

Ralph Savini of Westland, who was the fire chief, first with the fledgling Nankin Township department in the early 1960s, and then for Westland when it became a city in 1966, died Monday. He was 78.

Born in 1920 in West Virginia, Savini came to the Detroit area in 1938. He served in the U.S. military in 1940 where he flew rescue missions in the Pacific and Asian theaters.

He married in 1946. At that time, he had some aspirations in television and attended a school to study television.

He eventually started working at the Village of Wayne Fire Department and in 1962 made the move to the Nankin

Please see CHIEF, A4

Acting clerk named; Fritz gets contract

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

An acting Westland city clerk has been appointed, and the just-retired clerk has been retained as a consultant.

Diane J. Fritz, who retired in June after longtime service with the city, has been retained as an independent contractor for \$60 an hour for the next six months.

Meanwhile, Patricia Gibbons, an employee of the clerk's office, has been appointed acting city clerk effective July 7 until a permanent city clerk is named. Her annual salary is \$48,000. Gibbons, a city employee for 21 years,

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Mud bath



Dirty fun: Victor Hatch, 9, of Westland took part in the Wayne County Annual Mud Day at the Perin Site in Hines Park. See page, A9.

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY E. COLLINS

A memorial service for Dorothy Collins of Livonia will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, in the Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Mrs. Collins died July 4. Surviving are: sons, Leon, Lloyd of Westland, Michael, John, Charles, Edward, Robert, Glen and Kenneth; daughters, Dorothy Fogelberg, Nancy Anderson, Mary Ouellette, Cheryl Holland; 27 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husband, Burdette.

SHELDON D. HOUSE

Funeral services for Sheldon House, 77, of Westland were July 6 in Ziomek Funeral Home and Church of the Holy Spirit with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Kip Gravelle.

Mr. House died July 2. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Navy aboard an LST in the Pacific War Zone.

Surviving are: wife of 57 years, Margaret; sons, Larry, Toby and Roger; daughters, Carol Carter and Janet Schroeder; brother, Bruce House; sisters, Eleanor Hornbrook and Vera Layton; 14

grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Kidney Foundation or Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

MARION SWALLEY

Funeral arrangements for Marion Swalley, 63, of Wayne were held July 7 by Uht Funeral Home. Mrs. Swalley died July 5 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Richard; sons, David and Craig; daughter, Debbie Miller of Westland; and grandson, Scott Beaker.

JAMES E. MCANALLY

Funeral services for James McAnally, 63, of Westland were July 7 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Danny Tackell. Mr. McAnally died July 3. He was a steel slitter.

Surviving are: wife, Helen; daughter, Bettie Grimes; one brother; eight sisters; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Cancer Center.

Watson's contract extended

Ken Watson, Livonia Public Schools' top administrator, will start the new school year with a two-year contract extension, but no pay raise.

The superintendent was slated to get a 2-percent pay hike for the upcoming 1998-99 school year.

But, once again, as he has done in the past, he turned down the raise, this time over the issue of improving state-mandated test scores.

Saying he believes responsibility lies at his doorstep, Watson rejected his pay raise because of the poor scores Livonia students received on the 1997 Michigan Education Assessment Program, or MEAP, tests.

"He took MEAP on as a challenge; it was refreshing to see a person in his position step up and be accountable and take steps to change things," said Frank Kokenakes, 1997-98 president of the Livonia Board of Education.

After giving Watson an excellent evaluation, the trustees also tackled two more years onto the superintendent's contract.

The contract now ends June 30, 2002.

"He is an excellent leader and has done an excellent job in dealing with various groups and with personnel matters," Kokenakes said. "People feel comfortable



Ken Watson

with him. He hasn't made mistakes, and has dealt with some tough issues."

After turning down pay increases during his first four years as superintendent, Watson finally received a 2.5-percent pay increase in 1997-98.

As it was with raises given to other district employees, Watson's 1997-98 increase was "off-schedule"; that is, it was not built permanently into his pay schedule.

Therefore, Watson's salary now drops back to what it was before 1997: \$106,500.

His "on-schedule, built-in"

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

■ As superintendent, Watson rejected previous pay increases, saying he wanted to set a model of financial discipline in the school district. At the time, the district was negotiating contracts with seven employee unions.

salary was slated to go to \$108,630 in 1998-99.

"Only in 1997-98 did I take a raise," Watson said. "My salary this year will be a 2.5 percent cut over last year, because last year's raise was off-schedule."

There are no pay raises built into the two-year contract extension, leaving Watson's salary open-ended for the next three school years.

As superintendent, Watson rejected previous pay increases, saying he wanted to set a model of financial discipline in the school district.

At the time, the district was negotiating contracts with seven employee unions.

He has received a top-notch evaluation from the trustees ever since being named superintendent in 1994.

But MEAP scores have dogged Watson ever since he assumed

the district's top post.

In 1995, after his first evaluation, Watson pledged to deliver on higher MEAP scores. He was quoted as saying: "(Teachers and administrators) will improve the scores as far as improvement is possible. So the scores will go up. But I'm willing to accept the consequences, whatever that may be."

The 1997 test scores left him disappointed and embarrassed to the point he named former Nankin Mills principal Linda Gantos to a new administrative post. Her job in the upcoming school year will be to work with elementary staff to boost reading test scores.

In turning down his pay raise for 1998-99, Watson said: "I can't justify to our students and community the fact that our rate of improvement is less than what it should be."

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just doesn't make sense to lease a vehicle for two years and then turn around and buy it," he said.

If the city were spending tax dollars the way it should it wouldn't be buying the vehicle, Anderson said.

Mayor Robert Thomas said he wouldn't disagree, but that the vehicle has low mileage and the police department officials say they need it.

Police Chief Emery Price defended the proposal, saying he had requested four vehicles during the budget process, but those requests didn't make it into the budget.

"I'm simply trying to keep my people on the street," Price said.

Several vehicles in the police department fleet have "extremely high mileage," Price said. The

Bonneville would have replaced a vehicle with high mileage that "is cost-ineffective to keep fixing," according to information from Department of Public Services Director Richard Dittmar.

"I still think it's a bad, bad decision to lease then buy," Anderson said.

"I don't know if this is a good way to do this," Council President Pro Tem Sharon Scott said.

A similar issue surfaced in January when council was at odds over whether to spend \$37,535 to buy four Ford Taurus cars that had already cost \$11,770 each for a three-year lease. The cars went to the police and fire departments.

Monday's proposal was defeated 4-2 with Council President Sandra Cicirelli, Councilman Charles Pickering, LeBlanc and Anderson voting no. Councilwoman Justine Barnes and Scott voted yes. Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin was absent.

Clerk from page A1

has been working in the clerk's office for about 10 years and as deputy clerk since November 1992.

Westland City Council approved her appointment and Fritz's contract at Monday's regular council meeting.

The original consultant contract proposal for Fritz extended to June 30, 1999, but Councilman Glenn Anderson moved to shorten the length to six months.

Council approved the shorter contract by a vote of 5-1 with Justine Barnes voting no. Barnes said she wanted the longer contract.

Council does have the option to extend the contract at the end of six months, Council President Pro Tem Sharon Scott said.

Fritz, who will be working on an as-needed basis, won't be paid more than \$25,000 for her services, according to the contract, which was based on a year-long contract.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli has estimated Fritz will work 10-12 hours a week during busy times.

Fritz announced her retirement in May. The city has advertised the position on the Internet and in area clerks' offices, but has yet to fill the position.

The deadline for applications was June 22. The three finalists for the position will be interviewed by city council beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, according to Cicirelli.

During a council study session in June, some council members expressed concern about the situation of Fritz retiring with an August primary and a November election on the horizon. At that meeting the independent contractor proposal was discussed.

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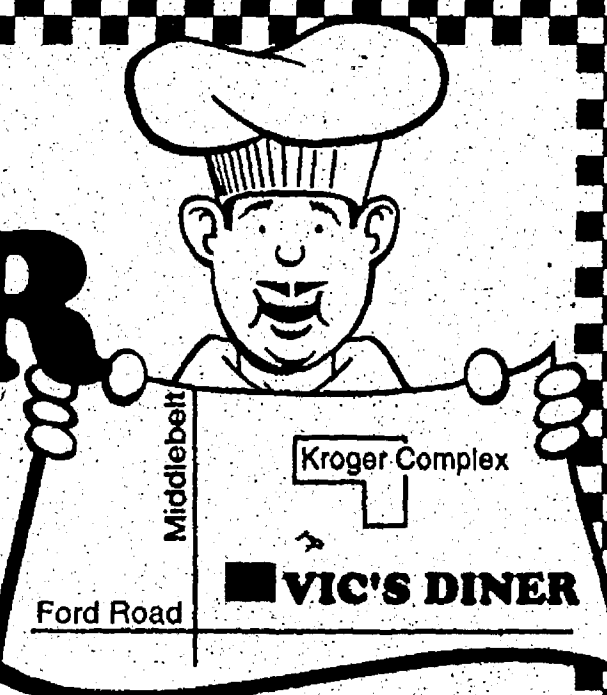
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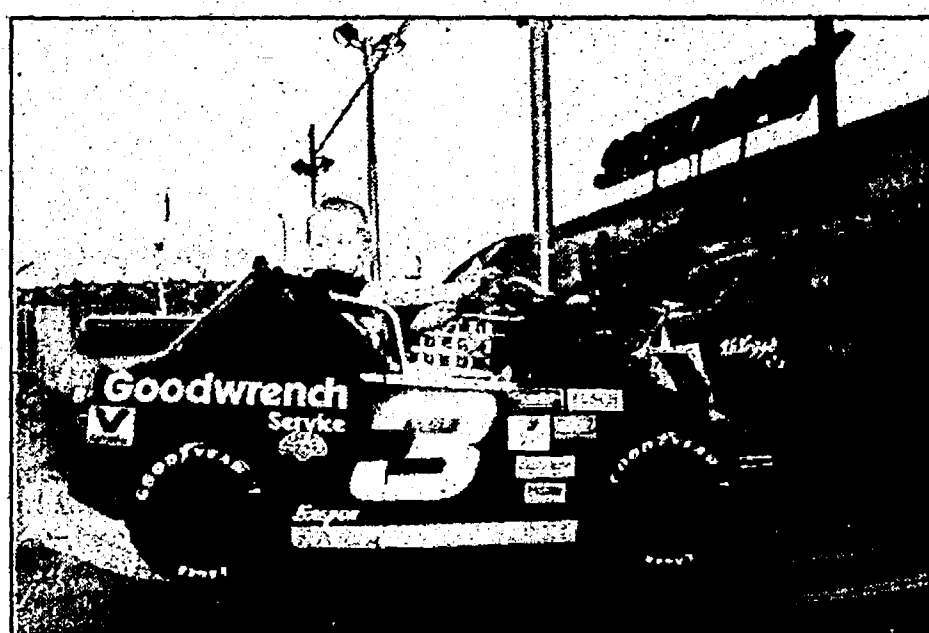
Summer fun



Face of a winner: Melissa Tori, 4, of Brighton came in first place in the pie-eating contest at the Westland Summer Festival.



Fast food: Bradley Celmer, 4, of Westland competes in the pie-eating contest as dad, Jerry, watches.



Fast car: Camorn Sumner, 5, enjoys the Speedway ride at the Westland Summer Festival.

Festival from page A1

"Obviously we had good weather which helped out," he said.

Also, new events for kids such as the magic show and clown shows were well-attended.

"Everybody seemed to enjoy the bands," he said.

The final figures aren't in yet, but Mehl said the festival committee is in good shape going into next year's festival. The committee increased the amount spent on entertainment this year bringing the total festival cost to an estimated \$35,000 or more, Mehl said.

In addition to the entertainment, there were many other activities including pie eating, pizza tossing and leg showings.

There were also a car show, rides, games and food.

Lesley York, 13, of Wixom took her turn at trying her mountain-climbing skills on a wall equipped with foot and hand holds at various points. Strapped with safety ropes, she found the climb easy, although she said she hadn't done it before.

Michelle Hamati, 9, of Canton, though, found it a little more difficult. On her second attempt she still hadn't made it.

"It's hard because my hands can't get a grip," she said.

Her brother, Matthew, 12, who hadn't climbed before, made it and felt good about his climb. "I did awesome. It was easy," he said.

Then his brother Anthony, 6, attempted the climb.

"You can do it, Anthony, all the way," his mother, Violette, said.

After a few scares and warn-

ings not to look down, Anthony finished the climb, pressing a button in a plastic skull at the top to mark his success.

Sister Michelle, then on her third attempt, made the climb. She wasn't quite satisfied though, saying she almost fell and that her hands hurt as she lowered to the ground.

The "mountain" climbing was situated near the main stage where acts such as the Lonestar Dance Company performed and demonstrated country-western line dancing at various times throughout the weekend. Musicians such as Steve King and the Dittilies and Westland's own Josh Gracin also performed.

Meanwhile, many others had the opportunity to enjoy games and rides in the festival area set up behind Westland City Hall.

At the Super Slide, kids and their parents were making multiple trips down the slide atop burlap-type sacks.

Jeanine Williams of Westland watched as her daughter, Julie, 7, made her third trip down.

Noting from the look on her face, "She likes it," she said.

Julie, meanwhile, lost her flipflops on the slide.

"It was fun - my shoes fell off," she said with a laugh.

The festival fun wrapped up Sunday night with a fireworks show that drew large crowds.

Meanwhile, the fun for next year is already being planned, Mehl said. Also, the committee is trying to recruit more organizations to offer concessions next year, he said.



Vintage vehicle: A baby blue custom '51 Mercury was on display at the Quality Movers Car Show as part of the Westland Summer Festival. The car show was Saturday.

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Westland Civitan Club marks 20th anniversary

By BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

It's 20 years and counting. The Westland Civitan Club recently marked its 20th anniversary with a dinner and ceremony at Joy Manor in Westland.

Members found a lot to celebrate as they recognized an active club with 43 members, four of whom have served as district governors of the club. Civitan sponsors many projects in the community including an Easter Bunny Brunch, a Halloween Walk, programs at area nursing homes, Special Olympics and many others.

The club has also received the Founders Award from the international as the best club in 1995-96.

Civitan Clubs date back to March 17, 1917, when a group of Birmingham, Ala., business and professional men began meeting for a weekly luncheon to discuss ways they might improve the community. In 1974 the club began to admit women.

Marlene Dean-Doran, who is a Region 6 international director, is one of the Westland members with longest-standing membership - 19 years.

"These are the people who get down and dirty," Dean-Doran said of Westland Civitan members.

Gerry Falkner, the Michigan District governor and a Westland Civitan, said it is "really a wonderful experience to come to a club on their service anniversary. It is especially wonderful because I'm a member of this organization."

Others also offered congratulations.

"Westland Civitan Club is one of the rare clubs that gives of their heart," state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and a Civitan, said.

Club member and Westland City Councilwoman Justine Barns recalled one of the first things she did as a Civitan - rang a bell for the Salvation Army.

SERVICE CLUB

"Our town would not be as successful as it is if we didn't have the volunteers that we have," she said.

The club also received recognition from the Wayne County Commission and commission Vice Chair Kay Beard of Westland.

Remembering 20 years brought back memories for club members.

One year club members decided the men in the community did not know what to do on Valentine's Day, Dean-Doran said. So there club members stood selling flowers on one of the coldest days of the year, she said with a laugh.

David Jensen, who has served as treasurer for most of his 19 years as a club member, recalls fondly the good service the club has done for Westland such as for the Salvation Army at Christmas time and the Easter Bunny Brunch.

His wife, Donna Jensen, who has also been a member 19 years, remembers the time she heard that a child saw the person inside the Easter bunny costume and thought the worst - that the Easter bunny had eaten a person.

Humor is also a part of the club as evidenced by the club's toast to 20 years - at each table a member pulled out a basket of toasted bread. "We do a lot of work together and have a lot of fun," club member Barbara Polich said.

She also was touched personally when club members donated \$1,000 to the Civitan International Research Center Foundation in memory of her late husband.

"Through thick and thin, through good and bad times, the bottom line is the caring, sharing aspect of the club," Dean-Doran said.

Chief from page A1

Township department as its first chief.

He retired in 1979.

Westland City Council President Pro Tem Sharon Scott and husband Ted Scott, who served as Westland's fire chief after Savini, both remember Savini as a warm family man.

Ted Scott had known Savini since 1959.

"He was a good firefighter, a good officer to work for and always very knowledgeable," he said, adding Savini's leadership was outstanding during those early years of the department.

Savini was also a good speaker. "He had the ability to use humor when he would speak publicly," Ted Scott said.

"He is going to be missed by this community," Sharon Scott said. Her father had also worked with Savini in the Wayne fire department.

"He was absolutely a great man, a great storyteller," she said.

In 1991, the Westland City Council renamed Central Fire Station, on Ford Road near City Hall, the Ralph Savini Fire Station in his honor.

Savini's death was announced at Monday's Westland City Council meeting.

"He certainly has been very supportive of the city," Councilman Charles Pickering said.

Savini loved to play golf and also had a great sense of humor, Pickering said.

Councilwoman Justine Barns remembers when the township was starting up its fire department and Savini was there. "It



Ralph Savini

was just great to have had him that long in our midst," she said.

Savini has a unique sense of humor and could always find something to joke about, Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli remembers that Savini had kind words for her when she started on the council.

In 1991, when he was honored with a fire station named after him, Savini said his career carried "great expectations, great exhilaration and great exasperations. It was a job that ran the gamut."

He also recalled the first fire which occurred about two minutes after he assumed his duties as chief, "a house fire in the area of Cherry Hill and Wayne. That broke the ice."

■ He came to the Nankin Township Fire Department when it began as a new department. In 1991, the Westland City Council renamed Central Fire Station, on Ford Road near City Hall, the Ralph Savini Fire Station in his honor.

As chief, he was a member of the Michigan Fire Chiefs Association and the Michigan Flammable Liquids Fire Safety Committee. He served on the Fire Safety Advisory boards for Washtenaw Community and Madonna colleges and was past president of the Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Association.

Savini is survived by his wife, Joanna; daughter, Mary (Robert) Morian; Nancy (Paul) Goldshlack; son, Steven R. (Diana) Savini; sister, Victoria Savini; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation is until 9 p.m. today with Rosary at 7 p.m. at Uht Funeral Home in Westland. Services will be at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10.

The family suggests that those who wish to make memorials to the Ralph Savini Memorial Fund for favorite charities. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 25, 1998

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent Councilmember Kaledas.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, and Deputy Treasurer Smith.

Item 06-98-295

Moved by Dodge; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To suspend the rules to allow discussion without a substantive motion on the floor.

AYES: Unanimous.

The Council then discussed the Library, Capital Improvement Plan and General Fund Operation Budget.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS,
Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before JULY 29, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

ARCHITECT-ENGINEER FIRM SERVICES FOR MOVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL 1998 AMBULANCE

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

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

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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MONTHLY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, July 14, 1998, 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:

YR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
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88	HONDA	4 DR ACCORD	MAROON	1HGCA5530JA074266
82	PONT	2 DR GRAND AM	BLUE	1G2NV14DXJG672680
87	CHEV	2 DR CAVALIER	GRAY	1G1JC1117HJ223658

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 5375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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84	HONDA	2 DR CRX	BLUE
89	CHRY	2 DR LEBARON	BURGY
85	DODGE	2 DR DAYTONA	RED
88	PONT	4 DR BONNEVILLE	BLACK
83	CHEVY	VAN/MOTOR HOME	BLUE
85	ASSEMBLE	FLAT BED/TRAIL	GREEN
86	CHEV	2 DR MONTECARLO	BLACK

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

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after August 9, 1998, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

77	KAWASAKI	MTRCYCLE	BLACK	KE250B006275
		24 FT. TRAILER	GRY/YELL	NONE
87	YAMAHA	MTRCYCLE		JYA2EK006HA003217

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ACHIEVERS

Six students were named to the president's-honor roll at Walsh College for the winter semester: **Andrea Koehler, Donald LeTourneau, William Portman, Marie Rumschlag, Suhell Shatara and Janet Ternes.** The list recognizes those students who have attained a 3.750 grade point average or higher.

Seven students were named to the dean's honor roll at Walsh College for the winter semester: **James Allen, John Bliudzius, Michelle Coutillish, Brian Flynn, Ronald Gering, Weiping Huang and Richard Lhota.** The list recognizes students who have attained a 3.749-3.5 grade point average.

Chin Hwa Yi of Westland, majoring in nutritional science, has been named to the dean's list at Iowa State University. Students named to the dean's list have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Latoi Tremika Messer of Westland has been named to the dean's list for the fall 1997 and spring 1998 semesters at Duke University in Durham, N.C. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Messer.

David Coole of Westland has received a \$250 presentation and publication award from Central Michigan University. Coole, who is majoring in psychology, studied the effects of "time pressure on men's and women's performance of spatial tasks." He is the son of Roland Coole and Janet Bracey.

Tonya D. Michael of the McDonald's restaurant at 34900 Warren Ave. in Westland, has been awarded a bachelor of hamburgerology degree from McDonald's Hamburger University for graduating from the university's Advanced Operations Course. All McDonald's restaurant managers, franchisees, mid-management and company executives throughout the world are required to complete this course.

Debbie Pierce of Westland was recently awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii for her work as an independent consultant with PartyLite Gifts Inc., a direct sales marketer of candles and candle accessories. As part of a group of 1,400 consultants recognized for their success in sales, Pierce was treated to six days and five nights in Hawaii.

Jason Burk of Westland, a senior at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, has been named to the dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above for both semesters of the 1997-98 school year. He is the son of Thomas and Carol Burk.

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Area leaders support supermajority proposal

City and township clerks will receive ballots for the Aug. 4 primary election in the next few days with the so-called supermajority ballot proposal.

While they wait, however, most leaders from those same communities are talking about their support for the ballot proposal.

Voters will be asked whether the Wayne County charter should be amended to require county tax increases to have 60 percent support from voters and two-thirds support from county commissioners.

That ballot may or may not change, depending on a ruling expected from the Michigan Court of Appeals, which may come at any time. The appellate court is not expected to rule on the constitutionality of the proposal but whether three county commissioners who support the proposal have "legal standing" to challenge a refusal by two members of the Wayne County Election Commission to validate the proposal.

The trio — Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, and

Kathleen Husk, R-Redford — filed suit when Probate Judge Milton Mack, chair of the election commission and Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter would not validate the ballot proposal. McCotter, Husk and Patterson were among an eight-member suburban contingent that passed the proposal this spring to place it before voters.

Suburban support

Regardless of the court ruling, community leaders in western Wayne County support the supermajority ballot proposal.

Redford Township Supervisor

Kevin Kelley believes support is widespread across Wayne County, including Detroit.

"There's a question as to the legalities of its specifics, but I think the thrust is good," Kelley said. "People are concerned about the amount of taxes that are on them."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey supports it "enthusiastically."

"It's something that's important to the people in Wayne County. It will help to control our financial destiny in the future."

"I don't see it as unconstitutional. I think it will stand the test of constitutionality. It does not erode one-person, one-vote."

Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, would not comment on how she would vote personally, nor would she ask the township board to support the proposal. "It's up to the voters," McCarthy said.

"A lot of the suburbs who pay a majority of taxes don't seem to have an equal vote when it comes to those taxes," McCarthy said. "It's a good issue to have before the electorate."

McCarthy pointed out that the

1996 parks millage was defeated in almost all of Wayne County's 43 communities. That millage passed based on the city of Detroit's vote margin.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack hopes it passes.

"Countywide, there are always different issues, that it seems if (the campaign) is well-funded, it seems to get passed," Yack said.

Yack believes the proposal, if approved, will be challenged in court over constitutional questions. Yack didn't know whether the parks millage would have

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Airport rehab boosts local economy

The administration building at Wayne County's Willow Run Airport — part of a historic World War II B-24 Bomber plant — will be getting a major facelift, thanks to a grant from the Michigan Jobs Commission and a pledge from Willow Run tenants to add more than 100 new jobs over the next two years.

The \$1 million grant was announced Tuesday. It will be used to upgrade the building's facade, replace windows, establish new entrances for airport tenants and improve the office air conditioning system. Wayne County will supplement the grant with \$100,000, and another \$200,000 to upgrade landscaping and signs.

Willow Run Airport is a key economic contributor for Wayne and Washtenaw counties, said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive.

"This project is a cooperative effort involving both counties, the state of Michigan, and eight Willow Run tenants who agreed to add more than 100 jobs at the airport. It simply wouldn't have been possible without commitment and cooperation of all parties involved."

While Willow Run is owned and operated by Wayne County, the airport sits on the Wayne-Washtenaw county border. As a result, much of the airport's marketing and development efforts have been joint ventures between the two counties.

"This long-standing partnership was important, because Washtenaw County was eligible to apply for a state Community Development Block Grant to fund the renovation project," McNamara said.

Willow Run was eligible for up to \$1 million under the grant through the Michigan Jobs Commission to fund the building improvements.

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Scott seeks GOP nod in exec race

Herb Scott knows he has an uphill climb.

Scott, a 51-year-old vice president of Major Pharmaceuticals of Livonia and a Canton Township resident, is running against Edward Romanowski on the Republican ticket for Wayne County executive. On the Democratic side incumbent Edward McNamara is being challenged by former Detroit mayor candidate Sharon McPhail and Wallace Serylo.

The winners on the partisan tickets will face off in the Nov. 3 general election, but if one looks at name recognition and Wayne County's general support for Democrats, the Republicans have a real challenge.

Scott took one look at a recent newspaper article that refers to McNamara as "Caesar" in a headline, and Scott believes he made the right decision to run.

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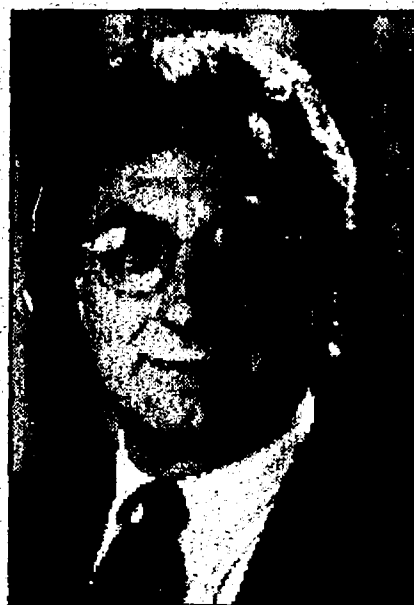
"It concerns me," Scott said. "It's why we need more accountable county government."

Scott said he has nothing personally against McNamara, but believes his political machine should be dismantled.

"We don't need a king, we need a county executive," Scott said. "I would not make my appointments based on what keeps me in office."

A steady climb

Scott worked his way up from territory manager of Michigan Pharmacal Corp., the former name of Major Pharmaceuticals, in 1974 with 30 accounts whose sales averaged \$125,000 a month into vice president of managed care for Major Pharmaceuticals with sales of \$105



GOP contender: Herb Scott of Canton Township wants to make county government more accountable.

million yearly.

Besides serving as current treasurer for the Republicans in the 13th Congressional

District, Scott is active in his church and serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity, western Wayne County. He is married to Olivia (Rodriguez). They have four daughters and three grandchildren.

Budget directives

If elected county executive, Scott would examine the budget for possible cuts, but Scott said he may even look at department expansion when appropriate.

