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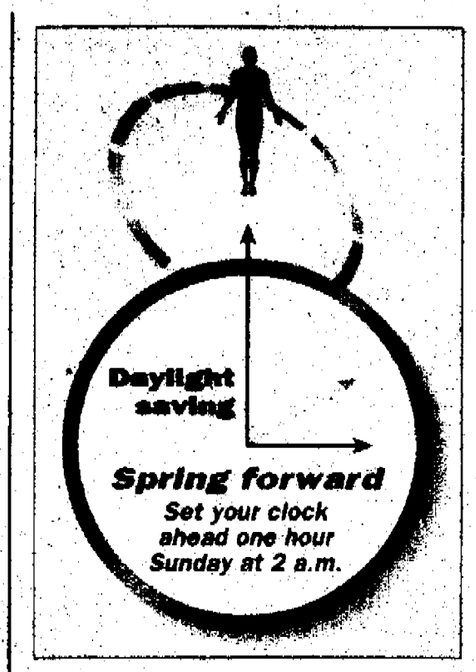

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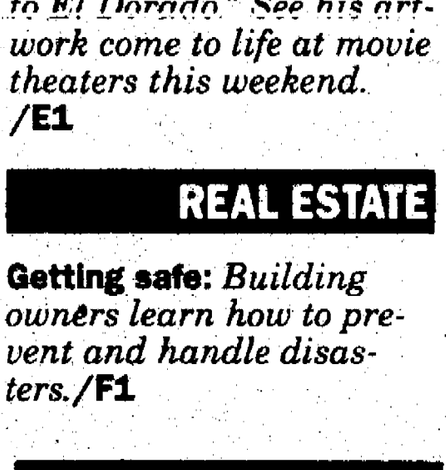

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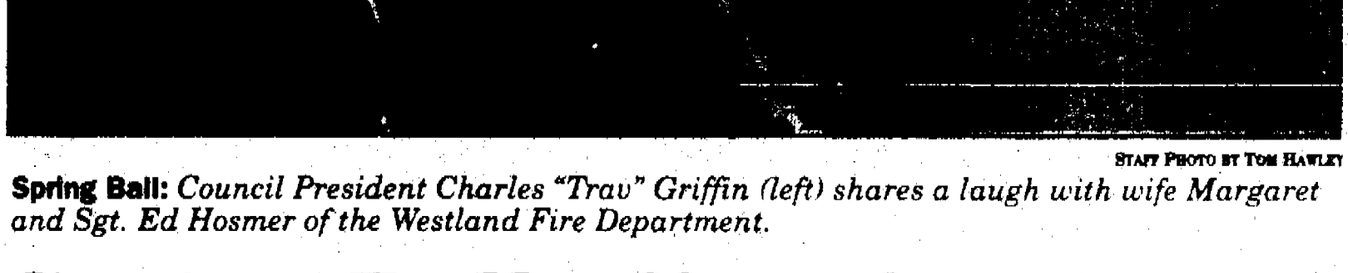

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Spring Ball: *Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin (left) shares a laugh with wife Margaret and Sgt. Ed Hosmer of the Westland Fire Department.*

Spring Ball offers fun for all

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The daffodils were starting to bloom, so the timing was perfect last Friday for the fourth annual Spring Ball.

The Westland Community Foundation event was held at the Hellenic Cultural Center and attracted some 300 revelers, said Glenn Shaw, foundation president. The highlight of the evening? Donations of $5,000 to the Empty Bowls anti-hunger program of the Family Resource Center and $6,000 to the Wayne-Westland YMCA, to be used to send needy kids to camp.

The Spring Ball was expected to bring in $20,000 profit, Shaw said, with many volunteers, including business people, donating their expertise.

Shaw mentioned the foundation's Christmas in July, which also helps to raise money for such efforts as student scholarships. He and wife Patty were busy greeting Spring Ball

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Arena costs vexing

■ Cost could hold back plans to expand ice surfaces available to local hockey players and figure skaters. A discussion took place Monday at City Hall.

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A second ice surface is in question even though Westland hockey and figure-skating clubs say they could easily double their membership if they had more space.

The big problem: paying for a project that could approach $7 million.

Mayor Robert Thomas already has abandoned his earlier vision of building a multimillion-dollar recreation center that could have included two ice rinks.

Now, he said, he isn't sure the city can afford to add a second ice surface to Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter.

The city could face long-term bond payments as high as $700,000 a year to renovate and expand the sports arena, Thomas said.

His statements came during a Monday evening Westland City Council study session as architects and consultants unveiled proposals for a larger sports arena with two National Hockey League-size rinks.

"If it's not profitable," resident Larry Fowler warned, "the citizens will have to subsidize it."

Architect Scott Sherman said the existing ice arena "is basically paying for itself," and he predicted that a big-

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Council prayer controversy comes to city

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Add prayer to the list of controversies engulfing Westland City Hall.

Council members are considering a proposal to start all their meetings with prayer, even though some elected officials and residents fear that Satanists, witches and fringe groups could demand their turn.

"I could see that it has the potential for some problems or to create controversy," City Attorney Angelo Plakas said.

The issue arose after Bishop Jack Wallace of Detroit World Outreach opened the March 20 council session with a prayer after discussing the idea with Councilman David James.

James had earlier voiced concern about "hatred" that he said some residents seem to feel toward council members who fired former Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18.

Now, Westland senior citizen Cecilia Elbanowski has been given permission by council President Charles "Trav" Griffin to start Monday's 7 p.m. meeting with a prayer.

What's more, a three-member council committee will study the possibility of starting every council meeting with prayer, potentially rotating among members of the clergy.

Griffin, who said he believes in separation of church and state, indicated during a Monday evening study session that any such practice would have to be nondenominational.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc labeled himself a Christian who believes in prayer, but he voiced concerns that Satanists and groups deemed by many as "offensive" might demand inclusion.

"I agree that prayer is good. I disagree that it's good at our meetings."

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Recall effort proceeding

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Westland authorities won't quash a Monday protest outside City Hall as long as demonstrators remain peaceful while they circulate recall petitions against Councilwoman Sharon Scott, officials said.

Some protesters plan to march and carry placards while others intend to set up tables and chairs to collect recall petition signatures against Scott.

"If they want to turn this into a witch hunt, let them do it," Scott said. "But I still believe people are going to see through it."

Protesters plan to start their activities about 90 minutes prior to a 7 p.m. Westland City Council meeting, amid hopes of boosting their recall campaign outside the same building where a council majority voted to fire former Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18.

The council decision led to one of Westland's most impassioned and sustained public backlashes in years.

Police Chief Emery Price said authorities won't interfere with Monday's protest as long as it doesn't block sidewalks and become overly disruptive.

"As long as it doesn't block the flow of traffic, and as long as everything is peaceful, then we're not going to have a problem with it," Price said.

The protest will come 11 days after the Wayne County Elections Commission approved recall petition language

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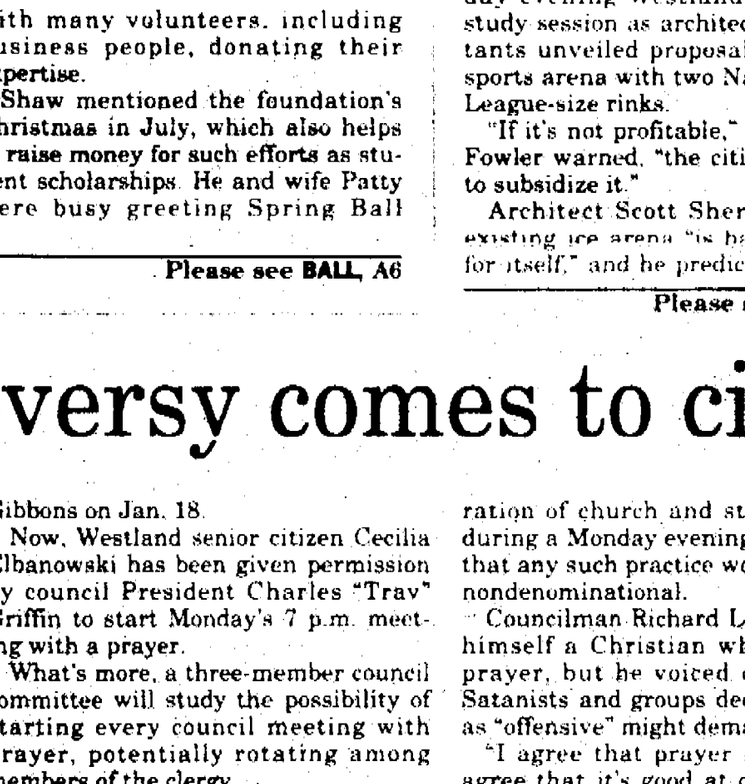

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Talent: *Amy Samland (left) and Martha Crofts rehearse with others for Glenn High's "Fame" production. For more, please see page A3.*

Mother of the Year: Family comes first

(Mayor Robert Thomas will honor Westland's top teacher, high school senior, father and mother during his April 12 State of the City address. The Observer today continues a four-part series about the winners.)

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It's not surprising that Mother of the Year Nancy Deschaine is proud of her kids.

Showing a photo of the family, she quickly tells what each child is doing.

Deschaine, a longtime Westland resident, didn't expect to be named Westland's Mother of the Year.

"Typical shock," she said of her reaction. "I don't do awards well. Just surprise, I guess."

She was nominated by husband, Tom, a teacher at John Glenn High School. Education runs in the family, with Nancy Deschaine teaching eighth grade at St. Mel School in Dearborn Heights.

Tom and Nancy Deschaine have been married since 1968. "My children are telling me we're an oddity," she said during an interview of their marriage's longevity. "They do notice."

The children are son Mark and daughters Karen Hernandez and Laura Deschaine. Mark is director of technology for the Albion school system. Karen is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army serving with husband Manuel in Korea. Laura, a registered nurse in Kalamazoo, is engaged to Kevin O'Connor.

Nancy Deschaine will be honored during the mayor's State of the City address 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at

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Nancy Deschaine

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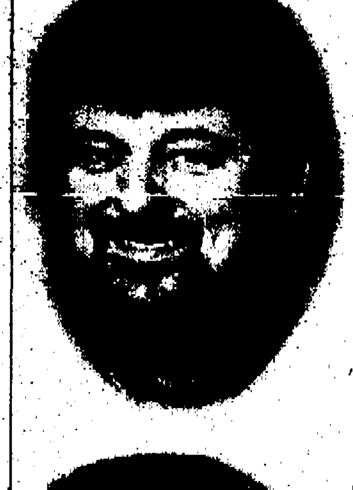

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Robbery reported at Westland store

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A gun-wielding bandit Tuesday morning robbed a Wayne Road business and tied the store manager's hands behind her back, police said.

The robber escaped with an undisclosed amount of money from Family Dollar Store, in a strip center near the southwest corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill roads, police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

The bandit fired no shots and injured no one.

The incident occurred about 9:05 a.m. Tuesday, just minutes after the store opened for business, Stobbe said.

The manager told police that a black male, approximately 6-foot-2 and 250 pounds, entered the store and revealed what was described as a stainless steel semi-automatic handgun.

The manager said she was taken to a store office, where the robber filled a bag with money before he tied her hands behind her back and took her to a stock room.

The victim told police that the bandit tied her hands loosely enough so that she could free herself within a few minutes, but she said he warned her not to try to escape for five minutes.

The robber then left the store.

The manager told police that she had seen the suspect outside when she unlocked the front door around 9 a.m. to start the business day.

She described him as being in his late 20s or early 30s, wearing a black knit cap and a black coat.

She said he appeared to have arrived in a mid-sized, dull-green sedan driven by a white male in his late 20s or early 30s.

The driver had what was described as shoulder length, dirty blond hair.

Another store employee reported that some men who appeared to be acting suspiciously had been in Family Dollar Store on the night before the robbery occurred, although it wasn't known if they were involved in Tuesday's incident.

Stobbe is asking anyone with information about the incident to call the Westland police department at (734) 722-9600.

Anonymous tips for possible cash rewards may be made to Crime Stoppers of Michigan at (800) 831-3111.

Nankin Hardware gets DDA recognition

The Westland Downtown Development Authority has chosen Gary Wrigley, owner of Nankin Hardware, as its service award winner for April.

Wrigley bought Nankin Hardware in 1980, but the store has been at its current location since 1958. Under Wrigley, Nankin Hardware is currently undergoing a building expansion.

"We are committed to Westland and the revitalization that is developing in the downtown area," Wrigley said. "We need the extra room to better serve our customers in Westland and the surrounding areas."

Wrigley has been a Westland businessman for more than 23 years. Nankin Hardware, at 35101 Ford Road, includes a hobby shop and is recognized as the largest independent Boy Scout merchandise distributor in the Midwest.

"We felt many of the people and businesses in the area are going above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to the community and their customers," said Steve Guile, executive director of the DDA. "We created the award to show our appreciation."

Wrigley will be presented with the award April 6 at the Westland Economic Growth Center.

The general public nominates businesses. Nominations can be made by calling the DDA offices at (734) 641-6572, faxing (734) 641-8512, or e-mailing at westlanddda1@excite.com.

BUSINESS

Businesses must be within the DDA to qualify. In addition, they must meet several criteria, including outstanding renovations to the establishment, exceptional customer service, a record of outstanding contributions to the community and/or charity, and recognition for professional achievement.

OBITUARIES

BRENT N. GREEN

Services for Brent Green, 68, of Westland were March 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. James Severance.

Mr. Green was born Aug. 9, 1931, and died March 23 in Dearborn. He was a custodian for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Surviving are his wife, Florine; son, Brent (Kelly) Green; daughter, Kimber Emmons; brothers, Howard Green, Tom Green, Gary Green and Bill Green; sisters, Audrey Powers and Deanna Bradford; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Green was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly Pouch.

Memorials may be made to the Brent Green Memorial Fund.

JANET L. NOVAKOVICH

Services for Janet Novakovich, 64, of Wayne were March 15 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating were the Rev. Dave Owen and the Rev. Ron Vanderbeek.

Mrs. Novakovich was born April 21, 1935, and died March 12. She was a housekeeper. Surviving are her sons, James (Rosemary), Fred and Edward (Marykaye) of Westland; daughters, Lenore (Jim) Moore and Bobbie (Tony) Dichert; mother, Evelyn Marshall; brothers, Jerry, Thomas and Richard; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Novakovich was preceded in death by her husband, Steve.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or the First Presbyterian Church of Wayne.

LAWRENCE J. CAMERON

Services for Lawrence Cameron, 77, of Westland were March 25 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Linda W. Maconochie from Dearborn Woods Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cameron was born Nov. 6, 1922, in Detroit and died March 22 in Westland. He was a boiler operator with Ford Motor Co. for 44 years. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; sons, Lawrence (Debbra), James (Karen), Thomas (Janis) and Gordon (Heide); daughter, Barbara (Doug) Howell; brother, Arthur (Gail) Cameron; sister, Theresa Sharpe; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospices of Henry Ford, One Ford Place Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

DAVID W. STARR

Services for David Starr, 62, of Westland were March 27 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne Walls from Christ United Methodist Church.

Mr. Starr was born Nov. 29, 1937, in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and died March 23 in Detroit. He was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; sons, Jim (Debbie) May, Don (Michelle) May and David Starr; daughter, Janet (Terry) Stutesman; sisters, Hilda, Esther and Evelyn; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

GLADYS M. LANGE

Services for Gladys Lange, 89, of Windsor, Ontario, were March 28 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Lange was born Jan. 21, 1911, and died March 24 in Windsor. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Del (Gail) Healy; daughter, Connie (George) Bleyaert of Westland; brother, James Radcliffe; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lange was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; brother, Del Radcliffe; and sister, Evelyn McQuady.

PAUL S. THOMAS

Services for Paul Thomas, 50, of Inkster were March 29 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was Dr. Robert Schultz.

Mr. Thomas was born May 28, 1949, and died March 24 in Garden City. He was employed in programming and design.

Surviving are his mother, Irene Thomas; brothers, Harold (Sharon), Ralph (Sue) and Donald; sister, Nancy Thomas of Westland; and several nieces and nephews.

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Westland woman wins money in Lottery show

Judy Colbert of Westland recently won $900 on the Michigan Lottery's "Road to Riches" program.

She carried a lucky coin from "a perfect stranger" to the show's taping. The hairstylist at Anneliese's Hair Designs said she plans to share part of her winnings with her family and use the rest to take a trip to Disneyland.

Colbert, a mother of one, enjoys golfing, gardening, cooking and creating floral designs.

ACHIEVERS

Army Pfc. William G. Long has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Long is the son of Mary A. Long of Westland.

His wife, Theresa, is the daughter of Jerome McCurdy of Dearborn Heights.

Long is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School.

Brian Clark, son of Carol Lakin and Roger Clark, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force delayed entry program in February.

He will graduate from Wayne Memorial High School this year and is scheduled to enlist Aug. 2. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training as a nuclear specialist.

Clark will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force.

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, April 04, 2000, the Westland Police Department will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. 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:

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1987	FORD	ESCORT/4 DR	BLUE	1FAPP2692HW211403
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The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. at Westland Car Care, [illegible] Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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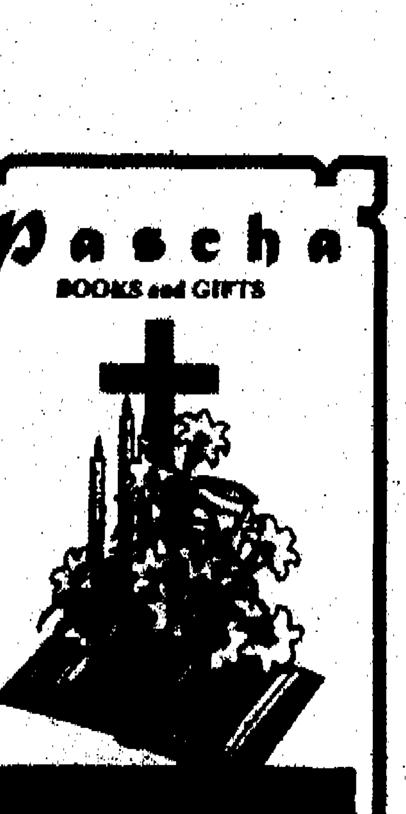

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Mock heart attack: *Westland security officers Nicole Reisinger (left front) and Sgt. Darryl Magoon (right front) administer CPR and use their new defibrillator to help senior Roy Hewett of Plymouth at Westland Center. The demonstration was being taped for WLND city cable. Behind is Officer Chris Weiss (left), getting information from wife Shirley Hewett. Friends who worry are Charlotte Bowser (behind, left to right) of Westland, Betty Kowalski of Garden City and Marles Lomas of Westland.*

Training, donation make mall safer for shoppers

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Westland Shopping Center customers who shop 'til they drop – from a heart attack, that is – will now be more likely to survive, city fire officials say.

All 21 mall security officers have been trained to jump-start failing hearts using automated external defibrillators – those chest-thumping devices seen on any television hospital drama.

The mall unveiled the program Monday morning with mock heart attack victims, becoming one of the area's first shopping centers to provide the service, said Michael J. Reddy, Westland fire battalion chief and emergency medical services coordinator.

"It's a wonderful program," he said.

Westland fire officials donated four of their older defibrillators to the mall, and a city-based, emergency-education company, Complient, helped provide free training for security officers.

Security personnel have been certified to use the defibrillators and also have received training in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, or CPR.

Mall officials have placed two defibrillators in security cars that patrol parking lots, and two others are kept in opposite ends of the shopping center.

Teamwork: *Westland Center security Sgt. Darryl Magoon (left) gets directions from Westland Fire Department Battalion Chief Michael Reddy (right) during the cable shoot.*

"This will allow the security personnel, from the time of discovery of the incident, to arrive with the (defibrillator) in about one or two minutes, with four or six minutes being the crucial time period for survival," Reddy said.

Security officers will be able to give care until fire department paramedics arrive and begin providing what are known as advanced life support procedures.

"Starting (Monday), the chance of a person dying at Westland Shopping Center will lessen dramatically," marketing coordinator Kellie Heppner said in a prepared statement.

The statement touted a "unique partnership" between the city of Westland and the mall in providing medical services for shoppers.

Reddy said he worked with Mark Edwards, mall security manager, to set up the defibrillator program.

"The mall has just been wonderful," Reddy said.

'Fame' takes to stage

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You'd think it would be easy for teen actors to play high schoolers, but it's actually a challenge.

That's evident from the John Glenn Theatrical Guild production of "Fame," telling the story of a group of teens at a high school for the performing arts in New York City. Director/drama teacher Sheri Smith said playing teens is more of a challenge.

"It's something they can create, whereas they already are high schoolers," she said of playing older characters.

The play's so close to their own lives, Smith said. One classroom scene required her to remind them to talk and act like kids.

That view was seconded by Corrine Garrett, an assistant director who plays a teacher. "Actually, I think it's harder to play someone your own age." She's found a tendency to turn her back and not project.

"I think it's going great," Garrett said of rehearsals for the upcoming high school show. "Things are finally starting to come together. We've come a long way."

"Fame" will be presented 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 6-8, at the Glenn Auditorium. Ticket prices are $5 for students, $7 for adults, and tickets will be sold at the door.

The production involves some 50 students in cast and crew, said Smith, who agreed rehearsals are going well. The students have been rehearsing for about three months and are in grades nine through 12.

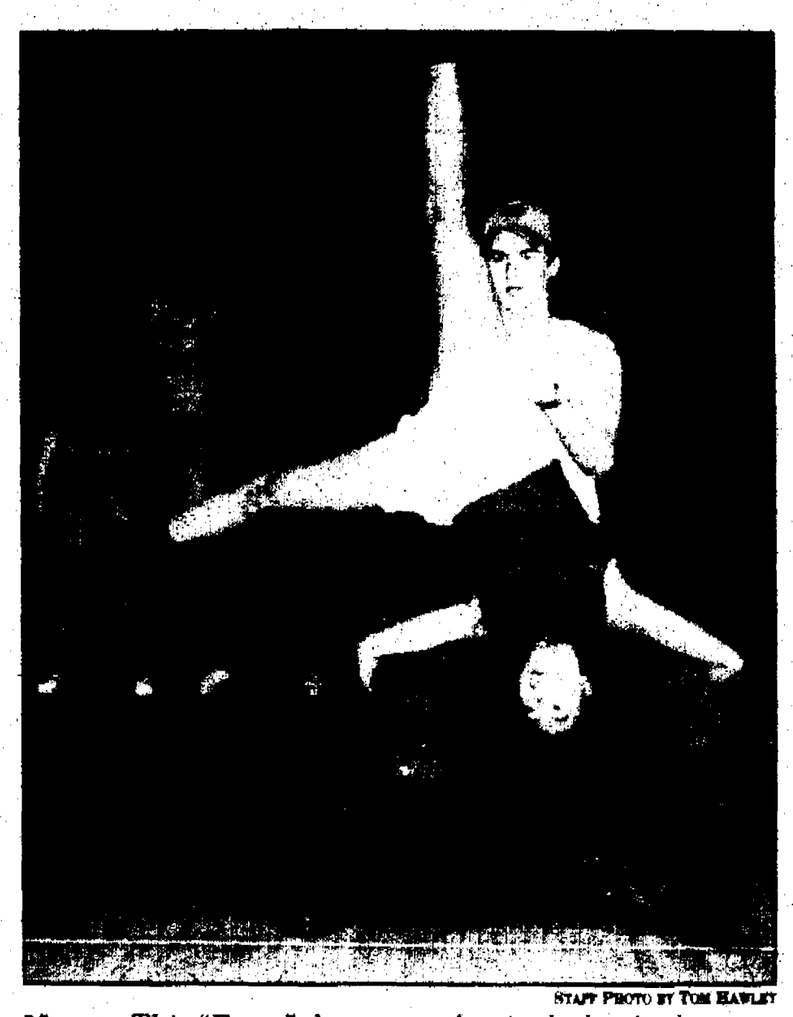
"They wanted to do something on a larger scale," Smith said of "Fame." The students like the acting challenges, along with the dancing and singing, allowing them to use all their skills.

They did some editing for language, but Smith advises parents to think about bringing younger children, due to content.

Some of the students do New York accents, but the story has them coming from all over. The action shows them auditioning and then during their four years of high school.

The play is set in modern times. "We debated on playing it in the '80s," Smith said. "We went current-day," a choice which made costuming easier.

Some of the students plan to earn theater degrees in college, and "Fame" is great experience, Smith agreed.



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Moves: *This "Fame" dance number includes Andrea Shyu and Scott Clark.*

Production at John Glenn highlights talent

The "Fame" cast includes: Debi Kellner, Corrine Garrett, Jenny Arquette, Casey Wooley, Martha Crofts, Latoya Sealie, Zandile Chirunga, Nick Amad, Amy Samland, Amanda Schultz, Andrea Shyu, Carl Vervisch, Kristin Blossom, Cortney Spaulding, Donnie McBride, Lisa Krass, Amber Zinger, Krysten Wrobbel, Bradford Clark, Scott Clark, Amanda Fannin, Joe Quick, Scott Jacobs and Kaylonda Pelto.

The dance company includes: Kelli Clark, Jenny Jendrusik, Lisa Krass, Kaylonda Pelto, Kristina Revels, Andrea Shyu, Cortney Spaulding, Krysten Wrobbel and Amber Zinger.

Production crew members are: Allison Bader, Jeremy Bonka, Sarah Bourgain, Kelly Burns, Melissa Byrd, Bret Clark, Cherell Colbert, Jennifer Colwell, Christina Cox, Jessica Elderkin, Dan Fowler, Corrine Garrett, Aaron Gierada, Scott Jacobs, Tara Katoch, Debi Kellner, Brian Krass, Ellen Mytty, Carrie Nowaczk, Kaylonda Pelto, Parker Plague, Holly Prokopchak, Sarah Pourash, Michelle Powers, Melissa Powers, Joe Quick, Michelle Quick, Erin Summers, Adam Sweeting and Lauren Tierney.

Seniors not sold on school plans

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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LIVONIA SCHOOLS

They're a tough sell.

Some seniors, especially those who live on a fixed income, look upon school bond and tax proposals with the scrutiny they would a door-to-door salesman pitching them a vacuum cleaner if they lived on hardwood floors.

Livonia Public Schools request for a .4-mill bond to raise $28 million for athletic and physical education facilities is no less difficult April 10.

"I have a problem with it," said Bernard Skotzke, 59, a retired Metropolitan Airport employee. "Let them live within their budget."

School officials are trying to appeal to the district's older residents with simple math.

If approved, the .4 mill is the difference between the 1.15 hold-harmless mills voters approved five years ago and the current .75 mill.

Also, seniors who qualify for the state's homestead property tax credit may not see more taxes, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business.

"Basically we get phone calls from concerned seniors, and they're legitimate complaints," Liepa said. "They'll say, 'Gosh, I'm on a fixed income. I know you want to help the schools, but we can't afford it.'

"Depending on your tax situation, it may not cost a dime."

A person whose annual household income is up to $45,000 can qualify to have part of their property taxes returned as a reduction in state income taxes, Liepa said.

A senior older than 65 with a home worth $100,000 pays roughly $1,600 in property taxes, Liepa estimated.

If the bond and two renewals pass April 10, that tax bill will increase by $20 to $1,620.

The district is also seeking a renewal of .75 mills (18 mills for non-homestead or businesses) to pay for operations and a 1-mill sinking fund for maintenance April 10.

Under the scenario, the homestead exemption would be $1,050 ($30,000 household income multiplied by 3.5 percent of income) for a home worth $100,000.

The difference between the tax levy and exemption is $550, which would be the property tax credit. The credit would increase to $570 if all three school tax proposals pass.

Skotzke said he doesn't qualify for the state homestead tax credit. He doubts many others would, either.

Besides, Skotzke already voted against all three proposals by absentee ballot, he said.

Not all seniors share Skotzke's views.

Josie Smith is president of the Silver Village Association. Smith said she backs all three proposals. She thinks others in her senior housing building are with her.

"So far, they've said yes," Smith said. "A lot of grandmothers are here. Some of us still have grandchildren in the Livonia schools."

■ HOMEBOUND BOOK SERVICE

If you live in Westland and are homebound, or if you know of a Westland resident who is homebound, call the Public Library of Westland for information about its Homebound Service. This outreach program provides delivery of library materials to those individuals who are unable to come to the library. Each bimonthly delivery can bring books, audiobooks, large print books or videos to your home. This free service is for individuals who, for medical or physical reasons, cannot leave their home. Currently, there are five volunteers who deliver library materials to 15 homebound patrons. For more information about the Homebound program, or to register for the service, call (734) 326-6123 and speak with Martha Rogers.

INFORMATION CENTRAL — William P. Faust Public Library of Westland

■ WEB SITES OF THE WEEK

The following Web sites are taken from "250 Great Web Sites for Kids and Parents" from the American Library Association. They are recommended for preschool-elementary-age children and their parents by librarians who work with children and the Web every day.

http://www.pbs.org/rogers

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood as you visit the Web site of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. Activities, advice to parents and a wonderful section on children's books tied to specific program themes, all in the gentle style of America's favorite neighbor.

http://scholastic.com/MagicSchoolBus

Yes, now you can find out what Ms. Frizzle and her class are doing.

■ PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Financial Strategies for Retirement

7-8:45 p.m. Monday, April 10, Children's Activity Room. What you need to know about taxes, investments and wise money management to maintain your lifestyle after retirement. Learn basic steps in retirement strategies to maximize your returns and minimize taxes. Victoria Murdoch, CFP, presents this workshop for those seeking financial security. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

Internet 101: An Introduction

[illegible] registration required, but class size is limited.

Adult Reading Club

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Community Meeting Room C: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. All are invited to participate. No fee. No registration.

■ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Reading Contest

Ends Friday, March 31, Children's Service Desk. To help observe National Reading Month, the library is having a contest. If you read [illegible] in a variety of categories, you will receive a Toarmina's Pizza coupon. Your name will also be entered in a drawing to win a $20 gift certificate from Waldenbooks. Pick up an entry form at the Children's Service Desk. No fee.

Junior Master Gardener Program

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration began Monday, March 27, at the Children's Service Desk. Sessions are 7-8 p.m. Mondays, April 10, April 17, May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22. Earn a Junior Master Gardener certificate. Children in grades two-five can register for this program and learn about gardening and nature. In addition to class sessions, students will participate in a practical, "hands-on" session in the library garden, to be arranged for a future date. No fee. Registration required.

April Fool's Day Fun

Saturday, April 1, all day, Children's Area. Do you like jokes? Riddles? Find 12 crazy things in the Children's Area and get a prize. No fee. No registration required.

Creation Station: Make a Book

2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Children's Activity Room. Create your own book. Take it home and write your own story and share it with others. These craft programs are designed for children ages 4-10. No fee. No registration required.

Pajama Storytime

7 p.m. Monday, April 3, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour family storytime is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankie! No fee. No registration required.

Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, Children's Activity Room. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, Meeting Room A

Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytimes last about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required, although class size is limited.

After School Special

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program, held each Wednesday, is for all school-age children. It provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration required.

■ FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library need a board member. If you are interested in helping the Friends provide important programs to the children and adults of Westland, this position may be for you. For more information, call Julie Chwalik, Friends liaison, at (734) 326-6123. The Friends board meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss fund-raising and program planning. All are invited to attend. Stop in and find out how you can help in providing quality programs at the library!

Next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11.

Oh, dear! Deer on the loose in Livonia area

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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Livonia's at-large deer population grew by five members after an attempt to remove them from a farm went awry Sunday.

Around 11 a.m., Michigan Humane Society and Livonia animal control officers tried to move the deer to a holding shelter. However, six of the seven animals bolted through a fence at the farm on Five Mile Road, between Levan and Farmington.

MHS and Livonia animal control officers contend the deer were not being properly cared for, which the owner denied. The owner's Department of Natural Resources permit to keep the animals also expired.

"Sometimes when you tranquilize one deer the others react," said Sue Neal, Michigan Humane Society wildlife specialist. "That's what happened here.

"When one got hit by a dart, the others freaked out and managed to bust through a weak spot in the fence."

One deer was spotted on the farm Monday, but its whereabouts are unknown, Neal said. Owner Mike Childers couldn't be reached for comment.

The other five remain loose. There have been reported sightings near Rotary Park since Sunday.

Though penned up most of their lives, the deer are not believed to be in any danger in the wild, Neal said.

"There is going to be enough stuff – grass and things – to maintain them, especially as we get closer to spring," Neal said.

One fear, though, is the deer becoming frightened and running into traffic. Residents are asked not to chase or approach the whitetail deer if they see one.

Instead they should phone Livonia police, officials said.

"Up to this point in time, we're not sure of their whereabouts," said Pat Seleski, city spokeswoman on Tuesday. "There's an assumption they may be in the Bell Creek tributary area.

"We're assuming no news is good news at this point."

A lone deer, a doe, remains at the MHS holding shelter in Rochester Hills. Once ownership is established, the deer will likely be adopted out.

"If we get ownership, we'll be looking to place her in a facility where she won't be bred or used in a canned hunt," Neal said.

Childers said he raised the deer for personal use; he denied they were being sold to be used in confined hunts.

Arena *from page A1*

ger facility would bring in annual revenues of $747,537 and net a 10 percent surplus.

"The name of the game in recreational facilities is to break even," he said.

An ideal new arena would be 83,950 square feet – more than twice the size of the existing 33,000-square-foot facility, Sherman said.

Arena officials now have a long waiting list for people wanting to join hockey and figure-skating programs.

"They have no time for girls' hockey," Sherman said, "and there is a need.

"Right now the figure skaters are battling for every minute (of ice time) they can get from the hockey players," Sherman added.

The sports arena also has no meeting rooms, inadequate locker rooms and restrooms, and no fire-suppression system even though city codes require it.

"There really isn't a whole lot to burn inside an ice arena," Sherman said, "but it's still an issue."

Moreover, the facility lacks the space it needs to host national tournaments, he said.

With other communities building or planning new ice facilities, Sherman said the city needs to get a new arena built and operating if it hopes to compete.

Otherwise, he said, local skaters may go elsewhere.

"Their loyalty to Westland may be short-lived when they see these other nice facilities," Sherman said.

Consultant Bill Yarger told local officials Monday that the city may be able to lease the arena property to a private organization that would operate a bigger sports arena.

"There's a lot of different ways that these deals can get put together," he said.

However, Councilman Richard LeBlanc voiced reservations about the city having no oversight over the arena or the fees charged for ice time.

The Westland facility has maintained rates lower or comparable to other communities.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott indicated that the city's recreation plans "have come to a halt" since the mayor announced he has changed his mind about building a multimillion-dollar facility near Ford Road and Central City Parkway.

She called the situation "sad."

Still, some elected officials hinted that recreation plans aren't dead and will be discussed during spring budget talks between council members and the administration.

"I'm going to keep an open mind and look at all the alternatives," council President Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

Allowing a private developer to build a recreation center wouldn't mark the first project of its kind for Westland, Griffin said.

He noted that the city had a private developer build Westland 18th District Court. He said the city then paid off the bonds with revenues from the court.

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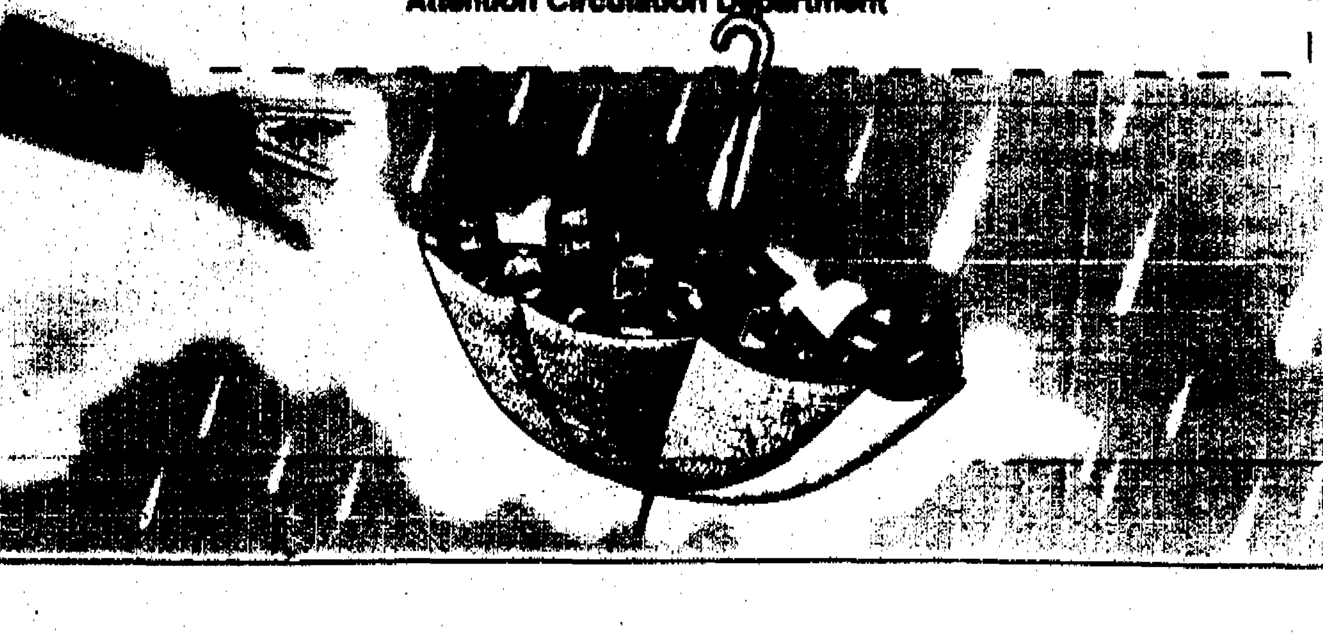

Prayer
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he said.

LeBlanc said any practice that encouraged groups such as Satanists "would not be good for Westland."

James, however, said the community at least would learn who belongs to those groups.

LeBlanc spoke against making prayer a controversial issue.

"I don't wish to politicize prayer," he said.

Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli challenged his position.

"Something new isn't necessarily bad," she said.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott, who said she attends church regularly, pointed to possible problems with a prayer policy.

"I don't want anything that's going to get out of control, and there's the potential for that," she said.

■ 'I don't know where I'm going to look for the answer on that one.'

Angelo Plakas
—city attorney

Scott later said she didn't care whether the council allows prayer.

Plakas indicated that city officials could face problems if they welcome prayer from one group and refuse another.

"I don't know where I'm going to look for the answer on that one," he said.

Scott, LeBlanc and Griffin will study the proposal and issue a recommendation to the full council.

Some residents who attended Monday's study session said they opposed starting council meetings with prayer, even though they described themselves as believers.

Resident Brenda Gracin said she used to teach Sunday school, but she said prayers at council meetings could cause problems because the sessions may be attended by people of many faiths and nonbelievers, alike.

Her father, Larry Fowler, said, "That's a private thing for citizens if they want to pray or not."

LeBlanc has suggested one possible solution that he said was mentioned to him by a resident. He said council meetings could be started with a moment of silence "to reflect on one's own beliefs without unintentionally infringing on the beliefs of another."

Recall
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against Scott for her vote to oust Gibbons.

Scott said she has been receiving support from people who oppose the recall group's efforts.

Recall organizers angered by Gibbons' firing also plan to try to oust three of Scott's colleagues – Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James – this summer.

The three started new council terms Jan. 1 and can't be recalled during their first six months in office.

Recall organizer Brenda Gracin said 177 volunteers have agreed to circulate petitions against Scott. She said organizers need signatures from 5,401 registered voters to seek a recall election, but they will try to obtain 7,000 to provide a cushion.

In another development this week, council members chose not to move their often-overcrowded meetings away from City Hall to an alternate site such as the Bailey Recreation Center or the senior citizen Friendship Center.

Recall supporters and other citizens have complained that they've been shut out of second-story council chambers – forced at times to stand downstairs and listen to proceedings on a first-floor speaker.

"We're hearing that they don't feel like they're allowed to participate," Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli said during a Monday evening study session.

Price estimated crowds of 200 people at recent council sessions, but the meeting room has a 123-person capacity.

Gracin said some senior citizens have been forced to stand for hours to wait their turn to address the council.

Griffin indicated that he will have a first-floor monitor installed to allow citizens to watch the proceedings if they can't get inside council chambers.

Some residents said the council also should consider placing chairs downstairs.

The council rejected suggestions to move its meetings partly due to concerns about creating technical problems for city cable station WLND, which tapes and airs the meetings.

"It could be done," WLND director Craig Welkenbach said, but he conceded, "It won't look as good (on cable), and it won't sound as good."

Welkenbach also said his costs would increase because he would have to hire another worker.

Council members voiced concerns that communication among themselves and with city directors would become difficult in a setting not equipped for their meetings.

Still, Griffin didn't rule out moving meetings if crowds swell even larger than they've been since the council ousted Gibbons on Jan. 18.

Classes to help parents

The Family Resource Center is offering several parent education classes for busy parents. The lineup includes:

■ "Parent Plus Program," offered 1-3 p.m. for five weeks, beginning Tuesday, April 4. Participants will learn how to deal with family stress and how it affects a growing child, healthy ways to help a child cope with stress and how to help a child build self-esteem.

■ "Raising a Self-Reliant Child," available in two eight-week sessions – 10 a.m. to noon beginning Wednesday, April 5, or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6. The interactive video series by Stephen Glenn teaches parents how to develop a responsible, independent, resourceful child.

■ "Four Life Changes That Can Benefit Kids" offered in two Saturday sessions, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 8 and 15.

■ "Parent-to-Parent," a PRIDE series, offered 7-8:30 p.m. for eight weeks, beginning Thursday, April 6. The series is a fun, informative video-based program on how to raise a child of character in this hectic world.

■ "The ADD/ADHD Child" offered for six weeks 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 5.

■ "Alternatives to Physical Discipline," offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Monday, May 1.

The classes will be held at the center, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland, and cost $15. To sign up, call (734) 595-2279.

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Ball *from page A1*

guests.

"We encourage kids to apply for scholarships," he said, adding $13,000 was given last year, some to students with grade points in the 2.2 range who blossom later in their school careers.

"It's starting to get a lot of attention now," Shaw said of the scholarship program. "It's going well."

Helping charity programs in the city, such as Empty Bowls and the YMCA, remains at the core of the foundation. Foundation board member Kim Shunkwiler, a local chiropractor, and wife Peggy were glad to attend.

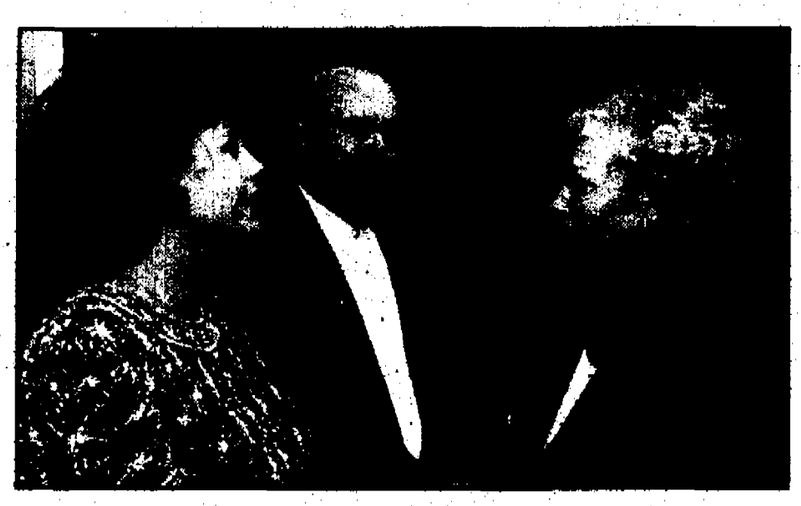
"It's wonderful," Kim Shunkwiler said. "It's a lot of fun." The event raises money for worthy causes, he added.

Those thoughts were echoed by Tod Kilroy, Westland's planning director, who attended with wife Paula. The foundation's work allows you to give back to the community, he said.

"It makes me feel good," Kilroy said. "It does good works."

In agreement was Sally Levay, administrator of Marquette House assisted living in Westland. "I think we need to honor the commitment individuals make to this community," said Levay, adding she was impressed by the work of the volunteers.

The evening at the Hellenic Cultural Center featured dinner, door prizes, dancing and entertainment. Dinnertime music was by D.L. Turner on harp and Nancy Ruth Holtzman on flute. Dancing was to the music of Family Traditions, featuring Mike Doorn, and to Marty Viers and the Music Doctors.