The county jail needs closer budget scrutiny. "Wayne County paid out some \$1.1 million in health care for inmates who already had insurance," Scott said. Wayne County needs to work with community groups and churches through mentoring programs to "focus people the right way," Scott said.

"Give first-time offenders a

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Airport from page A5

lanti, said the renovation will improve the airport's image and the appearance. "Upgrading this building will help meet the needs of current and future customers, and will also create jobs for area residents."

Eight Willow Run tenants pledged to add new jobs at the airport as a result of the improvements. The creation of new jobs was essential to the grant's approval, according to the Michigan Jobs Commission. The eight tenants are: Ameristar Jet Charter, Johnson Controls, Marlin Air, Michigan Institute of Aeronautics, Murray Aviation, Reliant Airlines, USA Jet Air-

lines and Willow Run JetCenter Inc.

Construction is expected to begin next spring and the project, completed in the fall of 1999. Design work will be completed by Ghafari Associates of Dearborn. Ypsilanti architect Eliga, both Knibbe will team up with Ghafari to ensure improvements meet renovation guidelines for historical structures.

The airport is in the process of completing a \$35 million capital improvement plan to address water and drainage issues, develop access roads, reconstruct and rehabilitate runways and taxiways.

Support from page A5

garnered 60 percent support for approval.

"If you have a single county-wide proposal and no organized opponent, you are more likely to get it through," Yack said. "This (supermajority) proposal makes it more difficult to raise taxes."

Yack said he will not approach the township board to issue any resolution of support or rejection of the proposal. "We never do that on any issues. We don't use the agenda to support or stand in opposition." The only time the township board completed such an action was the approval of a resolution to opt Canton out of the Suburban Mobility Authority of Regional Transportation.

Westland Mayor Robert

Thomas was pleased the proposal was on the ballot.

"Some people make it out to be a Detroit-suburb issue, but my guess is it will pass in Detroit by a good margin," Thomas said. "Anytime you give a taxpayer a chance to make it harder for government to raise taxes, I think voters like that."

Thomas doesn't believe Detroit voters will follow the Detroit commission's opposition. "You will have a hard time finding someone who says 'I don't pay enough in taxes, I want to pay some more.'"

"Any new proposals will have to be a good one, and one that benefits everyone."

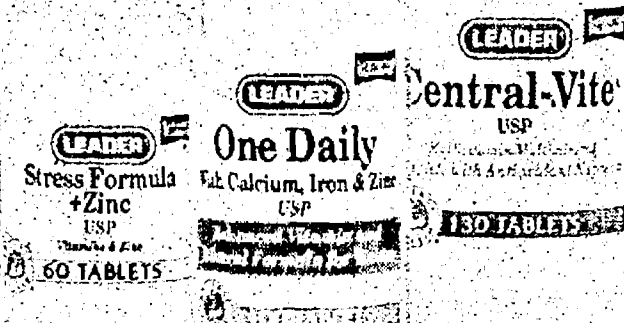
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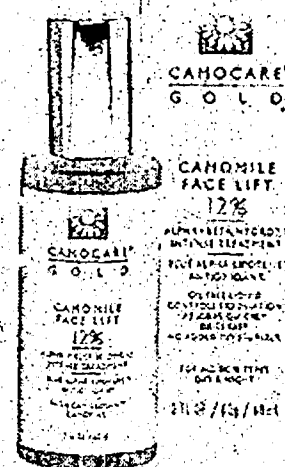
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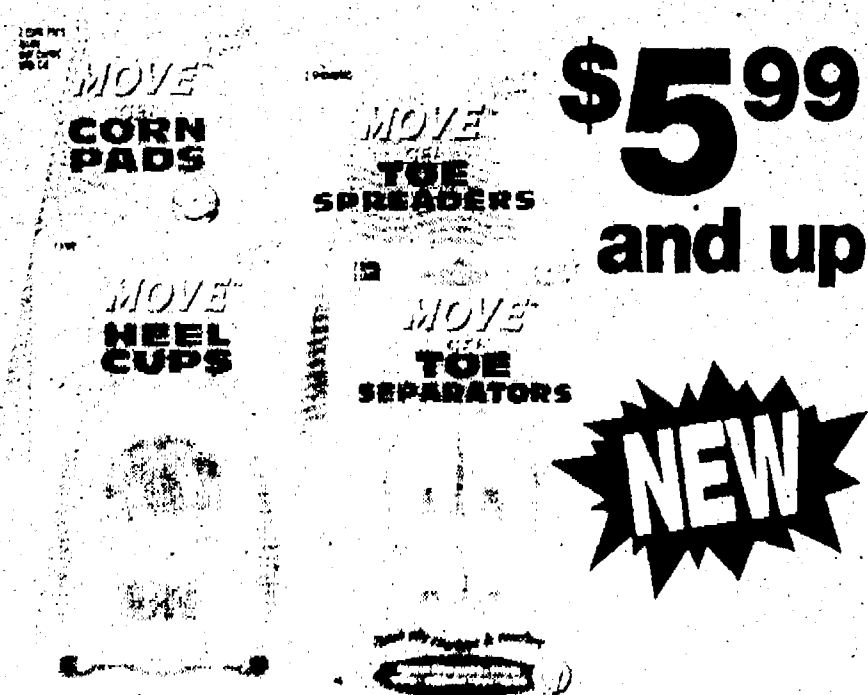


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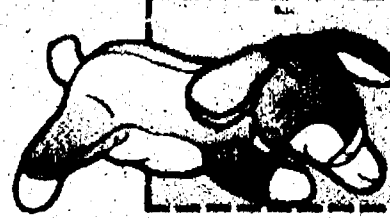
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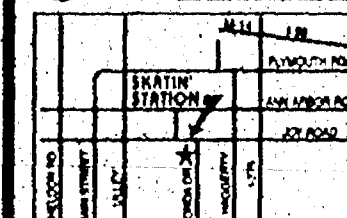
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role model. As Republicans we need to not only continue the ideas of less government and less government involvement in our lives, we need to continue with more personal involvement and civic responsibility."

Airport is crucial

Scott calls the development of Detroit Metro Airport crucial to western Wayne County. Scott believes all contracts should be bid without political pressures to contribute to McNamara's campaign, to avoid lawsuits like the one filed by North American Group.

With the airport's expansion the county should be working between the private sector and Northwest Airlines, and not give Northwest complete control of the expansion, Scott said.

"The smaller (airline) companies are struggling, and Northwest can come in and dictate what will be done."

Scott does not believe Wayne County residents should be taxed to finance the operations of the county jails and juvenile detention facility. "We can't get an accounting for the last mil-

lage," Scott said. "They want us to approve another (millage), and that's wrong."

Scott believes the money for jail operations should come from the general fund with adjustments made after he meets with department heads.

Canton Township's recent support of McNamara from Supervisor Tom Yack is an example of a fear of retaliation, Scott said. Scott believes local elected officials go along with the county executive or "suffer" as Canton did with money for road repairs.

"If you don't go along with what county government does, you're ostracized and punished," Scott said. "There seems to be so much turmoil that county government is involved in, such as lawsuits and allegations."

Scott said the so-called supermajority ballot proposal pits the suburbs against the city.

"Part of it is perpetuated by the commissioners. That's not to say that they do this on purpose. Part of it is commissioners do it for constituents, and that is bringing home the bacon in their district. And suburban commis-

sioners want their constituents to know that they are not giving everything to the city."

"Those dynamics need to be explored and how to work together in tandem, to have equity between Detroit and the suburbs."

Scott said suburban residents must realize that Wayne County needs to fund certain areas in Detroit through the county's Jobs and Economic Development programs so Detroit can maintain a strong tax base, so the city doesn't have to depend on suburbs.

"They will have a dynamic economy so that they can give their fair share in taxes without tax increases."

Scott also is a board member with Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer group that builds homes for people who have difficulty qualifying for a mortgage.

Scott said the western Wayne County chapter built four homes in Inkster. "It's one of the things I'm most proud of, of what it's doing and what it's doing in Detroit," Scott said.

Lions honor Madonna president

Sister Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, president of Madonna University, recently was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The fellowship, named for the Lions' founder, represents the foundation's highest distinction and honors individuals dedicated to humanitarian service within the world community.

"This honor is likewise a tribute to the 20 years of dedicated commitment of the Lions and our University staff in serving the needs of our hearing and visually impaired students," said Sister Francilene.

Sister Francilene's involvement in the community extends beyond academic circles. She has served on the boards of the Livonia Cham-

ber of Commerce, the Business Development Team of Wayne County, the Archdiocesan Allocations Committee, and the Livonia Prayer Breakfast Committee.

For the past 20 years she has served on the board of directors of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Her awards include being identified as one of the 100 most effective college presidents in the country by a 1987 national study of college presidents and receiving one of the Michigan 150 First Lady Awards during Michigan's sesquicentennial year.

She also was one of six area women honored in 1992 by the YWCA of Western Wayne County in the First Women of Achievement Awards presentation.

Sister Francilene is the eldest of six children. She graduated from the Felician Academy in 1959 and entered the order of Felician Sisters. She received her bachelor's degree from Madonna College (renamed Madonna University in 1991) and her master's and doctoral degrees from Wayne State University.



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Kids have fun messin' around in mud

More than 300 Wayne County children were an absolute mess Tuesday as they frolicked, raced and played in the mud in Hines Park.

But it was all in good fun at the Perrin picnic area in Dearborn Heights as Wayne County parks officials mixed more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water to create the messiest playground in Wayne County for the annual Mud Day.

Youngsters aged 12 and

under from several communities throughout western Wayne County were separated into age categories for wheelbarrow races and "Mud Limbo." At the end of the day's events, Amber Kittle, 11, of Lincoln Park, was crowned "Ms. Mud," while Raymond Heitchue, 12, of Detroit was named "Mr. Mud."

The Wayne County Fire Department from Detroit Metro Airport was on hand with hoses to aid in rinsing mud off the children.



And they're off: More than 300 kids and adults took part in Wayne County Park's Annual Mud Day on Tuesday at the Perrin site along Hines Drive.



Time out: Brandon Dwyer, 4, (left) of Farmington Hills and Kayla Bobcean, 2, of Canton take a break from playing the mud to watch Mud day races with Kayla's mom, Donna.



Muddy smile: Cheyenne Garlow, 5, of Northville, appears to have a good time crawling in the mud.



Fun time: Kendra Seesholtz, 8, of Plymouth was among those enjoying Mud Day.

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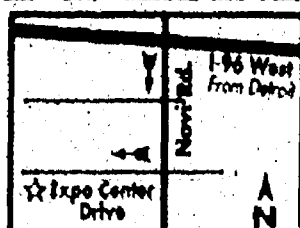
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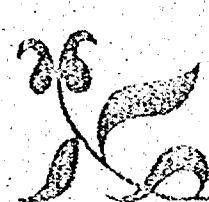
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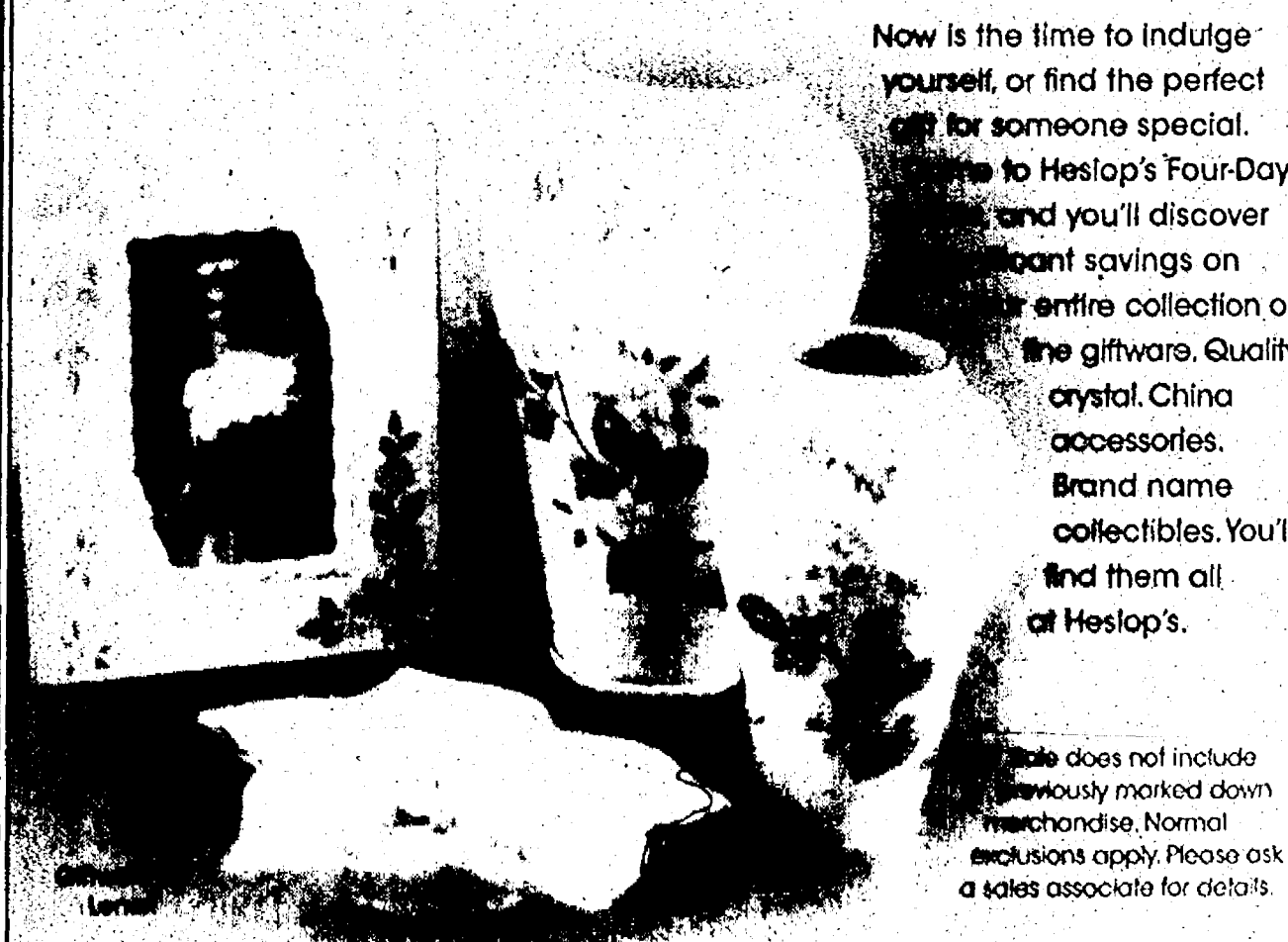


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HomeTown expands O&E parent company buys Royal Oak publishing group

Richard Aginian, president of HomeTown Communications Network, announced the purchase of the assets of Oak Communications Inc., publishers of the Mirror newspapers.

Owner and publisher George S. Willard founded Oak Communications in 1992 when he began publishing the Mirror of Royal Oak. The Mirror of Clawson followed in 1993, the Mirror of Ferndale/Pleasant Ridge and the Mirror of Berkley/Huntington Woods in 1994 and the Mirror of Birmingham in 1997.

Willard, a former publisher of the Mount Clemens-based Macomb Daily and Royal Oak Daily Tribune, began his newspaper career at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, owned by HomeTown Communications Network (formerly Suburban Communications Inc.). Willard is

currently serving his second term as president of the Greater Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the advisory committees of the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland and the Coalition for Healthy Communities. He and his wife, Juanita, are residents of Royal Oak.

Willard will join the staff of HomeTown Communications Network, where he will continue as publisher of the Mirror newspapers.

"Our focus has always been on community journalism, and that is true of the Hometown newspapers as well," Willard said.

"Our local focus will continue and be strengthened by this sale. In many ways, this will be a homecoming for me, and I look forward to working with the folks at HomeTown to provide

even better newspapers for our loyal readers."

HomeTown Communications Network, headquartered in Livonia, publishes more than 60 weekly and twice-weekly community newspapers, as well as a variety of specialty publications for target audiences.

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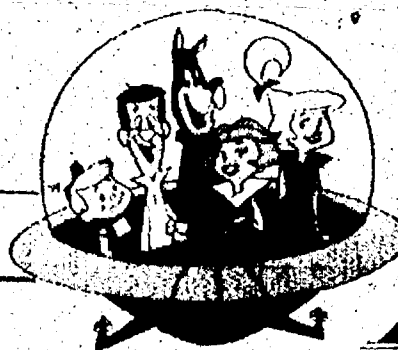
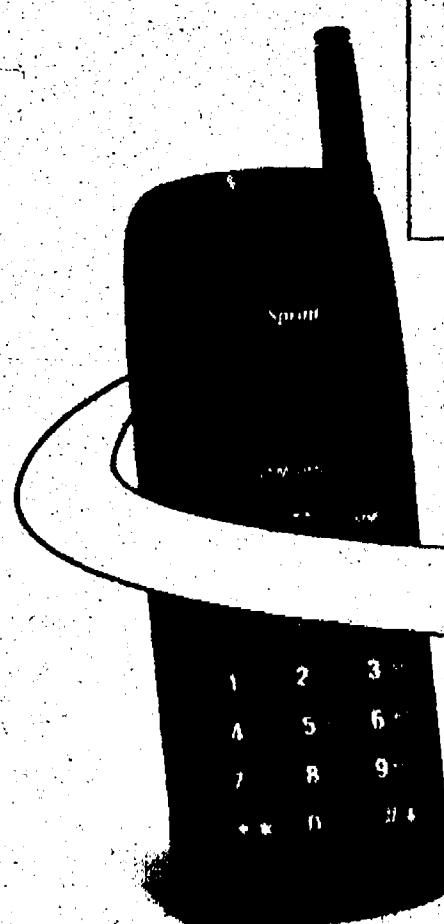
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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1998

Attention Is mayor keeping in touch?

If Westland is the place to be — some people are asking — where is the mayor? While we are aware that Mayor Robert Thomas has been an active and successful mayor during his first two terms in office, we are starting to wonder as he pushes into his third term if he is maintaining the same commitment to Westland.

Obviously one person cannot attend every worthy event in a community — especially one the size of Westland.

But there are some events that seem to deserve the mayor's presence and it has been lacking. Some recent events that come to mind are the Westland Summer Festival and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer's speech to a joint meeting of the Westland and Garden City chambers of commerce.

Aside from the issue of the mayor's absences though, lies another problem that keeps popping up — the mayor is often out of town or out of the office.

Yes, the mayor should be attending conferences and yes, the mayor is entitled to vacation time. But, it seems there is no policy on how much vacation time the mayor can take in a calendar year. While neighboring communities such as Livonia and Canton also don't have set policies, we hope a lack of a policy doesn't lead to abuses.

That said, if the city and its residents are

getting the attention they deserve from the mayor or his staff then the time away is not a problem.

But the Observer often receives calls from residents that the mayor doesn't respond to their concerns. We also hear from people in the community commenting that the mayor is not around.

In the most recent example, the mayor went to Colorado for a five-day seminar on parks and recreation, then traveled from Colorado to Reno, Nev., for several days for a meeting of mayors from across the nation.

Then about a week after returning from that trip, he was gone again — this time to miss a large festival in his own city.

The Westland Summer Festival draws many people — by some estimates more than 200,000. Why shouldn't it be expected that the top city elected official attend some Westland festival events? While some Westland City Council members did participate in the festival parade, the parade and the festival are often skipped by many Westland officials. This type of politicizing of community events can be damaging to Westland and its image.

Westland and its residents deserve better. Is Westland still the place to be? We hope so and we hope it continues to get the attention it deserves from its top elected official.

Vote yes for SMART's future

What do these two numbers have in common?

3.7 percent
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The first is Michigan's unemployment rate, the lowest in a generation. Michigan's jobless rate has been below the national average for more than three years. Gov. John Engler's administration has given his policies much of the credit.

The second is the property tax rate we voted for SMART, the suburban bus system, three years ago. The money not only helps the elderly and handicapped take care of their periodic chores, but it opened the doors to jobs for hundreds of thousands of people.

We suggest that part of the reason for low unemployment is the investment we have made in SMART buses, radio equipment, computers and drivers to help people get to work here in the western Wayne County suburbs. That fraction of a mill has meant paychecks, self-confidence and respectability for tens of thousands of people.

In much of suburban Wayne County, that millage is coming up for renewal Aug. 4. This time, it will be for a period of four years. We consider SMART the most effective "jobs" program in the entire governmental array, and we heartily endorse the millage's renewal. Vote "yes" to keep opportunity alive.

The tax amounts to 33 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. For a home with a market value of \$100,000, SMART costs \$16.50 a year. At triple the price, it still would beat welfare.

Downtown Detroit no longer is where jobs are. In 1967, some 130,000 people worked there. Today, fewer than 65,000 work there. The new jobs are on Plymouth Road, Newburgh and Haggerty roads, Middlebelt, the airport area, Telegraph Road, Northwestern Highway, Maple Road, Southfield-Greenfield ... 10 routes along 250 miles of new service

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area.

Riders can reach 10,000 new employers. Overall, ridership has risen from 600,000 three years ago to 850,000 currently.

That's equal to or better than the 1995 promise SMART's acting general manager Mike Duggan made. Rick Kaufman, the current general manager, redesigned routes to reflect the new economic realities.

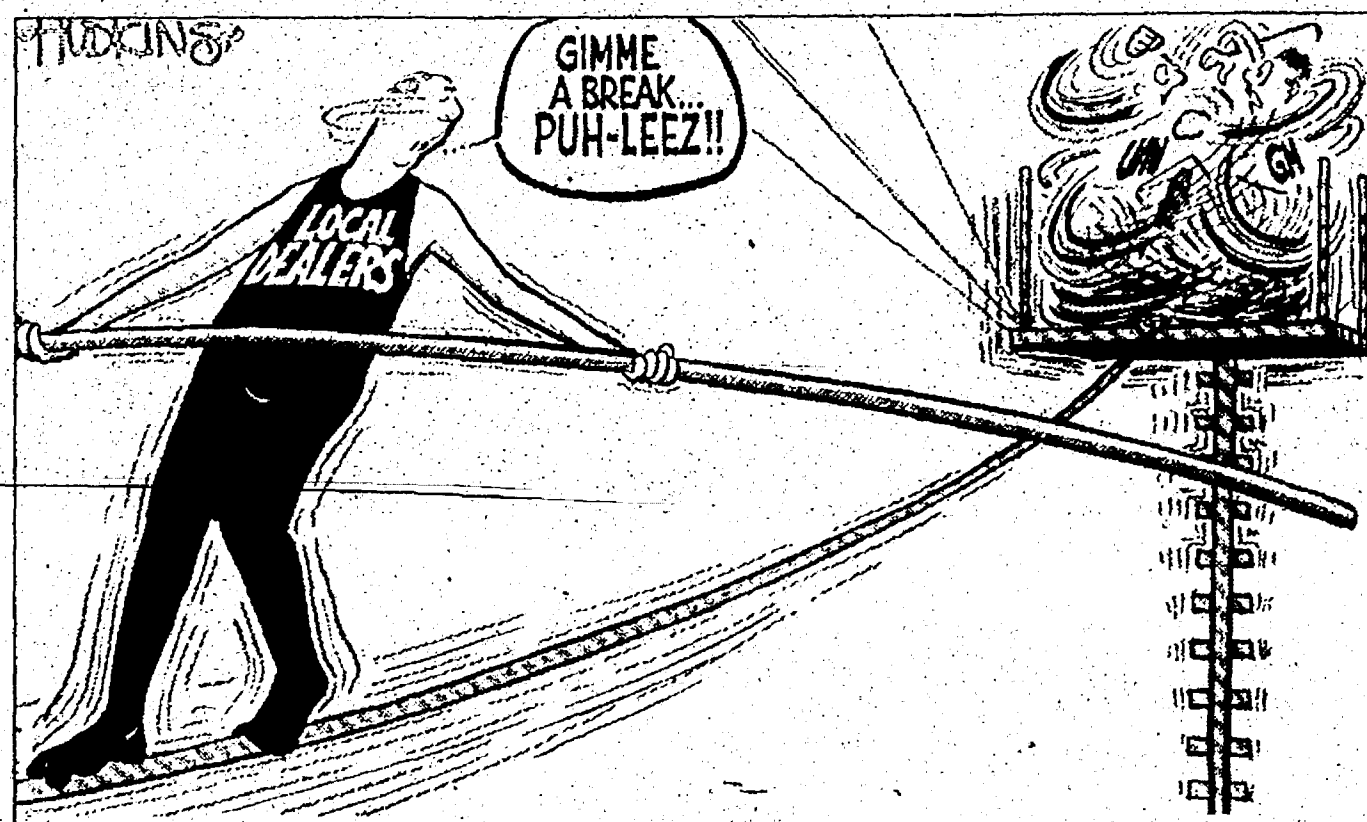
SMART also has paid attention to its historic responsibility of bringing mobility to the elderly and handicapped. It has formed 50 partnerships with communities in the tri-county region (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb). In Wayne County, the service covers Redford Township, Livonia and the Nankin Transit area, along with the Dearborn area, Downriver and other points.

For money, forget Uncle Sam. Federal aid for operations dried up several years ago.

SMART's total budget is just under \$70 million. Of that, \$32 million comes from Lansing. The total tri-county share from the millage has been \$19 million, of which Wayne County produces \$6.4 million and Oakland \$7.1 million. Farebox revenues amount to \$10.5 million.

Voters in Livonia, Redford Township, Westland and Garden City should continue SMART's successful jobs program by renewing its millage Aug. 4. "With taxes," Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "I buy civilization."

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Help save forest

An open letter to Rich Powers, acting division chief of Land and Water Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality:

The Department of Natural Resources' purchase of developmental rights to Sassafas Trails for \$520,000 was written to protect the 10,000-year-old, 51-acre forest in perpetuity.

A copy of the Global Positioning Survey along with the Wetland Delineation Report verify that the southern 589-foot by 215-foot developer's intrusion into the forest contains a wetlands stream contiguous with other wetland areas. The survey also verifies other wetland areas on the east side of the developer's property.

The developer denies entry for DEQ wetlands determination.

The city of Westland tree ordinance protects existing large-diameter trees. These are already tagged and numbered. If the developer now enters this stream area, unchallenged, he will cut down unprotected younger forest growth and intentionally destroy existing wetlands vegetation.

This wetland stream area is within 50 feet of a contiguous 6.71 acres of legally protected wetlands. It thus becomes one with the total wetlands acreage. The wetlands law protects all wetlands within 500 feet of a stream or pond, both of which exist within 50 feet.

With or without the developer's permission, DEQ can legally make a wetlands determination when the developer begins to fill the stream. The forest will simply have to take many years to replenish itself. It will replenish itself from the roots of the young trees, which the developer cannot legally disturb, when he is cutting them down.

The filling of this stream will lead to the early demise of this ancient reservoir forest which carries its age markers within itself — \$520,000 lost.

I ask your help so this exceptional forest does not fall victim to the devious and duplicitous actions by which the Wayne-Westland school district deceived DNR and the taxpayers of the state of Michigan to make this unconscionable sale to a developer.

The unethical business behavior of our school district started this destruction of Sassafas Trails. The arrogance of this developer, who flouts the laws of Michigan, implements the destruction of Sassafas Trails. Now, we shall learn if this miscalculated destruction of Sassafas Trails can be stopped by the elected leader of our state, together with his appointed advisers in DNR and DEQ. With respect to the construction fence now in place in front of Wilson School; I believe a wise man would be cautioned to wait until we see what kind of leadership is forthcoming from Lansing. Thank you.

Charles W. Johnson
Wayne

Have citizens lost rights?

I vehemently disagree with your view of the relationship between the mayor's office and the new board of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Undoubtedly, cooperation is of tremendous value when the object is to lure business into a community. Other cities have compatible and willing cooperation between these two entities and succeed very well with potential businesses. If, on the other hand, that "cooperation" is the result of coercion or force, it is an obvious illusion, a farce which is easily grasped by experienced businessmen. To me, the chamber has become a shill for Robert Thomas, a marionette troupe which is manipulated at his bidding. Cave in once. Cave in twice.

It reminds me of a political action committee and one wonders where the membership dues will go. Into a campaign fund? A war chest for a future planned political position? Or maybe into the already self-regulated lucrative retirement fund? Just what is the plan here?

Have citizens lost their rights to political choices? I'm aware that union members, supervisors, and appointees must prove allegiance to the mayor since he controls the existence and purse strings for their jobs. So they certainly kowtow. But to deny these people let alone deny a private citizen of the right to political choice is against federal law!

The mayor and his cronies know what his plans are, but does the chamber? Do you, editor? I doubt it. But time will make it all apparent in short order. In the meantime, move over: The political bed has become more crowded.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

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The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues, since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What's the best movie you've seen lately?

We asked this question at the Westland Post Office.



"Titanic."
Chelsea Bush



"The last movie I saw was 'Forrest Gump.'"
Dawn Merkhame



"I can't sit through a whole movie. I'm too busy dancing, playing golf and living life."
Peg McDonough



"My wife says 'Armageddon.'"
Robert Schwarcz

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— Philip Power

Festivals enrich flavor of life in our communities

The second was Livonia's Spree 48, a big, glitzy affair held June 23-28 at Ford Field. We enjoyed our time on the Gentle Giant, a fun Ferris wheel, and again looked at an assortment of cars. The cars are fun to look at,

I'd thought I'd had enough of festivals, living in Plymouth Township and seeing more than my share. Nevertheless, I find I don't tire of them.



There's just something about seeing all that hard work come to fruition. So many hard-working volunteers and staffers get together each year to put these festivals together. They allow residents of western Wayne County and nearby areas to see these communities at their best. Fireworks aren't unusual at festi-

Plymouth's Fourth of July parade was another fun community event.

Julie Brown is a copy editor for the Observer Newspapers and a Plymouth Township resident. She may be reached via e-mail at jbrown@oe.homecomm.net or by calling (734) 953-2126.

Another book, "A. Lincoln: The Crucible of Congress" by Paul Findley (Crown, 1979), tells how Lincoln oper-



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(810) 465-2277 or (810) 263-6803

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(734) 416-9428

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Class of 1973
Nov. 28 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield.
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Class of 1968

A reunion is planned for Oct. 10.
(313) 886-0770

Class of 1963

A reunion is planned for Aug. 15.
(248) 862-8530

GARDEN CITY

Class of 1988
Sept. 12 at Roma's of Garden City.
(248) 360-7004, press 5

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(248) 360-7004

Class of 1978

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Donna Erndt, 33466 Vargo Dr., Livonia, or call (734) 522-9405 or (313) 535-4000, Ext. 412

Class of 1978

A reunion is planned for Nov. 27.
(313) 886-0770

Class of 1973

Nov. 28 at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia.
(313) 522-9405 or (313) 535-4000, Ext. 412

WAYNE MEMORIAL

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Class of 1972

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(734) 729-6023

Class of 1988

A reunion is planned for Aug. 8.
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Class of 1973

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

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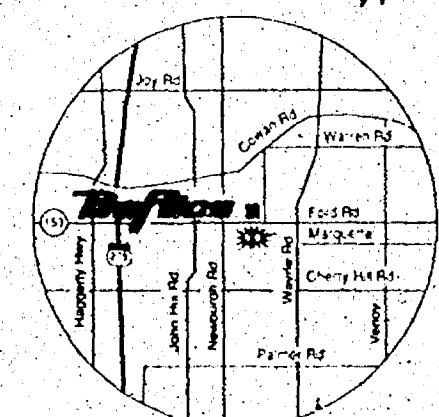
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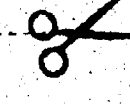
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HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

Modern life makes us wish for simpler times

Most of us today are overcommitted. Certainly, I have to include myself here. We are always on the run with too many obligations to juggle. Men and women share some stresses, like the conflict of balancing job and family. Other pressures are seen as primarily affecting one sex. For example, a lot is said about the frustrations women experience professionally as they try to break through the glass ceiling. Conversely, men who have struggled to get to the top now struggle to stay there despite mergers, takeovers and waves of forced retirements.

Let's face it: Life is complicated. That's why we like to look back wistfully at earlier times when things were simpler, and life moved at a slower pace.

Let's consider a typical woman I have encountered. Her lifetime of pressures would be enough to sink any of us.

She had a sharp mind from girlhood on, but unlike young women today, she grew up when a woman's independent, outspoken mind met with disapproval. She eventually married and, as society expected, became a full-time mom. As a young couple, she and her husband labored to make ends meet. He traveled a great deal to build his career. She supported his efforts by functioning as a single parent.

Their joint efforts paid off. His business successes multiplied, and, in time, he advanced to head a major organization. With this came the social prominence upon which she thrived, although, like many, she lived beyond her financial means maintaining that lifestyle.

The couple seemed to love each other, but, as in all relationships, they had their personality differences. Both tended to be moody: she because of migraines while he struggled with bouts of depression, the result of a physical ailment.

Regrettably, her husband's professional success brought its own troubles when a rift threatened to tear the organization apart. His single-minded fight to hold it together tested his wife's loyalties because she was related to the rival faction. Nightmare of nightmares, one of her relatives was even a periodic house guest during this volatile time.

And if this were not enough, the woman lost many close to her. During the reorganization battle, the couple's beloved son died. The loss of a child is the cruelest fate for any parent. Even worse, the boy's death was the couple's second such loss.

Eventually, her husband thwarted the opposition, but a violent death denied him his taste of victory. She mourned profoundly. Unfortunately, she found no support group; nor did she later when fate dealt another crushing blow, and she had to bury yet a third son. To the contrary, she was criticized for her inability to cope with the overwhelming grief. Her eldest and sole surviving son — a mercenary fellow — finally forced her into a mental asylum.

Down but not out, this remarkable woman drew on an inner reserve of fortitude. Over the following year, acting with an uncharacteristic degree of independence, she arranged for her own legal defense and regained her freedom.

I wish I could say her story had a happy ending, but, sadly, she died far from home and nearly penniless.

Each among us either has, knows or has read about similar struggles. This is when we long for the simpler times of yesteryear.

The woman in our story would disagree with our idea that the past was less stressful. She lived her life in the years surrounding the Civil War. Her name was Mary Todd Lincoln.

There are many like her for whom life is, or has been, fraught with immense difficulties. No decade, century, or era offers immunity. Nor have they altered what really counts.

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Teen crush: Canton residents Sarah Meyer (at right, with friend Jessica Daly) practically wallpapered her room with Hanson posters. While Stevie McEvoy took a more laid-back approach. Stevie, who lives in Garden City, is a concert veteran. Besides Hanson, she also saw her, Stevie Nicks, after whom she is named, and the classical concert "Bugs Bunny on Broadway."

MmmBop

Fans go wild for Hanson

Where's the love? Hanson fans found it at Pine Knob June 29. Sarah Meyer, Megan Heard and Jessica Daly of Canton, and Stevie McEvoy of Garden City MmmBopped until the sun went down.

Taylor Hanson, of the pop group Hanson, had one thing to say to the fervent fans at his June 29 Pine Knob concert.

"There's one rule in the concert. No one can sit down. I know there's seats but you can't actually sit in them," he said over his keyboard.

The truth be told, the 15,000 mostly female fans hadn't been sitting for hours.

Crowds lined up at Pine Knob's entrance as early as 3 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert.

Sarah Meyer, Megan Heard and Jessica Daly, all 10-year-old Canton resi-

dents, had been waiting since 4 p.m. for the trio to emerge. With "MmmBop" painted on their faces, the girls held up a sign spelling out their feelings for Hanson — "Hot, awesome (sic), nice, sweet, outstanding, noble."

Prior to the concert's start, the pavilion was filled with screams, and other signs held by girls proclaiming their love of the Tulsa, Okla., boys. As flying beach balls landed on girls' laps, the teens grabbed pens and markers to write personal messages with phone numbers and e-mail addresses to Hanson hoping that the balls would end up backstage.

"Hanson — You are so talented and hot. Call me," one girl wrote.

As if the anticipation wasn't enough, Meyer was ecstatic to see a reporter with a note pad sitting behind her. Frantic, she repeatedly begged, "I have to see your notepad."

Finally, with her little hands wrapped around the notepad, Meyer



said breathlessly, "OK. What do I write? Dear newspaper?"

Meyer, like the other Hanson fans at Pine Knob, had a one-track mind.

"I'm obsessed with them," said Meyer, wearing a Hanson tank top and baseball hat. "We love Hanson so much. I love Hanson so much. They're the best band in the world."

Her friends, Megan and Jessica, giggled as she proclaimed what all of them felt.

"We will love them forever," she

added.

Brittany Young's saucer-sized blue eyes enlarged each time an audience member screamed. The 8-year-old couldn't believe that she was about to see the Hanson boys — guitarist Isaac, drummer Zac and Taylor — in person.

"We were listening to them today in the car," she said excitedly. "I'm so happy," said Young, who attended the concert with 10-year-old Amanda

Please see HANSON, B2

Growth Works mentors hope to make a difference

At age 15, Mike Young went from regularly drinking with his friends and facing attempted breaking-and-entering charges to being named student of the month at his school.

And most of the change, his mom, Marcia, said, is due to the mentoring program at Growth Works, a local community service agency for 11- to 17-year-olds.

Mike refers to his mentor, Jim Young, who is no relation, alternately as like a brother and a father to him.

"On the days that I miss my sessions with him, I really want to go," Mike said. "It's a really good program and it's helped me a lot."

In fact, the ninth-grade Plymouth Salem High School student wants to be a counselor.

"I've been through a lot and I'd like to help other kids," he said.

Marcia Young is overwhelmed by Mike's turnaround, and she says the credit goes to Growth Works, which has also given her parenting advice and support.

"My son likes it so well that he wants to go back and help other kids," said Marcia, who lives with Mike and his older sister in Canton.

Mike needs a strong male influence, Marcia said, because his father, an

alcoholic, died in 1995.

"He bonded with Mr. Young right away," she said. "Mike writes little notes to himself about things that he wants to tell Mr. Young."

"Before that he was making gigantic moves backward. There for a while it was one thing after another, and each thing seemed to be getting progressively worse."

"Then it was suggested that he go to Growth Works. He's changed his friends and the way he's dressing. He's changed his attitude. Now he says I don't need to think about things that are wrong, because there are so many things that go along with it."

Marcia is also struck by the empathy Mike now shows for other kids.

"It seems his niche is to help kids at school," she said.

Making a difference

Volunteers don't always know if their good intentions and hard work make a difference. But, at least in this case, it's obvious.

Young has been a mentor at Growth Works for seven years.

"None of us could leap-frog the youth of our lives," he said. "I struggled as a



Improving his life: Mike Young (right) said that meeting with his Growth Works mentor Jim Young has turned his life around.

Please see MENTORS, B2

Foundation seeking new toys

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is hosting a Christmas in July Toy Drive in the hopes of collecting toys for the holiday season for Michigan families coping with the effects of leukemia, lymphoma and related disorders.

The agency is hoping to gather more than 3,000 donated, new toys for the Holiday Toys program. Thanks to the generosity of people in communities across the state, CLF provided gifts to 200 families in 49 Michigan counties last year.

"I thank you so much for the generous amount of money,

■ The agency is hoping to gather more than 3,000 new, donated toys for the Holiday Toys program.

effort and time that goes into this program," said Dena Alderton of West Branch.

Alderton's 4-year-old daughter, Monica, was diagnosed with leukemia and her family received Holiday Toys last Christmas.

"It is such a busy time of year for people to be selflessly giving

of their time to help others. You are deeply appreciated."

Donated toys are needed for all ages, infancy to adult. All must be new and not gift wrapped. Ideal toys/gifts include books, arts and crafts items, hand-held video games, videos, Walkmans, dolls, manicure kits, gift certificates, puzzles, playing cards and board games.

Businesses and individuals interested in participating with the Holiday Toys drive, can call CLF at 1-800-825-2536 for more information.

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Mancini and Melissa Chomin, 8, both of Canton. Jessica Nelson, a 15-year-old resident of Chicago, jumped over multiple rows of seats to tell her Hanson story.

"I've been a Hanson fan for one year and three months. I drove seven hours just to come here. And then yesterday I found out that they were coming to the World (Music Amphitheatre) in Chicago. My mom is in a hotel. She is so (angry)," Nelson said.

Just then, the lights went down and the screaming intensified.

To the accompaniment of ear-piercing screams, Hanson opened with a song older than them, "Gimme Some Lovin'." In between songs, Zac smacked his sticks above his head as if performing in front of 15,000 fans was business as usual.

One girl sat on her mother's shoulder smacking a tambourine and hoping to get a view of the multi-million-selling teen heartthrobs. Another parent snapped photos of her daughter at her first concert.

A teenage girl incessantly took

photos of the video screen. Finally, her mother warned her that there were only six pictures left. She stared at the camera dumbstruck.

Catching his breath after the "Where's the Love?" Isaac asked, "How are you Detroit? I think there's half of Detroit here tonight."

Lighters flickered as the trio went into its recent hit, the ballad "Weird." Arms waved in the air.

Chris Gately of Garden City made the ultimate concert sacrifice for his daughter. He smugly gleed his 7-year-old daughter Stevie McEvoy down to row GG to get a better view of the band.

"She's mad because I didn't get seats as close to Hanson as we had for Stevie Nicks," Gately said of the singer after whom his daughter is named.

"That's next to impossible. We had lawn seats, but I scammed my way down here," he said with a smile.

While most girls in the concert screamed and went on about how cute the trio is, McEvoy took a more mature approach.

"I like their singing," she said shyly. But quickly added, "I like Zac. He's cute."

McEvoy is a veteran of concerts.

"I saw Stevie Nicks and I went to see this funny guy," she said pausing to remember his name. "Weird" Al (Yankovic). He was my very first one. I went to see 'Bugs Bunny on Broadway' but it rained and we left."

She was joined by one of the few boys in the audience, her 9-year-old cousin Robert Lanzilotti and 9-year-old Julie Clark, both of Redford.

"I like their songs like 'Mmm-Bop,'" said Lanzilotti.

After an acoustic rendition of "Round and Round," Isaac quickly closed his eyes and said, "You guys are making some serious noise out there" which only made the crowd scream louder.

The crowd was at their whim. "Turn around and check out the sunset. It's awesome."

As the sun went down, Sarah Meyer, Megan Heard and Jessica Daly closed their eyes, put their arms around each other and swayed to the music.

Livonia Mall hosts L'il Angel pageant

Livonia Mall will be crawling with babies as Regal Baby Pageants, Inc., hosts L'il Angel Pageant at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at the mall.

The L'il Angel Pageant is open to chil-

dren through the age of 5. Trophies, crowns, pageant attire and many other prizes will be awarded. Each child will receive a certificate for competing in the pageant.

Participation in this

pageant qualifies the child to participate in the 1998 Michigan State Fall Finals where \$15,000 in prizes will be awarded.

Registration for the pageant takes place from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Entry forms are available at the information booth or by calling Regal Baby Pageants, Inc., at (734) 457-9692 and ask for Shannon.

The mall is located at 29514 Seven Mile Road, at Middlebelt Road, in Livonia.

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kid." Although Young said he never took drugs, socially he had a hard time. He felt uneasy and that things just weren't right.

"I'm a Christian, and I've overcome a lot through prayer and changing my feelings about life itself," said Young, 59. "I knew I could help a lot of people, and I've been fairly successful. You can't succeed with everyone, but most are accessible and you can help them."

As a mentor, Young has influenced 18 boys, including one who he also took on as a Big Brother. Young met the boy six years ago when he was 8 and needed a mentor. The boy's mother brought him to Growth Works because he was mischievous and was constantly getting into trouble at school and at home.

"When his father was totally out of his life, except for an occasional phone call, he needed

someone to work with him," Young said. "I asked his mother if I could be a Big Brother. I still see him from time to time."

Young tries to teach the boys he mentors to respect others and to learn to respect themselves; basic manners; and how to have good eye contact, properly shake hands and how to introduce someone. The result, he said, is that they learn to become more comfortable with themselves.

Each boy had different problems, but they were all dealing with anger, guilt, sadness and fear; as well as peer pressure, which can cause most of those feelings, Young said.

Serving Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton, Belleville, Romulus and Van Buren, Sumpter and Huron townships, Growth Works provides counseling for youths dealing with substance abuse or have been arrested.

Mentors typically meet with a youth an hour a week for up to 16 weeks at Growth Works offices in Plymouth and Canton.

"We're always looking for mentors since we've expanded our program coverage into other communities," said Susan Davis, Growth Works director of juvenile justice programming.

Mentors must be at least 21, complete a 12-16-hour training class and pass a state record's check. The next training class is tentatively scheduled to begin in August. For more information about the mentoring program, call Lynn Ponder, Growth Works volunteer coordinator, at (734) 397-3181.

The agency tries to match male mentors with boys and female mentors with girls. However, since there are more female volunteers and usually more boys going through the program, sometimes boys are given female mentors. That can be beneficial, too, for young men who have a low opinion of women, Davis

explained.

"I would say the need of adults to get involved in young people's lives is very critical," Davis said. "Kids don't have an opportunity to have that one-on-one relationship with an adult to get information about how the world works."

"We don't have the adult contact that was there 30 or 40 years ago. Kids don't even know their neighbors."

Good listener

Being patient and a good listener are keys to gaining the child's trust. But, it isn't always easy, Young said, adding that sometimes he's tired after a day at work as general manager of Lochinvar Corp., a water heater and boiler company with a branch in Plymouth.

"But I always get excited about it because you work with them and gain their trust and it becomes a friendship," Young said. "We're helping them work through their problems. As a

male mentor, I'm sometimes the only adult male in their life. I feel good about it, because I can see their lives improving."

Because of the extra need for male mentors, Young said, sometimes he works with two children a night.

"A lot of these people have poor self-images, they don't feel right about themselves and they struggle with that," said Young, a 21-year Canton resident. "Some of these kids tend to hang around kids who are in a gang, and they might be in a gang themselves. You can't expect overnight miracles. It's hard to undo what's taken years to develop."

"We know we have an effect, but you might not see the results instantly. Some of these young people can be in pretty serious trouble, and maybe you can prevent a serious crime or jail sentence."

Young came to the mentoring post with experience raising three children with his wife, Kathy, who works for Gale Research and is a Plymouth

Canton Library Board member. Daughter Jennifer, 32, is a commercial interior designer in Philadelphia. Son Jim, 30, is working on his doctorate degree and is a librarian at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and his twin brother, Dan, is a teacher at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth and head basketball coach at Plymouth Canton High School.

"It wasn't easy," Young said. "When you're raising children, there are times that you have to tell them 'no.' There's tough times you have to deal with and try to work out."

When Young's not talking with youths at Growth Works, he's tending his flower garden. But, even that comes back to his volunteer job - Young gives away perennials and asks for donations to Growth Works.

"Growth Works has become very meaningful to me and more all the time," Young said. "I keep going back for more. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone to influence someone else's life."

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before JULY 23, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

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

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY July 21, 1998 - Board of Review

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on Tuesday, July 21, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to correct mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors. PA 74 of 1995 authorizes the July Board of Review to hear appeals for poverty exemptions, but not for poverty exemptions denied by the March Board of Review. This applies to current year only.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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As in any time, we must seek our islands of happiness where we may and, especially, cherish the moments granted with the people who matter most to us.

Virginia Bailey Parker of Can-

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Local seniors vie for state pageant title

Marjorie Washington sauntered down the runway to "One" from "A Chorus Line" with all the confidence of a woman who has reached "the age of elegance."

Her humor and boisterous personality came through as she waved to rows of family members and friends attending the 11th annual Ms. Senior Michigan Pageant June 28 at the Novi Hilton.

"Now that's what you call strutting your stuff," said Ike Engelbaum, master of ceremonies and host of the weekly radioprogram "Looking at the Bright Side of Aging."

She's also what you call a win-

ner.

Washington's operatic vocals charmed the judges - the Rev. Jack Baker of St. Mary Catholic Church of Wayne, Anita Herman of Madonna University, John Anthony of John Anthony Hair Salon, Nancy Dillon of the Visiting Nurses Association, and Joanne Maliszewski of the Plymouth Observer - at the event sponsored by Waltonwood retirement community in Rochester Hills.

As the queen, Washington, a Ypsilanti resident, won a trip for two, the gown she wore on loan from David's Bridal in Westland and a gift certificate to John Anthony Hair Salon. She will

travel to Biloxi, Miss., in August to compete in the Ms. Senior America Pageant.

The Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant emphasizes and honors women who have reached the "Age of Elegance." According to its mission statement, it is a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all Michigan senior citizens.

"I'm a true believer that there is a bright side of aging. On my radio show, we start off with age is a matter of the mind. If you don't mind, age doesn't matter," Engelbaum said.

Mary Ann Agner of Canton displayed her artwork during the talent portion of the pageant.

"Recently I became interested in collage. I did this junglescene for my grandsons. I did these roses myself. At the rate I'm going I think I'm going to be cutting up magazines for the rest of my life," Agner said with a chuckle. Agner also does ceramics.

Eileen Eleson of Garden City donned a beige dress and read a poem about aging that closed with "old is beautiful, let's hear it for the seniors" as she waved her arms in the air.

Introducing Ruth Benyo, he said "You've all heard the song 'Hello Dolly,' well we've got dollyes."

Benyo recently moved to Canton from Florida to be with her family. An avid sewer, Benyo walked into a doll shop and realized there was a need for doll clothing.

"I thought, 'I can do that kind of stuff myself and keep myself busy.' I went to a hobby shop and saw these mice. I fell in love with them. It's been fun, fun, fun the whole time. I've been in good health and I hope to stay in Michigan until my demise."

Taking a break from his jokes, Engelbaum, a former owner of a major drugstore chain, expressed his love of the United States. Born in Romania, Engelbaum explained that he survived a concentration camp.

"I'm not saying that for sympathy. But I really have lived the American dream. I am really proud to be a part of this program," Engelbaum said.

Besides being chosen to participate in the program, Joan Axtell of Canton had other reasons to celebrate. She was married one month ago to Paul. Wearing a headpiece fashioned

with flowers and red and white ribbons, she sang "My Melody of Love."

After Axtell's performance, Engelbaum stuck with his serious theme. "It's wonderful how many religions and belief systems we have in the world. Religion is intended to comfort the troubled and to trouble the overly comforted," he said.

That said, he looked at one of the judges, the Rev. Jack Baker, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, and told a joke about two nuns painting a chapel in the nude.

Wilma Arensman of Plymouth tickled the ivories performing a combination of popular, classical and church music.

Time for talent

Following a brief intermission, the contestants emerged wearing evening gowns as Engelbaum read each of their personal philosophies.

Agner, wearing a two-piece yellow suit, walked down the catwalk as Engelbaum explained that she "feels that happiness is keeping busy. Never let anyone get you down. One of the satisfying things in life is to lose oneself in a hobby."

A volunteer at Garden City Hospital, Eleson wore a peach two-piece outfit with a long skirt.

"My philosophy in life is to do the best I can in this day."

Met with rousing applause, Washington stepped out in a shiny, beige dress. Engelbaum read her personal statement.

"Reaching 60, I no longer fear the loss of outer beauty, knowing that Oil of Olay and Richard Simmons cannot provide it. One's inner beauty is what lasts forever, and we develop it through the years."

A member of Temple Baptist Church in Plymouth Township, Benyo walked down the catwalk wearing a green, embroidered jacket and skirt.

As Engelbaum read, "My philosophy is to live life to its fullest," a blond-haired little girl in a pink dress ran up to the catwalk and begged Benyo to pick her up.

Axtell wore a mauve dress with a bow on her hip. "I try to help people whenever I can and keep myself and other around me as happy as I can."

Wearing a royal blue, form-fitting gown with lace sleeves, Arensman waved to the audience as Engelbaum explained that her philosophy is to encourage people to live as close to the Lord as possible so they know that life



Celebrating victory: Marjorie Washington, of Ypsilanti, basks in the spotlight after winning the 1998 Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant.

is worthwhile.

The winner is ...

The five contestants waited patiently as the reigning Ms. Senior Michigan, Shirley Stedman of Flushing, addressed the audience. A professional singer who performed with the Brownwood Band, Stedman serenaded the audience with "Everything's Coming Up Roses" and "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

Stedman explained that she entered the pageant at the urging of a friend.

"So many people wonder why would a woman 70 years old want to enter a pageant? I knew my answer had to be that I believe in everything the pageant stands for. It is giving seniors the opportunity to know there's more to living than sitting in rocking chair and wishing," she explained.

Stedman was followed by Canton resident Viola Dilley, the reigning Ms. Senior Liberty Fest 1997. She explained that her talent is her knowledge of roses.

"All I could do was talk about roses, and I'm still talking about roses."

Engelbaum returned to the podium and announced the runners-up and finally the winner. As Washington was declared the winner, her family and friends jumped up and cheered loudly. Washington raised her hands and prayed and blew kisses while fighting to keep her tiara on.

As the music played, Washington raced to the end of the catwalk without her escort. As she reached the stairwell, she stopped, turned around, stretched out her arm and asked her escort to join her.

She gestured with all the elegance of a woman who has reached the age of elegance.



With a little help: Wilma Arensman, left, of Plymouth is assisted by Tam Murley following the 1998 Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant Sunday, June 28, at the Novi Hilton.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SHOWCASE OF PETS

The next Dearborn Animal Shelter "Showcase of Pets" will be noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Super Petz store at 34420 Ford Road (near Venoy) in Westland. For information, call the shelter at (313) 943-2697 or call the store at (734) 728-0093. The showcase will feature adoptable pets that are waiting for homes.

TEEN NIGHTS

Middle school teens are invited to Middle School Kids Teen Nights Tuesdays at the Bailey Center this summer. The cost is \$1. Basketball, crafts, games, and special activities will be 7-9:30 p.m. with swimming from 8-9:30 p.m. Participants must have a waiver signed by a parent on file to participate. Register at the pro shop at the Bailey Center. The activity is sponsored by the Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse and Violence and Westland Parks and Recreation.

Activities include:
■ July 14: Tie Dye night (bring one to three white T-shirts).
■ July 21: Pizza night.
■ July 28: Beach Boys night, music by Classic Rock Band.
■ Aug. 4: DJ night.
■ Aug. 11: Pizza night.
■ Aug. 18: Performance by The Earth Angels.

FLEA MARKET

A flea market is planned for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road in Westland. Rain date is July 18. Cost is \$20 per space, and one space equals two parking spaces. Setup starts at 7 a.m. For information, call (734) 722-7225.

SUMMER SKATING

The Westland Sports Arena is offering a summer open skating schedule through Aug. 18: 4-5:45 p.m. Fridays; 1-2:45 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission will be \$2.75 for students and senior citizens and \$3.25 for adults. Skate rental is available for \$2. The arena also offers skate sharpening for \$4.