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Good time: *YMCA director Christy Nolan (top right) and his wife, Terra, (center) attended the Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball last Friday night at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Also attending (left) is Louise Steinhauer.*

Hello! *Patty and Glenn Shaw (photo at left) welcome Carol Houfley of Westland and other guests at the annual Westland Community Foundation Spring Ball.*

Musicians: *Nancy Ruth Holtzman (left) and D.L. Turner perform.*

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Westland for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, will be held on Monday, May 1, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

JOANN M. SEABERG, City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT
TEXT AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act Number 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, that a public hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Planning Commission at **6:45 p.m., April 27, 2000** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear and consider public comments on the proposed Text Amendment to Article 18, Section 161.183.H of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. The Proposed Text Amendment would allow for the location of residential planned developments on local streets. The Planning Commission is considering the following text amendment:

H. Frontage and Access

Non-Residential Planned Development shall front onto a primary major thoroughfare, or secondary major thoroughfare, or collector street, as specified in the adopted Master Plan of the city, except where the Planned Development involves reuse or redevelopment of an existing structure which fronts onto a local street.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the proposed Amendment to the Garden City Zoning Ordinance application may be examined at the City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments may be sent to the above address.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS,
Treasurer/City Clerk
EDWARD KANE,
Planning Commission Chairman

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2. **Where the Planned Development involves only residential uses.**

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PHASE IV REROOFING
AT VARIOUS GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Garden City Board of Education requests sealed bid proposals for Phase IV Reroofing at various schools in the School District of Garden City.

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after Monday, March 20, 2000. Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP Associates, 1191 W. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; the F. W. Dodge Corp. Plan room, Southfield, MI; the Der Plan Room, Madison Heights, MI or the Construction Assoc. of MI., Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Qualified Invited Bidders, may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of 1 set of Drawings and Specifications.

Bid proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for 60 days after receipt of bid.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or part, or to waive any informality therein is reserved by the Owner.

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and place as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner: April 4, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. – EST at Garden City Board Office, Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff, Garden City, MI 48135. Attn: Gary Marchel

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Wayne-Westland Community School District will receive sealed **Request for Quotation (RFQ) Packets** until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 20, 2000, for:

Asbestos Abatement
at
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Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184

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Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 20, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184
Format: All official hard copy Request for Quotation Packets must be received prior to the date and time specified in order to be accepted.

All Request for Quotation Packets will be publicly opened:

Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Thursday, April 20, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184
Format: Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Complete Bid Tabulations will be faxed to all plan holders by Friday, April 21, 2000. The Owner and Owner's Representatives request that no Bidders call for bid results prior to Friday, April 21, 2000.

Wayne-Westland Community School District intends to award all projects at:

Event: Board of Education Meeting - early-May, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184

A General Pre-Bid Examination will be held to review and answer questions relating to the projects:

Time: 11:00 a.m. Local Time on Tuesday, April 4, 2000
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District's Dyer Center (Administration Building) Board Room
36745 Marquette Street
Westland, Michigan 48184
Note: No project locations will be reviewed during the Pre-Bid Examination. All Bidders will be required to sign-in during the initial meeting, which will cover general bidding topics.
Directions: The Dyer Center is located on Marquette between Newburgh Road and Wayne Road. The Board Room is located just inside the main entrance, behind the front desk. Please check in with the front desk for directions to the board room.
Schedule: The format of the Pre-Bid Examination will be an initial presentation on the bidding process and the scope of work at each building. An overview of the scope of work for each building will be presented and the general project requirements and project dates will be reviewed. The Pre-Bid Examination will last approximately 1 hour. Building specific questions will be answered and building tours provided per the schedule listed below. A representative of healthAIR, Inc. will be at each building for the scheduled two hour period. The building specific reviews at the listed times are not required, but are encouraged, and are for informational purposes only:

Time	*Date*	*Building*
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 5, 2000	Marshall Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, April 6, 2000	Hicks Elementary School
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Thursday, April 6, 2000	Hamilton Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Monday, April 10, 2000	Vandenburg Elementary School
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Monday, April 10, 2000	Elliott Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, April 11, 2000	Patchin Elementary School
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Tuesday, April 11, 2000	Madison Elementary School
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 12, 2000	Adams Middle School

Questions Regarding Project Specifications:
All questions regarding the Project Specifications should be addressed to:

Mr. Jeff Heydanek, healthAIR, Inc.
Office: (734) 451-0760
Mobile: (734) 678-4771

Mr. Scott Staber, healthAIR, Inc.
Office: (734) 451-0760
Mobile: (734) 678-4778

All official changes and interpretations to the Project Specifications will be made via addenda only. Bidders are encouraged to fax all questions regarding the specifications, bidding procedures, etc. to healthAIR, Inc. (734-451-1565).

Building/Site Visits:
All Bidders must check in with the building office as soon as they reach the building. Unless noted or allowed by Wayne-Westland Community School District, building/site visits will only be permitted after school hours (after 3:45 p.m.). Buildings are generally open until 10:30 p.m.

Project Specification Documents:
Project Specification Documents will be available at the Pre-Bid Examination on April 4, 2000. Project Specification Documents can also be picked up by visiting healthAIR, Inc.'s office at 496 West Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 102, Plymouth, Michigan, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting Thursday, March 30, 2000. Project Specification Documents will also be provided by healthAIR, Inc. to the following advertising agencies: Dodge Daily Reports, Daily Construction Reports and Construction Association of Michigan. Specifications will not be mailed to Bidders unless pre-paid with postage.

There is a non-refundable $75.00 charge for the Project Specification Documents. All checks should be made payable to "healthAIR, Inc.". Bidders desiring more than one (1) set of documents may obtain additional sets for the amount noted above up to a maximum of three (3) sets. Specifications will be mailed to Bidders upon receipt of pre-payment of the non-refundable charge plus $10.00 for shipping and handling.

Bonding Requirements
Wayne-Westland Community School District requires that all bidders submit a Bid Bond in accordance with the requirements summarized below and that all selected Contractors submit Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds in accordance with the requirements summarized below:

Bid Bond
Amount: 5%
Requirements: The Bidder shall submit the required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, a Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The Bid Security shall be submitted with the understanding that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a formal contract with the Owner and that the required Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds (as listed below and fully detailed in the General Conditions section) will be provided by the Contractor. The Bid Security obligs is Wayne-Westland Community School District. Bidders shall agree not to withdraw proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid due date.

Performance Bond & Labor and Material Payment Bonds
Amount: 100%
Requirements: The accepted Contractor will be required to furnish, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan.

Additional Information for Bidders:
All applicable insurance policies (including asbestos specific) will be required of each accepted Bidder. Bidders must submit copies of the Contractor's current State of Michigan Asbestos Abatement License. This project is not tax exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. Prevailing wages are required for this project.

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***SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
March 6, 2000

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of **March 6, 2000**; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Pro Tem Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. **Present:** Kirsten Galka, Frank Kokenakes, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay. **Absent:** Daniel Lessard, Kenneth Timmons.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee Joanne Morgan presented the Golden Apple Award to **Judith Sinning**, Churchill PTSA, parent volunteer, and part-time employee, for her outstanding dedication and work in the PTA at the local and council levels.

John Gotsis Recognized: Motion by Morgan and Galka that the Board approve a resolution expressing appreciation to John Gotsis, owner of the Golden Lantern Restaurant, for his generous offer of financial assistance to seven Livonia elementary schools. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

Audience Communications: Melissa Peckham, Dayna Petroskey, Heather Petres, Churchill High School students, addressed the Board regarding the inadequate and overcrowding athletic facilities at all three high schools. They urged everyone to vote for the bond issue in order to make the athletic facilities safe and adequate for all athletic events. Dr. Watson took a moment to commend the three girls on their presentation and also congratulated them and the other 25 dedicated girls from the **CHS Pom Pon Squad** for winning the State Championship. A video was shown of their winning routine.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Morgan and Nay that the Board approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: **IV.** Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2000. **VI.A** Move that general fund check nos. 331501 through 332496 in the amount of $2,138,701.14 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of $1,732,180.35 be approved. **VI.B** move that the Board approve the leases of space to the Garfield Co-op Nursery. **VI.C** Move that the Board approve the lease of the Bentley baseball field to Madonna University. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

Gift–Marshall PTA: Motion by Nay and Galka that the Board accept the generous gift of $1,480 from the Marshall Elementary School PTA for the purchase of a 27" laminator. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

Presentation–Tyler School Improvement Plan: Tim Daniel, principal, along with **Barbara Stadtmiller, Sally Erickson, Kimberly Colaizzi, Mary Derwich**, and **Edward Urbanski** presented the Tyler School Improvement Plan through a PowerPoint and student presentation.

Leaves: Motion by Galka and Morgan that the Board accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the requests for leaves of absence for: **Christine Bonk, Kelly Roupas, Katherine Sedlic**, for extension of child care leave for the 2000-01 school year. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Corinne Oh, effective 3/2/2000.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson congratulated **Marcia Kreger**, staff, and students at Hoover school for the acceptance of their North Central Outcomes Endorsement goals, and thanked **Fred Mack** at Randolph school for his invitation to winter camp held near Lapeer and also thanked the staff and parents for their involvement.

June 12 School Election Resolution: Motion by Morgan and Galka that the Board adopt the following legal resolution to establish key dates for the annual school election to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

Hearing from the Board Members: The Board thanked the Tyler school staff for their SIP presentation; thanked Mr. Gotsis for his generous donation; congratulated Judy Sinning on her Golden Apple Award; spoke on the DARE program; and congratulated the CHS pom pon squad for winning the State Championship.

Adjournment: Motion by Morgan and Nalley that the regular meeting of March 6, 2000 be adjourned. Ayes: Galka, Kokenakes, Morgan, Nalley, Nay. Nays: None.

President Pro Tem Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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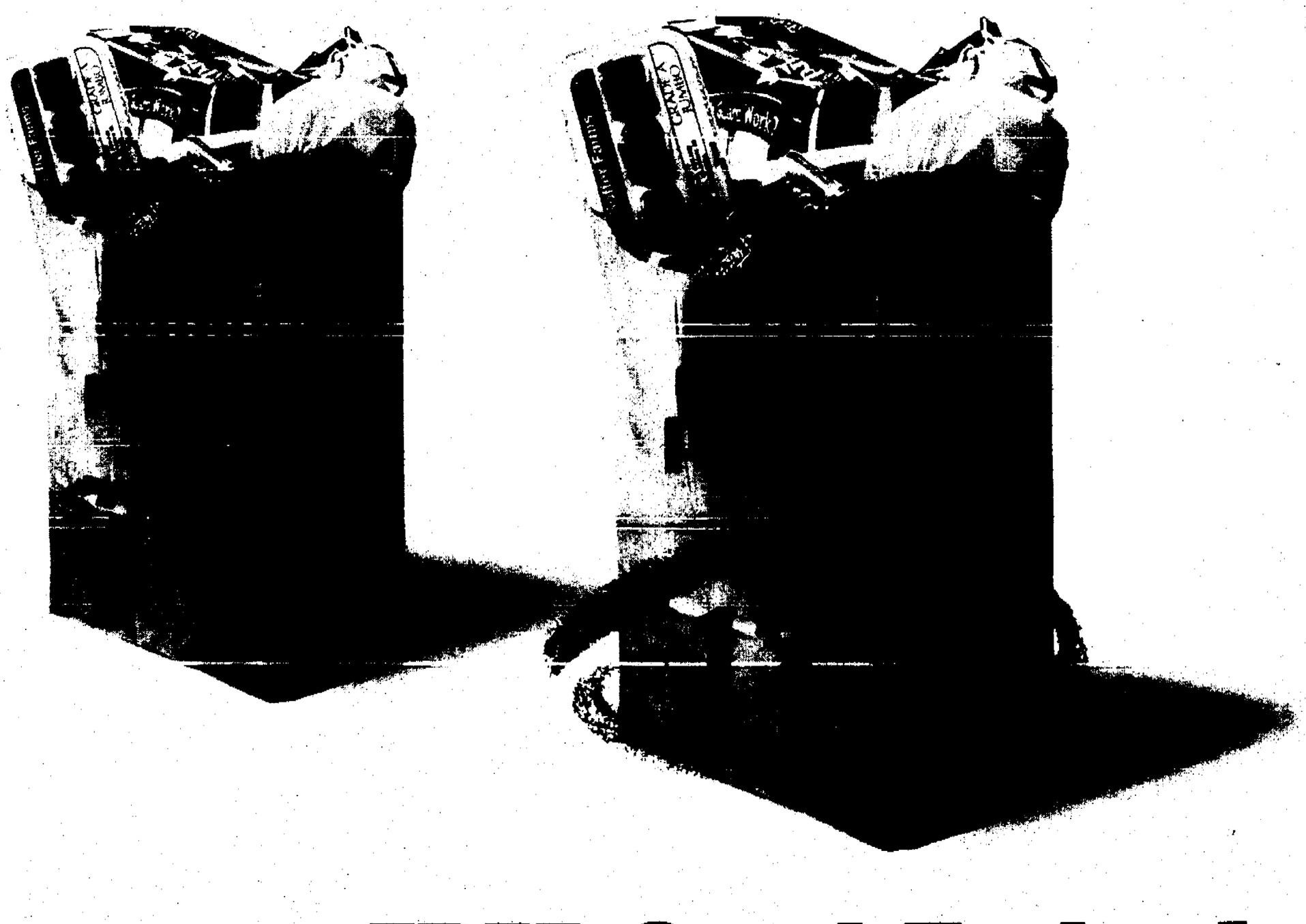

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Close-knit: *The Deschaine family includes parents Tom and Nancy and (left to right) son-in-law Manuel Hernandez, daughter Karen Hernandez, son Mark Deschaine, daughter Laura Deschaine and her fiance, Kevin O'Connor. Nancy Deschaine is this year's Westland Mother of the Year, chosen from 407 nominees.*

Mother *from page A1*

the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road. The public is invited; there will be a 6 p.m. social hour.

She attributes their family life to steady values, consistency and discipline which benefited the children, who range in age from 23 to 28. The children are also determined to have happy, lasting marriages. "They all have those same values," said Deschaine, a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church.

Their home may be modest, she said, but is happy.

She was home with her children for 10 years when they were younger, and supplemented the family income with baby-sitting. "I enjoyed all my children as they were growing up. Every stage is different."

She chose education in part because she wanted to have a family, earning a bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University. She taught in Wayne-Westland until the birth of the couple's second child.

Deschaine shares common values with this year's Teacher of the Year, Chuck Gordon of John Glenn High, who said "Our district gets knocked from time to time, but I'm a big fan of Wayne-Westland schools. My daughters went here, and they got a great education. This district has been very good to me and my family, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

The Gordon and Deschaine families know each other, with the men teaching together.

The work with eighth-graders at St. Mel (where she's taught since 1986) is rewarding for Nancy Deschaine, but she's glad she had the years with her children. "My kids always came first, always."

The Deschaines were involved in the creation of the Mom and Dad's Club at their church, in which she held offices. Many friends come from that time.

Nancy Deschaine also taught religious education at St. Richard's, and was involved in many of her children's activities while they were growing up.

She sums up her philosophy: "When people talk to me about parenting, I have one bit of advice I give. I believe that communication with children at every stage of their life is of utmost importance. I believe that I am their mother and not their friend. I have never had a hard time giving advice, solicited or not. I always made time to be with each of my children in situations that allowed us time to talk, for instance, in the car with the radio off, or at the dinner table with the TV off. My 'soap box' is 'You can't have quality time without quantity time.'"

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD APRIL 10, 2000

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special election of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Monday, April 10, 2000.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

TAKE NOTICE that the following propositions will be submitted at the special election:

A. MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy not more than the number of mills necessary and required to be levied on all property to ensure combined state and local revenue per membership pupil to equal the school district's foundation allowances as certified by the Department of Treasury under Section 1211a of the School Code of 1976, as amended.

Shall 18 mills ($18.00 on each $1,000.00 on taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property and .75 mill ($0.75 on each $1,000.00 on taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, which millage will expire with the 2000 tax levy, be renewed for 5 years, 2001 to 2005, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes, the estimate of the revenue of school district will collect from such taxes if the millage is approved and levied in the 2001 calendar year is approximately $32,900,000?

B. MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill ($1.00 on each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2000 to 2004, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction of repair of school buildings and developing and improving sites (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 1999 tax levy); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2000 calendar year is approximately $4,100,000?

C. BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($28,660,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of:

- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson High Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore; and
- erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and partially remodeling Emerson, Frost and Riley Middle Schools; constructing and equipping outdoor track and field facilities at Emerson and Holmes Middle Schools for athletics, physical education instruction and community use; relocating, constructing and equipping outdoor physical education/athletic facilities; and developing and improving the sites therefore?

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 25 years, exclusive of refunding. It is estimated that .40 mill ($0.40 for each $1,000 of taxable valuation) will be levied for the bonds in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of the bond issue is .39 mill ($0.39 for each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1A
Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30500 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 2A
Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 2B
Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 4A
Voting Place: Tyler School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 7A
Voting Place: Taylor School, 36611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 8A
Voting Place: Taylor School, 36611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 8B
Voting Place: Taylor School, 36611 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 9A
Voting Place: Marshall School, 33901 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 10A
Voting Place: Bryant School, 18000 Merriman, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 11A
Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30500 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 12A
Voting Place: Coolidge School, 30500 Curtis, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 13A
Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 14A
Voting Place: Riley Middle School, 15555 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 15A
Voting Place: Buchanan School, 16400 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 16A
Voting Place: Cass School, 34633 Munger, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 16B
Voting Place: Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 17A
Voting Place: Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 17B
Voting Place: Hoover School, 15900 Levan, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 18A
Voting Place: Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 19A
Voting Place: Randolph School, 14470 Norman, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 19B
Voting Place: Webster School, 37855 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 20A
Voting Place: Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 21A
Voting Place: Hull School, 34715 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 22A
Voting Place: Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 22B
Voting Place: Kennedy School, 14201 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 23A
Voting Place: Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 23B
Voting Place: Roosevelt School, 30200 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 24A
Voting Place: Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 24B
Voting Place: Adams School, 28201 Lyndon, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 25A
Voting Place: Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 31A
Voting Place: Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 31B
Voting Place: Washington School, 9449 Hix, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 32A
Voting Place: Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 33A
Voting Place: Garfield School, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 34A
Voting Place: Rosedale School, 9825 Cranston, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 34B
Voting Place: Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 34C
Voting Place: Grant School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 35A
Voting Place: Jefferson School, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 35B
Voting Place: McKinley School, 9101, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 36A
Voting Place: Emerson Middle School, 29100 W. Chicago, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. 36B
Voting Place: Cleveland School, 28030 Cathedral, Livonia, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W12
Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W15
Voting Place: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W16
Voting Place: Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W21
Voting Place: Lowell Junior High School, 8400 Hix, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W25
Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W27
Voting Place: Perrinville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W30
Voting Place: Hayes School, 30600 Louise, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W35
Voting Place: Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W36
Voting Place: Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W40
Voting Place: Divine Saviour, 39375 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan
PRECINCT NO. W41
Voting Place: Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Court, Westland, Michigan

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 24, 2000, the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen mill tax limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Local Unit:

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Cities of Livonia and Westland
Wayne County, Michigan

Local Unit	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	August 6, 1974 November 8, 1988	1 mill 1 mill	2000 Indefinitely 2000 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 4, 1998	1 mill	2000 thru 2001
City of Livonia	None	None	None
City of Westland	None	None	None
Livonia Public Schools	April 10, 1995 April 10, 1995	18 mills 1.15 mills	2000 2000

Date: March 27, 2000

Signed: RAYMOND J WOJTOWICZ
Wayne County Treasurer

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan.

PATRICK D. NALLEY
Secretary, Board of Education

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The District will receive sealed bids for:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AT 17 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS WAYNE/WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

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

Time: April 14, 2000, 2:00 p.m. EST Delivery of bids. Bid opening shall be 2:00 p.m. EST

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

If delivering prior to Public Bid Opening or mailing your Proposal, send to:

Board of Education
Wayne-Westland Community Schools
36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
Attn: Barb Evanson, Supervisor of Purchasing

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after March 28, 2000 at TMP Associates.

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

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

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

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

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

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG NO 6-3/20/2000

Presiding: Council President Griffin

Present: Anderson, Cicirelli, Cox, James, LeBlanc, Scott

84: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 3/6/2000 as corrected

-Approved request from Wayne Ford Civic League conduct its annual carnival from 5/31/00 to 6/4/00 on their property

-Approved the request from VFW Post 3323 to sell "Buddy Poppies" at various intersections within City from 5/11/00-5/13/00

-Approved the request from Moslem Shrine Temple solicit funds to provide for free medical care for children from 6/16/00-6/17/00 at various intersections within City

-Adopted Joint Resolution proclaiming the month of May as "Better Hearing & Speech Month" in City

-Approved public hearing date on Mayor's 2000-2001 fiscal year proposed budget for 5/1/2000

-Approved public hearing held to be held 5/1/2000 to vacate 20' wide alley adjacent to Lots 147-153 & 154 of Re-Sub of Dearman Park, E of Cavell, N of Warren

-Approved public hearing to be held 5/1/2000 to vacate 1'x40' portion of utility easement at rear of 8344 Hugh, E side of Hugh, W of Middlebelt, south of Joy

-Approved traffic control signs: 99-08 - install 1 "STOP" sign on northbound Rahn at Easley & 1 on northbound Denise at Easley

-Approved contract with Wausau Insurance Company for life insurance coverage for City personnel for 3 yr period effective 4/1/2000

-Introduced Ordinance 248-A-16, rezoning from Two Family Residential to Shopping Center Commercial, SW corner of Venoy & Palmer

-Introduced Ordinance 248-A-17, rezoning from general commercial business to vehicle service, 35050 Ford

-Approved contract between the City & Michigan Department of Transportation for Inkster Road Rehabilitation Project, amt $12,184

-Approved contract between City & Michigan Department of Transportation for Cherry Hill Rehabilitation & Resurfacing Project, amt $74,102

-Approved bid for Calcium Chloride to Pollard Highway Products for total bid price, $0.325 per gallon for 2 yr period, expires 2/28/2002

-Accepted bids for the purchases of listed parcels of properties & bidders must pay bid amount & $320 processing fee

-Approved request from Administration to go into closed study session on 4/3/2000 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation

85: Closed public hearing on request to vacate & abandon existing sidewalks in Norwayne Sub # 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7, N of Glenwood, S of Palmer

86: Closed public hearing on the request to vacate 5 ft of road right-of-way in Alaska & Alamo Cts, W of Venoy, N of Glenwood

87: Confirmed the appointment of J Kazaleh to Westland Cable Commission for 4 yr term, expires 3/18/2004

88: Approved sale of used automatic defibrillator units to Westland Mall, amt $1.00

89: Granted request of G Martin, Wayne-Westland Schools to split Outlot Sal Norwayne Sub #6, S side of Palmer, W of Venoy

90: Approved request for Special Land Use Approval for proposed pharmacy 1956 Venoy with contingency

91: Granted final Site Plan Approval for proposed Planned Unit Development, N side of Van Born, W of Middlebelt

92: Closed nominations to Westland Zoning Board of Appeals for an alternate member to fill unexpired term, expires 5/12/2001

93: Rescinded Resolution #2000-2-56 adopted on 2/7/2000 to schedule Special Election for 5/9/2000 for the purpose of placing a charter amendment on the ballot to renew Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority Debt millage

94: Confirmed appointment of J Seaberg as City Clerk for the City, effective 3/21/2000

95: Approved Check List $2,108,036.48 & Prepaid $2,108,357.12

Mtg adjourned at 11:37 pm

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Publish: March 30, 2000

Kid power

Younger set has a good time at Olympic event

It wasn't Sydney, but youngsters competing in the Nursery School Olympics Saturday certainly showed their best.