SUMMER CAMPS

The Salvation Army is holding summer day camps 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2300 Venoy in Westland. The cost of enrollment is \$50 per camper. Summer camps include:
■ Sunbeam camp, July 10-13, for girls going into the first through the fifth grades.
■ Girl guard/ranger camp, July 15-21, for boys and girls who are entering sixth through 12th grades.
■ Explorer camp, July 24-27, for boys going into the first through fifth grades.
■ Community Center camp, July 9-12, for boys and girls ages 7-11.
■ Family camp, Aug. 3-7, for any family with children ages 12 and under. For more information, call (734) 722-3660.

GOLF OUTING

The Westland Police Department D.A.R.E. John "Moses" Reddy Memorial Golf Outing is planned for Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Faulkwood Shores Golf Club in Howell. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Sponsor programs include: \$100 for a sign placed on golf course and a quarter-page ad in the program; \$350 for two green fees, two signs placed on golf course and a half page ad in the program; \$650 for four green fees, two signs

placed on golf course, a full-page ad in the program and a framed certificate. Prizes include a trip for two to Atlantic City sponsored by Westland Travel and two hole-in-one contests sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford and North Brothers Ford. For information, call (734) 722-DARE.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

Children ages 3-7 who have an impairment may go on five field trips this summer as part of the Westland Therapeutic summer field trip program. Children must attend Wayne-Westland or Livonia schools or live in Westland to attend. Cost is \$2 per child with \$5 additional deposit to hold a reservation, which will be returned at check-in. Parents or siblings accompanied by parents are welcome to attend at no cost. Trips include:

■ Kensington Farm and Lake cruise, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.
■ Nature Center, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.
■ Detroit Zoo, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.
■ Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.
Bring a picnic lunch to all trips. Accessible transportation provided. Program coordinated by a certified therapeutic recreation specialist. Call Westland Therapeutic Recreation Program to register at (734) 722-7620.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The Westland mayor's office is accepting nominations for the residential and nonresidential beautification awards. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, July 31. Judging of residential nominees will be based on overall appearance of the front and back yards. This includes flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery. Judging of nonresidential nominees will be based on overall appearance of the grounds surrounding the business. This includes any flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery as well as the cleanliness of the business and its property. Condominiums and apartments will be judged under the nonresidential award category. In addition, the home or business will be highlighted on television in a special segment during the Sept. 10 Town Hall meeting. To submit a nomination, call (734) 467-3200 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or send the nomination to: Mayor Robert Thomas, city of Westland, 36601 Ford, Westland 48185. The residential prizes are: first place: plaque, yard sign and dinner for two with the mayor via limousine; second place: certificate of recognition, \$30 dinner certificate for two at the Alexander the Great restaurant and a yard sign; third place: certificate of recognition, \$35 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center and a yard sign. The nonresidential prizes are: first place: plaque and a yard sign; second place: certificate of recognition and a yard sign; third place: certificate of recognition and a yard sign. All winners will receive their awards at the Thursday, Sept. 10, Town Hall meeting at Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood, between Cherry Hill and Marquette off Newburgh.

SUMMER CONCERTS

CULTURAL SOCIETY

All concerts are free and will begin at 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, except the July 19 concert, which will be at Stottlemeyer Park, Dancy Boulevard. Rain location is the Bailey Center.
■ July 12 - show featuring Motown, light rock and rhythm and blues by Pyramid II, with Tyrone Hamilton.
■ July 26 - blue grass appearance by Roy Cobb & the Coachmen.
■ Aug. 2 - American jazz show featuring the Phil Gram Combo.
■ Aug. 9 - country and western performance by the Waco Country Band.
■ Aug. 16 - variety performance, featuring music from the '50s through the '90s, by Detroit Breakdown.
■ Aug. 23 - to be announced.

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS
Free children's concerts will begin at noon on Saturdays through the beginning of August at the Westland Performing Arts Pavilion behind Westland library. Rain location: Bailey Recreation Center Gymnasium. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

■ July 11 - Spoon Man.
■ July 18 - Chautauqua Express, children's musician Guy-Louis.
■ July 25 - Gratitude Steel Drum Band.
■ Aug. 1 - Clowns Around Redford.
■ Aug. 8 - Westland All-Stars.

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERTS

The Westland Community Foundation sponsors a free Coffeehouse Concert Series 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays this summer. Dates include:
■ July 15 - Opera Lite-Broadway revue.
■ July 22 - Lenaghan-Herald Duo, classical guitar and flute.
■ July 29 - Stone Circle Trio, Irish music.
■ Aug. 5 - Paul Vornhagen Quartet, jazz.

AT THE LIBRARY

Training is 10:30 a.m. each Saturday for library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals of using the public access catalogs and will answer questions. This training is free, and no registration is required.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

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

At the library



Book discussion: The Westland library adult book discussion group will discuss O'Henry stories at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. The group will discuss picks from 1997 literary magazines at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. The group meets in Meeting Room A. Multiple copies of featured books are available at the library. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway.

WESTLAND CENTER

SIDEWALK SALE

The Westland Shopping Center Summer Sidewalk Sale is planned for July 15-19. More than 50 stores will clear their stores of spring and summer merchandise making way for new fall fashions.

RECREATION

SWIMMING HOURS

Westland Bailey outdoor swimming pool and water slide is open noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. For lessons, call (734) 722-7620. Birthday packages are offered including two large pizzas, one large pop, paper products, games for the kids and entrance to the pool and water slide. Call ahead for birthday reservations. Discounts are offered for groups by calling ahead, (734) 722-7620.

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. (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

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

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

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

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through

5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparky Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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.

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 for the 1998-99 school year 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.

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-

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LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 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. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy 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.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll or for more information, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

DRESSES ON DISPLAY

The Westland Historical Museum is currently displaying wedding dresses and accessories. The items are from the 1930s, 1950s and 1960s. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

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. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

VOLUNTEERS

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (734) 422-2438, 3 p.m. the second Thursday of the month) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (734) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a \$5 membership charge.

BINGO

DEMO BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every

Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and the School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline, (734) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO

The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. Call (734) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

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 MI#28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

MOMS CLUB

The newly formed MOMS Club of Westland will hold its next meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, in the Brayman Lounge located in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. The club will be holding an organized discussion group on summer activities. Members will also discuss forming play groups and a monthly MOMS night out. The MOMS Club is a national support group for mothers who stay home with their children, including those who have home-based businesses or who work part time but are home with their children during the day. The groups offers activities, including programs for mothers, play groups for children, and get-togethers for the whole family. Children are welcome at all club activities. For more information, call (734) 266-2919.

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 at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419, anytime.

VFW AUXILIARY

Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will ensure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin at (734) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland in Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

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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McNamara, wife, celebrate 50th year together

On June 26, it was 50 years since Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara exchanged vows with his wife, Lucille.

They met as part of a high school "gang" that hung out together at Detroit's Redford High School in the 1940s.

"We'd go on picnics, play baseball, things like that," said Ed McNamara, who has been running Wayne County since 1986.

After graduating from high school a few months early, he went into the Navy in January 1944. McNamara served two years in the Pacific theater and returned home in 1946.

On their first date that same year, McNamara took 19-year-old Lucille Martin to a square dance at Clark's Barn in Livonia. The couple double-dated with McNamara's sister, Lucille wore a black velvet dress, thinking they were going to a fancier place for the evening.

"I knew then that this was it," said Lucille, speaking of her interest in the young McNamara. "He had a good sense of humor and he was kind and gentle."

Her family liked him as well. "My mother always thought he was the greatest."

They courted for two years and then set the date - June 26, 1948. The two 21-year-olds married at Christ the King in Redford. McNamara attended St. Monica all his life but, after a pre-wedding counseling session when the old priest there told Lucille she should expect to bear 20 children, she turned to her fiancé and said, "I don't like the quota," and the two sought out another church.

On their wedding day, the bride-to-be wore a long, white satin gown; he a suit and tie.

"He couldn't afford a tuxedo," she said.

Lucille's sister, Gerry, was her maid of honor. McNamara's best friend since kindergarten, Bill Scruggs, was the best man. The weather held for the 60 people attending the reception in McNamara's parents' yard on Detroit's west side.

For their honeymoon, the couple borrowed his sister's fiancé's car for a long motor trip. The first night they stayed at a motel just the other side of Bay City. The couple put 1,000 miles on the car.

"I didn't have a car so this was heaven for me," he said. "We drove up and down the state, even into Indiana."

Each of them only had a week off for the honeymoon. She went back to work in the accounting department at a local insurance company and he returned to his job as a service engineer at Michigan Bell.

They lived in an apartment at

Linwood and Grand Boulevard. "There was Lucille and me and the cockroaches," he said.

The couple moved a couple of times after that, living most of their married life in Livonia.

For the McNamaras' anniversary, the couple's five children - Colleen, Michael, Nancy, Kevin and Terence - and spouses and grandchildren celebrated with their parents in Frankenmuth. Even the maid of honor flew in from California.

Lucille has her theories on why she and her husband have stayed together for so long.

"Basically, we agree on most things. We keep busy and don't have time to get into trouble."

But why did it last? "Most of our friends went together for a considerable amount of time before they got married," she said. "That's what we did. And we enjoy each other's company."



Honored: Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and his wife Lucille celebrated their 50th anniversary with their children and their spouses and grandchildren in Frankenmuth.

ANNIVERSARIES

Webb

Alphus and Rita Webb of Garden City repeated their vows during Mass at St. Dunstan's Church in Garden City then gathered with their family to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on June 19, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne. She is the former Rita Gauvreau.

The Webbs have four children - Janice of Savannah, Ga., Norman of Grand Haven, Linda and Carolyn, both of Garden City - and seven grandchildren.

Retired for 16 years, he was a plumber with Local 98 for 47 years. He enjoys traveling, carpentry and gardening.

A homemaker, she enjoys



sewing, counted cross stitch, crafts and flower gardening.

Axford

Walker and Virginia Axford of Livonia recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple married on June 3, 1938, in Redford Township. She is the former Virginia Archer.

They have five children - Shirley Kalinovich, Beverly Frommert, Mary Combs, Walter Axford and Patricia Hirst. They have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Retired, he enjoyed golf, bowling and fishing and was a member of the Knights of Columbus before suffering a stroke almost five years ago.

They also belong to the Livonia



Golden Years Club, enjoyed bingo, and as member of St. Genevieve Church, were members of the church bowling league.

Simons

Jay and Georgiene Simons of Plymouth recently returned from a 40th wedding anniversary trip to French Polynesia. During the three-week excursion, they visited three islands, Tahiti, Huahine and Raiatea.

The couple exchanged vows on June 28, 1958, at Holy Name Church in Birmingham before leaving for Japan where he was stationed by the U.S. Air Force.

The Simons have five children - Margaret Simons of Belcourt, N.D., Valerie Kinsora and husband John of Lansing, Kristopher and wife Chi of Titusville, Fla., Michael and wife Claudia of Garden City and Rachelle Rus-



sell and husband Brian of Clarksville, Tenn. They also have one grandson, John of Lansing.

Lemon

Al and Evelyn Lemon of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5 at a party given by their children.

The couple met at Detroit Diesel.

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SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road. This week's lesson is "What's so Amazing about Grace?" at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 12. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotwest.com>.

Flea Market

Good Shepherd Reformed Church will have a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The rain date will be July 18. Space (the equivalent of two parking spots) is available at \$20 per space. Setup time will be 7 a.m. For more information, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Faith United Methodist Church is looking for volunteers for the Denton Cemetery Community Clean-Up at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11. Volunteers will help trim trees and shrubs. The rain date is July 12. Faith United is hosting a church school at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 12, followed by a workshop with dedication of Ralph Good Memorial Trees at 11 a.m. The church is located at 6020 Denton Road (at Michigan Avenue), Belleville. For more

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BASKETBALL CAMP

Ward Presbyterian Church will offer two week-long basketball camps July 13-17 and July 20-24 for children entering grades 5-6. The camps will be held 9 a.m. to noon in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. The camps will be directed by Aaron Jerome, director of the fifth and sixth grade ministries at Ward. Some of the camp features will be daily devotional, dribbling drills, shooting instructions, man-to-man defense principles and offensive foot work. Each child will receive a T-shirt to wear and keep. Enrollment is limited and the cost is \$55. For more information, call the Christian Education office at (248) 374-7903 during regular business hours.

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SPM is hosting a series of bicycle rides through the month of July. On July 11, the group will meet at Richardson Center on Oakley Park Road, just west of Haggerty Road, and will ride on the Clinton Township Bike Trail. The following week will feature a Harsons Island Tour when the group will meet at the Harsons Island ferry parking lot on the south side of 23 Mile Road, west of Algonac, on July 18. The group will meet at the new Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, and ride to Northville via I-275 bike trail and Hines Drive on July 25. The group meets at 10 a.m. each week and a helmet is mandatory. The rides are for adults only and participants should bring money for lunch or a picnic lunch. On going events include "Talk it Over," which meets the second and fourth 7-9:30 p.m. Friday of each month in Knox Hall; outdoor volleyball at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Rotary Park on Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads, Livonia. A \$1 donation is suggested to help maintain the equipment; and outdoor tennis from 4:30 p.m. until dark on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. Saturdays, and 1-5 p.m. Sundays at Rotary Park. No sign-up is necessary. There is no cost and players

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The ministry is also holding a Summer Divorce Recovery Workshop July 13-18 in the church's parlor room, C317. Free child care will be available. Participants may register by mail, in person at the Single Point office, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, or on the first night of the workshop. A \$25 donation is due with the registration. Topics include: "A New Identity," "Getting Your Ex in Focus," "Assuming Responsibility," "Finding and Experiencing Forgiveness," "Single Parent," "Building New Relationships," and "Letting Go." For more information about any of the events, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

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Garden City Presbyterian Church will host the Friendship Express, an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages for the congregation and community, 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. A light supper will be served. For more information, or to register, call the church at (734) 421-7620.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

First United Methodist Church of Wayne is hosting the "Weigh Down Workshop," a Bible study teaching how to rise above the magnetic pull of the refrigerator. An orientation class will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 13, at the church, 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office. Class begins at 10 a.m. Monday, July 27. The fee for the first 12-week session is \$103, and the second 12-week session

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Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass will perform hymn classics with a contemporary flair at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 19, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The King's Brass features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards. For more information, call (734) 455-0022.

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CHORAL SYMPOSIUM

The Rev. Gary Matthews, minister of music at Highland Park Baptist Church, is hosting three Sacred Choral Music Symposia for church choir directors, accompanists and singers at the church, 28600 Lahser Road, Southfield, on Friday-Saturday, July 24-25. Special guest composers and clinicians will include Doug Besig, Nancy Price, Gene Grier, Carolyn Banta and Lowell Everson. The programs are:

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Listings for Vacation Bible Schools 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 PRESBYTERIAN

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school, "God's Children Pray: H.O.P.E. World Tour," 9:30 a.m. to noon July 13-17 at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The school is for children ages 4-10. A donation of \$7.50 per child, \$15 for families, is requested. A free will collection also will be taken during the Bible school to support the "Dime an Eye" Program of Rivers of the World. Registration will be accepted through July 10. For more information or to register, call the church at (734) 422-1470.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible school, "Animals on Assignment," 9-11:30 a.m. July 13-17 at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. Classes for 3-year-olds through sixth graders will feature devotion lessons, crafts, singing, recreation and refreshments. All students also will sing at a 10 a.m. worship service on July 19. For more information, call the church at (734) 261-1360.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST

Newburg United Methodist Church will have its vacation Bible school, "WWJD (What Would Jesus Do)," 9 a.m. to noon

July 13-17 at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Children in first through the sixth graders will discover what Jesus would do through stories, music, games and crafts. The preschool program, for children entering kindergarten in 1998, 1999 and 2000, will be 9 a.m. to noon July 13-16 at the church. Stories will be heard and experienced in crafts, cooking, music and worship to learn how Jesus led his life. There is a \$5 registration fee. For registration information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

HOSANNA-TABOR

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church will host "The Light-house Adventure Vacation Bible School," from 9 a.m. to noon July 20-24, at the church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. This free program for children ages 3-14 includes Bible stories, creative learning activities, drama, music, crafts, recreation and snacks. Call (313) 937-2233 to register.

GRACE LUTHERAN

Grace Lutheran Church in Redford will have its vacation Bible school, "The Lighthouse Adventure," for children ages 3 through the sixth grade from 9-11:45 a.m. July 20-29 at the church, 25630 Grand River Ave., Redford. For more information, call (313) 532-2266.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN

Timothy Lutheran Church will have its vacation Bible School, "God's People Pray," 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 22 and 29 and Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, at the church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light supper will be served at 6 p.m. Infants are welcome

with parents in the adult program. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information or a registration form, call the church office at (734) 427-2290.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

Geneva Presbyterian Church will have its vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. July 27-31 at the church, 5835 Sheldon Road, Canton. The program is for children age 4 through completion of the fifth grade. The offering is \$5 per child, with scholarships available. To register or for more information, call (734) 459-0013.

LAKE POINTE BIBLE CHAPEL

Youngsters can become young scientists and can discover God's power displayed in the universe during vacation Bible school's exploration of "Amazing Science and Wonders," 9:20 a.m. to noon July 27-31 at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Scientists Michael Faraday, George Washington Carver and Johannes Kaepler will visit. Children will also take part in games, songs, crafts and refreshments. To register, call (734) 513-2810 or (734) 420-0515.

LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Livonia Church of Christ will have its vacation Bible school, "Passport to the Holy Land," from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 10-14 at the church, 15431 Merriman Road (just north of Five Mile Road). Students aged 4 through the sixth grade can participate in Bible dramas, crafts, nightly refreshments and a closing program at 7 p.m. Aug. 14. For more information, call the church office at (734) 427-8743.



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Carpenter-Purcell

Billy and Sandra Carpenter of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Christopher Michael Purcell, son of the late Joseph John and Gladys Purcell.

A 1988 graduate of John Glenn High School, the bride-to-be is employed by Red Holman Pontiac in Westland.

Her fiancé, a 1980 graduate of Cherry Hill High School, graduated in 1994 from National Education Center in Livonia as the class valedictorian. He is employed by Siebe Environmental.

A July wedding is planned at St. Cyril Church in Taylor.



Barr-Mena

Kathleen Dils of Plymouth and Randall Barr of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Emilie Christine Barr, to Chadrick Thomas Mena, the son of Fred and Sharon Mena of Belleville.

The bride-to-be graduated in 1988 from Plymouth Salem High School and in 1992 from Eastern Michigan University. She attends graduate school at Eastern Michigan University where she is pursuing a degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé, a 1987 graduate of John Glenn High School, attends Michigan State University where he is studying animal sciences.

An August wedding is planned at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.



Gibson-Kowalski

Carolyn Gibson of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Lenore Patrice, to Robert Allan Kowalski, the son of Robert Kowalski and Nancy Bilyk, both of Canton.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Walter Gibson, is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Madonna University. She is employed as a marketing services leader for Valassis Communications Inc.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Madonna University. He is employed as an accountant for Plastipak Packaging Inc.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township.

Ayotte-Kornacki

Lawrence X. Ayotte of Livonia and Ileen Kornacki of Trenton were married April 26 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in Wyandotte by the Rev. John Hedges.

The groom is a graduate of Assumption and Schoolcraft colleges. He is retired from Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Their attendants were Patricia Zimba, the daughter of the groom, and Steve Kornacki, the son of the bride.

After a tour of Rome, Italy, Switzerland, Paris, France, and London, England, the couple is making their home in Trenton.



Main-Gylraszin

Donald and Wanda Main of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Scott Gylraszin, the son of Patrick Gylraszin of Woodhaven and Linda Buszka of Grosse Ile.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She is employed by First American Title in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed by IVS in Livonia.

A June 1999 wedding is planned at St. Bernadine Church.



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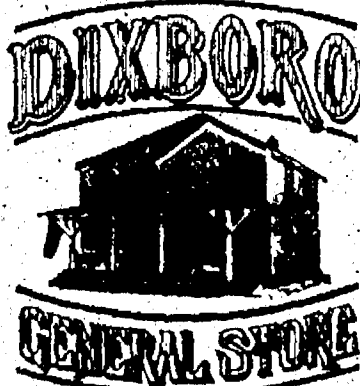
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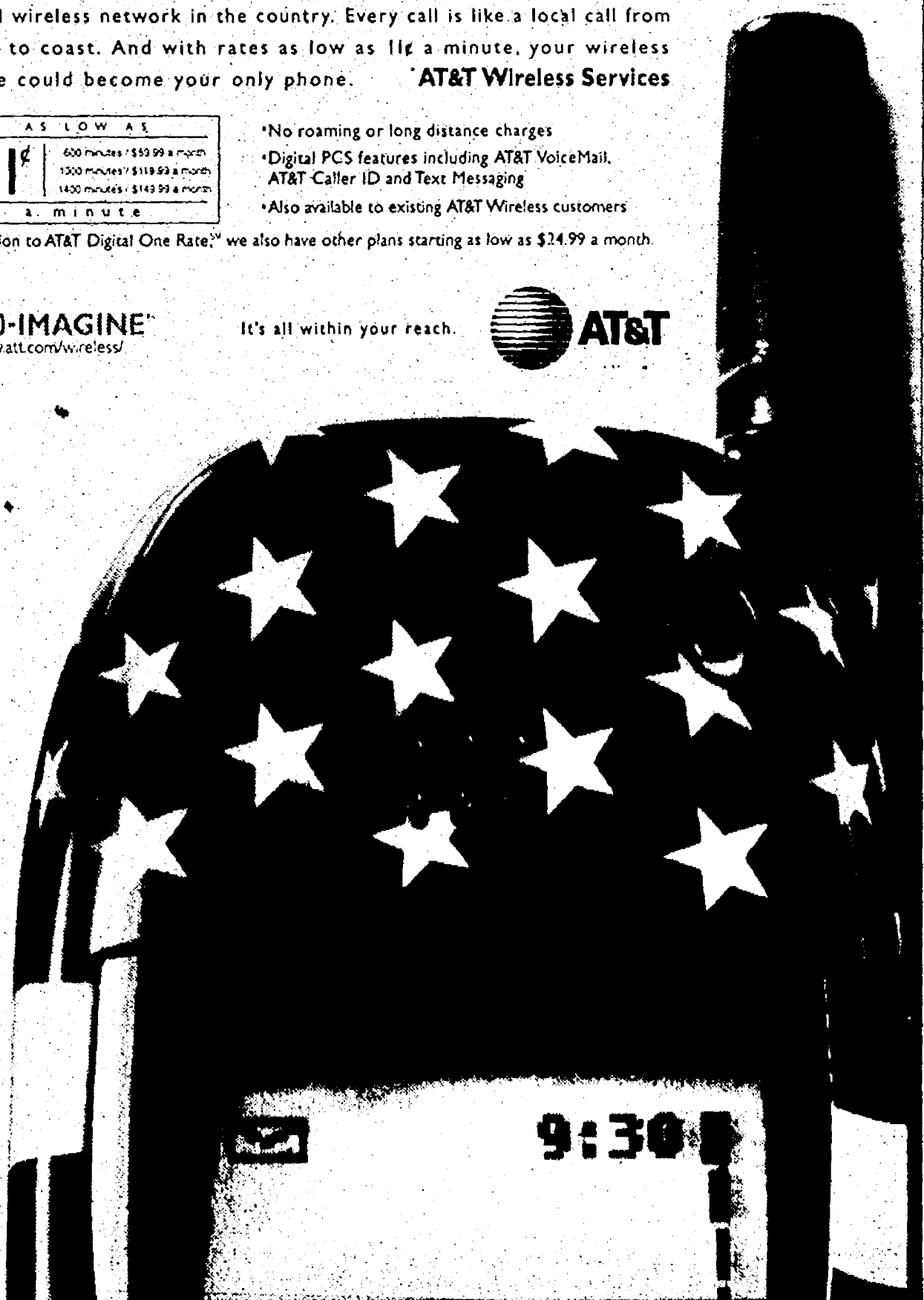
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Area golf divots

Wayne's Thom Piscopink, firing a 68 in a Detroit sectional qualifying event Tuesday at the Orchards, has qualified for the U.S. Senior Open Championship, July 23-26, at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Piscopink and co-medalist Buddy Whitten will be joined by Bobby Stroble of Orange Park, Fla. and Bob Smith of Clearwater, Fla. (each firing 69s).

The 82nd annual Michigan Women's Amateur Championship at Boyne Mountain Resort's Alpine Course (July 13-17) will include several area players.

Among those entered: Kellianne Nagy (Livonia), Katherine Collins (Plymouth), Laura Kowalski (Plymouth), Deborah Comstock (Redford), Priscilla Gilliam (Canton) and Lisa Chalmers (Farmington Hills).

The defending champion is Joan Garety of Rockford with Lansing's Erika Idling qualifying medalist with a 74.

Chris Tompkins, who will be a senior this fall at Westland John Glenn High School, finished tied for second in the Power Bilt Junior Tour's Sun Mountain Michigan Junior Classic (June 28-29) at Black Bear.

Tompkins shot 75-76 for a 151 total. He lost in a playoff to Plymouth's Adam Peters, Redford Catholic Central High product who will play this fall for Eastern Michigan University. Peters shot 74-77.

Brighton's Eric Wohlfield won the tournament with a 148 total.

Tompkins shot 82-78 Monday in the Junior Amateur held at the Meadows in Grand Rapids.

Schoolcraft College golf coach Carolyn Benninger (Northville) took first flight low gross honors Friday with an 81 at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

Sandy Rivers of White Lake was runner-up with a 90.

Diane Wazney (Dearborn) won low net with a 63. Dolly Vettese (Northville) was second with a 65.

In the second flight, Westland's Penny Irwin took low gross with a 93, while Gloria Hudson (Southfield) and Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights) tied for second with 97 each.

Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) captured low net with a 59, while Lori Wilson (Livonia) took second with a 66.

Livonian Gary Kraus was runner-up last month in the Ashworth Collegiate Amateur Series stop at Forest Akers in East Lansing.

Cory Peckham of Okemos, with a two-round total of 149, garnered the individual title one stroke ahead of Kraus and Daniel Lutz of Winnetka, Ill. with 150 apiece.

Matthew Courtright of Livonia tied for fourth recently with an 84 in the Boys 13-and-under division last month at the Junior Championship at Stonehedge in Augusta. The event was part of the Power Bilt Michigan PGA Junior Tour.

Youth soccer runner-up

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club's under-11 boys select team recently finished second in the Open Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League.

Team members include: Mike Cook, Grant Dossetto, Cole Dossetto, Brad Jackson, Dan Karas, Dave Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Miles Malozie, Matt Moryc, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrosky, Brennan Pearson, Ryan Raickovich and Nate Regan, all of Livonia; and Brendan Diehl, Plymouth.

The team is coached by Lou Suveg and Jim Moryc. The team trainer is Adam Pichler.

Youth volleyball camp

Madonna University will conduct four sessions of volleyball camps including its setters and youth camps Sunday through Wednesday, July 12-15, at the school's gymnasium.

The setters camp (cost \$100) will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon, while the youth camp (cost \$75) is from 1-4 p.m.

Morning (8:30 a.m. to noon) and afternoon (12:30-4 p.m.) sessions for hitters (cost \$100) will be from Sunday through Wednesday, July 19-22.

The defensive specialty camp (cost \$100) will be from 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, July 19-22.

Each camp participant will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call Madonna women's coach Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (248) 478-7107 (evenings).

State champions set target date

Top-ranked team from Illinois eyes tilt vs. Stevenson

The similarities are almost eerie.

Both are highly successfully high school girls soccer programs, defending state champions and nationally-ranked from upper middle-class western suburbs — one from Detroit, the other from Chicago.

Both coaches are Livonia natives and played soccer at Central Michigan University.

So it's only natural that Livonia Stevenson and St. Charles, Ill., will meet next spring — Friday, May 14 — on the soccer field.

It was a matchup nearly realized this spring.

Stevenson lost two dates on its schedule, but St. Charles couldn't afford to drop an opponent.

In the final NSCAA/Umbro National High School Girls Soccer Rankings, which includes 18 states playing spring soccer, St. Charles, three-time defending Illinois state champion (among 290 schools, all one class), was ranked No. 1.

Coached by Joe Moreau, a 1982 Redford Catholic Central grad, St. Charles finished 29-0-1 this year, avenging its only tie with a 4-0 victory over Naperville North in state final.

St. Charles is riding an 86-game unbeaten streak and is gunning for the national record next spring.

Stevenson, 41-0-2 over the past two seasons and two-time Michigan state champion among big schools, was rated No. 8 nationally in the final poll.

The two-day format, to be hosted by



Ready for matchup: Two of the country's premier high school girls soccer teams will meet next spring when St. Charles, Ill., coached by Joe Moreau (left), and Livonia Stevenson, coached by Jim Kimble, square off.

St. Charles, includes Catholic Memorial of Waukesha, the four-time Wisconsin state champion, and Lincolnway, which finished fourth this spring in Illinois.

Stevenson (2,200 students) and Lincolnway will play the second night, while Waukesha Catholic and St. Charles (2,900 students) face off in the second half of the May 15 double-header.

"The contract is written and signed," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, who

is 71-5-4 in his four seasons. "Joe is our regional representative for the national poll and we brainstormed the idea this spring after we lost a game against our schedule (Country Day)."

Moreau was a graduate assistant at CMU and helped recruit Kimble out of Stevenson to play for the Chippewas.

"I came in the fall of 1986," Kimble recalls. "I earned a starting berth as a freshman. Joe always had a lot of confidence in me."

Livonia talent became a pipeline for

Going deep

Jimmies among elite slowpitch teams

Larry Quartuccio just can't give it up.

Despite a recent job transfer to Florence, Ky., Quartuccio still spends his weekends managing one of the state's premier men's slow-pitch softball teams.

"We've had this team together for 20 years," Quartuccio said. "I've thought about giving it up, but I've been at it so long."

"The phone bills get kind of high with all the long-distance calls, but I still enjoy it. It's worth it."

The team is known as Jimmie's, but it also has three other sponsors — Varsity Athletics, a sporting goods store; Easton, the aluminum bat maker; and Ques, Quartuccio's company which does screening and embroidering of sportswear apparel.

Last weekend in Milwaukee, Jimmies stepped up two levels and finished fourth in the City of Festivals Coca-Cola Men's USSSA Majors Tournament.

That tourney field included the top two ranked teams in Men's Major, Lighthouse/Worth and Sierra Power, along with Wesel/Hague, ranked No. 1 in Class AA.

The Westland-based team, ranked No. 3 in Class A, is now 23-4 overall.

"It was an accomplishment for a Class A team to finish fourth in a Men's Major," Quartuccio said.

On June 13-14, Jimmies won a Major

MEN'S SOFTBALL

NIT in Cleveland.

In Milwaukee, the fences were 325 feet with 301 being the tournament minimum. The balls vary from a 44-core (somewhat deadened) to as high as a 50-core (the most lively).

"It's still pretty much a game of power," Quartuccio said. "They've made advancements the last four years. The game has changed."

"With Easton as a sponsor (based in Van Nuys, Calif.) you have the best bat out there."

The average age of the Jimmies roster is 30.

Westland John Glenn product John Sampson, 42, is one of the team's elder statesmen along with third baseman Mark Matchulat, also 42, of Redford.

The 6-foot-4, 265-pound Sampson is one of the team's batting leaders. He hit .681 in Milwaukee.

"I like to call them 'seasoned' players — both are starters," Quartuccio said.

Livonia Churchill product Scott Hille, who batted .818 en route to All-Tournament honors in Milwaukee, provides power at catcher and DH.

Another Glenn grad, Chris Scheffer, a nose guard during his football days at Central Michigan University, also catches and can hit the long ball.

But Quartuccio doesn't necessarily rely on brute strength.

"I often go opposite of the flow," the Jimmies manager said. "I like a good mix. Most teams build on home run power, but we have a couple of guys who weigh 180."

"We take a lot of pride in defense. I've been to a lot of world tourneys and you're not going to win unless you have team defense."

Quartuccio employs a different strategy.

"We only use three outfielders with five guys in the infield," he said. "We don't play with a rover. We can get by with three outfielders because they're very, very quick."

Center fielder Johnnie Simpson, who commutes from Kalamazoo, batted .818 in Milwaukee.

He is flanked by left fielder Scott Janack of Belleville, an all-tourney pick in Milwaukee, and right fielder Tom Lengyel of Melvindale.

"And we're fortunate to have two pitchers who are the very best," said Quartuccio, referring to former Redford Thurston High product Raffi Kostegian and John Glenn grad Scott Nastally (now of Garden City). "I wouldn't trade them for anybody."

Rounding out the infield is first baseman Jason Riggs (Monroe), shortstop Randy Windham (Monroe), middle infielder John Recker (Farmington Hills Harrison) and Greg Tome (Farmington).

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GIRLS SOCCER

CMU as several area players migrated north to Mount Pleasant.

"One of the things about Central is that even though we weren't contenders, it was a close-knit group of guys," Kimble said.

The two have stayed in touch since they went their separate ways.

Moreau landed a teaching job in Wilmette, Ill., before settling at St. Charles as an assistant in 1990.

In four years as head coach, Moreau is 105-3-6, with three consecutive state crowns after taking third in 1995.

St. Charles won its first Illinois crown in 1990, Moreau's first year as an assistant, then again in 1994.

"It's a big soccer area, a lot like Livonia or Troy," Moreau said. "Soccer is huge in the Chicago suburbs. We have two big clubs, Sparta or St. Charles. We also have Tri-City Soccer which has about 5,600 kids."

St. Charles fields four teams — a freshman, a freshman-sophomore, a junior varsity and a varsity team. This season three seniors played on the JV.

"We have about 100 kids come out and we keep about 80 in the program," Moreau said. "We've got five coaches. I just have an awesome staff to work with."

Six players off the 1997 state champion St. Charles team earned NCAA Division I scholarships. One player, Laurie Siedl, a two-time prep All-America, was named Big Ten Newcomer of the Year at Minnesota.

The 1998 state championship team loses four seniors to graduation, three starters including goalkeeper Lynley Hilligoss, who is headed to Iowa State. Junior midfielder Becky Myers, the

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Anderson field great

The field will be "loaded" once again for the 22nd annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial Tournament in Wayne, featuring many of the state's top men's slowpitch softball teams.

The tournament, co-sponsored by the City of Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, is dedicated to the memory of the former Wayne officer who was killed in the line of duty.

Action begins with a double-header at 6 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Anderson fields.

Play continues Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19.

"It's a 'biggie' for sure," said tournament director Larry Quartuccio. "We have 18 teams, seven which are nationally-ranked."

Five nationally-ranked Class A teams have entered including No. 3 Jimmies, managed by Quartuccio, along with the Westland-based Journeymen, No. 8; defending Anderson champion Prestige of Sterling Heights, No. 11; Oakland Plumbing/Liberty Park, No. 17; and Gekle/Bandits, No. 20.

Also included in the field is the nation's No. 1-rated Class B squad, Mountain Top, and the No. 1 Class A Industrial squad, Plumbers & Pipefitter.

Jimmies, third a year ago, has captured the title three of the past four years.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday night is a tournament party with food and beverage for sale and entertainment provided by the Gold Tones, along with a disc jockey.

At 9 p.m., the Leonard J. Anderson Hall of Fame selections will be announced.

Free tournament programs will be available starting today at participating merchants and at the Wayne Community Center.

Here is the opening-round schedule:

FRIDAY, JULY 17

6 p.m.: Nagle/Clear vs. Travonios; Grotto Club vs. Gonga's Graphics.
7:15 p.m.: A.B.T. vs. R&K Tool; Gekle vs. Mountain Top/Worth.
8:30 p.m.: Jimmies/Varsity/Ques/Easton vs. Oakland Plumbing/Liberty.
9:45 p.m.: Oakland Plumbing vs. Plumbers & Pipefitters.
10:45 p.m.: Prestige/Caherts vs. Journey men.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9 a.m.: Scores Bar vs. Perfection Plus; Expert Carpet vs. Nagle/Travonios winner.
10:15 a.m.: Metro Glass vs. Grotto/Gonga winner.



Tournament tested: Jimmies, featuring several area players is one of the state's top men's slowpitch softball teams. The Westland-based team will play July 17-19 in the Leonard J. Anderson Tournament in Wayne.

Stingers 3rd in Firecracker

The Stingers 18-under girls travel fastpitch team placed third at the annual Firecracker XPlosion in Hartland, Mi.

They finished with a 4-1 record, losing in the semifinal round to the Ohio Mustangs, 2-0. The Mustangs, who were eliminated by the Stingers in last year's tournament, allowed only two hits.

More important than the loss on the scoreboard was the injury to Stingers' player Erin Fitzgerald. After getting the Stingers' second hit, Fitzgerald and the Mustangs' second baseman collided. A hospital examination later revealed Fitzgerald broke suffered a broken arm and chipped bone.

Despite her pain, Fitzgerald stayed in the game and batted in the seventh inning due to the Stingers' lack of depth because of illness.

The pitching duties throughout the tournament were shared by Leah Moeller (Farmington Hills Mercy), LeAnne Schraufnagle (Livonia Stevenson) and Jen Elwell (Dearborn Divine Child).

The Mustangs tested the Stingers' fielding throughout the semifinal game with bunts or slap hits.

Schraufnagle held the Mustangs hitless and didn't allow a baserunner through three innings. Elwell pitched the final

GIRLS FASTPITCH

four innings, allowing four earned bases and striking out six.

Two errors by the Stingers helped the Mustangs' cause. They advanced to the finals where they beat the Crown Softball team out of Lansing, 6-2, for the championship.

The Stingers opened the tournament on Friday with a 5-4 win over the Michigan Impact, a team from the Grand Rapids area. Moeller pitched the distance, scattering seven hits and striking out three. Shayla O'Mara (Mercy) and Marissa Melchior accounted for four of the five Stingers' runs, both going 3-for-4.

Schraufnagle pitched a six-hitter with six strikeouts in the second game on Saturday, a 10-3 win over the Brandon North Stars. The sister act of Erin and Kerry Fitzgerald was hard to get out as Kerry went 2-for-2 with two RBI and Erin was 2-4 with a three-run triple.

Saturday's final pool play game was against the Michigan Polar Bears, a newly-formed team loaded with seasoned players. Elwell scattered six hits, struck out eight in pitching the entire way of a 5-1 victory. The

only run by the Polar Bears came on a home run by Dela Mielles in the fourth inning.

A two-run homer by O'Mara followed a triple by Rachel Viers, who finished the game 2-3, to highlight a big fifth inning by the Stingers. The Polar Bears changed pitchers after O'Mara's blast, but Kate Homant (Mercy) greeted the new pitcher with a slap single and came home on a sacrifice fly by Terri Schroeder (Mercy).

The Stingers came back strong again on Sunday with a 9-1 win over the United Express, a team made up mostly of underclassmen at Mercy and Divine Child high schools.

Elwell and Schraufnagle split the pitching duties, throwing a combined two hitter. Elwell struck out four. The lone run came on a solo homer by the Express' Karrie Brankiewicz.

Schraufnagle fielded her position well, fielding three hits back to the mound in the fifth and making the putouts at first base.

Schroeder shined on offense, going 2-2 with a double. Melissa Baliko went 3-3, including a double.

The Stingers are coached by Bob Smith (Garden City), Trudi Pheaney (a Livonia Churchill graduate) and Ed Moeller (West Bloomfield).

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Recker was a former standout relief pitcher for Livonia Adray in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Key reserves include Brian Donehue (Livonia Franklin),

Rubin Gonzales and Eugene Beza. Quartuccio's son Tony is an assistant coach.

The process for putting a team together starts in February. That's when the schedule is set.

After several summer road trips, the season culminates in the USSSA Class A World Series, Sept. 4-7, in Shawnee, Kan.

"You have to have total dedication from the guys," Quartuccio said. "Everybody has to be there at each tournament barring a brother or sister getting married."

"All our guys usually get in on Friday nights, then we have a meeting to go over things."

"I usually do business up here on Thursdays and that's when we practice. It starts in March."

Then the process begins all over again for 1999.

And it's a good bet Quartuccio will be back for his 21st season.

RUNNING EVENTS

Founders Festival benefits Falcon track, cross country

It's fun, it's nice, it's a nice test.

It's the annual Founder's Fest race at 9 a.m. Saturday, which begins and ends in Shiawassee Park in Farmington.

"It's nice because the last half is a nice gradual downhill run," said coach Chip Bridges, whose Farmington High School track and cross country teams are the beneficiaries of the event. "So it makes for fast times."

"This is the fifth year we've sponsored the event in this form. It keeps getting a little bit bigger, a little bit better."

The event is a four-mile run which starts and finishes in Shiawassee Park at the corner of Shiawassee and Power. Check-in time for the 9 a.m. race is at 8:15 a.m.

The race winds through several subdivisions to Grand River Ave., then goes southeast back to the park. Since it runs along the parade route, early arrivers to watch the

parade get to cheer the runners on. People in the subdivisions also turn out to help the runners.

Late registration is \$15 with all proceeds going to the Farmington High School track and cross country teams. The race is sponsored by Bridges' teams, Farmington Hills Recreation and the Farmington YMCA.

"This is our big fund-raiser," said Bridges, who is hopeful defending men's champion Rob Block of Livonia Stevenson and women's winner Jody Buck will return.

There is on-site registration but those entrants are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Competitors can enter four age groups: 17-under, 18-29, 30-39 and 40-over. There are men's and women's divisions in each category.

Winners in all divisions receive \$15. Top finishers get medals. There will be a raffle at the end of the race with plenty of novel prizes.

"It's a nice race," Bridges said, "because it's a nice distance. It's not a long race, but it's a bit longer than a 5K."

"It gives people an opportunity to run through subdivisions — and the park setting is perfect for the start and finish."

"And the raffle at the end of the race is always a lot of fun. We try to give away a lot of stuff."

"We've got a nice running community forming in Farmington. This is a nice little carrot for them."

The event drew about 130 runners a year ago and Bridges is hopeful to add about 20 to that total this year.

"We're trying to build it slowly but surely," he said. "All the people who have run it the last four years have been very complimentary of the course and the way we've handled things."

"Hopefully, we'll do as well this year."

Canton Parks sponsor 5-miler

It's become a main feature of summer.

The annual Race Day in the Park, sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at Canton's Heritage Park.

The headline event of the day will be the 20th annual 5-mile run, which begins at 9 a.m. Competition, for both males and females, will be in 10 age divisions: 14-and-under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59 and 60-and-over.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each division, both male and female.

All entrants in both this race and the 5-kilometer walk will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt and will be eligible for thousands of dollars worth of business-donated prizes and a grand prize travel gift certificate.

The fourth annual 5-K walk will begin at 8:15 a.m., and is open to all ages. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers.

Entry fee for both the 5-mile run and 5-K walk is \$10 (pre-registration, which ends July 9). Late registration is \$15; it begins at 7:15 a.m. Saturday at the Canton Township Hall

(1150 S. Canton Center).

The opening event of the day is the fourth annual 1/2-mile fun run for kids, which winds around the Heritage Park ponds. The event is open to all kids (male and female) 12-and-under. The run begins at 8 a.m.; entry fee is \$2, with all entrants receiving ribbons.

There will be aid stations and refreshments at the finish line of the 5-mile race.

Registration forms are available at the Canton Parks and Recreation office (46000 Summit Parkway, Canton). For further information, call (734) 397-5110.

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- Robert Gordon, Westland
- Charles McNamara, Westland
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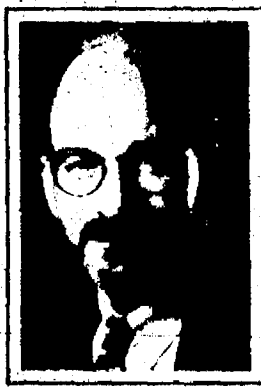
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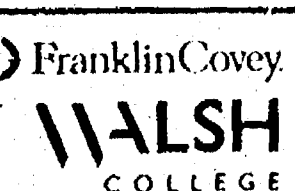
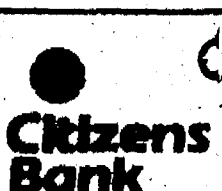
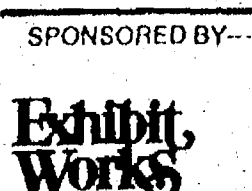


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Lafata replaces Kavanaugh

Anyone familiar with Schoolcraft College's athletic department is well aware of how things have changed — for the better — in the past year. New coaches, new administrators, new financial support have all made the outlook for SC sports look promising.

The latest addition in the first of that trilogy is Karen Lafata, who replaces Ed Kavanaugh as SC's women's basketball coach. Kavanaugh remains as SC's athletic director; indeed, he was the reason Lafata left her position as Macomb CC's women's coach to take the SC position.

At first glance, it might not seem like a good choice. Lafata, who has coached for 25 years, lives in Warren and has coached in that area most of her career. At Macomb, she went 11-17 in her first season (1996-97), then developed a squad that won the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference championship last year, going 25-9 and reaching the NJCAA Tournament.

So why leave a program on the rise to take a similar job at a similar school much farther away?

For Lafata, the decision was

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an easy one. "It's a great opportunity to work for Ed Kavanaugh, whom I have great respect for and whom I have known for 20 years," she explained.

"And there's Schoolcraft itself — the facilities are excellent. I'll be able to recruit the tri-county area better, and it's just a great area to recruit. With Ed, I know women's basketball will get a fair shake. And the situation that's happening there, with the (financial) support for athletics, made this an easy decision."

At Macomb, Lafata had to "do a lot of fundraising. I spent all my energy doing that."

With SC's increase in athletic scholarship help, Lafata has been able to devote her time to recruiting — something that won't take too long to surface. She already has the makings of a championship contender.

That kind of energy was something Kavanaugh was having trouble mustering as a coach any longer, particularly with his additional position as athletic director.

"There were a couple of

things that happened last November, when we hosted soccer and volleyball tournaments and I had to go out of town with the (girls basketball) team for a couple of games, that showed me I couldn't do both," Kavanaugh said.

He was starting to realize he would have to forfeit one of his positions. Coaching was his choice to go.

"When it came time to start recruiting again, well, I could tell my heart wasn't in it," Kavanaugh added. His long acquaintance with Lafata made this an equally easy decision for him.

"I told her that if she wanted the job, it was hers," he said. "She's going to do a good job."

She's already started. Lafata is well-acquainted with all parts of metro Detroit, which should aid her recruiting efforts enormously. In her prep coaching career, she's had stints at Birmingham Marian, Warren Cousino and Macomb L'Anse Creuse North.

"The only downside of taking the job is the travel involved," Lafata said. The upside — which could include a lot of post-season travel next winter — should negate that.

Ocelot coach on recruiting trail

When Ed Kavanaugh, a long-time women's basketball coach who built strong programs at Livonia Ladywood and at Schoolcraft College, decided that "when it came time to start recruiting again, well, I could tell my heart wasn't in it" as he decided to step aside, he hardly walked away.

Kavanaugh had other responsibilities at SC, as athletic director. He knew a coach who could step right in and make his program even better.

That person was Kathy Lafata, who last year guided Macomb CC to the NJCAA Tournament. At Macomb, Lafata had to raise funds to build the Monarchs' program; at SC, Kavanaugh was juggling both coaching and administrative responsibilities.

By combining their talents, there's no doubt SC will be the better for it.

That's already become apparent. Lafata has already a team that must be considered a contender for the Eastern Conference title in place.

Four key members from last year's Ocelot team return: Stacy Cavin, Jenny Talbot, Melissa Plave and Kim Washnock. Also returning is Esther Ross, a major contributor from the 1996-97 squad who sat out last season.

That gave Lafata a solid foundation to build upon. She wasted no time.

Lafata brought with her three members of her conference championship team at Macomb in 5-foot-11 power forward Jackie Kocis, 5-6 shooting guard Kera Hill and 5-5 point guard Jamie Lewandowski. Kocis and Hill averaged 10.5 points a game last season, and Lewandowski averaged seven points and 5.5 assists while earning all-conference honors.

A fourth transfer also accompanies Lafata to SC: Samantha Theisen, a 5-9 guard from Warren Woods Tower who played sparingly at Oakland University last season.

"I'm very confident this team can be a contender," said Lafata. "We'll be sophomore heavy and experienced."

But that's not all the Ocelots will have. Lafata is bringing in three freshmen who should help immediately: 5-7 forward/guard Denise Willis, from Detroit Kettering, a second team all-PSL selection who averaged 15 points a game; 6-0 center Chanty Pratt, a 1994 Lansing Everett graduate who attended Ball State but never played; and 5-10 forward Gina Brooke, a 1996 Walled Lake Western graduate who went to Eastern Michigan (but did not play) last year.

"That kind of rounds out our roster right there," said Lafata. "But we have room for a couple of others."

"I guess we could be a little bigger. But we'll be quick."

One other thing anyone interested in SC's women's basketball might count on — they'll be in the race.

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team's top player and most heavily recruited, returns next year.

All told, Moreau has sent 16 players to Division I schools in four years.

Meanwhile, Stevenson loses 10 seniors, including six starters.

Among the graduation losses include Spartan All-Stater Allison Campbell, who leaves with 117 career goals. She is headed to Tennessee.

Goalkeeper Jenny Barker, who will play this fall for

Madonna University, also departs along with All-Observers midfielder Leah McGrath.

But all is not lost, two All-Staters return for the Spartans — sophomore defender Andrea Sied and freshman sensation Lindsay Gusk.

"The girls are pretty excited," Kimble said. "We wanted to play them even though we lose quite a bit. We feel we can compete and give them a good game."

"I never seen them (St. Charles), but I know Joe obvi-

ously has quality people and I've heard they're solid all the way around. They're balanced from top to bottom."

Moreau also understands that Stevenson is no pushover.

"I know how good they are from the college coaches I've talked to," the St. Charles coach said. "Their reputation is strong and Jim does a great job."

"We never look in terms of wins and losses. We just want to improve as the season progresses. We try to set goals and

work very, very hard. Colleges recruit us because of our work ethic more than anything else."

Ironically, the similarities between the two schools just doesn't end with soccer.

"Our girls won the state cross country championship and our girls swim team won the state four years in a row," Moreau said. "Our boys soccer team finished third last year and two years before that they were state champs."

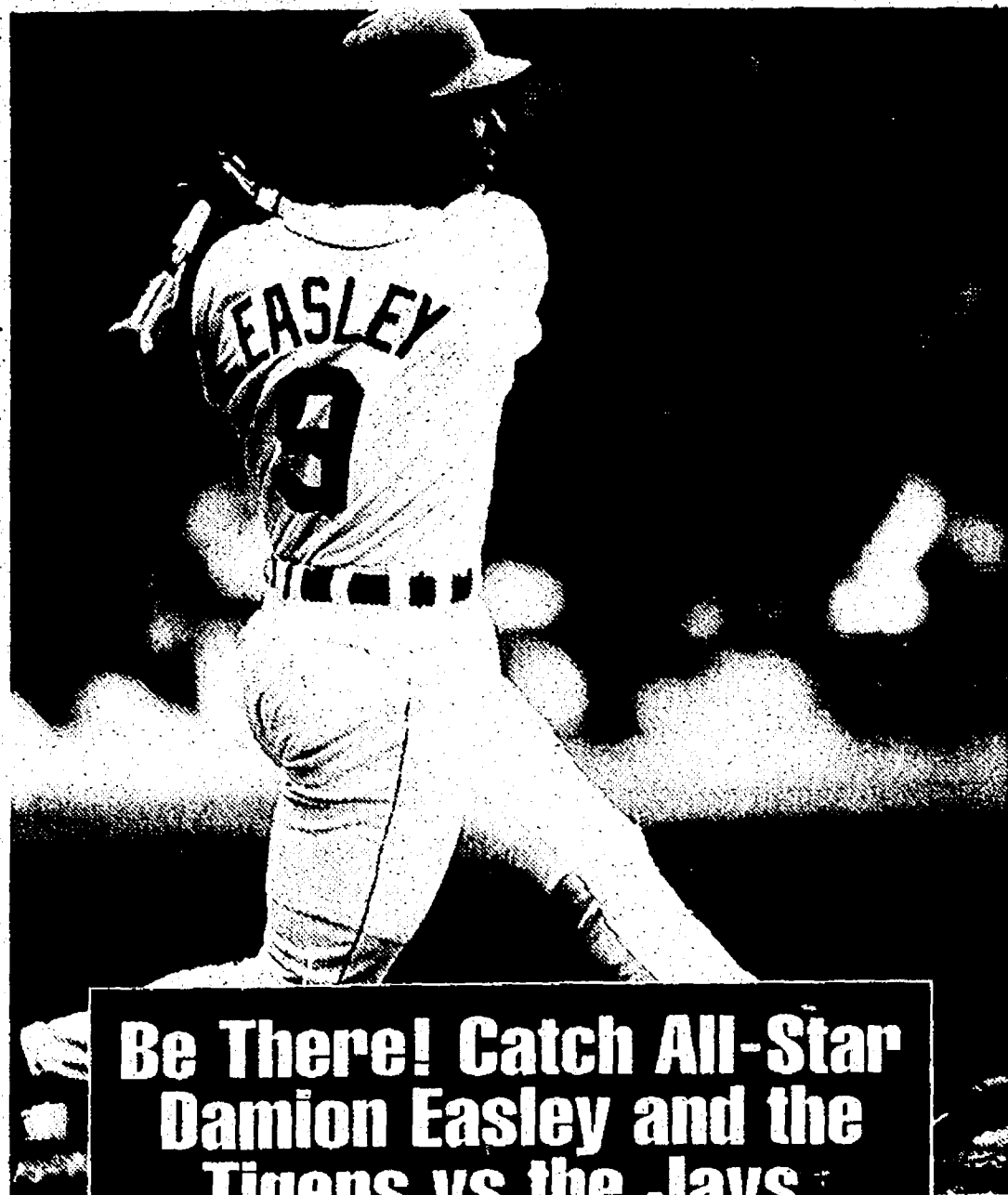
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SANDLOT BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Livonia squad rules tourney, trip to Florida

Tigertown hits the spot this summer for Livonia Travel's Connie Mack (ages 16-18) baseball team.

Winning five consecutive games over the Fourth of July weekend in the Firecracker Tournament in Sterling Heights, Livonia Travel has earned an automatic berth in the 18-year-old USSSA World Series in Lakeland, Fla., spring training home of the Detroit Tigers.