"We had a wonderful time," said Margaret Martin, therapeutic and program supervisor for Westland Parks and Recreation. A total of 68 children ages 2-5 participated at the Bailey Center in Westland, bringing along various family members.

"We had fun," Martin said. "It's a great activity for families with small children to do together on a Saturday morning."

This is the fourth year for the event. The sponsors included Westland Parks and Recreation, the Dad's Athletic Club of Westland, the Westland Civitan Club, Jump-A-Rama and Westland Explorers. Kroger donated hats for the children.

The noncompetitive event had youngsters going from one station to another for activities. "Events" included the marshmallow shotput, Sahara treasure hunt, Dad's Club obstacle course and others. The children decorated their hats and marched in a parade with Mr. Bear.

"Everyone seemed to have a good time," said Martin.

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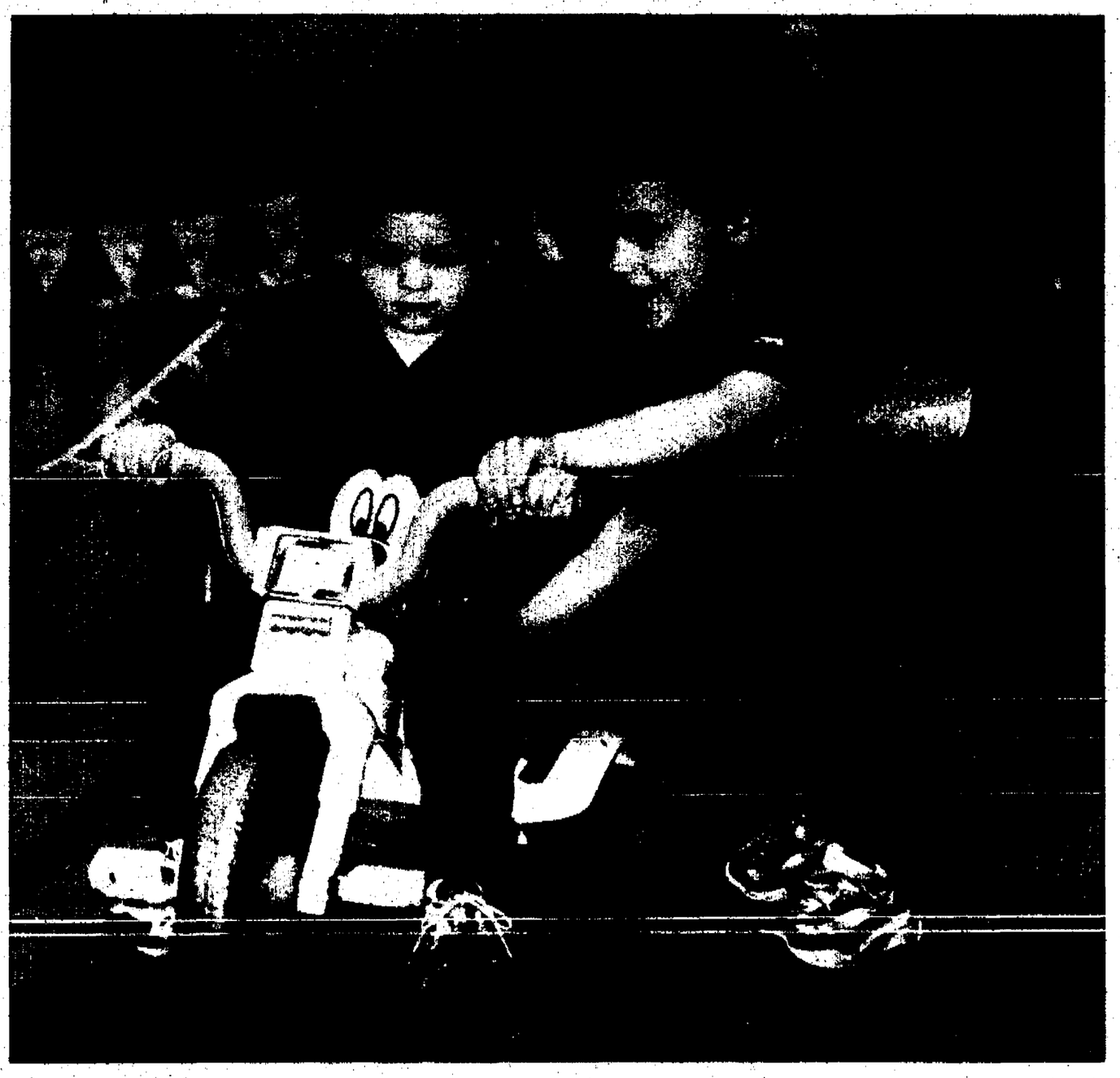
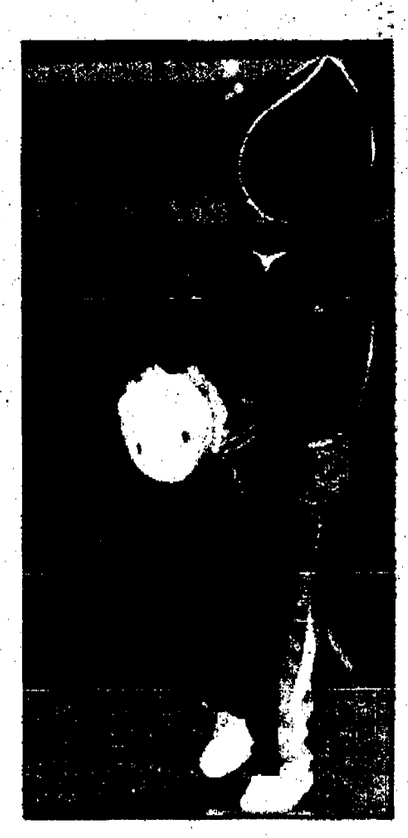
Big fish: *Anthony Dobson, 3½ of Westland caught a big fish at the Nursery School Olympics at the Bailey Center last Saturday. Plans are to hold the event again next year.*



Some guidance: *Anthony Migliori, 18 months, (left) gets help from big brother A.J. Migliori, 4½, at the Saturday event.*

■ 'It's a great activity for families with small children to do together on a Saturday morning.'

Margaret Martin
—Westland Parks and Recreation



Giddyup: *Heather Shoals, 4, of Westland loses her hat riding her horse in the toddler trot.*

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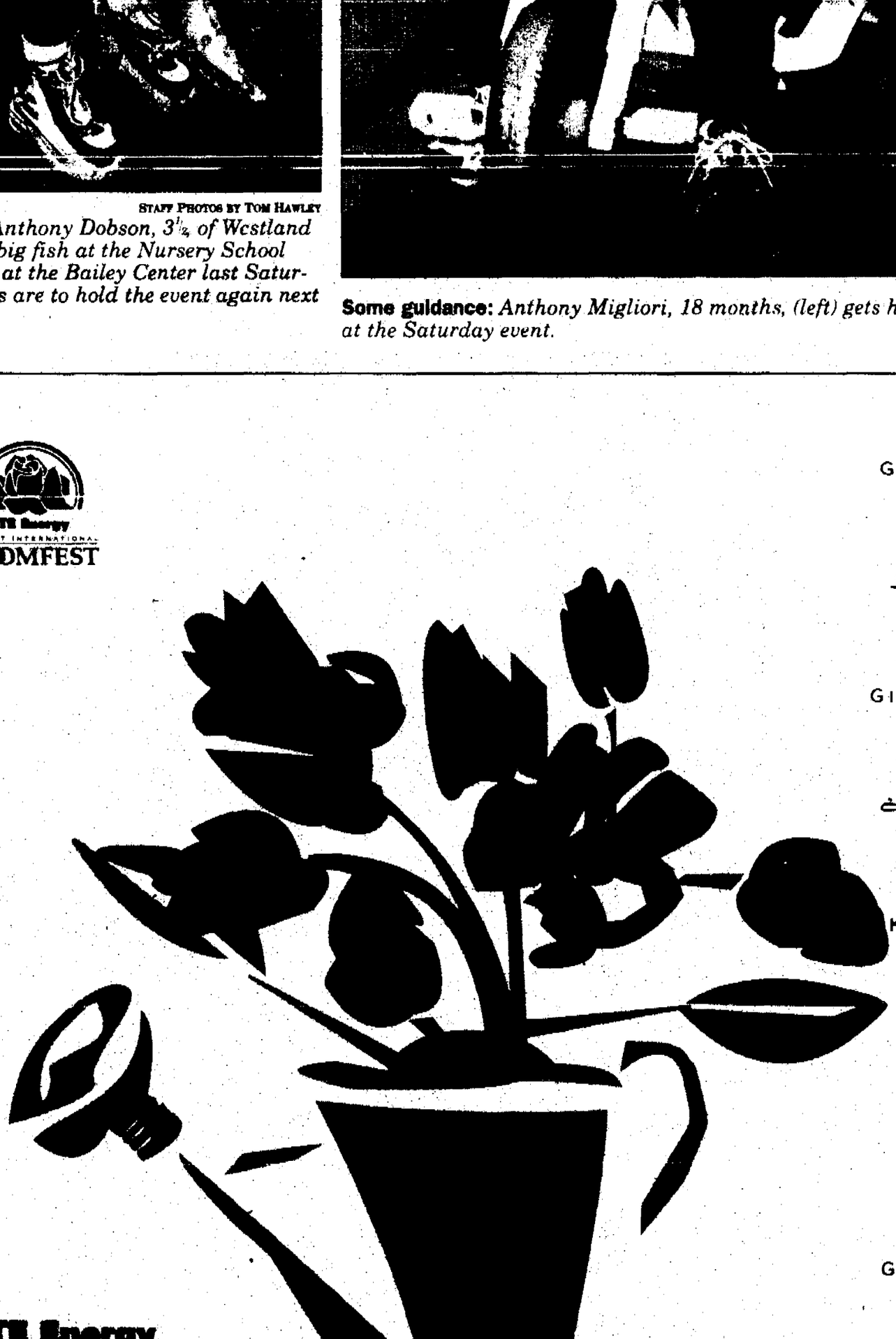

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SPRING

Waterman project to benefit computer, culinary programs

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Work on a $20-million project that will both expand Schoolcraft College's flagship culinary arts program and boost the college's role as a provider of information-technology training is expected to begin late next spring.

The project, forwarded March 22 by the community college's board of trustees to the state legislature and governor for final approval and funding assistance, will see the Waterman Campus Center expanded to include a new culinary arts kitchen and also a business and industry training center.

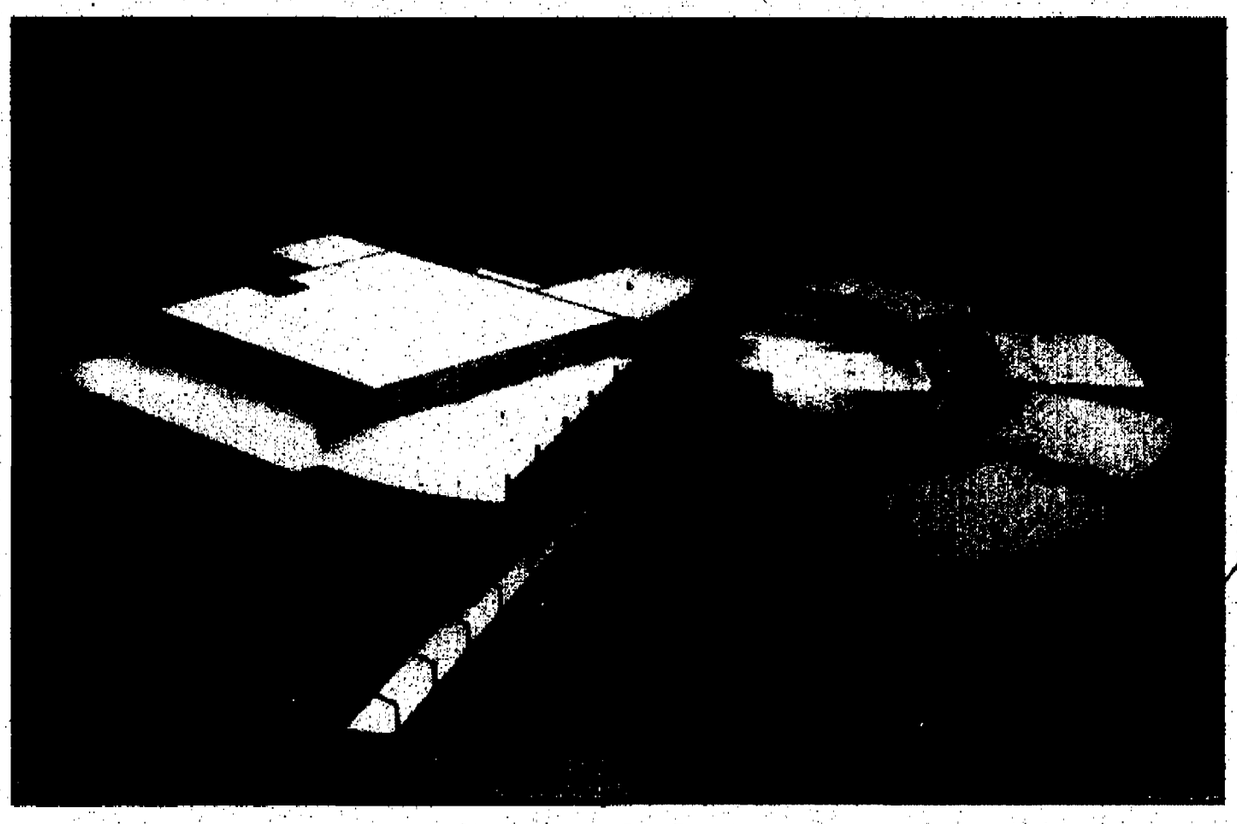
Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell said the project will help the college provide trained personnel for what he called "two of the fastest-growing areas, both in Michigan and the U.S.": computers and information technology and the hospitality business.

"People in the food service industry can't find enough qualified people to hire and people in business and industry can't find people with computer skills," McDowell said.

"Of all the space needs we have, we thought these two were the most important."

The business and industry center will feature classrooms for state-of-the-art computer and technology training and large meeting rooms which can be used for teaching, lectures and teleconferencing and also for musical productions by various Schoolcraft groups, McDowell said.

He said there also is "a need for a variety of types of food service, including upscale head chefs, and for people who provide that quality of food service" as well as other levels.



Something's cooking: *A new culinary arts kitchen, restaurant and multi-purpose room (light area to left of walkway), plus a new business and industry training center (light area to right of walkway) are scheduled to be built onto the existing Waterman Center (dark gray) at Schoolcraft College beginning in Spring 2001.*

'Our flagship'

"Since our culinary program is our flagship," he said, "we want to maintain the quality of the program and expand the number of students" it can train.

The new culinary arts kitchen, when built, will permit remodeling of the existing one for use in an expanded food service program, he said.

When the Waterman opened in 1982 as home to the culinary arts program, it boosted food service enrollment from 30 to well over 200 full- and part-time students.

But the program's popularity – it has produced six of the world's 60 master chefs – has since outstripped enrollment capacity.

The Waterman project is the largest portion of the college's $26-million, 10-year facilities expansion and renovation master plan first approved by trustees in 1997.

Half the estimated $20 million for the Waterman project will come from the state's Michigan Capital Outlay program, once the legislature and the governor have approved construction plans.

McDowell said the school hopes to receive that approval by December.

The college expects to accumulate $6.8 million toward the project by this June 30 and raise the remainder through the Schoolcraft Development Authority, interest on other funds and through either contributions or a bond.

New roof

Other renovations approved March 23 by trustees include installation of a complete new roof on the college's 34-year-old liberal arts building and reconstruction of the college's 12 tennis courts, which were built 30 years ago.

Trustees unanimously awarded Barton Malow Co. of Southfield the $1-million construction management contract to oversee the culinary arts and training-center project.

The Waterman Campus Center expansion and renovation is "the largest (project) dollar-wise" and probably size-wise since it was built for $1.5 million 18 years ago, said Butch Raby, Schoolcraft's vice president for business services.

It also is the first to utilize construction management, in which the hired team oversees a project from the design phase.

The new facilities will extend north and west from the existing Waterman building, running toward Haggerty and the north campus parking lot.

The team of Ghafari Associates Inc. and E. F. Whitney Inc. designed the project so that when it's completed, "It will look like 'part of the house,'" Raby said.

New construction is expected to take 12-15 months and the renovation of existing facilities another six to nine months, he said.

The high-tech facility will have a million dollars in computer equipment, Raby said.

This also is the first project in which Schoolcraft has utilized a project manager, he said. Barton Malow and the George W. Auch Co. of Pontiac were finalists in a field of 13 bidders.

■ 'People in the food service industry can't find enough qualified people to hire and people in business and industry can't find people with computer skills. Of all the space needs we have, we thought these two were the most important.'

Richard McDowell
Schoolcraft president

■ SCHOOLCRAFT

Low bidder on the liberal arts roof project was Custom Architectural Sheetmetal Specialists of Detroit at $508,000.

Raby said the new roof "should be the last major job to bring" the building "up to par." It has been plagued by leaks.

Age and poor drainage were blamed for deterioration of the tennis courts, which will be rebuilt by Nagle Paving Co. of Farmington Hills at a cost of $246,500.

Raby said work will begin "as soon as weather permits."

Book sale set for April 13-16

The League of Women Voters annual used book sale is Thursday-Sunday, April 13-16 at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt and Plymouth Roads, Livonia.

Books are available for $1 for hardcover books, 50 cents for paperbacks and 25 cents for romance novels. Special collector books will be individually priced.

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SEMCOG seeks public comment on transportation plans

BY RICHARD PEARL
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■ 'We need input from the public to help us shape our region's transportation future.'

Paul Tait
SEMCOG Executive Director

Would you like to see the Jeffries and Telegraph Road resurfaced?

How about having such roads as Seven Mile, Haggerty, Warren and the rest of Canton Center widened to five lanes?

What do you think about providing rail transportation between Metro Airport and downtown Detroit, or enhancing and upgrading the People Mover, other mass transit vehicles and facilities and non-motorized (read "bicycling/hiking") pathways?

The first of six opportunities to express your views about these and other transportation issues and plans – some of which are already in the works – will be today, Thursday, when the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) holds its spring general assembly at 5 p.m. at the Centre for the Arts in Southfield.

That's when SEMCOG unveils the latest draft of its 2025 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a 25-year proposal for the region which includes over $104 million in projects for western Wayne County.

Public comments about the 2025 RTP will be welcomed at the beginning of today's G.A. and at the five other area meetings slated for various sites April 26 and 28, May 19 and 24 and June 22.

At that final meeting, SEMCOG delegates and alternates will vote on adopting the RTP.

A draft of the RTP is available from SEMCOG by calling (313) 961-4266.

Comments on the plan also may be made by calling (800) 961-3334 extension 303; by fax (313) 961-4869; or by e-mail (Comment2025 RTP @semcog.org).

In addition, SEMCOG officials will be "more than willing" to discuss the RTP with community service groups, said Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG director of transportation. Call him at (313) 961-4266.

"While we have received broad input on the RTP, our job reaching out to the region isn't done," said Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director.

"We actively seek input from other people in our southeast Michigan community, both for this version of the transportation plan and for future refinements.

Input needed

"We need input from the public to help us shape our region's transportation future," he said.

Major projects planned for 2001-05 in western Wayne County include the $14-million concrete patching and asphalt overlaying of the Jeffries/Interstate 96 from Newburgh Road to US-24/Telegraph and the nearly $10-million reconstruction of 1.25 miles of the eastern interchange of I-275/I-96.

Also planned during that period is $8 million in repairs to the bridges over I-96 and the $11.6-million reconstruction and asphalt paving of Telegraph/US 24 from Grand River Avenue/M-5 to the Jeffries.

As for local roads, the first five years likely will see various roads widened from two or four lanes to five, such as:

- Beck in Plymouth Township between M-14 and Five Mile;
- Canton Center Road in Canton Township from Palmer Road to Cherry Hill;
- Haggerty Road in Canton from Cherry Hill to Ford/M-153;
- Merriman Road in Livonia, from Seven Mile to Base Line/Eight Mile;
- Seven Mile in Livonia, from Middlebelt to Inkster;
- Warren Road in Westland, from Hix to Newburgh.

Over 2.5 miles of Ann Arbor Road (old M-14) between Lilley in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township to Newburgh in Livonia will be rebuilt in a $10-million undertaking and the segment from Napier Road – the western Wayne County line – to Canton Center will be milled and resurfaced.

The first five years also is expected to see construction of the CSX Railroad bridge over Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

But that's not all.

A $1-million study of the feasibility of expanding the People Mover along the Detroit River and toward New Center and another $600,000 study into the feasibility of making the People Mover two-way in downtown Detroit also are planned in the first five years.

Light rail studies

A third study will examine the feasibility of light rail from Metro to downtown and a fourth will look at rail transport along the Woodward Avenue corridor in Detroit.

Projects proposed for the years 2006-25 include the widening of Farmington Road in Livonia to five lanes from Joy Road to Plymouth; the widening to five lanes of Joy from Middlebelt in Livonia to Beech Daly in Redford Township/Dearborn Heights and the widening of Seven Mile in Livonia to five lanes from Newburgh to Merriman.

Also planned in Wayne County during those 15 years are projects ranging from improvements to various intersections and railroad crossings to some $28 million in enhancements for various non-motorized routes.

The 2025 RT Plan, which foresees the resurfacing or rebuilding of 6,800 miles of road in southeast Michigan, is a collaborative effort by SEMCOG with input from a variety of local and state transportation planners, transit agencies, special-interest organizations and the public.

It concentrates on preserving and, where possible, enhancing existing transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bridges, airports, non-motorized pathways and transit vehicles and facilities.

Tait said the plan "strives for balance in supporting economic vitality and the movement of freight and improving traveler safety, while at the same time considering environmental and quality-of-life issues."

Although the plan will spend $17 billion over 25 years in the seven-county SEMCOG region, it won't fix everything, he said.

Only 417 of the 22,576 miles of public roads in southeast Michigan will be widened and only 13 miles will be newly constructed. Some 88 percent of the projects will be in the region's existing urbanized area.

The plan also calls for an approach to public transit that would help it grow beyond its present status.