"This was a great tournament for our guys," Livonia Travel manager Bill Rabe said. "We had not had a day off since school got out. We had a great tournament in Fort Wayne (Ind.) and took a few lumps in Cincinnati, but came home to win the toughest tourney around."

It took eight innings, but Livonia Travel managed to gain a 12-

11 victory over the Michigan Tigers in the championship final. Chris Woodruff (Redford Catholic Central) staked Livonia Travel to a 3-1 lead with a first-inning homer.

The Tigers tallied four runs in the fifth to take a 9-4 advantage, but Livonia responded with five in the bottom of the sixth sparked by Casey Rogowski's bases loaded double.

Don Martin's 2-run homer gave the Tigers an 11-9 lead, but Livonia answered with three in the bottom of the eighth.

Bob Malek started the rally with a single followed by walks to Dave Lusky (CC) and Rogowski (CC).

Mike Fisher (Farmington Hills Harrison) then singled in a pair of runs.

Woodruff then walked to load

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the bases.

Roy Rabe's infield hit was mishandled as the Tigers attempted to turn a double play, bringing home the game-winning run.

Livonia Travel starter Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn) pitched the first five innings, allowing seven runs. He was relieved by Derek Fox (Farmington), who pitched to four batters without getting an out.

He was replaced by Dave Lusky, the eventual winner.

In the tourney opener, Fisher and Rogowski each homered and knocked in three runs as Livonia Travel dropped the Metro Hawks, 9-5.

Corey Cook (Livonia

Churchill), the winning pitcher, gave up five runs over five innings. Justin Draughn (Churchill) came on to earn the save.

In the second game, Livonia dumped the Tigers, 9-7, as Fisher, Malek and Woodruff each homered, while Rabe (Stevenson), Brent Zak (CC) and Mario D'Herin (CC) collected two hits apiece.

Pitchers Jon Ritzler (Stevenson) and Fox combined for the victory.

Fox tossed a three-hitter as Livonia made it three straight with a 10-0 triumph over the Northwest Ohio Mavs.

Brett Wells (Churchill) and Fisher each had two hits and three RBI.

Livonia reached the championship game with 6-5 triumph

over Steele's as Mark Cole (CC) allowed just three hits over six innings before giving way to Rabe, who earned the save.

Fisher homered in the win, while Hayes and D'Herin each had two hits.

On Tuesday, Rogowski's RBI sacrifice fly scoring Brent Zak (CC) in the top of the seventh was the difference as Livonia turned back host Birmingham at Groves High School, 6-5.

An infield single by Zak followed by a Malek single set up the game-winner as first-place Livonia improved to 10-1 in the Little Caesar's Elite League and 20-6 overall.

Fisher clubbed a pair of homers — a 2-run shot and a solo blast. Woodruff was 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI. Malek added two hits.

Ritzler, the winning pitcher, went the distance.

He retired the first 12 batters in order before settling for a three-hitter. Ritzler struck out five and walked two.

On Monday, Livonia scored a 7-1 victory over the Downriver Rams.

Rabe pitched a two-hitter, fanning seven and walking five.

Pat Cash and Matt Gabrielli tallied the Rams' only two hits.

Mike Coopersmith (Walled Lake Western) suffered the loss.

Rabe pitched a three-hitter last Thursday as Livonia bounced the Michigan Rams, 13-3, in a mercy-rule shortened game.

Rabe and Fox each collected three hits apiece to pace a 13-hit attack. Hayes added two hits, including a homer.

On July 1, Livonia Travel suffered its first league defeat as Clarkston rallied from a 7-1 deficit to gain a 9-8 triumph.

George Drallos' 2-run homer in the bottom of the sixth proved to be the difference.

Cole, in relief of Malek, suffered the loss.

The Clarkston 6-run uprising came after Cole had retired 10 straight batters and allowed just three hits over five innings.

Malek doubled three times in the defeat.

On June 30, Livonia downed the Riverview Rams, 8-5, as Lusky was the winning pitcher. He allowed five hits over five innings while fanning five before giving way to Rabe, who earned the save.

Malek went 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Lusky and Fox each contributed two hits.

Livonia Travel 15 rebounds with win

Turnabout is fair play — at least for Livonia Travel 15, a Mickey Mantle-age baseball team.

After being knocked out of the Firecracker Tournament on Sunday by Allen Park Junior Legion, LT 15 bounced back Monday with a 17-4 five-inning (mercy rule) league victory at Dearborn Heights.

"We got embarrassed a little bit on Sunday and took it out on Dearborn Heights on Monday," said LT 15 manager Jim Wilson, whose team is 21-5 overall and 11-1 in league play.

LT 15 sent 18 batters to the plate in the top of the first inning, scoring 12 runs.

Brian Campbell led the offensive assault, going 4-for-5, while Pete Pinto and Brad Buckler each added three hits.

For the game, LT 15 collected 23 hits.

Winning pitcher Mike Moore allowed three runs on four hits over three innings.

In the Firecracker, Allen Park tallied seven runs in the opening inning as LT 15 starter Scott Golem endured his first poor outing of the year, lasting just two-thirds of an inning.

LT 15 pitchers gave up 11 hits on eight walks in three innings. The defense committed five errors.

In the tourney opener, Brent Scheffler hurled a five-inning no-hitter as LT 15 blanked the Jackson County, Ohio Blue Streaks, 9-0.

Scheffler, Dan Wilson, Ronnie Williams and Moore collected to

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hits apiece in the victory.

In the second game, LT 15 pitcher Shawn Casey threw a six-hit shutout in an 8-0 win over the Stark County Hawks of Canton, Ohio.

Pinto was the hitting hero, going 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

LT 15 then wrapped up first place in its bracket on Saturday with a 5-4 triumph over the Michigan Rams.

Williams, who worked the first 5½ innings, earned the victory. He gave up four runs on five hits. Golem came on to get the final four outs to pick up a save.

Livonia scored four runs in the top of the first with the first five batters collected hits.

Wilson and Pinto each went 3-for-4 to pace a 14-hit attack. Scheffler and Joe Ruggiero each added two hits.

In league action June 30, LT 15 avenged one of its defeats by beating the host Wayne Bandits, 13-4.

Golem ran his record to 5-0 by going the first five innings, allowing four runs on four hits and five walks. He struck out six.

Ruggiero came on in the sixth to earn the save.

Campbell paced the offense with three hits and three RBI, while Wilson doubled and tripled with three runs and three RBI. Buckler reached base safely all four times with a single and three walks.

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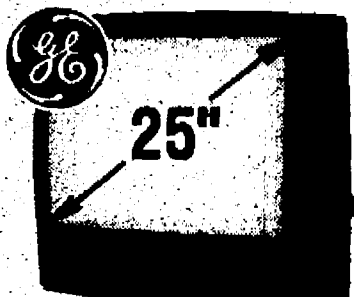
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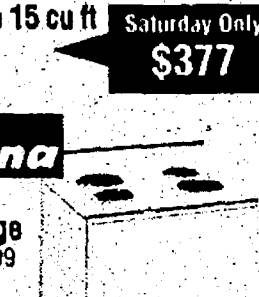
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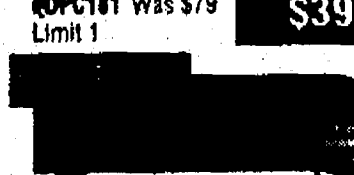
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION

The Wayne County Commission Committee on Environment, Drains and
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1. An Ordinance to amend Subsection 6(b) of Enrolled Ordinance No.
98-381 to establish a \$500,000 authorization in the Wetlands
Mitigation Fund.
2. An Ordinance amending Section 101 of the Wayne County Code,
Sewer Use; to establish permit requirements for connections or
alterations to County-owned or to public Storm Water or Wastewater
facilities; to govern the design, construction directly or indirectly to
County facilities; to regulate the discharge of Wastewater into public
sewers which are part of or tributary to the County facilities; to
provide for administration and enforcement of the Ordinance; to
prohibit certain detrimental conduct; and to establish penalties for
violations. (98-70-032)

The hearing will be held:

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1998
Room 400, 1:00 p.m.
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission
Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226.
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METRO SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE

Real McCoy

Wildcat scoring ace spurs team to victory

For more than 2½ periods, the Falcons shut down Jack McCoy (from Farmington Hills) — the Wildcats leading point-producer — on just one assist, and in so doing kept control of the game.

But two-plus periods does not a game make, and late in the third period McCoy got in gear, first scoring the game-tying, then the game-winning, goals in the 'Cats 5-4 triumph in a Metro Summer Hockey League game Monday at Plymouth Ice Arena.

The win pushed the Wildcats' record to 2-3; the Falcons slipped to 2-4.

The 'Cats comeback started in the late stages of the second period. Nick Field's score with 6:10 to play in the period had pushed the Falcon advantage to 4-2. John Brodhun (Livonia) narrowed the gap to 4-3 with a goal for the Wildcats with 3:30 to play in the second.

Still, the Falcon defense seemed up to the challenge in the third period, holding the 'Cats scoreless for more than 11 minutes. That's when McCoy got going.

His first goal, scored with 3:37 to play, tied the game at 4-4. Kyle McNeillance (Livonia) and Troy Taylor assisted. Then, just 56 seconds later, McCoy struck again, netting the game-winner with just 2:41 remaining. Taylor again assisted, together with Brian Calka (Livonia).

David Wallace added a goal and two assists for the 'Cats, with Matt Grant (Livonia) also scoring. Chuck Schervish was in goal the whole way for the Wildcats.

Josh Shuryan and Vic DeCina (Canton) paced the Falcon attack, Shuryan getting a goal and three assists and DeCina adding a goal and two assists. Paolo DeCina (Canton) also had a goal and an assist for the Falcons, with Greg Poupard notching two assists.

Matt Wierzbza was in goal the entire game for the Falcons.

•**BRONCOS 14, WOLVERINES 3:** Four goals by Nick Smyth — two of them in the first period — led the Broncos to victory Tuesday at Plymouth.

ROUNDUP

Smyth also had three assists for the Broncos, who collected their first victory of the MSHL season. Jake Wiegand and Matt Langley added two goals apiece, with Wiegand getting three assists and Langley two.

Other goal-scorers for the Broncos were Frank Bourbanals, Corey Almas, Glenn Pietila, Eric Heltunen, Mark Pietila and Lewis Lanway. Darrin Sylvester chipped in with four assists, while Wiegand had three, and Glenn Pietila, Keith Pietila, Bourbanals, Langley and Heltunen collected two apiece.

For the Wolves, Andrew Merrick had a goal and an assist, while Keith Rowe (Redford) and Jason Lawmaster (Westland) each scored goals.

Kevin Brady (Livonia) and Art Baker were each in goal for the Broncos. Joe Sorentino and John Trainor (Canton) were in the net for the Wolves.

•**BRONCOS 4, LAKERS 4:** After an 11-day delay — originally scheduled for June 25, the game was postponed until Monday — this seemingly lopsided match-up proved worth the wait.

The Broncos came into the game pointless in their first four MSHL games, while the Lakers were unbeaten in their first four league games. But in the third period Glenn Pietila assisted on one goal, then netted the tying marker, to earn a point for the Broncos.

The tie, the first of the MSHL season, dropped the Lakers (4-0-1) into second place in the Bakes Division, a point behind the Huskies (5-1).

Two second-period goals by Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) had helped stake the Lakers to a 4-2 advantage entering the third. But with 10:21 left, Corey Almas scored for the Broncos to narrow the deficit to 4-3, with Pietila and Eric Heltunen assisting. Pietila got the tying goal with 6:54 left, assisted by Dwight Helminen and Darrin Sylvester.

Other Bronco goals came from Mark Pietila and Sylvester. Helminen had two assists in the game. Art Baker and Kevin Brady (Livonia) divided net time.

The Lakers' other goals came from Brian Jardine and Nick Jardine, with Nick Jardine also getting an assist and Mike Vigilante earning two

assists. Lanny Jardine and Shawn Miller split time in goal.

•**HUSKIES 12, SPARTANS 2:** Dan Hunt (Livonia) and Tony Guzzo each scored two goals in the first 10:12 of the game — Hunt finished with four goals, while Guzzo netted three — to get the Huskies started, and that was enough Monday at Plymouth.

The Huskies improved to 5-1 and moved into first place with the win. The Spartans remained winless after four games.

Jim Tudor (Canton) added two goals and an assist, while Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford), Scott Curtin (Redford) and Brian Sutherland also got goals. Sean Kass contributed four assists, with Hubenschmidt, Tad Paterson (Canton), Jeremy Sladovnik and Bobby Davis each collecting two.

Ed Souilliere and Ryan Davis each played in goal for the Huskies.

Brian Halas (Canton) scored both Spartan goals, with Craig Peiser assisting on each. Mark Lavender was in goal the whole game for the Spartans.

•**HUSKIES 10, BRONCOS 9:** On Sunday at Plymouth, Jesse Hubenschmidt (Redford) scored three goals in a four-goal, third-period spurt that led the Huskies to a victory over the Broncos.

Hubenschmidt finished with four goals in the game to lead the Huskies. Jeremy Sladovnik added three goals, with Pete Mazzoni, David Scott (Canton) and Sean Kass also scoring goals. Tony Guzzo contributed five assists and Scott Curtin got two.

The Broncos were paced by Corey Almas and Mark Pietila, each netting three goals. Frank Bourbanals, Keith Pietila and Jason Lawmaster (Westland) each added single scores, with Lawmaster and Keith Pietila also assisting on two goals apiece.

Ed Souilliere (Livonia) and Ryan Davis each spent time in goal for the Huskies; Kevin Brady (Livonia) and Art Baker were in the net for the Broncos.

The Huskies opened up a 4-1 lead in the first period of this seesaw affair and led 4-2 entering the second. The Broncos strung together four goals in the second to forge a 6-6 tie going

into the final period, and had an 8-6 lead 86 seconds into the period on goals by Keith Pietila and Almas.

•**BULLDOGS 9, WOLVERINES 5:** A 5-1 surge in the second period enabled the Bulldogs to slip past the Wolverines Sunday at Plymouth.

The score was tied at 2-2 after one period and 3-3 after 82 seconds of the second. The 'Dogs then got goals from Matt Grant (Livonia), Andrew Domzalski (Livonia), Kevin Swider (Livonia) and Jason Basile to take command.

Domzalski and finished with two goals, while Basile added two assists. Other goal-scorers for the Bulldogs were Corey Swider (Livonia), who contributed two assists, Ian Crockford, Brad Yonemura (Garden City) and Ben Blackwood. Darin Fawkes (Livonia) chipped in with two assists.

The Wolverines got two goals from Dale Rominski and single scores from Bill Trainor, Andrew Merrick and Jason Lawmaster (Westland). Merrick, Trainor and Rominski each added two assists.

Bob Harrison was in goal the whole game for the 'Dogs; Joe Sorentino played the whole way in the net for the Wolverines.

•**LAKERS 13, FALCONS 5:** Five players accounted for 12 of the Laker goals Sunday at Plymouth in an easy win over the Falcons.

Mike Vigilante and Eric Dolesh (Farmington Hills) got three goals apiece to lead the Lakers' assault, with Dolesh also picking up three assists and Vigilante one. Jeramie Murray (Redford), Austin Meibers (Canton) and Ryan Gauthier (Canton) added two goals each, with Gauthier adding three assists and Meibers two. Brian Jardine also scored a goal and assisted on two, while Chris Libbett had four assists and Miles Meibers (Canton) two.

The Falcons were paced by two goals from Vic DeCina (Canton) and single tallies by Nick Field, Paul Goleniak and Scott Goleniak. Scott Kale added two assists.

Lanny Jardine and Shawn Miller were each in goal for the Lakers; Matt Wierzbza and Casey Osting played in goal for the Falcons.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The annual Detroit Titan Golf Scramble will be Thursday, Aug. 27, at Glen Oaks Country Club, located at 30500 W. 13 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills.

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Metro Fitness berths earned by Livonians

Over 20 boys and girls ages 7-14 competed recently in the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's Youth Fitness meet held at the Bentley Center.

Events included the 50-, 60- and 75-yard dashes, softball throw, running long jump, agility course, broad jump and chin-ning.

Winners advance to the Metropolitan Youth Fitness meet Thursday, July 23, at Kensington Metropark. Competitors from 36 different communities will be represented.

Here is a list of the first- and second-place finishers:

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CLASS B GIRLS (11-12)

60 dash: 1. Linda Montgomery; 2. Lisa Montgomery; softball throw: 1. Lisa Montgomery; 2. Linda Montgomery; running long jump: 1. Lisa Montgomery; 2. Linda Montgomery; agility course: 1. Linda Montgomery; 2. Lisa Montgomery; standing long jump: 1. Lisa Montgomery; 2. Linda Montgomery.

CLASS C BOYS (9-10)

50 dash: 1. Paul Cassar; 2. Kyle Kopitz; softball throw: 1. Patrick Treppa; 2. Michael Bessen; running long jump: 1. Cassar; 2. Treppa; agility course: 1. Bessen; 2. Brandon Kopitz; standing long jump: 1. Cassar; 2. Bessen; chin-ning: 1. Bessen.

CLASS D BOYS (7-8)

50 dash: 1. Christopher Rothley; 2. Thomas Avery; softball throw: 1. Rothley; 2. Avery; running long jump: 1. Rothley; 2. Avery; agility course: 1. Rothley; 2. Avery; standing long jump: 1. Rothley; 2. Andrew Weaver; chin-ning: 1. Rothley.

CLASS C GIRLS (9-10)

50 dash: 1. Amanda Weaver; 2. Becky Huron; softball throw: 1. Huron; 2. Jackie Sotzen; running long jump: 1. Sotzen; 2. Huron; agility course: 1. Weaver; 2. Sotzen; standing long jump: 1. Becky Huron; 2. Laura Huron.

CLASS D GIRLS (7-8)

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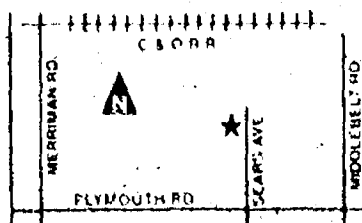
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Concealed Security romps in holiday tourney

Concealed Security's 11-year-old baseball team can't seem to act its age and coach Lou Pirronello hopes that bodes well when the team hosts a 12-year-old American Amateur Baseball Congress District (July 17-19).

Concealed won its second 11-year-old tournament of the season last weekend at the 14th annual Firecracker Classic at Warren's Halmich Park.

That Concealed rolled through the tournament with a 6-0 record, outscoring opponents 94-27, isn't surprising. Concealed is playing up a division in the Little Caesar's Pee Wee Reese 12-year-old Division, where it is tied for second place with the Riverview Devil Rays with 16-3 records.

Concealed's 12-year-old team is all alone in first place.

Concealed hopes to be competitive and possibly challenge for the district championship. Stepping Stone Field on Middlebelt Road between Grand River and Nine Mile roads is the site of the district.

The winner goes to the AABC North Central Regional in Rockford, Ill., where Concealed's 12-year-old team already has a direct invitation.

It doesn't expect to get past the regional but has the AABC 11-year-old Caba World Series in Tarkio, Mo. to look forward to at the end of the month.

"We didn't even expect to make a district, this has never happened," Pirronello said. "I'm very happy. We just expected to use this as practice for the 11-year-old World Series."

Concealed won another 11-year-old tournament this year and finished second to its brother team in a 12-year-old Memorial Day Tournament.

Concealed is 39-6 overall. It's a continuation of the success enjoyed last year when as 10-year olds they went 54-4 and won a AABC district and regional before finishing 1-2 at the Willie Mays World Series in Tennessee.

Here are the game-by-game results of the Firecracker Tournament:

Concealed 8, Carol Stream, Ill. 0: Concealed opened tournament play on Thursday behind the three-hit pitching of Phillip Mabey (Livonia), who struck out six with one walk in going the distance.

Ryan Shay (Garden City) went 2-for-2, including a triple, with an RBI. Casey Sargent (South Lyon) was 3-3 with two RBI.

Concealed 13, Goodrich 2: On Friday, Shay and Sargent combined on a five-hitter as Concealed won a four-inning mercy game.

Andrew Stafford (Sterling Heights) was 3-4 with two RBI to lead Concealed's attack. Scott Szpyka (Orchard Lake) went 2-2, Mabey 2-3 and Eric Drieselman (Garden City) 2-4 with three RBI.

Concealed 22, Ohio 5: No other game illustrated Concealed's explosiveness better than this one played Friday night.

Concealed trailed 5-4 heading into the sixth inning before Sargent tied it with a home run. Concealed then erupted for 18 runs on 18 hits in the top of the seventh, capping off a 25-hit performance.

"It was so unbelievable and this team from Ohio is very good," Pirronello said. "They won their first two games and this was like the division showdown."

The winning pitcher was Alan Hagedon (Westland), who improved to 6-0 pitching in relief. He allowed no runs on one hit and two strikeouts.

Drieselman started, giving up five runs on five hits with six strikeouts in 4 1/3 innings.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) hit two doubles in the seventh when he came to the plate three times. Mark Pirronello (Livonia) had a bases-loaded single among two hits and three RBI in the seventh.

Chris Rusin (Canton) had a triple and a double in the seventh. Shay had a triple and Szpyka a double in the seventh.

Szpyka was 4-5 with five RBI and Sargent finished 3-5 with four RBI. Pirronello finished 3-4 with three RBI. Andrew Stafford (Sterling Heights) was 3-5 with two RBI and Matt Rodeghier (Farmington Hills) also contributed three hits.

Concealed 18, Union City 6: Pirronello earned his first pitching victory, giving up two runs on two hits, one walk and one strikeout in two innings. Sargent, Rusin and Hagedon provided relief help in a game that lasted four innings because of the mercy rule.

Szpyka was 2-4, stroking a pair of doubles, with one RBI. Richard was 2-3, including a first-inning home run, with three RBI.

Hagedon was 2-2 with an RBI and

Rodeghier 1-3, hitting a bases-loaded double, and finishing with four RBI.

Concealed 18, Toronto Thornhill Reds 7: The night before, Concealed lost to this team in a scrimmage, 8-7.

Concealed won the real thing, however, using the combined pitching of Hagedon, Mabey and Richard.

"They knew they had to come to play," Pirronello said. "Our kids just started pounding the ball and it

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gets contagious. This was a good team we beat."

Hagedon improved his pitching record to 6-0, allowing two runs on three hits with one strikeout in two innings. Mabey struck out four, allowing three runs in three innings, and Richard pitched no-hit ball with one strikeout in one inning.

Richard, who hit about .800 for

the tournament, led the hitting attack with a 4-4 performance, including a homer, and six RBI. Stafford was 3-5 with two RBI and Sargent 3-5 with three RBI. Shay was 2-4.

Concealed 15, St. Clair Shores Angels 7: Shay pitched a complete-game six-hitter, striking out 11 and allowing three earned runs in the championship game on Sunday.

He also helped his cause with four RBI while going 3-4. Richard was 3-5 with an RBI and Hagedon

3-5 with two runs scored. Sargent, Pirronello and Stafford had two hits each. Pirronello scored three runs and drove home one and Stafford had two RBI and scored twice.

In regular-season games played this week, Concealed beat the Detroit Rangers on Monday, 21-7, and the Plymouth Cannons on Tuesday, 18-5.

In the win over the Rangers, Sargent, one of four Concealed pitchers, earned the victory.

Pirronello and Hagedon were

each 3-4 with three RBI. Szpyka was 3-4 with two RBI.

In the win over the Cannons, Mabey improved his pitching record to 9-1.

Drieselman had three hits and two RBI. Szpyka and Rusin had two hits each. Szpyka had two RBI and Rusin one RBI.

Drieselman and Hagedon each had three hits. Hagedon had three RBI and Drieselman two.

He struck out seven and allowed two hits in three innings.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Miss Clavel (Frances McDormand, left) shares a touching moment with her brave young charge, Madeline (Hatty Jones) in "Madeline" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Spend the day on the Detroit River waterfront watching the Thunderfest Hydroplane Races. More than 500,000 people are expected to line the waterfront during the races, which continue through July 12, call (800) 359-7760 for details.

SUNDAY



The Detroit Symphony Orchestra continues its summer concert season at Meadow Brook Music Festival 7 p.m. with Romance Under the Stars featuring violinist Xiang Gao. Tickets \$44 to \$13, call (313) 576-5111, (248) 377-0100, or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET



Livonia glass artist Joseph Wisniewski created this bowl for Art in the Park in Plymouth. More than 400 artists will display their works at the 18th annual show Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12 in the streets surrounding Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 454-1314 for more information.

MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL

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Featured artist: Larry Nozero will perform 7:30-8:30 p.m. with his quartet on the InmartGroup Stage during the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Michigan Jazz Festival

When: Sunday, July 19, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. Call (248) 474-2720 for information.

Schedule

InmartGroup Stage (Patio)

SCool Jazz PRime, noon-1 p.m., Jim Stefanson's Latin Jazz Combine, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Russ Miller Quintet, 3-4 p.m., Matt Michaels/Jack Brokensha Quartet, 4:30-5:30 p.m., George Benson Quartet, 6-7 p.m., Larry Nozero Quartet, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and Paul Vornhagen Quintet, 9-10 p.m.

Woodbridge Stage (Ballroom)

Pistol Allen Quintet, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Dennis Tini Quintet with April Tini, 2-3 p.m., Jim Wyse Jazz Quintet, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Alma Smith Quintet, 5-6 p.m., Louis Smith Quartet, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and Matt Michaels/Judith Cochill, 8-9 p.m.

Lear Stage (Tennis Court)

Janet Tenaj and Friends, 12:15-1:15 p.m., WSU Jazztet, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Walter White and IF-U-NU, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Tom Saunders' Detroit Jazz All-Stars, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Ron Kischuk and the Bones of Contention, 6:15-7:15 p.m., and Bess Bonnier Quartet, 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Moro/Cohen/Magna Stage (Coach House)

Hamid Dana and the Detroit Jazz Winds, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Eddie Nuccilli Big Band, 3-4:30 p.m., Eric Brandon Quintet, 5-6:15 p.m., Brookside Jazz, 6:45-8:15 p.m., and Johnny Trudell Big Band, 9-10:30 p.m.

The Michigan Jazz Festival, returning to Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills Sunday, July 19, continues to be among the best bargains in town.

Admission? Forget about it. It's free!

Festival spokeswoman Midge Ellis reports the fourth edition of the annual festival featuring "old, straight-ahead, classic jazz" will sport four stages, 20 groups, four big bands, 178 musicians for 11 hours at the historic Botsford Inn on Grand River just north of Eight Mile Road.

How can they do that? Start with a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund. Add the contribution of the Michigan Jazz Festival Board with a big assist from developer Morry Cohen and sponsorship of the American Federation of Musicians Local 5, the Lear Corp., Woodbridge Sales & Engineering, InmartGroup Ltd. and the Southeastern Michigan Jazz Association, and you've got \$23,000 worth of jazz performed by local musicians, and free admission for fans.

Past festivals on the same location have packed Botsford to the point where organizers were probably grateful the fire marshal didn't turn up. More than 5,000 people attended in 1997.

This year they've gotten permission from Clarenceville Schools to use the high school parking lot on Middlebelt south of Eight Mile Road for supplemental parking. Shuttle buses will carry fans from the high school to the festival at 15-minute intervals, Ellis said.

Michigan Jazz Festival fans tend to be aficionados in the strictest sense of the word, Ellis

said, which makes the musicians somewhat nervous because the fans listen intently to the music. The players know that if they goof up it will be heard. "But they love it," Ellis said.