Four of the other five meetings will be held at SEMCOG offices on the 19th floor of the Edison Plaza Building in Detroit: 9:30 a.m. April 26, 1 p.m. April 28, 1 p.m. May 19 and 9:30 a.m. May 24.

The final meeting, at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, will be at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle.

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OPINION

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A better way

Use vote, rather than recall

■ Turnout was low, with the mostly senior absentee ballots deciding the race.

It's certainly easy to understand recall organizers' frustration.

This past January, four Westland City Council members voted to oust City Clerk Patricia Gibbons, a 23-year city employee. The foursome's actions raised questions about a possible Open Meetings Act violation, with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office later clearing the four of any wrongdoing.

After a couple of denials of recall petition language, language was approved March 23 seeking to recall Councilwoman Sharon Scott. Her colleagues – President Charles "Trav" Griffin, David Cox and David James – are also recall targets, but currently protected due to being within the first six months of office.

City council meetings have been rancorous, and it's easy to understand why organizers feel their interests aren't being represented. The most recent regular council meeting was less confrontational, but still questions linger about adequate representation.

Having said that, the Observer believes the recall against Scott is unjustified. Her actions may have sparked strong dissent, but don't mark the gross negligence of duty calling for a recall.

That's not to say we agree with Gibbons' firing, in which it was subsequently revealed she had received mostly positive performance evaluations for her work as city clerk. It's just that all this energy would have been better spent last year – at the ballot box and in the months leading up to the city council election.

Turnout was low, with the mostly senior absentee ballots deciding the race. The Westland Jaycees sponsored a candidate debate shortly before the election, with all candidates participating but relatively few residents attending.

This newspaper has traditionally not supported recalls, other than those involving malfeasance. We don't intend to support this recall against Scott, but will continue to report on the work of the recall. We respect the right of recall organizers to remove politicians from office – but wish more of that energy would go into local elections.

Vote 'yes' for Livonia schools

■ While student numbers will be declining, student participation in sports has increased dramatically from years ago when district enrollment was much larger.

Livonia voters are invited to reinvest in the school district to upgrade and improve the facilities by voting yes on Proposals A, B and C.

The first two are really pretty easy sells.

Proposal A renews 18 mills of taxes for businesses and 0.75 mill of "hold harmless" millage for homesteads for five years. This generates more than $31 million a year for operating revenues and is a necessary chunk of Livonia's public education system.

Proposal B renews a $4 million "sinking fund" millage for five years to ensure things like boilers and water heaters, doors, lights, floors, ceilings and furniture are continually upgraded – a very prudent way to ensure repairs and renovations happen yearly.

Proposal C is the tough one. It might be easy for some voters to be angry about this Livonia Public Schools' gymnasiums bond issue request going before voters April 10.

Many residents didn't know this was coming when they went to the polls and a majority approved the city recreation center millage just six months ago. Many residents also believe that hosting a special election in April isn't the most cost-effective way to get this before the voters, since an election was scheduled for the school board in June anyway. Plus, many see the end of student population growth in Livonia and figure that fewer students should be able to make do with current facilities that once held thousands more.

But those first two complaints don't focus on the question of whether these new gymnasiums/fieldhouses are needed, and the last one deserves an answer.

First off, the city's planned Community Recreation Center won't specifically help kids in schools. Students take gym classes during the day, and practice and play sports after school and in the evenings. The recreation center will serve a population of 100,000 city residents of all ages on nearly every day and night it's open; if it was reserved for students or sports teams, residents would certainly be angry.

As for the election timing, the district set the April date to allow a second election request in June, in case voters said no to Proposals A and B. Putting these issues on the June ballot for the first time, then going back to voters in, say, August would have meant not being able to use the sinking fund (Proposal B) money during the next tax year.

While student numbers will be declining, student participation in sports has increased dramatically from years ago when district enrollment was much larger. For instance, in 1972 each Livonia high school had 13 teams with 330 participants. Today, there are three times as many teams (38) and about 890 students participating.

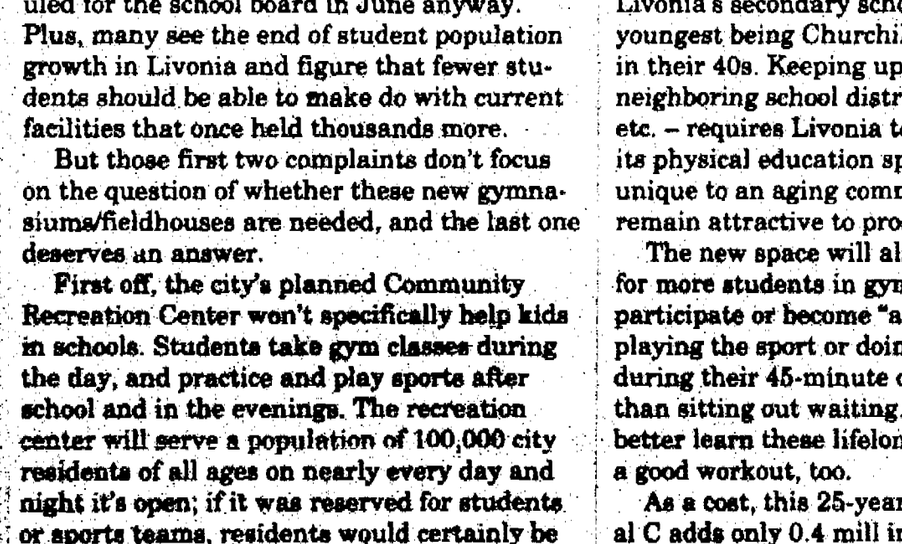
That means some teams practice in hallways, cafeterias or away from the school athletic support systems. In some cases, they work out in cramped facilities. It also means some practices go until 9 or 10 p.m. These new fieldhouses would allow high school sports teams to practice in adequate facilities and do it right after school, getting them home by 6:30 p.m. or so, to provide time for family dinners and kids doing homework.

Another important consideration is that Livonia's secondary schools are old, with the youngest being Churchill at 32 years and most in their 40s. Keeping up with new facilities in neighboring school districts – Northville, Novi, etc. – requires Livonia to invest in and expand its physical education space. It's a challenge unique to an aging community trying to remain attractive to prospective homeowners.

The new space will also provide the chance for more students in gym classes to actually participate or become "actively engaged" in playing the sport or doing the athletic event during their 45-minute class period, rather than sitting out waiting. That way they can better learn these lifelong sports skills and get a good workout, too.

As a cost, this 25-year bond issue in Proposal C adds only 0.4 mill in taxes – that's $30 a year for the owner of a house with a market value of $150,000 and $40 for the owner of a $200,000 house. It's also got the endorsement of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Viewed as an investment in our community's facilities and our youth, Proposal C looks worthwhile.

We urge voters to say yes on Proposals A, B and C.



Full house: *Girls play dodge ball in half of the gym at Emerson Middle School. School officials say they need financial help to ease overcrowding of facilities. We agree.*

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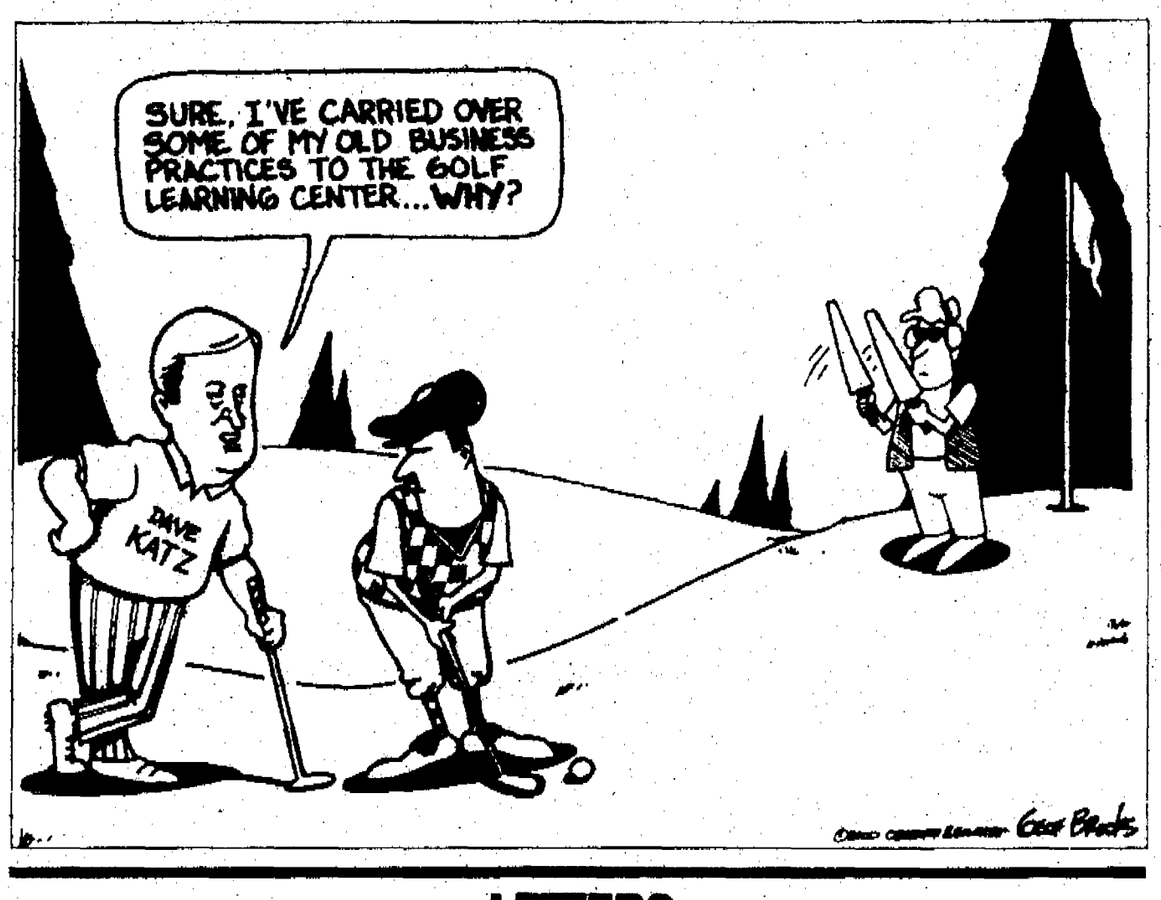

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Gibbons good choice

I am astounded to hear that a certain city council member is considering a run for state rep! How can she even consider a run for state rep when she may even be fighting a recall effort for her seat on city council? If Sharon Scott thinks she has a good shot at being elected state rep for the city of Westland, then we should talk Pat Gibbons into running for the seat!

Pat has shown time and again that she has the character, discipline and ability to do the will of the people. Her focus has always been on the job at hand, and meeting the needs of the citizens of Westland, unlike some current city council members. As citizens of Westland, let's show our support for Pat Gibbons and encourage her to run.

Let's hope she does run. Then we can show our city council what we think of their backhanded dealings!

Jim Tharp
Westland

Gibbons for House

As citizens of Westland, we have seen the worst aspects of elected officials – abuse of power, cronyism and general deceitfulness.

We have seen a personnel director, who was once an assistant city attorney, intentionally mislead concerned citizens of Westland. Amazingly, he has not even been reprimanded for his behavior. That's wrong.

We have seen a senior director waste city taxpayer money by going to the casinos on city time, using city vehicles. She was suspended without pay for two weeks. That's better, but still wrong.

We have seen Pat Gibbons, former city clerk, fired for filing an election grievance against two councilmen for their use of city clerk stationery on their campaign mailers. That's just flat out wrong!

Pat Gibbons did the right thing. She reported an activity that is considered illegal by election law. Unfortunately for her, hers was an at-will position – at the will of the two councilmen and their council friends.

Here is an individual in city government who blew the whistle on the illegal use of taxpayer-funded resources and she pays for it with her job! Pat should be commended for her honesty and integrity of character.

If you feel that we should have people like Pat Gibbons in government, join with me in asking her to consider a run for state representative. Pat running for state rep would give us the opportunity to put into office an individual of honesty and personal integrity. We need more individuals like her in office.

Robert Arbour
Westland

Consider run

■ We need to send someone to Lansing that knows how to cooperate and work with others, not consistently stir the pot for their own political advantage.

A hard-working city clerk is fired for political purposes, the senior director is caught on television going to the casino on city time and gets only a two-week suspension, the personnel director deliberately misleads concerned citizens of Westland and no discipline is forthcoming.

What is happening with the city of Westland?

This appears to be business as usual in Westland. In fact, some city council members are looking to run for state representative for this city. One voted to get rid of a qualified clerk and another condoned the "punishment" that the senior director was given. How can they even begin to think that we would trust them in Lansing after what they have done in Westland? Their behavior on city council is deplorable!

We need to send someone to Lansing that knows how to cooperate and work with others, not consistently stir the pot for their own political advantage.

Pat Gibbons is the one Westland should send to Lansing.

To Pat, please consider making a run for state representative. We need your loyalty, hard work and commitment to represent us in the state Legislature. You would give the citizens of Westland an elected official we can be proud of to have representing us. A marked difference from the people we have at City Hall.

Barbara Lee
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— Philip Power

LETTERS

Get expert advice

Pay real close attention, folks, it ain't over 'til it's over. Cancel the millage renewal election for the sanitation authority, that seemed odd since Mayor Thomas so recently reinforced his stand of favoring incineration regardless of the cost to residents.

But now what I'm hearing is that a movement is underfoot, to what? Get out of the waste-to-energy project, if possible. Am I hearing correctly? What do the mayor and Mr. Dittmar and council members know that we don't know? Could it actually be that this foolhardy project that our city signed onto is NOT the wonderful thing we were all promised?

Say "I told you so?" GLOAT? You're darn right I'm gonna gloat. I did warn you. And others warned you as well. We didn't want our city to go bankrupt over this deal, but we were ignored!

Oh, this will be a black eye on Westland, bigger than the Patricia Gibbons, Keith Madden and Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek scandals put together. We are talking millions of dollars! How delicately will they explain this one to the taxpayers? Blame it on CEI from Baltimore? Blame it on yourselves?

Worried about the TIFA money going for the incinerator? Just wait and see how many other money sources are going to be redirected to the costs we will have to pay. That is, IF our city wants us to see such things. Beyond the debt, there are likely to be penalties for all of those lovely contracts we are strapped to. Let the juggling begin.

I KNEW the day would come – but I didn't know it would only take one year within the reopening of our refurbished incinerator, that talks would start about pulling out of this stupid scheme.

My gosh, citizens tried in vain to warn council members and the mayor starting in 1994 up until the final votes in 1997. And had the proper public meetings taken place in 1991 or before, when the wheels were beginning to be greased, citizens might have prevented it from going through at all.

Myself, my husband, Chuck and Kathie Pare, also of Westland, worked tirelessly doing research, attending meetings, writing testimony, lobbying in Lansing, all of the same dedicated efforts that this city *honored us* for when we worked on the Cooper school landfill. Yet council members Griffin, Cox and Scott remain steadfast in their support of the incinerator. (In my mind, that is reason enough to recall them.) Oh, yes, and former council member Tom Brown too was in support, He now admits things don't look good.

We brought experienced people in from neighboring communities that had knowledge of the absurdness of the waste-to-energy proposal. Some had science backgrounds, some with engineering backgrounds who actually read the contracts involved, some were experts on recycling and others had dealt with incinerators before.

ALL, that's A-L-L (to quote attorney C. Brian James, who supported this plan) the people we brought to speak were and still are highly respected in the southeast Michigan environmental community.

On the contrary, the people the supporters chose to listen to were not from around here (unless they had a financial interest), but the "suits" from Constellation and Energy Inc., a subsidiary of Baltimore Gas & Electric.

The time is overdue for us to seek expert environmental law advice from outside our city. I believe Mr. Plakas' previous counsel did not serve us well in this matter. I mean no disrespect, but we should have had an environmental lawyer reviewing the entire process. If nothing else, there should have been some type of an "out-clause" to protect our community from financial ruin.

I wish you well, Mr. Mayor, council members Griffin, Scott and Cox, in digging yourselves out of this one.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Save our city

The city of Westland is hemorrhaging BIG TIME and if we don't apply a HUGE BAND-AID right away, it may never recover.

Lately, every Observer Newspaper issue is filled with the battles raging among our leaders. Each story seems worse than the one before. The residents' reaction is just as disgraceful as those in office. At the rate we are going, we may push all the other horrible news stories off the front pages, become the main story covered by the whole world. That isn't where I would like to be, do YOU?

First came the story about the firing of the city clerk. Not knowing ALL of the facts, I don't know if it was necessary or not, but I believe there was a better way to handle it. Even the right thing raises questions when done the wrong way. The residents' reaction has been just as bad with the name-calling, e-mail invasion, threats and criticism from every direction. Neighbor against neighbor and friend against friend.

Next comes the mess with the director of the Friendship Center and two employees who used very stupid judgment. This is like a very bad movie that has everyone wondering what will happen next and to whom.

The most sickening part of this whole mess is adults who are acting like children. Speaking of children, has anyone thought about what all of this infighting is saying to our children?

Kids have so much to deal with these days. At every turn, they see violence and sex scenes on TV, in videos, movies. They play violent computer games, read tragedies in the newspapers and magazines. Westland's adults are saying to them DO WHAT I SAY, NOT WHAT I DO, then are amazed when they do what they see us do. Talk about giving mixed signals.

No one can condone these terrible events, but I agree with the people who suggest that we SETTLE IT AT THE NEXT ELECTION. If everyone will take the time to vote when given the opportunity, there can be change. Otherwise, the same old same old will go on and on.

Like many others, I have lived in this area longer than there has been a Westland. I cannot recall any other administration so personally involved with the residents and their concerns. The city council and Mayor Thomas are everywhere, meeting and listening to the people. Most of what I've seen has been positive and, of course, some has not. That is only natural in any city. If we put aside all this bickering, we can again move our city forward.

Everyone makes mistakes. Most of us are able to keep them private. Those in public office do not have that opportunity. They live in a fish bowl for all to see and comment on. This has got to be very difficult and I have to wonder who would ever want such a job.

Lately, it seems as if we have taken a giant step backwards when everything was settled with violence. Words like: RECALL! FIRE THEM! IMPEACH THEM! Where does all this rage come from?

Let's work together to stop this horror show. Show our children and other people that calm heads can prevail and Westland is still THE PLACE TO BE!

Lafern E. Porter
Westland

Supporters not negative

Recall supporters do not "hate." Recall supporters love their city, but do believe it's time that some who do NOT listen to the voters, those who disregard the voices of the people who pay their salaries, should be removed.

They have nothing to fear IF they have enough support, go to the polls and vote to keep them in office. Recall supporters are not "negative," and frankly we are tired of the words hate and negative being used. It is a positive thing for citizens to become involved in the political process.

Yes, there are those who wish citizens would sit quietly and not try to be part of that process while they continue doing as they will, but that isn't going to happen this time. It is not the recall supporters who have made threatening phone calls, sent letters, pulled pranks, called names or made whispered attacks within the halls of council. We have put our purpose to the people of this community, without shame, and will proceed on our course until we have removed these people from office. The letters from the mayor are only meant to stir the pot, not calm it, by portraying us as people who would ruin someone's special night at his State of the City address. Not so. We never intended, nor do we intend, to be present. Rowdy meetings are a direct result of the way the council president handles the "open meetings."

People are closed out, people are removed, citizens have the microphone turned off as they speak, time limits are bent at will, especially for supporters of the four or the mayor. Meetings are adjourned in violation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Yet we remain convinced that in the future, regardless of such tactics, we will be the "positive" people. The only negative people at the last meeting were those sent on purpose to try and provoke. Seats have been taken at 4 p.m. through the last three council meetings, the latest being a group of young people who attend church at Telegraph and West Chicago. Things of this nature must stop. It's up to the citizens to voice their concerns, and that is what we are doing.

Finally, we are organizing another demonstration now that recall petition language on Sharon Scott has been approved. It will be Monday, April 3, at 6 p.m., just before the council meeting. A meeting to make signs will be held at the Oddfellow Temple on Glenwood just west of Venoy, Saturday, April 1, at noon. If you didn't have an opportunity to pick up your petition packet as of that date, or you would simply like to sign the recall petition, please know that you are welcome to drop in, pick them up, or sign!

Thank you.

Brenda Gracin

Please return photos

To the person who stole my wallet from my place of employment, Goody's Pet Supply, on March 22, 2000:

I don't care that you took my cash, even though I have bills to pay and kids to feed.

I don't care that you used my charge card and I have to pay for your purchases, because you used my card before I called and reported my card stolen.

I don't know yet if you wrote any of my checks to purchase things, but at least my bank won't honor them if you did.

What I *do* care about, and what has broken my heart, is that you stole pictures of my son who died a year ago. I don't have the negatives.

Please, please, if you still have my pictures, mail them to Goody's Pet Supply. No questions asked.

Never forget: "What goes around comes around."

Lynn Robertson
Westland

Council thoughts

On the Sunday before the council meeting, I caught a slight cold so I missed going to the meeting.

I watched the last few council meetings and I thought I should respond to a few of them.

Let's start with the last one; responding to a question, Sharon Scott said she would not seek another term on the council ... but she had not yet made up her mind as to if she would seek the 18th District rep seat or not, but she should know shortly ... "HELLO, SHARON." At the council meeting on Feb. 23 when you weren't there, Dave Cox ... while going after Glenn Anderson, said he knew for a fact you were running, he said you told him so ... I still have that meeting on tape ... and I had a letter in the papers March 9, Sharon.

So, Sharon, quit beating that dead horse for dramatic effect, I wrote about it March 9 ... nice but lame try.

Another one that I have to respond to is little Stevie Johnson who at the council meeting on March 6 when talking about Pat Gibbons said if you have to fly and there are two planes, one with a pilot "who" on scoring zero to five got a three and the other with a pilot who scored five; which one would you fly on??

Well, let me tell you something, little Stevie ...

The next to last thing I want to address is the last council meeting when we had a minister and some of his flock come in at 4 p.m. to tie up seats.

Charlie (Griffin) had the minister open the meeting with a prayer (let's wrap ourselves in religion, that should help us), then we had the kids lead with the pledge ... some years back, a thinker thought using kids to lead in the pledge would make them look better than they are.

What's next, Charlie? ... a bathtub of water so you can baptize people "OR" maybe you can get the Pope to move to Westland ... shame on you.

On the track you're on, Charlie, I won't call you Mr. President but rather Kaiser Charlie since that's how you and your other three cronies seem to see yourselves.

For that reason, Kaiser Charlie, I will wear colors that (if you know your history) will make you feel warm and at home!