Veteran Motown drummer Howard "Pistol" Allen agrees with the second half of that. "We don't goof up," he said. "We've been playing so long that there's no such thing as making mistakes. We've had years and years of great people who love us. There's no way we can get nervous. It's just like sitting down and having a cup of coffee with you and having fun."

Perhaps feeling something like Col. Mustard in the board game Clue, Allen will do it with the drums in the ballroom at 12:30 p.m. with his quintet.

Allen, 65, has been drumming in the Detroit area since 1957 when he began "playing with everybody" at Baker's Keyboard Lounge on Eight Mile Road at Livernois. He joined the Motown stable in 1961 and stayed with the label, playing on upwards of 3,000 songs, through 1972 when the company moved to California and Allen stayed here.

Allen expects his latest, yet unnamed, album to be on sale by the end of the year.

Another Motown contributor, sax player Larry Nozero will play at the Michigan Jazz Festival, too. Look for him and his quartet at 7:30 p.m. on the patio stage.

The quartet, consisting of Nozero, pianist Terry Lower, bassist Ray Tini and drummer Jim Ryan, performs every Monday night at DePalma's, a restaurant/bar on Plymouth Road west of Merriman in Livonia.

Nozero, 54, has been playing music for more than 40 years and

Guest artist: Veteran Motown drummer Howard "Pistol" Allen is one of 178 musicians performing at the Michigan Jazz Festival.

Listening to jazz: The Michigan Jazz Festival at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills features 11 hours of "old, straight-ahead, classic jazz" on four stages.

still enjoys the process "tremendously."

Why? "There are a lot of things now I do naturally that I used to have to really work at."

Like what? "Like playing really well." Nozero is a member of that army of musicians who have earned a living at it for many years but haven't quite become household names.

The Novi resident played as a studio musician on many old Motown records of the 1960s and '70s (That's his soprano sax solo on Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On?"), toured with Henry Mancini and Johnny Mathis, served as music director and bandleader at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel for five years and cut 13 solo jazz albums. Last year he was inducted into the Legends of Jazz International Hall of Fame.

"It's been a hell of a life," he said. "Music has been very good to me. It has given me an interesting life. I'm doing what I believe I'm here to do."

Nozero's latest album, "Warm," is in Detroit-area stores now but has yet to be picked up for distribution nationally.

The quartet will perform some of the "Warm" material at the festival, but most of it is backed by a string section and isn't suitable for a bare-bones quartet presentation. "These are all ballads," Nozero said, "all romance. It's the first album I've done that's been like this."

The Michigan Jazz Festival begins at noon Sunday, July 19, and continues through 11 p.m. The Botsford Inn offers food and drink for sale throughout the event. For more information, call (248) 474-2720.

MUSIC

Pine Knob welcomes Metallica back to Michigan

Metallica

What: Performs along with Days of the New and Jerry Cantrell

When: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11

Where: Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township

Why: In support of its latest album "Reload"

How: Tickets, \$43 pavilion and \$31 lawn, are available for the second show. For more information, call (248) 377-0100. Metallica's website is <http://www.metalclub.com>.

Jason Newsted holds his breath every time his band Metallica takes a little time off.

"I still get surprised pleasantly each time we go back out after being home. At the beginning of this year, we took two months off and that's the longest time that we've ever taken away from the band since the band started," the bass player said.

Metallica took a few months off to get their personal lives in order. Guitarist Kirk Hammett married his longtime girlfriend, Lani, during a ceremony in Hawaii in January. Guitarist/singer James Hetfield and drummer Lars Ulrich both became fathers.

"It gave the band time to find themselves in their own little personal lives. Kirk went and got married. Everybody

got themselves together a bit more."

When Metallica resumed its tour in support of "Reload" (Elektra), Newsted realized he didn't have a thing to worry about.

"There's only a few tickets that aren't sold at all. It feels good. We must be doing something right," Newsted said with a laugh.

"After being home, you wonder what's going to happen. So many bands have come and gone in that time. It changes so much. But all the seats are filled and everybody is singing."

The same will go for Detroit. Only a few tickets remain for the second of Metallica's two-night stand, Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township.

The show, which opens with Jerry

Cantrell and Days of the New, will be a reunion for Newsted; he was born in Battle Creek and raised in Niles and Kalamazoo.

Newsted moved from Michigan 17 years ago at age 18. He resided in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1981-1986 during which time he played in the rock band Flotsam and Jetsam. When Metallica's original bassist Cliff Burton died, Newsted took his place.

Newsted still has family in the state and returns twice a year.

"It's usually at Christmas and I was there two weeks ago (in early May). I've got some ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) back there. I get crazy and become a kid again. I get the motorcycles out and do a

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Homecoming: Metallica bassist Jason Newsted (second from left) returns home to Michigan to play two shows at Pine Knob Music Theatre Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, with the rest of his band - from left, drummer Lars Ulrich, guitarist/vocalist James Hetfield and guitarist Kirk Hammett.

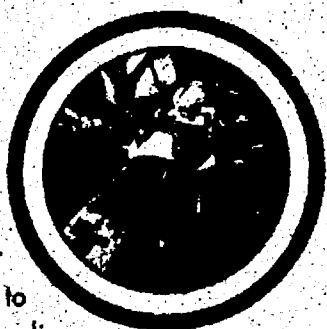
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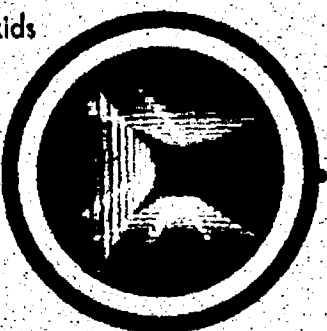
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little reminiscing. I feel very strong there," said Newsted, who now lives in San Francisco. Newsted said that when Metallica plays in Michigan, his family is there to support him. "They come out of the woodwork, dude. I'll tell you. There's going to be a lot of people there with the same last name," Newsted said.

Part two

Released in November, "Reload" is the second half to its previous release, "Load," which was originally scheduled to be a double album.

"We went in the studio to record 'Load' and we spent a lot of the time writing the songs. We wrote 30 songs all together. The initial plan was to record all of them," Newsted explained.

"But we got a ways into the recording, and we only had a couple of songs that were recorded. Finally, we said, 'guys, this isn't going to work.' If we had 30 songs to do in nine months and we had only two done in three months that it wasn't going to work."

The quartet wrapped up the songs that were closest to being finished. That became "Load."

Metallica went on tour to support "Load," including a date in spring 1997 at The Palace of Auburn Hills, and rehearsed the "Reload" material in between shows.

"The drums were already on

tape. So James and I took the tapes back and forth between the bass and guitar rooms and painted this picture. We used the drums as the canvas and we threw our different stuff at the canvas. It's an abstract type of record."

One of the things thrown at the canvas was the voice of Marianne Faithfull on the song "The Memory Remains."

"It was something to learn from. She had such great stories. You really get a great vibe from her," Newsted explained.

"What happened was James had already come into these lyrics which paint this picture of a woman who once lived in the limelight but dropped out very quickly. A couple of years later, they think they're still somebody but nobody's really looking at them anymore."

To fill the role of the fallen woman, Metallica considered Chrissie Hynde and Joni Mitchell.

"We needed to find a voice that could tell their story without really saying any words. Cliff Bernstein, our manager, heard Marianne Faithfull's voice and decided she was the one."

Faithfull doesn't tour with Metallica but Newsted said the fans fill in perfectly.

"It's cool, during 'The Memory Remains' the crowd is singing the Marianne Faithfull part."

Stripped down

Newsted explained that the Pine Knob shows will be much different from the show it put on at The Palace last year.

"We really went the full nine on that one. This is more of an outdoor summertime show which is usually more of a stripped-down situation. We're usually just trying to get a really cool light show happening and keep it pretty stripped down."

Newsted said Metallica digs deep into its library of 17 years of material for its live show.

"We play a few really heavy songs from each era of Metallica. You have to figure all the people coming to listen cover a span of 20 or 25 years in age difference. We have to hit them in that special spot that reminds of them when they were high school or junior high and listening to 'Ride the Lightning,' the black ('Metallica') record, 'Enter Sandman,' or 'Nothing Else Matters.'"

"If we hit that, maybe they'll listen to the next song that they didn't know before. We're trying to give everybody a special thing to hold on to. ... We've developed a set where it doesn't matter how many lights you have or how many bombs you have. What matters is what's coming out of the amps and what's coming out of your hands."

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"The focus is on the feminine ideal in past European cultures," said Aimee Marcereau, curator of the exhibit. Included in that "feminine ideal" is strict attention to detail - fabrics, garments, hair styles, cosmetics and jewelry.

The portraits, according to Marcereau, are snapshots of the time. Painters in the exhibit include Cornelis de Vos, Joseph Highmore, John Hoppner and George Romney.

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You'll hear a little bit about "Viagra" to the tune of "West Side Story's" "Maria," - "I just took a drug called Viagra," but for the most part, The Second City Detroit's latest revue, has little to do with Viagra.

This show kicks! The cast - Eric Black, Larry Campbell, Margaret Exner, Keegan-Michael Key, Mary Jane Pories and Catherine Worth - present a high energy, creative show, full of cutting edge humor.

Gone are the simplistic sketches about racism and violence in Detroit. Motown still drives the show, and Second City is the voice of Detroit, but the humor is more sophisticated, and staging improved. There's even some girl humor about sales - "I got it for 70 percent off," Exner sings about a dress she got at Value Village.

"Chryslerella" (Pories) goes to the ball - the Detroit Auto Show, and meets her handsome prince, Mercedes Benz, much to the dismay of her wicked stepsisters who represent General Motors and Ford Motor Co.

Rico Bruce Wade who performed in many mainstage productions before being named producer, has worked his magic. In March, Wade said one of his goals was to find more effective ways to steer the message. Themes introduced early in the show are reintroduced, creating a tighter production.

For instance, Exner plays maid of honor to Worth who is getting married. She frets about her orange dress, "I look like a pumpkin, and my hair looks like Jiffy Pop. This dress looks like a Thanksgiving Day centerpiece."

Later in the show, we visit the newlyweds who are watching the Red Wings on TV.

Political subjects have always been game for Second City. Exner is Secretary of State. Key represents Israel, Campbell, Palestine. As Secretary of State, Exner tries to help them find something in common - a favorite color, music, and discovers they both love Disney's "Little Mermaid."

"I'm sick of all this fighting," they sing. "If it worked for Aladdin and Jasmine, it could work for us. Oh yes we can make

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it, where can we make it? Only in Disneyland. These ties will never sever with Disney."

Movies are another theme. The cast creatively works the titles of many blockbuster hits including - "Mars Attack," and "Air Force One," into a skit where Pories informs the president, portrayed by Key, that "Goodwill," has just attacked New York.

Instead of improvisation that puts the cast and audience on the spot, the cast tried something a little different. A phone was planted in the audience. It rings, the woman picks it up, and is assaulted by long distance phone carriers, played by the cast. There's MCI, "all of your phones ring at the same time," and even the voice of god.

Pories, the newest cast member, has found her voice, and delivers a stronger performance than she did in "Down Riverdance."

The high energy closing resembles the grand finale of a fireworks display. All of the loose ends come together, leaving the audience in stitches.

"Viagra Falls" was written by the Second City Detroit cast. Ron West joined the cast as director, and Elaine Hendriks as stage manager. Musical director Marc Evan, an experienced improviser himself, provides excellent musical accompaniment, and makes a brief appearance on stage.



Acting up: Eric Black (left to right), Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key in The Second City Detroit's "Viagra Falls."



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INDIAN ART WORKSHOPS

Make your own dreamcatcher 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 11 or hematite jewelry noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12 at Woodland Indians Trading Company and Gallery, 26161 West Six Mile Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly, Redford.

The dreamcatcher workshop, presented by Turtle Island Living Art, is with Andrea (Ojibway) and Truman (Oneida) White. The fee is \$10.

The hematite jewelry workshop is with Ojibway Indian Karen Rossi. The fee is \$6 for a bracelet, \$12 for a necklace.

For information about either workshop, call (313) 387-5930.

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COMMUNITY THEATER

HURON CIVIC THEATRE

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," featuring Mark Hammel of Lathrup Village as Frodo, the priest, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11 and 17-18, Huron High School auditorium, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. \$12, \$10 students and seniors. (734) 782-5380

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY

Three new plays by African American writers. "Sally Cinderella" by Karen Jones Meadows, an African adaptation of the classic, Friday-Sunday, July 10-12; "Full Circle" by Jeffrey Chastang, a drama about a family dealing with the suicide of its youngest child, Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, and "Sin's Home and Tabernacle, Too" by Sybil L. Berry, a story of a once famous actor whose career suffers due to drugs, and his healing Friday-Sunday, July 24-26, at the theater, 2870 E. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25, and 8 p.m. Sundays, July 12, 19 and 26. \$6 per play, \$15 for three plays. (313) 872-0279

WEST END PRODUCTIONS

"Sweet, Sassy & Durang," short plays by Christopher Durang with Sweet and Sassy, an evening of comedy relief, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, July 17-18, 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. (248) 541-1763

DINNER THEATER

FIORILLI'S

"Divas Do the Movies," a musical revue, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays to Aug. 29, at the restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 advance, \$35 at door. Includes dinner, show, tax and tip. (313) 782-1431

GENITISS

"Pasta to Paczkis," the story of the marriage of an Italian bride and a Polish groom, through October at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

HILBERRY THEATRE

"Little Red Riding Hood," Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11, and Monday-Tuesday, July 13-14, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

NOVI THEATRES

"The Pied Piper," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$7 in advance, \$7 at the door. All ages. (248) 347-0400

WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY YOUTH THEATRE

"Charlotte's Web, the Musical," 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11 and 1 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at the Copeland Center, Fourth and Mulberry, Wyandotte. \$5. (313) 438-0126

SPECIAL EVENTS

PICNIC WITH THE TIGERS

Hosted by the Detroit Tigers, the Tiger Wives Association, and The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, Sunday, July 12 at Tiger Stadium in Detroit. Event, which begins approximately 45 minutes after the Tigers-Blue Jays game, will allow fans the opportunity to enjoy a picnic on the Tiger Stadium Field and mingle with members of the 1998 Detroit Tigers. Tickets \$90. Includes picnic and game, or \$75 (picnic only). Proceeds benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan. Silent auction of premium items will be held. Call (248) 203-1260 for information/tickets.

WYANDOTTE STREET ART FAIR

Wednesday-Saturday, July 8-11, downtown Wyandotte. Call (313) 284-6000 for information.

ANN ARBOR STREET ART FAIR

Three art fairs along the streets of Ann Arbor, including the number one ranked fine craft show in the nation. Nearly 200 artists. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, July 15-17; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Information, (734) 994-5260.

"CRAZY CAROL REVUE"

Italian American Club of Livonia event includes the Sarasota, Fla., entertainer and dinner of rosemary chicken, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, pasta with meat sauce, pesto, all'aglio, sugar snap peas, salad, rolls, coffee, tea, and Italian lemon ice, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$20. mail check along with names of guests, address, city, zip and phone number, to: Rose Meteyer, 16030 Meadowbrook, Redford, Mich., 48239-3942. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

"FASHION FOR FOOD"

Benefit features music by Stun Gun, Aurora and Bang Tech 12, designs by Camillo, Amber and Shawn and Tamera, and artwork by Bruike Gallery, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Nectarine Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$5, benefits the food program for The Orone House in Ann Arbor, a non-profit crisis shelter for children. (313) 990-1995 or superba51@aol.com

"FASH BASH"

Fashion show extravaganza to benefit the Detroit Institute of Arts, Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Fox and State theaters, Detroit. \$150; \$37.50, \$27.50. (313) 833-6954

"FERDALE WOODWARD AVE. PUB CRAWL"

A "walking" tour of clubs and nightspots along Woodward Avenue just north and south of Nine Mile Road, 8:30 p.m.



Puppy love: Michael McCullough, a Farmington Hills woodcut artist, is one of more than 400 artists displaying works in the 18th annual Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

Art in the Park

Local merchants are hosting special exhibits:

Where: In the streets surrounding Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, July 12. Call (734) 454-1314 for more information.

Poetry:

■ Poetry Crawl, from the Coffee Studio to the Coffee Bean Company, Little Professor Book Store and Kellogg Park, is noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 11, call (734) 459-7319.

Entertainment

■ Continuous entertainment will be presented in Kellogg Park and throughout downtown Plymouth during the festival.

■ Creative Framing and Gallery hosts an appearance by William Moss 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12 at 853 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Moss will sign his works featuring the architecture and waterfront of Detroit. Call (734) 453-2810.

■ The Animal Odyssey exhibits photographs of mountain gorillas and African animals by David Krajniak at 821 South Main Street. Art in the Park visitors receive a 20 percent discount on the photographs taken by Krajniak in Uganda. Call (734) 414-MEOW.

Friday, July 10. Participants meet at the corner of West Breckenridge and Woodward. Sponsored by FANS of Ferndale, a gay/lesbian residents' association. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 545-1435 or FANSoffFerra@aol.com

FAMILY EVENTS

"OPA FESTA"

St. Nicholas Greek Festival, ethnic dancing, Greek food and pastries, cultural exhibits, entertainment, cooking demonstrations, 4-10 p.m. Friday, July 10, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 West Wattle Road, Troy. \$2. children age 12 and under free. Free parking and shuttle service from Walsh College, 3838 Livernois between Big Beaver and Wattle. (248) 362-9575

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

Live stage presentation, noon Thursday, July 9, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$10 pavilion, \$5 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100

THE CHENILLE SISTERS

8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, as part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$11-\$20. All ages. (734) 763-3333

KEVIN DEVINE

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, as part of the summer reading club events, Southfield Public Library/Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Free. All ages; Noon and 5 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the Ortonville 150th anniversary celebration, on Mill Street in downtown Ortonville. Free. All ages. (248) 948-0480/(248) 627-3760

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS

3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 9-10, and 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12, Barnstormer Entertainment Complex, 9411 E. M-36, Whitmore Lake. \$10 general admission, \$15 reserved seating, \$25 box seats. (734) 449-0040

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Heritage Park, west side of Farmington Road (between 10 and 11 Mile roads), Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 473-9570

RON CODEN

7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Rothstein Park, 10 Mile Road between Greenfield Road and Coolidge Highway, Oak Park. Free. All ages. (248) 642-4260

RICH EDDY'S BAND

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia. Free. All ages. (rockin' oldies) (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Heritage Park, on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads, Farmington. Free. All ages. (248) 489-3412 or http://www.mys-tery.com/fcb

JOE FRIEDMAN TRIO

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, near the wolverine exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, 8450 West 10 Mile and Woodward, off I-696, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admis-

sion, \$7.50, \$5.50 students/seniors 62 and older, \$4.50 children ages 2-12. (248) 398-0903

JOE KINGSLEY BAND

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (Glen Miller hits) (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

EDGAR LEON AND HIS LATIN ORCHESTRA

7 p.m. Sunday, July 12, on the front lawn of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive, Southfield. Free. (248) 424-9022

NEW GRAYSTONE ORCHESTRA

6-8 p.m. Monday, July 13, presented by the Graystone International Jazz Museum, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. (313) 963-3813

ONE FLIGHT UP

7 p.m. Friday, July 17, Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. Free. All ages. (folk) (248) 625-8055

"OPERA LITE"

Broadway revue with vocalists and key-boards, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland (train location is Bailey Center). Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

PYRAMID II

With Tyrone Hamilton, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland (train location is Bailey Center). Free. All ages. (Motown/R&B/rock) (734) 326-6123

RED CARTER BAND

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue, downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (Dixieland) (248) 473-7283

QUY SFLERAZA AND THE CHAUTAUQUA EXPRESS

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall (train location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762

SPOONMAN

Noon Saturday, July 11, Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William Faust Public Library, 6123 Civic Center Parkway, Westland (train location is Bailey Center). Free. All ages. (734) 326-6123

TAMARACK

7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Burgh Historical Park gazebo, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. (folk) (248) 424-9022

U.S. ARMY BAND

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Municipal Park behind Rochester City Hall, (train location is Rochester High School auditorium). Free. All ages. (248) 652-7762

PAUL VENTIMIGLIA

7 p.m. Friday, July 10, Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. Free. All ages. (jazz) (248) 625-8055

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Mozart Gala" with conductor/violinist Jaime Laredo, 8 p.m. Friday, July 10; With conductor Leslie Dunner and violinist Xiang Gao, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 576-5100 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

DOMINIC GAUDIOS

7 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Borders Books and Music, 612 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-7100

"MUSIC FOR LUTE AND SOPRANO"

With organist Marilyn Mason, soprano Lorna Young Hidebrandt, and lute player Gregory Hamilton, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Blanche Anderson Moore Hall, University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-2538

SUMMER SYMPHONY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Works by Haydn, Wagner and Martinu, 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. \$12, \$10 students/seniors. (734) 416-4ART

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Leslie Dunner and singer Roberta Flack, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 576-5100 or http://www.detroit-symphony.com

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA

With Big Barn Combo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (Swing) (734) 996-8555

JOE KINGSLEY BAND

7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Livonia Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (Glen Miller music) (734) 421-2000, ext. 351

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, gazebo next to Village Commons on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Free. All ages. (Dixieland) (248) 473-7283

II V ORCHESTRA

9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays, July 10 and July 17, Baccal Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (248) 253-1300

BRASS MUSIC

THE MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, as part of "Music Under the Stars" in the Atrium Building (one block north of Michigan Avenue), Dearborn. Free. All ages. (248) 349-0376

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

AUTOMOTION

The Detroit Pistons dance team holds open auditions 4 p.m. Friday, July 10, The Palace of Auburn Hills arena floor, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 at Leeper Road), Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0199

AVON PLAYERS

"Oliver," noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 12, for children only, and 4 p.m. for adults, and 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, for all ages, Avon Playhouse, Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances are Sept. 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27, and Oct. 1-3. (248) 652-7805

BARBIZON SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN

The school is offering "The Play's the Thing," a series of summer acting workshops for special needs children and handicapped young persons taught by Detroit actor Bob Cafagna at the school, 6230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 110, West Bloomfield. Topics include improving their speech, movement, coordination and confidence through acting. (248) 855-5660

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

The DDC offers "Learning at the Opera House," a series of classes at the Detroit Opera House in July. Jazz dance for children ages 10-14 (no experience necessary) are 9:30-11 a.m. Monday-Friday, July 13-17 (\$10); Modern dance technique and improvisation for teens and adults (intermediate level), 6-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23 (\$36); followed by performance/sharing by workshop participants, Friday, July 31, all at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

HURON CIVIC THEATRE
Auditions for the musical "Anything Goes," 7:30-10 p.m. July 12-14, in the Huron High School auditorium, 32044 W. Huron River Dr., New Boston. (734) 782-5380/(734) 675-4017

MICHIGAN DANCE EXPRESS SUMMER CAMP

Dance classes combined with camping experiences for ages 8-16, overnight Sunday-Thursday, July 26-30 with dance showcase, at Camp Copneconic, Fenton. (734) 394-0409/(313) 562-1203

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for "The Nerd," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, July 13-14, Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (1/2 mile west of I-275, between Haggerty and Northville roads), Northville. (810) 629-0078 or http://www.causeway.com/pg/

SECOND CITY KIDS' CAMP

Two-week day camp for kids ages 10-16 that helps children develop teamwork skills by learning how to improvise in group situations, 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Aug. 3-13, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$120. (313) 964-5821

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JAZZ

ABLER-LEDFUFF TRIO

With guitarist Paul Abler, congas and percussionist Jerry Leduff, alto saxophonist John Wojciechowski and bass accompaniment, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, July 9, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050

PAUL ABLER TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (guitar/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

SVEN ANDERSON TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, July 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

SEAN BLACKMAN

With Wayne Girard, 10 p.m. Friday, July 10, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; With John Arnold, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; With John Arnold, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, July 17, Giovanni's, 31 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (gypsy jazz) (248) 234-5241/(248) 652-1600/(248) 650-5080/(248) 334-5241

BRAD FELT TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (tuba/piano/bass) (248) 645-2150

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6:10 p.m. Mondays, at Too Chezy, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi; 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; 7:10 p.m. Fridays, at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 348-5555/(248) 335-3790/(248) 626-7393/(248) 474-3033/(248) 305-7333

CHARLIE HUNTER

With Pound for Pound, 8 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance, 18 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com

JAZZODITY

9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450

BETTY JOPLIN

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

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DUSTY RHODES
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, at the Botsford Inn, Grand River west of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800
TAMARACK
7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Burgh Historical Park gazebo, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield.