At least there is one good service you do at each council meeting ... and that's when after the kids lead the pledge you and Dave Cox walk up ... smile and shake their hands ... "SO" if everyone understands ... that when kids are going to "or" coming from school and someone comes up to you ... smiles and tries to shake your hand, "RUN," don't walk, and get away from them!!

James R. Davis

Voicing objections

Well, it sure has been interesting reading the letters to the editor column in the past several weeks. From my initial (Livonia) letter regarding the attempts to shove two tax increases before the voters within a six-month time frame for the sports complex and school gym improvements issues, to the latest regarding the school millage renewals and increase, and school elections being held two months apart.

Doesn't this strike everyone of the voting/property owning public of Livonia as very bad practices going on in our city government? Did you notice the majority of those in favor of the school gym issue are teachers/instructors working for the schools? Did you know that these individuals do not have to reside in Livonia? Hence, they may not be paying those taxes? And for those opposed (I am NOT opposed to the school gym tax, only the way in which it was "presented" to me, causing me to have to voice my objections by voting NO) we hear from those on fixed incomes, those who do not approve of the way things are handled, and those of us, if you haven't looked at your tax bill yet, already seeing a nearly 2 percent increase in our property taxes this year alone.

Brad Wolkan
Livonia

Gun talk hollow

The administration was presented a gun bill with all the requests that President Clinton wanted. Provisions to close the (so-called loophole at gun shows) the 72-hour waiting period, the large capacity clips, instant check and gun trigger locks.

So why was it rejected? Because it was proposed by the NRA.

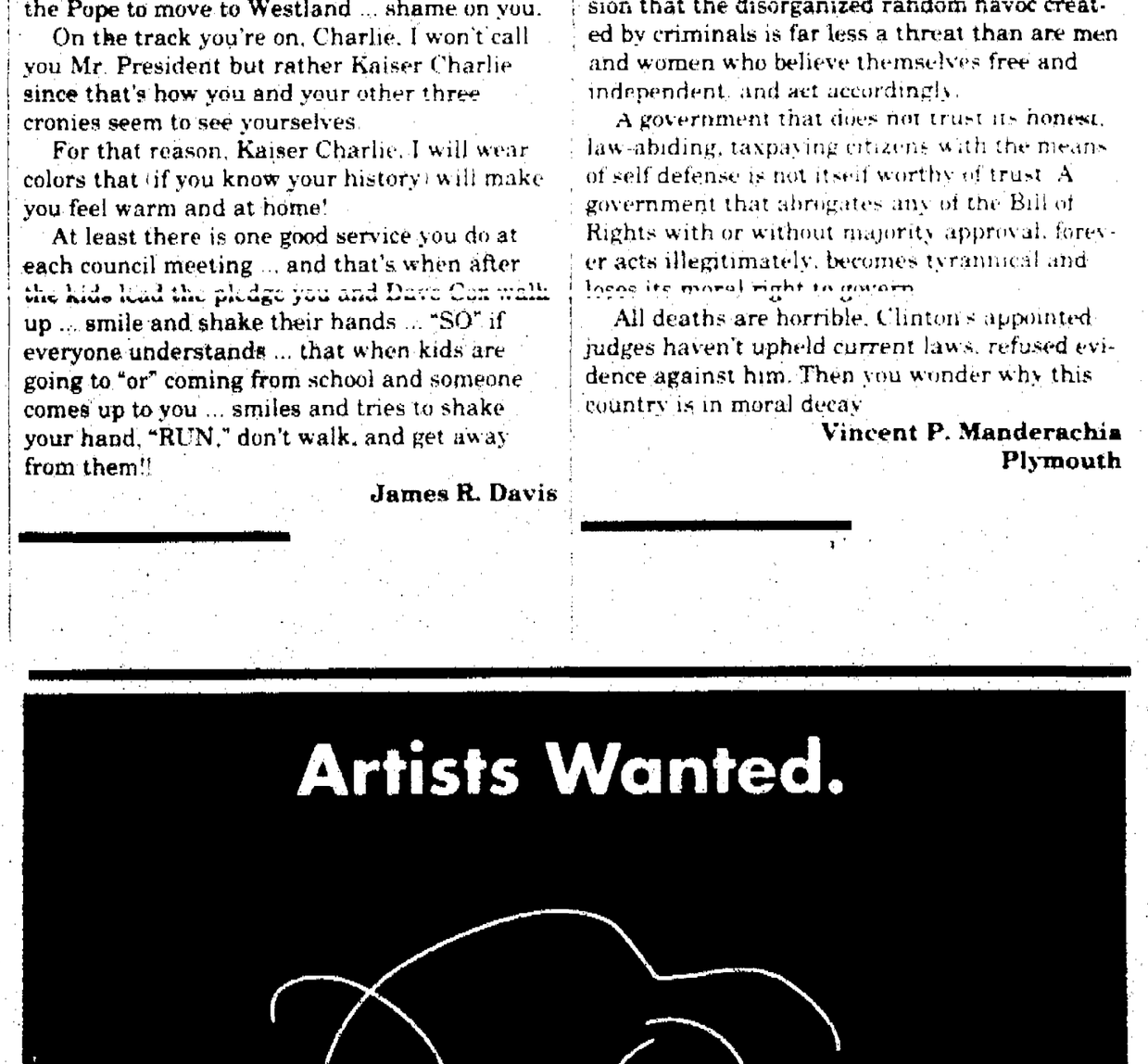
Bill Clinton's elitist group says it is their way or no way. Since Clinton has been in office, there have been more civilian deaths than ever before. Ruby Ridge, The Randy Weaver family, Waco, Vince Foster, Ron Brown, etc. What other president uses tragedies to further his existence.

We do not live in an armed society, we live in a society in which violent criminals, and agents of the state habitually carry firearms, and in which many law-abiding citizens own firearms but do not go about armed. Essentially, although tens of millions own firearms, we are an unarmed society. The Clinton administration reveals its totalitarian nature by its tacit admission that the disorganized random havoc created by criminals is far less a threat than are men and women who believe themselves free and independent, and act accordingly.

A government that does not trust its honest, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens with the means of self defense is not itself worthy of trust. A government that abrogates any of the Bill of Rights with or without majority approval, forever acts illegitimately, becomes tyrannical and loses its moral right to govern.

All deaths are horrible. Clinton's appointed judges haven't upheld current laws, refused evidence against him. Then you wonder why this country is in moral decay.

Vincent P. Manderachia
Plymouth



George Ward begins his run for prosecutor

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Ward

George Ward, chief assistant prosecutor for Wayne County for 14 years, has made it official. He's seeking the Democratic nomination for county prosecutor in the Aug. 8 primary.

That puts the Plymouth Township resident in the race against both Michael Duggan, deputy county executive, and state Sen. Virgil Smith.

Ward, whose unofficial candidacy has been known for some time, claims the support of his boss, Prosecutor John O'Hair. O'Hair isn't seeking re-election.

Stating the "first and most important issue" in the election is experience, Ward said he is the only one with experience in prosecution.

He stated the "whole range of past airport abuses" in contracts at Metro wouldn't have become public if the prosecutor "had been the alter ego" of the county executive.

If elected, Ward plans to increase "substantially" the number of youths ages 6-16 in Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck in adult-supervised sports and recreational activities and also to institute "structure to the prison day."

Regarding prison policy, he said, "It makes no sense" that the time offenders spend in custody "more resembles how they lived before" prison "than how we want them to live when they get out."

A 1963 graduate of the University of Detroit and, in '66, of the University of Michigan Law School, Ward has taught law at Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University since 1970.

He was elected president of the Wayne County Charter Commission in 1980, became chief assistant county prosecutor in 1986 and is serving as president of the Irish-American Lawyers of Michigan.

He and wife Margaret have five children.

Ward's campaign office is at 19268 Grand River Ave. in Detroit. Volunteers may call (313) 543-1940.

House passes bills to regulate porn shops

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Owners of pornography shops in Michigan, "adult entertainment establishments," found out they have few friends in the state legislature last week.

Lawmakers passed a series of bills, the main pieces of a 13-bill package, aimed at bringing such shops under control by licensing them. Those licenses could be revoked if inspectors find the business to be a "hazardous site," one with high risk sexual activity going on on the premises, or a public nuisance. It would also give residents who live around such businesses the power to sue on the basis the businesses have become a nuisance and recover attorney fees should they win.

The main bill, House Bill 5124, was approved by representatives in a 92-13 vote last week. Opponents mainly objected that the system would require some businesses to have duplicate licenses, because some already hold Class C liquor licenses.

But sponsor Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, noted that not all adult entertainment businesses have liquor licenses, so his bill would address the remainder.

Other pieces of the package passed 104-1. The sole dissenter, Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, felt license fees were too high, perhaps as much as $13,000 for a single business. But Bisbee supported most of the rest of the package.

He also pointed out that the law as written would allow only residents to recover attorneys' fees against the businesses. That would be unfair, he said, unless businesses were also allowed to recover attorney fees if they prevail. Bishop said he agreed with that last point and will work to amend the bills in the Senate when they are taken up there.

But Bishop felt the license fee amounts were correct. Licensing will be conducted through the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, and when it is done reviewing applications, issuing licenses and inspecting all the adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult cabarets, massage establishments, exotic dance studios, encounter studios, sensitivity studios, model studios and escort services in the state, it is expected to have expenditures of $4 million to $4.4 million.

The bill simply divides that amount among the businesses to be licensed. As estimated, the price could come to $13,000 for a license, Bisbee pointed out.

"To an individual, the fees that businesses pay sometimes sound high," Bishop countered. "But when you look at it relative to the industry, to the multi-billion dollar industry it is, to the money these types of businesses make, it's not that much."

And Bishop argued that taxpayers should not end up paying for the licensing of these businesses.

Bishop argued the package is intended to help communities control adult entertainment stores. Communities have found it ineffective to attempt to ban them or to zone them into certain areas. Yet, crimes rates, rape, prostitution and high risk sexual activities often increase in a neighborhood after such businesses open their doors, according to Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

She sponsored the portion of the package that calls for Department of Health inspections of the facilities. Adult entertainment stores can then be ordered to fix health code violations found on their premises within a period of time, or their licenses may be revoked.

Bishop explained that licensing would not apply to all businesses with adult materials for sale, such as convenience stores that may have a rack of adult magazines. To require a license, a business would have to allocate more than 20 percent of its floor space to adult entertainment.

The main portion of the package, which includes HBs 4327, 5124-34 and 5469, now moves to the Senate.

Most of the bills passed in 105-0 votes. On the main bill, 5124 area representatives Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia all voted yes.

Student program needs hosts

Male and female high school students (15-18 years old) from many countries are in need of a Host Family. The students will be arriving in August for the beginning of the school year. Some students will be here for the full school year and others just the first semester. All students have medical insurance, their own spending money, are proficient in English and have a strict code of conduct to follow. All students are in the top 20 percent of their classes.

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COMMON SENSORS

JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

A lot learned from teen focus groups

Recently, I had the opportunity to conduct focus groups with middle and high schoolers in a community in order to gain some insights about kids today.

We talked about their fears and anxieties, what they believe is going well for teens, how they cope with traumatic events that happen in their community, who their role models are, whether they feel substance abuse is a problem for teens, who they find to be trustworthy and programs they would like to see started in their community.

There were distinct differences between the way middle school and high schoolers thought as well as differences between parochial and public students. When asked how students in their community cope with sad or scary things that happen, the high school students commented that they would more frequently turn to their peers before adults if they needed to talk.

Middle schoolers still rely on their parents for support, but reported that they will discriminate as to what they tell them. The parochial students said that prayer services were held as a way to support the students when something bad happens, and that they were very reassured by that kind of support.

When asked what students felt was going well for them, the parochial students' consensus was that private school students had more self-discipline and less stress about their looks because of the dress code.

Middle schoolers from the public schools reborted feeling safe in their schools (some attributed it to the Columbine awareness), and much delight over their new freedoms (because they were no longer elementary students). They also appreciated teachers treating them like adults as well as good school counselors. High school students were not as verbal on this question except to say that teens are generally joining in and doing things together.

On the topic of who are their role models, all the focus groups were very forthcoming about the great role models they had in school. These included teachers and coaches. Beyond school, they mentioned parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. No one commented about sports or high profile media figures, except for injured stars like Mike Utley and Christopher Reeve.

When asked about substance use and abuse in their school, there was a clear difference between public and private responses. The private schools felt that drug and alcohol use wasn't a problem because no one would even think of using it. The females offered that they "tell on" the boys in school when they are doing things that are wrong, yet half the students said they wouldn't tell an adult if someone was experimenting with drinking.

The public school students appeared more complacent about substance use, as if to say, it's the way of the world. The middle schoolers knew that there was smoking in school; they even offered that lots of the parents are using drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, too. They believe that those in charge are not consistent in cracking down on offenders including the party store owners who sell to minors.

Some mentioned that movies are a bad influence for kids. The high school students seemed even more lackadaisical about the use and abuse in their schools. Students brought out that more than half of their school uses illegal substances. No one disagreed. Others commented that it is a source of entertainment to pass the time, while some thought that it counteracts a lot of depression. Everyone from one of the high school focus groups knew more than one depressed person.

Finally, they were asked what pro-

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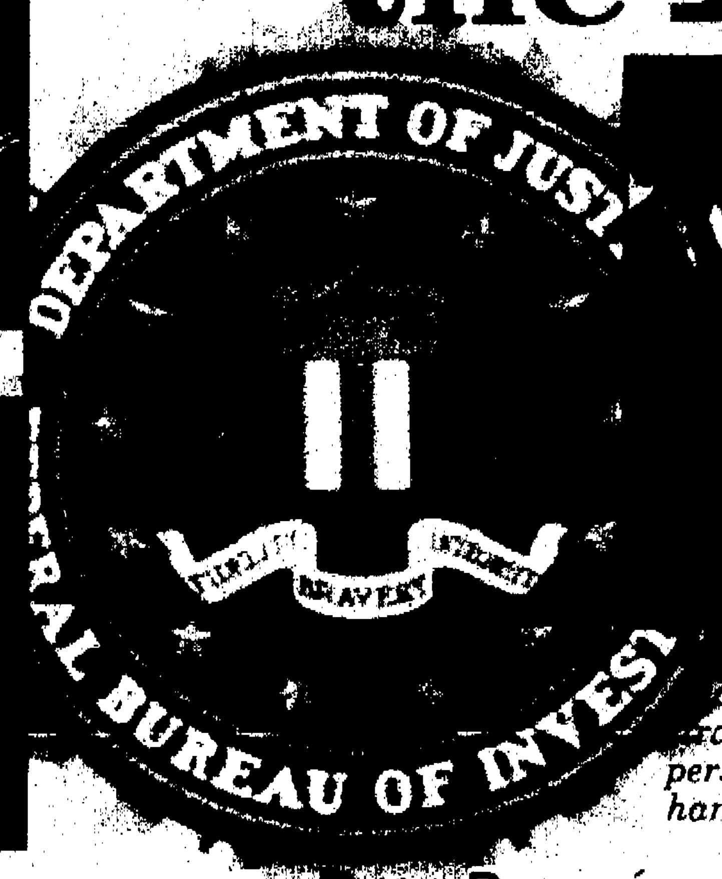

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BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
• STAFF WRITER •
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The reception room of the Federal Bureau of Investigation offices on the 26th floor of the P.V. McNamara Building in downtown Detroit is appropriately subdued, an interior decorator's equivalent of "just the facts, ma'am."

On one wall is a picture gallery of Special Agents who died in the line of duty. On the opposite wall, thick, bullet-proof glass protects the receptionist and clerks. No one gets beyond this room unless they have a pass ... or have been arrested and are waiting to be photographed and fingerprinted.

Welcome to the FBI, one the world's most recognized acronyms, an organization whose motto is "Fidelity, Bravery and Integrity."

Jennie Emmons, 30, and Brian Young, 32, are relatively new agents. Originally from Princeton Junction, N.J., Emmons, who has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in forensic science, joined the bureau three years ago. She is assigned to the domestic terrorism squad, one of several squads that make up the Detroit office.

■ 'For me, this was the top of the line. I wanted to do it so bad. For any kind of pressure they put on me externally, I put double on myself. I really wanted to make it through.'

—Jennie Emmons
Special Agent

Young, a former Army infantry officer, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a few semesters of post-graduate school. He also brought eight years experience as a police officer with the Indiana State Police and the University of Indiana police department when he signed on with the bureau in 1996. He serves on the counter-intelligence squad.

Both agents are in top physical condition and excellent marksmen. Special Agent Jean Wynn, who is in charge of recruitment, said Emmons hits her target more than 95 percent of the time. "That's superlative. She's a natural. She's in the stratosphere."

When it comes to hiring Special Agents, the FBI, the principal investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice, seeks – and finds – the best. Although there is no typical hiring year, out of the 9,000 applications received nationwide last year, 700 agents were hired.

"If you look at history, in the case of every great investigator – whether in science, law or criminal justice – they keep the goal in mind in spite of obstacles. To be an FBI agent, you have to have integrity, be tenacious and pay attention to detail," said Wynn.

Most wanted: *Special Agent Jean Wynn explains what it takes to get on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list. She referred to them as "smooth talkers."*

A challenge

After graduating from college, Emmons sought a non-traditional career for women. She found one in the FBI. Founded in 1908, the FBI first granted the title of Special Agent to a woman in 1972. Today, 16.9 percent of the bureau's 11,604 agents are women.

Emmons spent seven months in San Francisco after graduating from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. She was then transferred to Detroit, where her husband, a fellow agent she met at the academy, already had been assigned. The 16-week training at the FBI Academy was difficult but challenging, she said.

"For me, this was the top of the line. I wanted to do it so bad. For any kind of pressure they put on me externally, I put double on myself. I really wanted to make it through."

In the academy's defensive tactics class, Emmons put on a pair of boxing gloves and faced a male opponent. "One (punch) hit me, the walls started to close and I started to go down," she recalled. Refusing to give in, she let loose and started fighting back. "The instructor said, 'That's exactly what I wanted to see.' I had made progress."

Emmons learned much more in that class than how to defend herself; she learned the meaning of team spirit, FBI style.

She recalled a particular incident that happened within the first few days of class. The class had been divided into opposing teams, and the new and eager recruits were yelling and cheering for their teammates. "The instructor told us to stop," said Emmons. "He said we had not developed a "sincere affection" for each other." She remembers his admonishment to "conduct yourself with quiet professionalism."

It was that quiet, competent professionalism that eventually convinced Brian Young to apply to the FBI. "I had a desire to get into federal law enforcement, but it wasn't with the FBI," he said.

His focus changed after he worked with the FBI on a protection detail for Attorney General Janet Reno when she spoke at the University of Indiana's law school in 1995. He developed a close friendship with an older, experienced agent who told him he was FBI material. The agent encouraged Young to apply to the bureau.

"Just the way these agents treated me as a professional, the whole experience just overwhelmed me. I applied, and about nine months later I was in the academy," said Young.

In addition to serving on the counter-intelligence squad, Young is part of a joint terrorism task force. As a member of the task force, he works with officers from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Secret Service and the Michigan State Police.

FBI work is far different from police work, said Young. There are longer hours, sometimes spent outside in 20-degree weather, and less daily regimen. "Nothing is the same two days in a row. You may think you're working 8 to 4, and then you get a page at 6 a.m. Now the 8 to 4 is blown out of the water."

And then there are the "zany" phone calls, he added. "Okay, pack your bag. We're sending you to the western part of the state. There's been a kidnapping."

Big guns

The Detroit FBI's impressive collection of shotguns and automatic weapons includes the infamous Thompson (aka "Tommy"), the submachine gun favored by both the bad and the good guys during Prohibition. The FBI stopped using it in 1970. They currently use the much lighter MP-5.

Every agent carries a handgun, a 9 mm. semi-automatic, but it is often used as a secondary weapon. "When we go out on a raid we have shotguns and submachine guns because we always want to out-show and out-gun who we want to apprehend," said Special Agent Lee Anderson, the bureau's police training coordinator.

For raids, the bureau brings in its SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team. Young, a SWAT team member, is modest about his marksmanship. "Most agents are excellent shots," he said. "Let's say to be in SWAT, you must be consistent."

Special Agent Jean Wynn, who currently handles recruitment for the Detroit office, has 19 years of experience with the FBI. She worked on organized crime for several years and truly enjoyed it. "Mob cases go back 100 years or more. There's a lot to it culturally. You have to learn how they think," she said.

She's also had a few "unusual" assignments, including fingerprinting a corpse, a former fugitive, in a casket. "You use a special tool when finger-

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FBI profile

- ■ The FBI was founded in 1908 as the Bureau of Investigation. J. Edgar Hoover became director in 1924. A Congressional enactment gave the present Federal Bureau of Investigation its name in 1935.
- ■ On Oct. 11, 1925, Edwin C. Shanahan became the first FBI agent killed in the line of duty.
- ■ The St. Valentine's Day Massacre of Bugsy Moran's gang on Feb. 24, 1929, by the rival Al Capone gang in Chicago spurred the eventual creation of the FBI Laboratory in 1932.
- ■ The forerunner of the FBI Academy was established in 1935 with a class of 23 police officers. The present academy opened in 1972 on the U. S. Marine Base at Quantico, Va.
- ■ The "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program began in 1950.
- ■ Louis J. Freeh, the present FBI Director, was sworn in in September 1993.
- ■ The FBI investigates more than 260 federal statutes and conducts sensitive national security investigations. Investigations include: organized crime, white-collar crime, public corruption, financial crime, fraud against the government, bribery, copyright matters, civil rights violations, bank robbery, extortion, kidnapping, air piracy, terrorism, foreign counterintelligence, interstate criminal activity, and fugitive and drug-trafficking matters.
- ■ Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the FBI has 56 field offices, 400 satellite offices known as resident agencies, four specialized field installations and 32 foreign liaison posts.
- ■ The FBI has approximately 11,400 Special Agents and over 16,000 other employees who perform professional, administrative, technical, clerical, craft, trade or maintenance operations.

WANTED

On March 14, the FBI celebrated the 50th anniversary of its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" program. Of the 458 fugitives who have appeared on the list since its inception, 427 have been captured. Of that number, 137 were apprehended because of tips from the public.

There are two criteria for getting on the list, said Special Agent Dawn Clenney:

- ■ The fugitive must be considered dangerous to the public.
- ■ There must be the possibility of public assistance in locating the fugitive.

Several years ago, a man touring the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. spotted his neighbor's picture on the "Top Ten" list. He reported it, and his neighbor was apprehended.

"He (the fugitive) was living in the suburbs with a barbecue pit," said Clenney.

Like they say, you can run, but you just can't hide from the FBI ... at least not forever.