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

"POETRY AT THE OPERA HOUSE"
With New York City poets Fay Chiang and Rick Pernod, M.L. Liebler and The Magic Poetry Band, and guest musician Jere Stormer, 9 p.m. Monday, July 13, Detroit Opera House's Madison Avenue Lounge, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 874-7290/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

PETER SPARLING DANCE CO.
8 p.m. Friday, July 10, as part of the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$10-\$19. All ages. (734) 763-3333

WOLVERINE SILVER SPUR DANCERS
Country western dancing, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, July 11, Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Lowell Sanders, from the movie "Jungle to Jungle," Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 9-11; Billy Ray Bauer, Michael Jr. and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, July 16-18, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2), 9 p.m. Thursdays (free), 9 p.m. Fridays (\$10), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturdays (\$10), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Keith Ruff, 9 p.m. Friday, July 10 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, July 11 (\$8); Kevin McPeck, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17 (\$6), and 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 (\$8), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Chris Zito, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11 (\$9); Kirkland Teeple, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18 (\$9), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 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 same unless otherwise noted. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through September, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

STEVEN WRIGHT
8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

POPULAR MUSIC

AIR SUPPLY
8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (pop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

THE ALMIGHTY GROOVE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

B-52'S
With the Pretenders and Royal Crown Revue, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$28.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (retro/swing) (248) 377-0100

BUGS BEDDOO BAND
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (trombone driven party blues) (248) 334-7900 or <http://www.bugsbeddow.com>

BLUE CAT
9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, O'Grady's, 585 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, I-Rock, 16530 Harper, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/rock) (248) 524-4770/(313) 881-7625

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Friday, July 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BLUES LIFE
8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 644-4800
MICHAEL BOLTON
With Wynonna, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 14,

Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$38.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (pop/country) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

BROKEN TOYS
With 60 Second Crush and Emergency Grapefruit, 8 p.m. Friday, July 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030

BROKEN TOYS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wilcox. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 348-4404

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9:30 p.m. Friday, July 10, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 334-9292

"BUDEWEISER SUPERFEST"
With Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, LSG, and K-CI and Jolo, 7 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$47.50 pavilion, \$25 lawn. All ages. (R&B) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

CITY LIMITS BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Hennessey's Pub, 49160 Grand River Ave., Wilcox. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 348-4404

THE COMPLAINTS
With The Populists, Blood Sledge Electric Death Chicken, Bourgeois Filth, Fudge Gun and The Surgeon Generals, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages. (rock) (810) 465-5154

DANNY COX
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141/(248) 650-5080

TOMMY D BAND
8 p.m. Friday, July 17, Bistro 313, 313 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (blues/soul) (248) 332-9100 or TommyDBand@aol.com

DANIELSON FAMILY
8 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, Burns Room above St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

DELUXE TONE ROCKETS
With Red Letter, Stretch and Tragic Method, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, as part of the alcohol-free "Cage" night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Buren Road (1/4 mile east of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$7. All ages. (hardcore) (734) 729-7092

D.O.W.G. BAND
7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Hazel Park Racetrack, 1650 E. 10 Mile Road, Hazel Park. (R&B) (248) 398-1000

GLEN EDDIE BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and Thursday, July 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

THE EDGE
9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, July 11, Bacci Abbracci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. (rock) (248) 253-1300

ELEPHANT GERALD
With The Serfs and Motion Control, 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6-\$8. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

ELIZA
10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (pop rock) (313) 886-8101

ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO
With Angry Johnny and the Killbills, 9 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

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With Buttercake Blues Band, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-POOL

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

PETE "BIG DOQ" FETTERS
8:30 p.m. Friday, July 10, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic blues) (313) 886-8101

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (734) 421-2250/(248) 349-9110

FOREIGNER
With Vudu Hippies, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (rock/alternapop) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

FROM GOOD HOMES
8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Canceled, (alternative rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

"FURTHUR FESTIVAL"
With The Other Ones, Rusted Root and Hot Tuna, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$30.50 pavilion, \$24.50 lawn. All ages. (variety) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

GOD STREET WINE
9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. 19 and older. (jam rock) (734) 996-8555

GRR
10 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21

and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, July 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 349-9110/(248) 543-4300

QVPSY TRIBE
10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 549-2929

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With Thik, Concrete Impact, Riot in Progress, Factory 81, Monks with Shotgun, No. 6 at the Prisoners, Almighty Groove and Slam Pig, noon to 9:30 p.m., and Harms Way and the LSGH Clan, Buddha Fulla Rhymes, Mob Mentality and the House, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, July 17, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages welcome from noon-9 p.m., 18 and older after 9 p.m. (810) 465-5154

HARM'S WAY
With The Howse, Buddha Fulla Rymez and Godsie, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (734) 996-8555

AL HILL
6-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-0550

"HOODOO BASH"
With moe., String Cheese Incident, Leftover Salmon and Strangefolk, 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. Canceled. (Deadhead) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
Celebrates release of new CD with party and performance, with special guests The Luddites and Michelle Penn, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch>

INSTIGATORS
5 p.m. Saturday, July 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

JANET JACKSON
With Usher, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$45, \$62.50 and \$75. All ages. (R&B/dance) (313) 596-3200

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 731-1750

MIKE KING
10 p.m. Friday, July 10, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 731-1750

KNEE DEEP SHAO
With Domestic Problems, 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (funk) (734) 996-8555

KUNG FU DIESEL
10 p.m. Friday, July 17, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (734) 421-2250

METALLICA
With Days of the New and Jerry Cantrell, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 10-11, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Sold out. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

MR. FREEDOM X
9 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

MOE.
8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

MUDPUDDY
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 10, Rochester Mills Brewing Co., 400 Water St.,

Rochester. Free. 18 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 650-5080/(248) 542-9922

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 18 and older. (R&B) (248) 650-5080

THE NEW RASCALS
With Grassroots and Gary Puckett, 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (248) 543-4300/(248) 644-4800

PAUL PERDUE
8-10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (plano pop) (734) 668-1838

QUASAR WUT-WUT
9 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

RAVENLOFT
10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 313 JAC above Jacoby's, 624 Brush St., in Detroit's Bricktown area. \$5. 21 and older. (modern rock) (313) 886-7860 or <http://www.detroitmusic.com/static>

COLLIN RAYE
With Trace Adkins, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Interlochen Center for the Arts' Kresge Auditorium, Interlochen. \$17.50-\$32.50. (country) (616) 276-7604

RED RIVER
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

REDFORD STEVE
9 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

"RIVERFEST"
With Brian Setzer Orchestra, Big Rude Jake, Agents of Good Roots, Billy Mann, Patty Griffin, Steve Poltz, Stewart Francke and Jill Jack, noon Saturday, July 11, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 10 Water St., Pontiac. \$21.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

R.J.'S BLUES CREW
8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

SENSITIVE CLOWN
11 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative pop) (313) 567-6020

SISTER SEED
8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

60 SECOND CRUSH
9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (734) 485-5050

SPACE NELSON
9 p.m. Friday, July 10, Rivertown Saloon, 1917 E. Woodbridge St., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older; With Mirror Image, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (prog rock) (313) 567-6020/(248) 334-9292

THE STILL
With Sluice, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (734)

996-8555
SUPERDOT
9 p.m. Friday, July 10, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (ska) (734) 485-5050

TANGERINE TROUSERS
9 p.m. Friday, July 17, Bo's Brewery, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (pop) (248) 338-6200

MARY THOMPSON AND THE DELTA CHILDREN BLUES BAND
8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, B.C. Beans Coffee House, 2964 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte. Free. All ages. (blues) (313) 284-2244

WILLIAM TOLLEY
With Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (pop) (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com>

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10 p.m. Friday, July 10, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Kodiak Grill, 45660 Mound Road, Utica. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110/(810) 731-1750

"VANS WARPED TOUR BATTLE OF THE BANDS"
7 p.m. Monday, July 13, Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. Winner gets to perform at the Vans Warped Tour at the Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre in Pontiac. (810) 465-5154

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Friday, July 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, July 11, Dominic's, 37030 Jefferson Ave., Mount Clemens. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300/(810) 954-1870 or <http://www.rockindaddys.com>

THE X HUSBANDS
7-11 p.m. Wednesdays through August, Woolly Bully's, 43333 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville. Free. All ages. (acoustic rock) (248) 380-5163

ZEN TRICKSTERS
8 p.m. Thursday, July 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

CLUB NIGHTS
BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 9 p.m. to close Sundays, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 before 9 p.m., \$5 afterward; "Solar" night with DJ Disco D and guests Chuck Hampton and Mike Geiger, 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the club. \$6. 19 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>

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.grooveroom.com>

HOLLYWOOD MY WAY
"Dancehall Xplosion 1998," midnight to

4:30 a.m. Saturdays at the club, 13741 W. McNichols (two blocks west of Schaefer), Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. Proper attire; no gym shoes. (313) 836-8686/(313) 653-6527

INDUSTRY
Electronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11 p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20, all at the club, 19 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-1999 or <http://www.961melt.com>

MAGIC BAG
"Playhouse," techno dance with resident DJs Terrence Parker, Eric Hintzman, Jeremy Guerin and Cold Crush Rus, 9 p.m. Sundays in July, at the club, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free before 10 p

MOVIES

'Armageddon' has fun with the end of the world

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good time.

His latest juggernaut, "Armageddon," is no exception. The summer's second end-of-the-world-due-to-a-giant-space-rock movie has toned down the violence and profanity to earn it a

family-friendly PG-13 rating, making it the least crass of Bruckheimer's outings.

Bruce Willis heads the team of oil rig drillers whose job is to plant a nuclear bomb in the center of the Texas-sized asteroid hurtling toward earth. Fragments of the rock have already landed, wiping out much of New York City and Paris.

NASA and the military aren't so sure about these Dirty Dozen drillers, among them Steve Buscemi as Rockhound, a sex-obsessed guy only slightly less offensive than his "Con Air" pedophile, and again played for laughs. Here most of his jokes end with the line, "but she told me she was 18."

Another, Bear (Michael Dun-

can), is a black mountain of a man, who, during one of the movie's funniest sequences, leads helicopters on a merry chase as they try to enlist him for the mission. Tooling down a desert road on a motorcycle, he thinks they're after him for one of several outstanding arrest warrants.

"Good Will Hunting's" Ben Affleck is both Willis' protege and the thorn in his side, especially when he's found in bed with the head man's daughter (Liv Tyler).

Of course, with any space launch movie, you need someone down at mission control to pace nervously and undo his tie. This is Billy Bob Thornton, who joins "Armageddon's" multiple heroes

by going head-to-head with the military to carry out the plan he knows is right.

Willis continues his hit-and-miss career with his most satisfying action role since the first "Die Hard." This may, in fact, be his first truly adult part as he tries to raise a daughter amidst a band of roughnecks.

The relationship between Affleck and Tyler is as corny as you can imagine (including Affleck and the other drillers crooning an impromptu, "Leaving on a Jet Plane"), but it certainly plays better than the teen lovers in "Deep Impact." In fact, "Armageddon" blasts the earlier movie in most areas, including special effects.

It seemed like "Deep Impact" had about 10 minutes of devastation (it's really what we're here for, isn't it?) tacked on to two hours of dopey drama. Here, the action comes in well-paced doses, including an opening assault that leaves New York City in shambles.

Right before that, Bruckheimer indulges in a producer-flexing in-joke as a scrappy dog lunges at a street vendor's display of Godzilla dolls before both vendor and dolls are obliterated by a meteorite. Not especially subtle, but Bruckheimer and



FRANK MASI/TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

Action film: a roughneck crew of the world's foremost deep core oil drillers including (left to right) Rockhound (Steve Buscemi), Charles "Chick" Chapple (Will Patton), Harry S. Stamper (Bruce Willis), Jayoits "Bear" Kurlenbear (Michael Duncan), A.J. Frost (Ben Affleck) and Oscar Choi (Owen Wilson) set out on a heroic journey into space to save the world.

company know they have a winner.

And, unlike those other summer blockbusters, "Armageddon" actually delivers what it promises. It's a great big steak dinner of special effects, not especially

good for you, but oh-so good going down.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit, as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Abbey Theatre - 14 Mile Road (at I-75), Madison Heights. Call (248) 588-0881 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors; \$3 twilight)

"The Last Days of Disco" (USA - 1998). Another talkfest from Whit Stillman, director of "Metropolitan" and "Barcelona," set in the late 1970s. Here a group of young twentysomethings ponder their future at the end of the Disco era.

Magic Bag - 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"The Last Days of Disco" (USA - 1998). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. See Abbey Theatre listing above.

Main Art Theatre - 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors and matinees; \$3 twilight)

"The Opposite of Sex" (USA - 1998). Christina Ricci ("Addams Family," "The Ice Storm") plays a teenage girl who runs away from her home one summer and wrecks the lives of virtually everyone she encounters.

"Kurt and Courtney" (USA - 1998). A documentary portrait of the often destructive relationship between rock singers Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love. She has fought to keep the movie out of theaters, not surprising since the director, Nick Broomfield, makes the case that, short of handing him the gun, Love encouraged his morbid side.

"High Art" (USA - 1998). Ally

Sheedy and Radha Mitchell play a pair of women whose lives change due to a chance meeting.

"The Hanging Garden" (USA - 1998). An offbeat drama about a 25-year-old gay man who returns home to his seriously dysfunctional family after a 10-year absence. Starts Friday.

Midnight movies - "Raging Bull" (USA - 1980) and "Taxi Driver" (USA - 1976), both by Martin Scorsese and starring Robert Deniro, are the cult films playing at the witching hour Friday and Saturday nights.

Maple Art Theatre - Maple (at Telegraph), Bloomfield. Call (248) 855-9090 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 before 6 p.m.)

"Cousin Bette" (USA - 1998). This romp through 19th-century love and revenge, based on the novel by Honore de Balzac, has a high-pedigree cast, including Jessica Lange, Elizabeth Shue, and Bob Hoskins.

"Beyond Silence" (Germany - 1998). Set in a small town in Germany, the movie chronicles the life of a young girl raised by deaf parents.

Library screens documentaries

Local filmmaker Gary Glaser will present three of his award-winning documentaries 7 p.m. Monday, July 13, at the Troy Public Library.

The library is in the Troy Civic Center complex 510 W. Big Beaver Road. The screening is free and open to the public.

"Forgotten Voices," shot at Western Wayne Correctional Facility, chronicles the impact of an arts education program on four prisoners serving life sen-

"The Spanish Prisoner" (USA - 1998). Campbell Scott plays a young businessman who develops a dangerous relationship with a mysterious tycoon (Steve Martin). Expect plenty of fascinating verbal interplay in this latest film written and directed by David Mamet ("Glengarry Glen Ross").

"Smoke Signals" (USA - 1998). In this first independent feature made by Native Americans, a boy embarks on a journey to claim the remains of his estranged father. Starts Friday.

Redford Theatre - 13671 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

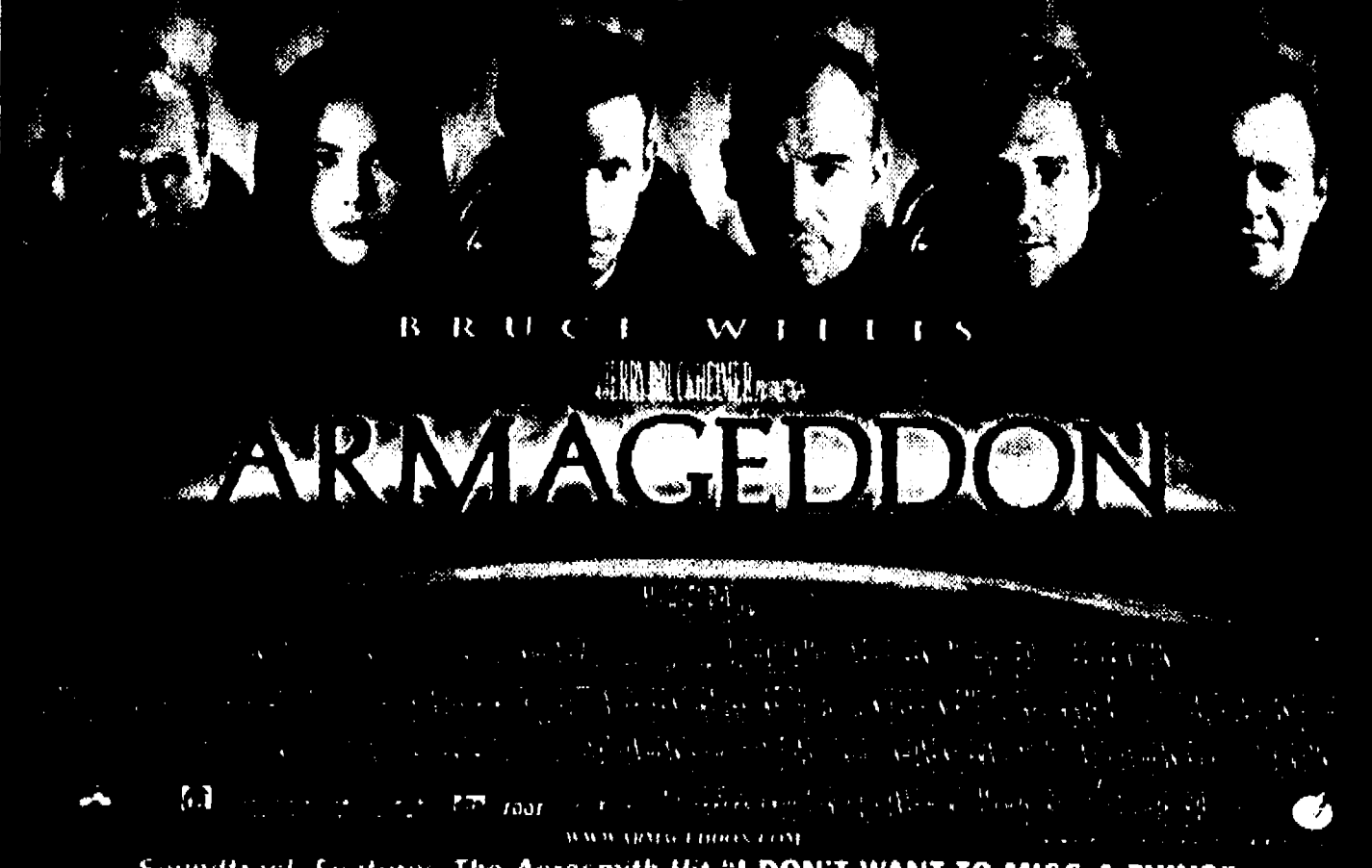
"Love Me or Leave Me" (USA - 1955). 8 p.m. Friday, July 10; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). The screen biography of singer Ruth Etting (Doris Day) is buoyed by James Cagney's performance as her gangster boyfriend. Songs include "Ten Cents a Dance," "Mean to Me" and the title song.

"Borderline: The story of 8 Mile Road" explores Detroit's relationship with its suburban neighbors, and features some colorful characters along the road.

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STREET SCENE

Space Nelson opens champagne after radio play

As a musician, John Piasentin always thought it would be a thrill to hear his music on the radio.

So when Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty played a song by Piasentin's band Space Nelson during his shift with Jerry Miller on WKRK, it was over the top.

"A big goal of mine was I'd love to hear my thing on the radio. I couldn't believe K-ROCK (WKRK) played it at 6 p.m. on a Tuesday. We were so excited. Eric (Fischer, drummer) brought over champagne," said singer Piasentin.

The song was from the Livonia-based band's debut CD "Cutting Edge Pinball," a seven-song EP filled with influences that ricochet between Rush, King Crimson, Pearl Jam and

Soundgarden.

"We listen to anything where you can tell they put some thought behind what they're writing, and you can tell the musicians took some time to work on their parts," Piasentin said.

Fischer and Piasentin began writing the songs five years ago. With some of the songs, only a few guitar riffs remain. When the duo solidified its lineup two years ago with keyboardist/guitarist Matt Boos of Livonia and bassist Scott Thompson of Farmington, they filled out its sound.

The one problem that remained, Piasentin explained, was finding a singer.

"Eric and I have been playing together for five years and we've been searching for a singer for

the longest time. Finally, he twisted my arm to do it," Piasentin said.

Piasentin admitted that he was a little apprehensive about stepping behind the mic.

"I didn't have the confidence to do it for a long time. But it got easier," he explained.

Much in the same vein of King Crimson and Rush, Space Nelson transcends the lines of traditional rock on "Cutting Edge Pinball."

"There's a lot of technical stuff and more straight forward rock songs like 'Today the Day' and 'Best Disguise,'" he explained.

"Cutting Edge Pinball" was recorded at The Disk in East-pointe with Steve Szajna.

"He was a really cool to work

with," Piasentin explained.

"He wasn't condescending," Fischer added.

For Space Nelson it is just as important to keep its listeners stimulated musically and visually.

"So many bands sit and stand there. We're interested in keeping the crowd interested visually. We have fun up there," Piasentin said.

Space Nelson performs an 18 and older show at 9 p.m. Friday, July 10, at Rivertown Saloon, 1917 E. Woodbridge St., in Detroit. Call (313) 567-6020 for more information; and with Mirror Image, 9 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. That show open to those 21 and older. For more information, call (248) 334-9292.



"Cutting Edge." Livonia-based Space Nelson - from left, keyboardist/guitarist Matt Boos of Livonia, drummer Eric Fischer of Livonia, bassist Scott Thompson of Farmington, and singer John Piasentin of Livonia.

THEATER

Shaw teases with provocative, funny 'Major Barbara'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

George Bernard Shaw's plays are multi-layered, complex and devious. And "Major Barbara" may be his most devious work of all.

"Major Barbara," at the Festival Theatre, is one of two Shaw plays being presented at this year's Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

As often in Shaw's plays, this is both a spirited comedy and a philosophical discussion. In this case all the good lines go to someone usually cast as the villain - a munitions manufacturer millionaire. But with irony, sharp wit and a total rejection of the usual pieties, Shaw's play argues against the scourge of poverty and the sham of any religion that accepts false conversion.

Babara is the older daughter of munitions king Andrew Undershaft. She has taken a position with the Salvation Army, partly to make up for her father's fortune.

Undershaft hasn't lived with his family for years because his wife threw him out when he told her that their son wouldn't inherit the munitions works. The son, a weak child of the aristoc-

racy, is ashamed of his father but happy to live off the fortune.

Director Helena Kaut-Howson's production is stylishly presented, clearly delineated and well cast. All the rich insights into English class society are presented with both humor and compassion and every startling and, on the surface, offensive argument rings with full clarity.

Jim Mezon's Andrew Undershaft is perfectly understated, a man who waits, listens and then pounces, but with a rare and practiced civility. Here is a man you can't help but like even though you despise so much of what he has to say. Mezon carries his body with a peculiar erectness and fusses with his clothes in the fashion of one not born to wealth but accommodating to it.

And what great lines. On the crime of poverty: "The worst of crimes. All other crimes are virtues beside it: all other dishonours are chivalry itself by comparison. Poverty blights whole cities; spreads horrible pestilences; strikes dead the very souls of those who come within sight, sound and smell of it."

Kelli Fox (younger sister of television star Michael J. Fox) is a strong, intelligent Barbara,

who gives full measure in her arguments. Richard Binsley is hilarious but finally steely as Barbara's Greek scholar fiancé who finally succumbs to his future father-in-law. Colm Magnier plays the working class bully Bill Walker with a telling conviction and self regard. Sharry Flett is amusingly domineering as Lady Undershaft.

William Schmuck's "forced perspective" sets are vigorous. The time has been updated from 1905 to 1950 to make the munitions operation a nuclear weapons factory. The sets move on a turn table that works well in the second act Salvation Army cityscape and in the shifting tour of the nuclear plant.

The updating is subtle but reminds us that Shaw is still relevant to our circumstances. "Major Barbara" continues until Nov. 1.

The Shop at Sly Corner

Each year the Shaw Festival presents a mystery, a popular form of theater that developed in Victorian times and has continued to be a staple.

This year's selection is Edward Percy's "The Shop at Sly Corner," at the Royal George. But there is no mystery involved, really, and

it's hard to figure out what the exact purpose of this curious work is. It's a character study, but the character under examination isn't very likeable or very interesting.

Descius Heiss owns a jewelry shop in London. He has a messy, dusty office in back. He is alternately pleasant and sentimental and nasty and grim. He has a secret, a past that could catch up with him.

He lives with his sister and his attractive adult daughter, on whom he dotes. She is engaged to a ship's doctor.

Heiss treats his young clerk, a nasty man himself, with derision and even physical abuse. This, of course, comes back to bite him.

Those are the elements for a story that moves predictably and all we're left to ponder are the performances.

Michael Ball as Descius is perhaps a bit too much on the nasty side to win over audience interest, too brooding and intense. Jonathan Watton is appropriately snippy as the clerk. Jennifer Phipps gives the most engaging performance as the tipsy housekeeper.

Director Joseph Ziegler doesn't have much to work with here, though the mechanics are satis-

factory. David Boechler's set is more complex and enticing than the play. "Shop" continues until Oct. 31.

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DINING

Fusion cuisine in the spotlight at Eurasian Grill

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

We've all read stories about people coming out of retirement because they're bored. If you're still dreaming about retirement, you may wonder whether these accounts are fiction or fact. Eurasian Grill in West Bloomfield was born out of retirement boredom.

Eurasian's chef/owner David Lum spent 44 years in the restaurant business; the last 20 at the Rickshaw in West Bloomfield's Orchard Mall (now home to Shangri-La, owned by Nancy Chan). In his third year of retirement, Lum was bored silly and got back to what he loved — the restaurant scene.

"In 1973 at the Rickshaw, I introduced the Detroit metropolitan area to Spring Rolls," Lum recalled. "People wouldn't eat them. They wanted egg rolls. Now, they know Spring Rolls and they are a top seller on the menu."

"Fusion cuisine is hot on the West Coast and in New York City. It has made breakthroughs in Chicago. Satay bars are springing up in California and New York. This is the food culture that I want to expand in this area."

Lum describes fusion cuisine as the blending of flavors and techniques from both the West and East. There are, however, many variations in this interpretation. "But it is diversification

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that makes this cooking style so exciting," he noted.

In naming his restaurant Eurasian Grill, Lum not only set the fusion tone, but also says something about his family. He's native Cantonese, married to Temple, a Canadian. Both are now American citizens making their home in West Bloomfield. "My kids are half-breeds," he jokes with his infectious laugh. "My food is like that."

His daughter Susan earned an architecture degree from the University of Michigan. She designed the 75-seat Eurasian Grill splendidly. Black and copper set the mood, best appreciated at night. Last month, walls were still stark, but Lum

promised that family pictures were "being framed" and would soon be hung.

A small, but well-stocked bar will soon have an extension with a 200-bottle wine rack. Wine aficionados patrons can have wines stored there especially for them.

The menu appetizer section, referenced as "First Tastes," does not separate fusion from Asian, but the principal plates do. "Enticements" are fusion and "Asian Cuisine" speaks for itself.

Intriguing fusion appetizers include mussels, reminiscent of France, Belgium or Spain, cooked in a wok with a spicy garlic sauce. Sea scallops, sautéed in a lime butter and wine sauce, are French influenced. Farm-raised roast quail sinks its roots in several places, but becomes distinctly fusion with Asian Five Spice and hot chili oil.

Calamari Ah! blends Italian and Asian. These are healthy, like many of Eurasian Grill's dishes, not deep fried, but sautéed.

Dave's Famous Caesar Salad is made from the same recipe Lum used during his days at Trader Vic's and the Rickshaw — authentic to the hilt. No, wait, you can get it fusion with lox. Unique!

On to Enticements. Straight on, our eyes hit Indonesian Rack of Lamb, marinated and roasted over an open fire and Polynesian roast Duck with Asian star anise sauce. Abalone? As a declared



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endangered species from U.S. waters, it's impossible to find. Lum gets his imported from Australia and bills it "Down Under Abalone" and serves it with French lemon sauce.

Swordfish served with a spicy black bean sauce is enticing and then there are two Rickshaw throwbacks. Rickshaw Steak is a New York Strip, nestled in a bed of mixed vegetables, and Mandarin's Delight is beef and

chicken cooked in a wok with black beans and garlic.

Among the Asian dishes, Lum's favorite is Empress Chicken, chunks of chicken, sautéed with a variety of mixed vegetables, cashews and hoisin sauce. If you like duck with crispy skin, order Duck Macao with a very special sauce!

Four bottled beers are available, but Lum has found his

clientele have a wine preference. They can choose from a very smart, one-page list. Lum's favorite wine on his list? 1995 Scassino Terrabianca, a Chianti-style red wine, well-priced for enjoyment at \$30.

Eurasian Grill is also learning that its patrons are opting out of dessert, particularly in summer. But for sweet endings, there's a Mackinac Island Brownie with ice cream and chocolate sauce.

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July 23, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester. The cost is \$60 per person, call (248) 651-8361 for reservations/information. The restaurant is closed Mondays, and serves dinner only 5-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; and 5-10 p.m. Friday. Lunch served noon to 3 p.m. and dinner 5-10 p.m. Saturday. Sit down Sunday brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dinner served 4-9 p.m.

THE LARK

Wood-grilled Brazilian Barbecue Dinner 7 p.m. Monday or Tuesday, July 27-28, 6430 Farmington Road, (north of Maple Road) West Bloomfield. The cost is \$85 per person before other

beverages, taxes or gratuity. Last date for cancellations or reductions of reservations without charge is Saturday, July 18. Call (248) 661-4466 for reservations/information, or LARKREST@aol.com on the web.

MENU/MANAGEMENT CHANGES

DUET

Now open for lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Orchestra Place, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 831-3838 for reservations. Lunch offerings feature an array of flavorful appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pastas and

entrees. Duet is owned by Matt Prentice of Unique Restaurant Corporation.

MR. MUSTER'S CARRYOUT & CATERING

Under new management, Steve Shaughnessy and Jerry Gatto, 37665 Five Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-3939. Open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 4-

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Carryout menu offers chicken, baby back ribs, variety of sandwiches and salads. Lunch for the office menu. Catering menu includes dinner buffet, hors d'oeuvres, home style buffet, deli buffet, luncheon and continental breakfast.

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