Shop talk: *Special Agents Brian Young and Jennie Emmons trade stories about personal career experiences in the FBI.*

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grams the teens would like to see in the community. The answers were all over the map. Generally, the high school students reported that they would like to see teen hang-outs that included a pool, gym equipment, pool tables, bumper cars or go carts. They agreed that much of the drinking and smoking stemmed from boredom.

The middle school students were more specific about their "wants list." Many agreed that sporting venues should be expanded, such as hockey rinks, roller skating parks, basketball courts, swimming pools and baseball fields. A few really unique ideas emerged like having block clubs or block parties.

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printing a corpse. We would pull his hand away, and it would snap back."

Wynn recalled her very first arrest in 1982. It was unexpected, and she had come to work wearing a skirt and heels. The suspect was a female who put up a fight. "The skirt is not the thing to have on when you have to jump over a couch."

No closed cases

Want to know what happened to Jimmy Hoffa? So does the FBI.

"It's still an open case here," said Special Agent Dawn Clenney, an agent for 21 years who now handles the bureau's media relations. "I get calls every week about Jimmy. We still follow up on leads as they come in. We never close a case. That's one of the famous sayings in the FBI. The Hoffa case is still pending."

Last summer, the FBI apprehended Harry Joseph Bowman, one of the bureau's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." Bowman is the alleged leader of "The Outlaws," a notorious motorcycle gang with a presence in the Detroit area. He currently is in federal custody in Florida on racketeering charges, including conspiracy to commit murder and arson.

Apprehending a Top Ten fugitive is not a daily occurrence at the FBI, said Wynn. Agents spend many days interviewing, doing paperwork or pulling long hours on surveillance duty. They're subject to job transfers, and they can be sent anywhere in the state on a moment's notice. And most often, their investigations do not produce immediate results.

However, it's all worth it, said Young. "You have to be adaptable and tenacious. It can be rough. But it's also an opportunity to be a member of one of the most prestigious investigative organizations in the world."

It is against FBI policy to identify where Special Agents live. For information about employment, contact Special Agent Jean Wynn at (313) 965-2323, Ext. 4249. (For employment opportunities with the FBI see the Sunday, April 9 edition of the Observer Newspaper.)

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Focus: *Special Agents Jennie Emmons, foreground, and Jean Wynn listen intently during a meeting at the Detroit FBI office.*

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

St. Colette Parish Health Ministry presents "Advanced Directives," a free seminar to shed light on end-of-life issues from a Catholic perspective. Make your wishes known prior to a medical crisis. Meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in the church (17600 Newburgh in Livonia) across from Laurel Park Place. Call to reserve a seat: (734) 464-4436.

FAMILY BANQUET

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford (13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster road/south of Schoolcraft) will hold its annual family banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the church's Fellowship Hall. After the catered dinner will be a mime show presented by Gospel chalk artist and ventriloquist Ron Snow. Tickets are $10, adults; $5, children 10 and younger; and children 3 and younger, admitted free. Call (313) 538-2660 for ticket information.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Services for April 2: The Rev. Bob Renjilian presents: "Are you more like a sunroom or an open porch?" Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. "Meet the Minster" sessions follow each service this week. 25301 Halsted (between. Grand River and 11 Mile) More info: (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.net/~uucf/

EVENING CLASSES

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include basket weaving April 3; gardening, April 10 and 17; cake decorating, May 1, 8, and 15; and Saturday May 20 candy making at 10 a.m.

REDEEMED TREASURES

Redeemed Treasures Thrift Shop (sponsored by the Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. Located at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, have your car washed and detailed for a donation. Call (313) 531-0111 Monday through Friday or Saturday at (313) 535-1359.

SUMMER CAMP

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

SPECIAL LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons will present a series of Lenten services based on the theme "What Wondrous Love," at Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch - south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly). Services are held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The series will culminate in Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Two Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and then a Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Easter will feature services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

St. Maurice Women's Guild will host a "Lenten Breakfast" on Wednesday, April 12. The activity starts with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by a full buffet breakfast. Glenda Everett will speak about the "Yellow Ribbon" program to prevent youth suicide. St. Maurice Church is at 32765 Lyndon, east of Farmington Road, in Livonia. Ticket price is $6.50 per person. Advanced ticket sales only. Call (734) 425-1701.

LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) each Wednesday before Holy Week at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. Other worship services include 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m. Friday, April 21; vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22 and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Wednesday dates are April 5 and 12. Services will be in the chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., with worship at 7 p.m. Dates are March 30; April 6 and 13. All services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES

The Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy in Redford, five blocks east of Telegraph). Phone (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the church hall after the stations each week of Lent. Anyone may attend.

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Dairy Queen of Royal Oak ... Royal Oak — 10% Off Total Bill
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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Johnston-Brown

Claire Johnston of Garden City announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Jean, to Steven Gerard Brown Jr.

The bride-to-be is a student at Pensacola Christian College in Florida and will graduate in May to pursue a career as a legal secretary.

Her fiancé, son of Pastor and Mrs. Steven Brown Sr. of Livonia, is a student at Pensacola Christian College pursuing a degree in criminal justice. He will graduate in May.

An August wedding is planned at Parkview Baptist Church.

Woolliver-Parker

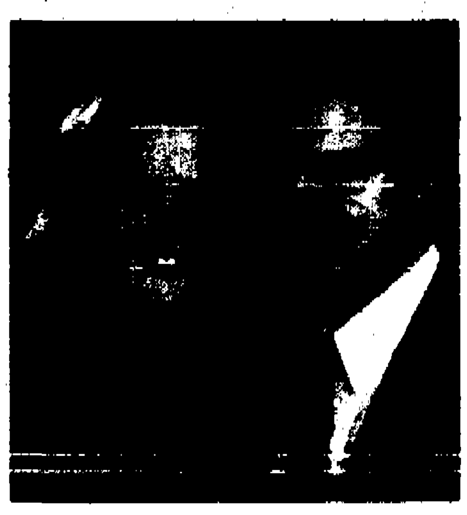
John Wooliver of Trenton and Karen Fear of New Hudson announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Diane Wooliver, to Jamie Keith Parker of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and works as an accountant at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of Robert and Linda Parker of Canton, is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He works as an electrical technician at Acromag in Wixom.

A June wedding is planned at Walden Woods in Hartland.

DePlanche-Boucher



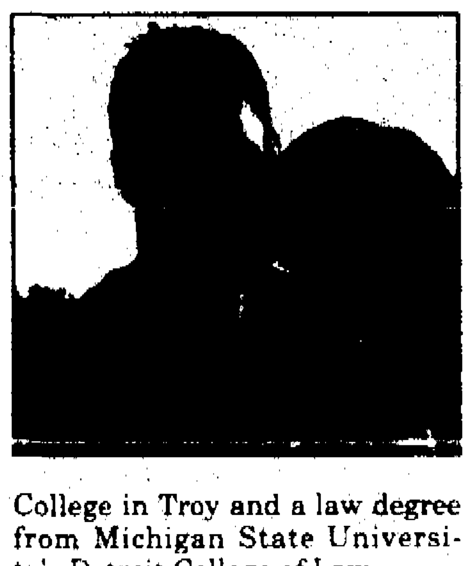
Jennifer Diane DePlanche of Belleville is engaged to Paul Joseph Boucher of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a Michigan State University graduate and works as a quality assurance manager for Ford Component Sales.

Her fiancé is a Michigan State University graduate who works as a remote technical trainer for Qualex.

An October wedding is planned at St. Michael Church in Livonia.

Smyth-Latella



Robert and Frances Mrdjenovich announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristyn Ann Smyth, to John Joseph Latella of Southfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and works as professional singer. She recently signed a recording contract with Barrister Records and is working on a CD. She's also the National Anthem singer for the Detroit Tigers.

Her fiancé, son of Anthony and Victoria Latella of Clinton Township, is a graduate of Chippewa Valley High School. He obtained his masters degree from Walsh College in Troy and a law degree from Michigan State University's Detroit College of Law.

An October wedding is planned at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Brighton.

Coletta-Liparoto

Vincent and Christina Coletta of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa to Stefano Liparoto of Ypsilanti.

The bride-to-be is a student at University of Michigan's Mechanical Engineering program. She will graduate in May and work for General Motors.

Her fiancé, son of Philip and Giovanna Liparoto of Rockwood, is a construction engineering student at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate in December.

An August wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth. A reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia will follow.

Roberts-Xvereb

Richard and Karen Roberts of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Steven Xvereb of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Canton High School and attends Madonna University. She works for Community Federal Credit Union in Plymouth.

Her fiancé, son of Frank and Gail Xvereb of Whitmore Lake, is a 1989 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1994 graduate of Northern Michigan University. He works for GMR in Brighton.

An August wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Brazin-Mallis

James and Susan Brazin of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Nicole, to Robert Joseph Mallis of Ames, Iowa.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University, where she obtained a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and biomedical science. She expects to receive her doctorate in biophysics from Iowa State University in May 2001 and works for Iowa State University as an assistant researcher.

Her fiancé, son of Stephen and Charlotte Mallis of Dunmore, Pa., is a 1986 graduate of Dunmore High School and a 1990 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in biology. He earned his doctorate in biochemistry from Iowa State University in December 1999 and works for Iowa State University as a post-doctoral researcher.

A June wedding is planned at Remain Gardens in Ames, Iowa.

Johnson-Maurin

Craig and Kim Johnson of Fort Gratiot announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Matthew Maurin of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a student at Western Michigan University and works at RE/MAX Advantage as an office assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Pete and Charlene Maurin of Livonia, is a Western Michigan University graduate and works at Altair Engineering as a design engineer.

An October wedding is planned at St. Joseph Church in Port Huron.

Holliday-Fyke

Paul and Mary Holliday of Portage announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Lynn, to Mitchell Craig Fyke of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Portage Northern High School and holds a bachelor's and masters degree in speech pathology from Michigan State University. She works as a speech pathologist at Cheshire Speech and Voice Center.

Her fiancé, son of Russell and Suzanne Fyke of Plymouth, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works as manager of Golf Pro.

A June wedding is planned at the Holiday Inn Ballroom in East Lansing.

Murphy-Thompson

Terri Lee Murphy of Westland is engaged to Mark William Thompson of Dexter.

The bride-to-be, daughter of the late Jean Murphy, is a Henry Ford Community College graduate and works as a pulmonary research assistant.

Her fiancé, son of Doug Thompson of Westland and Jonne M. Thompson of Dexter, attended Washtenaw Community College and works for S & H Brake in Ann Arbor.

A September wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Hackworth-Cavin

The Rev. Jack and Patsy Hackworth of Mansfield, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kortney Rene' to Aaron Michael Cavin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Beverly Cavin formerly of Garden City, is a pastoral theology major at Baptist Bible College.

A May wedding is planned at Cook Road Baptist Church in Mansfield.

NEW ARRIVAL

■ **Heather Ann** and **David P. Cadogan** announce the birth of their son **Connor Thomas** born Feb. 4 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del.. Grandparents are Gene and Lydia Olson of Plymouth, Victor and Gerrie Lotrich of Newark. Great-grandparent is Doris Leinweber of Longmont, Colo.

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECOGNITION BANQUET
Harris-Kehrer Post 3323 Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Wayne/Westland Police/Firefighters Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 1. It will take place at the Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Tickets are $10 per person and the event is open to the public. For tickets, call Bessie Bell, (734) 326-6524, or the post hall, (734) 326-3323. Police and firefighters will be honored for going above and beyond the call of duty.

'OLDIES BUT GOODIES'
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club will hold its "Oldies But Goodies" dinner-dance Saturday, April 15, at UAW Local 735 Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., west of Belleville Road in Canton. Cocktails will be served 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., followed by dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For tickets/reservations, call Cliff or Marie, (734) 729-8681, or Al's Friendly Market, (734) 721-4710. Price is $20, $35 per couple, or $15 for seniors/retirees.

EASTER EGG HUNT
The Westland Jaycees will present an Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 p.m. (ages newborn-6) and 2:30 p.m. (ages 7-12) Sunday, April 16, at Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Participants should meet at the baseball fields. Parking will be available at the ice arena or park. For information, call (734) 480-4984.

BUNNY FUN
The Grand Court of Westland, a senior living community, will hold a Breakfast With the Easter Bunny, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the facility, 37501 Joy, west of Newburgh. This is for children up to age 8 years. Pictures will be available. Reservations are required and should be made by calling (734) 451-1155 (Char, activities director).

GOLF OUTING
The Westland Rotary Charities Golf Outing will be held Thursday, May 18, at Golden Fox, west of Plymouth. Participants will play 18 holes of golf, with registration 8:30-10:30 a.m. and an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages at the turn, and a filet mignon dinner/banquet. Registration forms will be mailed in early April. For information, call Kim Shunkwiler, (734) 728-5533, Tom North, (734) 421-1300, John Toye, (734) 729-TOYE, Ken Belanger, (734) 721-1810, or Dick Isham, (734) 729-5401.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS
Westland Walkers meets the second Wednesday of each month except during the summer. Westland Center, located at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING
Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint-venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

VETERAN'S HAVEN
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Starting in April, Veteran's Haven will distribute surplus food noon to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The program was implemented to benefit veterans, seniors and others on fixed incomes. The center is two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road.

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

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a $5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1551). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4892).

SCHOOLS

BAND JAMBOREE
The second annual Franklin Band Jamboree will be Wednesday, April 12, at the high school in Livonia. Dinner will be 5:30 p.m., the concert 7:30 p.m. Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for students/children. All proceeds benefit the Livonia Franklin High School instrumental music department. For ticket information, call (734) 425-5921.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HISTORIC

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

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

FOR SENIORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DYER TRIP
The Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Adult Center is hosting a 15-day Hawaiian guided tour of four islands, departing Oct. 24. Roundtrip airfare, accommodations, sightseeing, entrance fees, transfers, ground transportation and other expenses are included in the $1,649 per person price (double occupancy). Reservations are confirmed only with a $100 per person deposit on a first-come, first-served basis. Fliers and information are available by calling the center at (734) 595-2161 or Sandy Porter at (877) 845-7329. Family and friends are welcome.

CLUBS IN ACTION

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

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

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

Let's read

A great place to be: *Want to do some reading? Visit the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. Current hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call (734) 326-6123.*

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 734-953-2232. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event:

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Fashion show benefits scholarship recipients

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Garden City Business and Professional Women will usher in spring at the seventh annual "Parade of Fashions" event Sunday, April 9 at Plymouth Manor.

Fashions will be presented by Unique Accessories, Plymouth; Dress Barn, Livonia; and Nicole's Revival, Westland. According to GCBPW President Beth Csicsila, raffle (tickets are $1 each or six tickets for $5) prize winners can look forward to wining items such as a $200 gift certificate from A-Team Travel and Tours; $100 gift certificate, Orin Jewelers; and an overnight stay at Munro House in Jonesville, MI.

"People come out to this event every year because they have a great time and it's a lot of fun," said Csicsila. "We have some wonderful prizes this year and will be showing unique clothing and accessories from three different suppliers."

According to Csicsila, funds raised annually at the fashion show benefit scholarship recipients from Garden City High School and women from the community interested in entering the workforce.

This year, three community members will be honored including Kimberly Allen, Amy Feta and Madonna Bernard. The teen scholarship winner from Garden City High School is Joshua Morgan.

The president also noted that for the past four years GCBPW makes a donation to the Garden City High School Sea Camp program. Students travel to Florida for a hands-on learning experience focusing on ocean and its unique underwater environment.

Registration begins at noon and the luncheon follows at 12:30 p.m..

To ensure table reservations for your entire party, send all names and payment together. Seating is limited. Requests will be honored in the order received, subject to availability, until April 1.

For more information call Beth Csicsila (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742. Make checks payable to: GCBPW, 6039 Ardmore Park Circle, Dearborn Heights, MI 48128. Prepaid reservations are required $30 per person. Tickets can also be purchased at Orin Jewelers on Ford Road at Middlebelt in Garden City.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Fine fashions: *Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club First Vice President and Event Chair Carol Bielaniec, left, and President Beth Csicsila model fashions from Unique Accessories in Plymouth as a preview for the show. Carol wears a hand-painted cotton jacket/dress, and Beth a three-piece cotton ensemble from Krakers of Vancouver.*

FUNDRAISERS & BENEFITS

VEGAS NIGHTS
St. Agatha Church (19750 Beech Daly Road in Redford) will be the host site of a "Vegas Nights" event from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1. Free admission. Black jack, craps, big wheel, roulette, and 50/50 raffle.

MOM TO MOM SALE
The Tri-County Mothers of Multiples will sponsor a Mom-to-Mom spring/summer clothing, equipment and toy sale from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the William Costick Activities Center (Shannon Hall). Cash only please. No checks.Wm. Costick Center is located at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills (located east of Middlebelt - enter at Gate 4). $1 donation. Public welcome.

RUMMAGE SALE
United of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 1 and April 2 after morning services to benefit the church. Donated items may be brought to the church that week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (734) 421-1760.

INDOOR OPEN
United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit is presenting the first ever INDOOR OPEN to benefit UCP from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 8. This unique fundraising event is a nine hole indoor miniature golf outing, where each hole is located in one of nine participating businesses located in Downtown Royal Oak. Golfers can pick up registration forms for the event at any one of the participating businesses or call UCP at (248) 557-5070 or (800) 827-4843. The cost is $25 per golfer or $100 per team. AirTouch Cellular and Papa John's Pizza are the co-sponsors with UCP. Participating businesses include Woodruff's, Lily's Seafood, The Padded Cell, Casual Comfort, Dobie Jewelers, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Billings Feed & Lawn Equipment, The Royal Oak Farmers' Market and Magpie.

Women hold a prominent place in Lutheran history

My assignment was clear. I was to make a presentation highlighting the important Christian thinkers from the first century AD until the present. I worked hard to research and present this assignment. On the day of my presentation I received many "well dones" from my classmates and instructor. I felt very good about what I had done until a voice from the only woman in the class and one of a handful at the seminary asked, gently but firmly, "Where are the women theologians?"

I was shocked! I wanted to say that all my work came from the only textbooks we had available and there was hardly any mention of women at all. But I knew that was a cop-out. I had worked hard in our seminary community to help raise consciousness about the ordination of women issue. How could I have made such a glaring omission?

I did not know what to say at first, but I finally asked the instructor if I could have a week to redo my assignment and I asked my female classmate to help me. If I asked her today if she remembered this event, I'm sure she would not. However, I do. It was one of those watershed moments in life.

The year 2000 marks the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Lutheran church. After many years of struggle with scriptural texts and asking our Lutheran heritage about the office of those set aside to preach the Word of God and administer the sacraments, the Lutheran church concluded that it was the guidance of the Holy Spirit which led to this new thing.

In 1970, Elizabeth Platz was ordained into the Lutheran Church in America and Barbara Andrews was the first woman in the American Lutheran Church to enter the ordained ministry. In 1976, the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Church ordained its first woman clergy, Jan Otte-Murphy. These three Lutheran church bodies merged in 1988 forming the current Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Since then many women clergy have had significant impact on our church. We have globally, three women bishops and in our Southeastern Michigan Synod we are blessed with 30 women clergy; 17 percent of our active roster.

In the Livonia area we have two fine pastors serving: Carla Thompson-Powell at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and Sharon Janot at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Redford. Holy Trinity was privileged to be served by Dana Runestad in the early 90s.

Women, of course, have enriched the life of the church from its very beginnings and their leadership role has been crucial in the Christian movement through the centuries. I personally have been deeply influenced by the writings and insights of such women as Hildegard of Bingen, Dorothy Day, Phyllis Trible, Elizabeth Johnson and Elsa Tamez. Two of my most significant mentors for fashioning my personal ministry are two sainted laywomen, Dorothy Swanson and Doris Srock.

The presence of gifts of women has been at the same time both deeply pastoral and restless. Women in the ordained ministry have reminded us all that it is important to "cross" the concrete experiences of real human beings with the scriptures and our faith traditions. At the same time women clergy have challenged many of our biases so that our symbols, language, consciousness, institutions and structures might better reflect God's gracious, just intentions for all creation.

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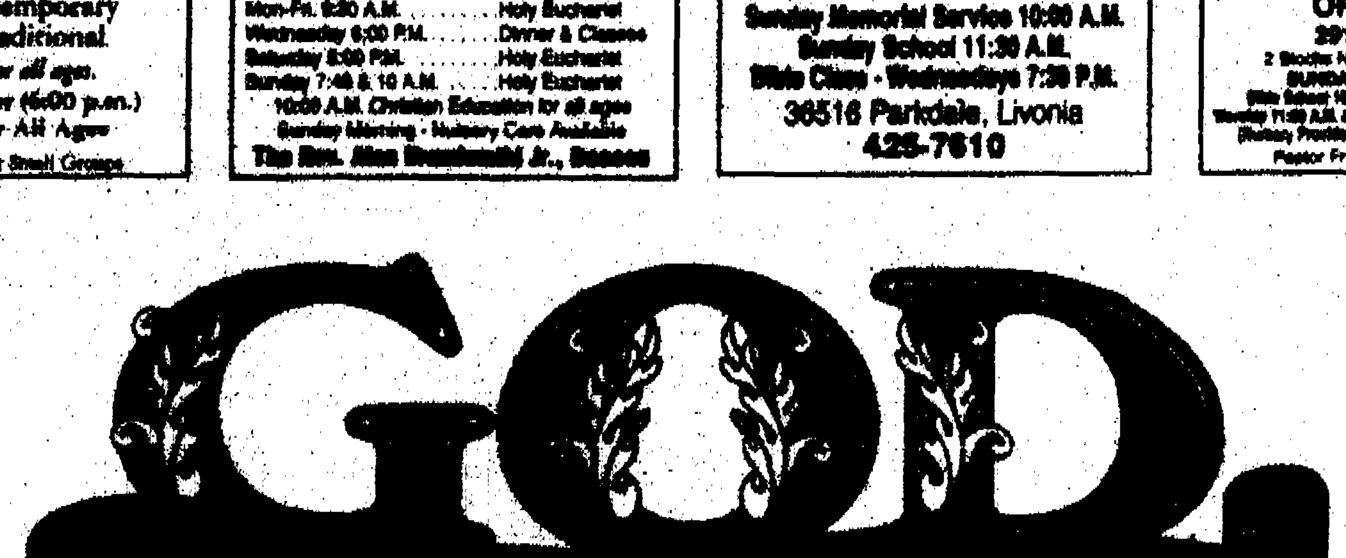

Monastery renovations won't affect ministry services

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Change is good. That should be the mantra of the Capuchin Friars this week, and for the next 12-18 months, as they pack their personal belongings and relocate temporarily to Harper Woods while their home – the historic St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit – is renovated.

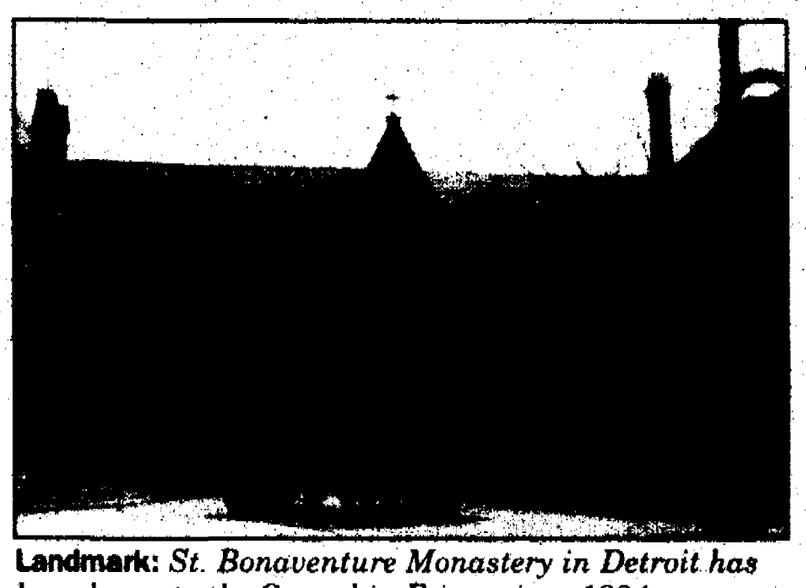
Some things, however, remain the same and in this case it will be the daily ministry of Masses, counseling and confession that go on at the 116-year-old church.

"We want to assure people that the church will remain open as usual every day," said Brother Leo Wollenweber, Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin. "Mass and services will continue as they always have been."

'The preservation and restoration is really symbolic of our recommitment to Detroit ...'

Leo Wollenweber
—Capuchin Friar

Wollenweber, the elder Friar at the Franciscan monastery, said the exterior of the facility and St. Bonaventure Chapel will not be impacted. However, the renovation of the Monastery interior will ultimately bring about updated and modern living quarters for the 14 Friars that live onsite as well as necessary improvements to the heating/cooling, plumbing and electrical systems.



Landmark: *St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit has been home to the Capuchin Friars since 1884.*

"The preservation and restoration is really symbolic of our recommitment to Detroit and our continued service both spiritually and physically. We have felt this was important for so long. It's kind of exciting that we're also a part of the renewal of Detroit," said Wollenweber.

While discussion of the renovation has been in the works for more than a year, Wollenweber said the Friars actual move took place this week.

"Yesterday we did the bulk of the movement and into the evening," said Wollenweber. Last night was the first evening we spent in our new living quarters."

The 14 Friars who make up the core community of the monastery will reside at Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods and make the nine-mile commute to perform daily ministry of Masses, counseling and confessions at St. Bonaventure Chapel.

Wollenweber said the ages of the Friars range from the late 30s to 82. The addition of an elevator will improve accessibility for aging and disabled Friars who minister and live at the monastery.

Historic

The land the monastery sits on, originally owned by George Meldrum, was purchased by the Rev. Bonaventure in 1883, for $5,500. Located at the corner of Mount Elliott and St. Paul, the monastery was established in 1884 as Provincial headquarters for the Province of St. Joseph (a province of the Capuchin Order covering New York to Wisconsin).

An architectural exception these days, the 116-year-old Monastery is a well preserved example of German Gothic design.

"The inner appointments are all made of wood ... typical of the Capuchin influence from Europe whose design was followed here," noted Wollenweber.

The 82-year-old Friar said it's not only the physical beauty of the aging structure that makes the monastery unique but the blended parishioners who worship at St. Bonaventure.

"We have people come from throughout the metro area," said Wollenweber. "From the east and west-sides, the Grosse Pointes, Warren, Livonia — all over. We also help people in our soup kitchens and with our social services who come from this neighborhood."

No place like home

Born and raised on Detroit's east side, Wollenweber said he grew up near Jefferson and Chalmers and worked in an advertising studio downtown before joining the Capuchin Friars in 1940. The Detroit native said he has lived at the monastery three different times over the past six decades — a total of 40 years in all.

One of the most exciting developments Wollenweber has witnessed recently has been the designation by the Archdiocese of Detroit as one of 27 area holy sites Catholics are encouraged to visit in celebration of *Jubilee 2000*. Those who complete the pilgrimage as specified by the Vatican will be able to gain a plenary indulgence — the pardon of temporal punishment of sins that have already been forgiven.

"Jubilee is designed to structure a hope for the future that will be even better than the best of our past — by providing an opportunity for personal renewal, reconciliation and release," explained Father Daniel Fox, O.F.M., Cap., Provincial Minister. "The Monastery's renovation is a symbol of Jubilee hope. By continuing our ministry outreach during the renovation, the Friars wish to be harbingers of hope and promise."

The daily ministry at St. Bonaventure includes: Mass, Monday through Saturday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.; confession, Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; blessings for the sick are every Wednesday at 2 p.m. and the fourth Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. St. Bonaventure Monastery is located at 1740 Mount Elliott in Detroit. For information call (313) 579-2100.

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This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

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She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad#.1960

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Pretty SWCF, 45, 5'4", 127lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes camping, fishing and canoeing, seeks a SCM, 37-50, who has God in his life. Ad#.1005

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Upbeat SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys art, crafts, travel, and reading, seeks an honest, supportive SWM, 58-65. Ad#.1037

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Attractive SBCPF, 43, 5'7", who enjoys cultural events, sports and dining out, seeks a handsome SBCM, 38-50, 5'10", with integrity, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1035

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Fun SWF, 22, 5'7", 180lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who likes watching sports, going to movies and writing poetry, seeks an honest SWM, 25-30. Ad#.1027

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Call this SBCF, 38, who likes singing, going to church and her career, and who seeks a SBCM, 40-50, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1017

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Very outgoing, semi-retired SWF, 58, would like to meet a SWM, 55-90, who likes sports, trips to the sunny South and dining out. Ad#.1009

LEAVE YOUR NUMBER
Easygoing, shy SW mom, 35, 5'5", 145lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys craft shows, sports and hiking, is looking for a SWM, 33-40, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1034

WILL UPLIFT YOUR SPIRITS
Slender SWF, 55, 5'7", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves cooking, baking, laughing, and collecting a variety of things, seeks a sweet, communicative SWM, 46-66. Ad#.1010

ABOVE AVERAGE
Friendly SWJF, 60, 5'4", 130lbs., who enjoys movies, socializing and fine wine, is seeking a SWJM, 50-75, for a possible relationship. Ad#.7777

NATURE'S BEST
You'll love getting to know this outgoing SWCF, 39, 5'8", who loves skiing, hiking, canoeing and sunsets. If you're a SWCM, 34-45, who loves nature, give her a call. Ad#.1573

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I'm a pretty, fit, non-demontional SWF, 45, who believes we are all spirits and knows the lessons of life, God wants us to have. If you are a SM, who shares the same beliefs, call now. Ad#.9872

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Friendly, kind-hearted and romantic describes this SWCF, 43, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, whose interests music, quiet times and good conversations, is looking to meet a SCM, 40-50, who loves the Lord, animals and laughter. Ad#.1230

FOR FOREVER
This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad#.4455

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Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad#.1024

GOOD COMPANY
Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad#.9438

NEW HORIZONS
Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2218

JUST US
SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

FOCUS HERE
This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1706

HEART OF GOLD
Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#.1237

INTERESTED
Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#.4374

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad#.1260

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Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad#.1515

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Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

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Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad#.2739

COMMON BOND
This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1580

HAVE YOU SEEN...
My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

LISTEN TO ME
Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile. Ad#.8989

NEVER-MARRIED
SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candlelit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

SEARCHING
Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad#.6900

WANT TO HEAR MORE?
Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#.4523

A REAL TRUE HEART
This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.1514

HEAVEN SENT
Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

HIGH MORALS
Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad#.5150

GREAT PERSONALITY
Don't pass this wonderful SWM, 34, 6'1", with brown hair/eyes, by. He likes dinners out, movies, lots of humor and seeks companionship with a SWF, 24-40. Ad# 1048

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

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He's a friendly Catholic DWP dad of two, 46, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair, green eyes, and glasses, a smoker, who enjoys bowling, golfing, movies, and much more. He is seeking a SWF, 35-47, for a special, one-on-one, romantic relationship. Ad#.6569

FOCUS HERE
This friendly, handsome DWM, 46, 5'11", who enjoys most sports, traveling and comedy clubs, is seeking a fun-loving, attractive SWF, 33-44, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1301

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

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He's an outgoing, employed DWJM, 44, 5', who enjoys sports, bowling and movies, ISO a commitment-minded Catholic SWF, 39-49. Ad#.2251

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Honest, upbeat Catholic SWM, 46, 5'7" N/S, who enjoys computers, home improvement projects, traveling, and dining out, would love to meet an educated SWF, 34-48, N/S, who has a positive attitude. Ad#.1036

GO WITH THE FLOW
Outgoing SBM, 38, 5'11", 200lbs., who likes watching movies at home, dining out and dancing, seeks a SF, 21-38, to have fun with. Ad#.1021

INTERESTING TO TALK TO
Shy but friendly, this SWM, 29, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair, hazel eyes and glasses, who enjoys playing guitar, exercising and animals, seeks a SWF, 23-34, who likes laughing a lot. Ad#.1001

CHECK HIM OUT
Up for anything, this SWM, 18, 5'9", 210lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, is searching for an outgoing SF, 26-30, who has a good head on her shoulders. Ad#.1033

MAKE THE TIME
Good-looking, thoughtful SW dad, 40, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys camping, cooking and motorcycling, is looking to meet a caring SW mom, 35-42, to have fun with. Ad#.1032

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS
Considerate SB dad, 30, 6', 210lbs., with short hair, a goatee and brown eyes, who enjoys coaching football, bowling and cooking, seeks an honest, outgoing SA/WF, 24-40, to experience life with. Ad#.1028

CALL ME SOON
This friendly DWCM, 52, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and bowling, would like to share companionship and good times with a SWF, who can appreciate a wonderful guy who knows how to treat a lady. Ad#.8267

NO PLACE LIKE HOME
Reserved SWPM, 37, 6'1", 240lbs., with brown hair/eyes, whose interests include working out, reading and comedy, is looking for a shy SF, 20-40, who likes home life. Ad#.1045

CONSIDER ME?
This shy and reserved SWCM, 29, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys computers, playing the guitar, animals and rollerblading, is searching for a SWCF, 23-35, who has similar interests. Ad#.1803

EVERYTHING BUT YOU
This outgoing SWCPM, 44, 5'8", with light brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, jogging, long walks and music. He's hoping to meet a fit, educated SWCF, 28-40, who's very compassionate. Ad#.5757

GOOD COMPANY
Honest, self-employed DWCM 52, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys travel, movies, outdoor activities and attending church, is looking for an attractive SWCF, who wants to share friendship first. Ad#.8038

CIRCLE THIS AD
Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 35, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, under 35. Ad#.6683

DYNAMITE CHARACTER
Shy and reserved, this never-married SWCPM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs., with blondish-brown hair and green eyes, who likes spending time with children, tae kwon do, kick boxing, watching movies, camping and more, is seeking a SCF, with similar interests. Ad# 2328

DESERVING
This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad#.3639

VERY LOVING
Laid-back WWCB dad of two, 49, 6'4", who enjoys cooking, reading and movies, is interested in meeting a SBF, 35-50, who puts God first in her life. Ad#.7999

GIVE DAD A CALL
Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad#.2222

GOD IS FIRST
Outgoing, honest DWC dad, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9559

WORTH A TRY
Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with. Ad#.4500

AGED TO PERFECTION
Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad#.5454

YOUR RESPONSE?
Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad#.1965

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#.6789

CELEBRATE LIFE
Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad#.1018

CONTACT ME
This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

SHORT BUT SWEET
Friendly, never-married SBM, 38, 6'1", who is seeking a slender, outgoing, degreed SF, under 44, for dating first. Ad#.9317

A PEACEFUL MAN
Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad#.4278

AN ANGEL
Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.6321

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Franklin's Robinson quits post

BOYS HOOPS

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER
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Dan Robinson has resigned after four seasons as varsity boys basketball coach at Livonia Franklin.

Robinson's departure may be only the start of a rash of area resignations. Impending coaching changes are also rumored for at least three other Observerland schools.

The 33-year-old Robinson, who was 26-58 in four years with the Patriots, cited family considerations and time constraints for stepping down.

"My wife is expecting our fourth child in the fall and that's definitely a factor," said Robinson, who is an eighth-grade science teacher at Emerson Middle School. "I need to step back because my family is my first priority.

"Right now I can't put in the time that is needed. To be successful, as well as meet my personal desires for the program and put it in the right direction, you need more time.

"I'd like to thank Dan Freeman and the administration for their support."

Robinson's teams went 10-11, 9-12, 1-19 and 5-16 (this season).

"Dan (Robinson) has a young, young family and with his wife expecting his fourth child, I just had a feeling," Franklin athletic director Dan Freeman said. "It didn't really catch me by surprise.

"With him going to team camps and

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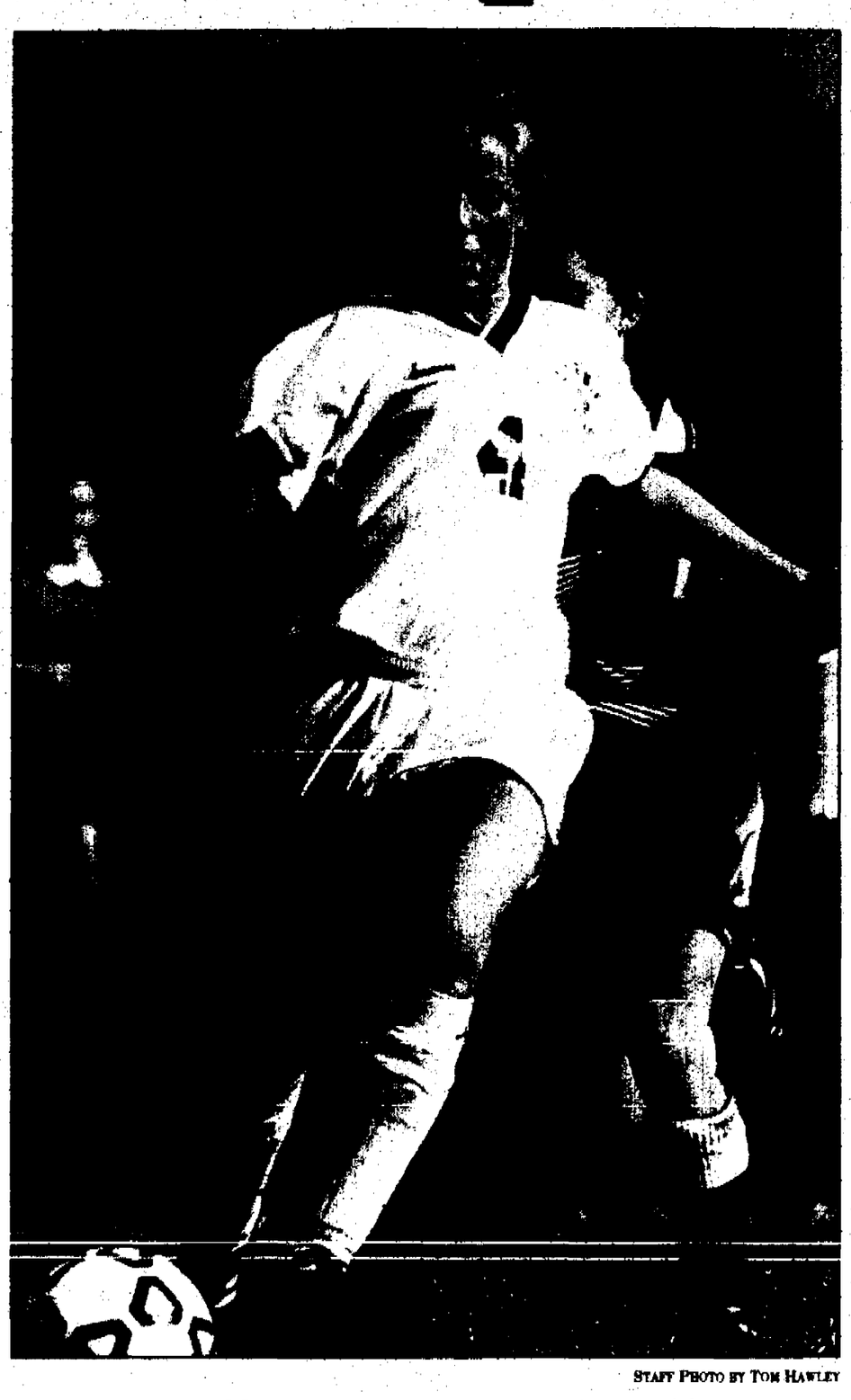

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Skilled returnee: *Megan Urbats (left) is one of several key performers back this year for the Livonia Stevenson Spartans.*

No doubt about it: Spartans favored

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

BY BRAD EMONS
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Jim Kimble certainly has enjoyed his four-year ride as the Livonia Stevenson girls soccer coach.

With two state titles and one-runner-up finish to his credit, Kimble starts the new millennium eager to duplicate the feats of past and glorious Spartan teams.

And don't kid anybody, Stevenson girls soccer 2000 will be hard to beat.

Ranked second only behind Troy Athens in the preseason Division I statewide poll, the Lady Spartans appear to have all the components in place to make another tournament run.

Last year was hardly an "off year" for the 16-5-1 Spartans, who came within five minutes of winning their third consecutive state crown (losing to Rochester Adams in the finals, 2-1).

"I don't think there is a powerhouse, a number one team this year like Adams was last year," Kimble said. "The intangibles will make the difference in the playoffs. We just have to stay focused and healthy. We also have to take care of our roles."

Losing only two starters to graduation, Sarah Wittrock (now at Valparaiso University) and Brianna Roy, the Spartans will not be short on experience.

Miss Soccer Andrea Sied, a defender who is headed to Michigan State, and junior striker Lindsay Gusick, a first-team All-Stater and nationally honored player, are enough to put fear in area opponents.

But Kimble cautions: "We can't depend on just two people, but I believe every other position will take care of itself. If we fill those roles, we'll be fine."

Don't be alarmed. Stevenson has plenty of weapons outside its two standouts.

Cheryl Fox, a first-team All-Observer selection, became a defensive stopper for the Spartans during her junior year, shutting down some of the state's top scorers.

Second-team All-Area performer Megan Urbats, who got hot during the playoffs, provides a good scoring complement up front to Gusick, who has 20 and 21 goals in each of her first two seasons.

"We have a good mix of youth and experience," Kimble said.

Sied's role, however, may change slightly this season.

"With Andrea it's going to be hard to top her three years here," Kimble said. "But she's going to be more involved in our offense. We're going to let her play a couple of different positions. We just can't come out of the back every time with Sied. We've got to show some different looks.

"Miss Soccer is nice, but she hasn't mentioned that once to me. She's been on two state championship teams and all she wants is that ring back."

Gusick, who has national team experience, worked diligently during the off-season to get stronger in order to fend off physical marking backs.

"She's just really focused and that much wiser from her experience at the national level," Kimble said. "We have a lot of club and ODP (Olympic Development Program) players and my job is to get them healthy and fit for the start of the season.

"We've been doing a lot of cardiovascular exercises where we're working all

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CC icers make grade

State champs put 5 on 1st team

ALL-OBSERVER HOCKEY

FIRST TEAM

F: Dave Moss, Sr., Redford CC
F: Jason Moul, Sr., Redford Unified
F: Brandon Kaleniecki, Sr., Redford CC
F: Brian Williams, Sr., Redford CC
D: Ryan York, Sr., Redford CC
D: Jim Spisiak, Sr., Redford CC

SECOND TEAM

F: Adam Krog, Jr., Livonia Churchill
F: Matt Lee, Soph., Farm. Unified
D/F: Mark Nebus, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
G: Nate Jakubowski, Jr., Liv. Churchill
D: Dave Sellin, Sr., Redford Unified
D: Kevin Martone, Jr., Liv. Stevenson

THIRD TEAM

D: Ben Dunne, Sr., Redford CC
F: Brad Wolfe, Jr., Plymouth Canton
F: Josh Garbutt, Jr., Livonia Franklin
F: Mike Perdue, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
F: Brad Haughey, So., Farm. Unified
D: Sean Sestock, Jr., Liv. Churchill

FOURTH TEAM

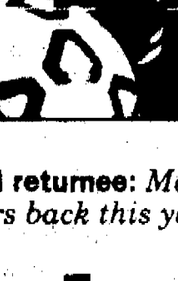
F: Kevin Mirabile, So., Red. Unified
F: Joe Moreau, Sr., Redford CC
F: Jared Rose, Jr., Redford CC
D: John Piotrowski, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
D: Ryan Rathbone, Jr., Liv. Churchill

Four years ago, Pete Mazzoni was at a crossroads.

He had just been hired to coach Redford Union's fledgling hockey team, but still wanted to give college football coaching a try.

So he quit the job before the season started, spent some time at Defiance (Ohio) and at Albion College.

"But I decided that it wasn't what I wanted to do," Mazzoni said. "I wanted to get back into teaching."



Pete Mazzoni Coach of Year

A spot opened up at Redford Union along with the coaching spot for the hockey team — now combined with Thurston High School to form the Redford Unified team.

Nice career choice. After going 19-4-2 in the Unified squad's first year, RU went 22-2-1 this past season and went as high as No. 4 in the Division I rankings. It also earned Mazzoni the spot as the Observer's hockey Coach of the Year.

Mazzoni might have been the best on the bench, but there were several players who earned their way onto the Observer's All-Area Hockey Team.

Introducing the top 12 players in Observerland regardless of position.

ALL-AREA HOCKEY

FIRST TEAM

Dave Moss, Catholic Central: Moss was a leader in many ways for the Shamrocks as they clinched their third state championship in four years. The senior forward was named first team All-State in Division I and the All-State Dream Team by the coaches association.

Moss, who will play next season with the St. Louis Sting of the North American Hockey League, had 16 goals and 30 assists for CC with a plus-minus rating of plus-27. He scored a hat trick in the Shamrocks' 6-1 semifinal win over Troy.

"He's got great hands and a great feel for the puck," said CC coach Gordie St. John. "At 6-2, he's got tremendous reach, he picks the corners well."

Jason Moul, Redford Unified: Moul was the spark for Unified this season, he led the squad with 32 goals and added 38 assists in leading the team to the Michigan Mega Conference title.

Not only did Moul, a senior, make the Division I all-state team, but received more votes than any other forward.

"He's a tremendous competitor who's work ethic is second to none," said RU coach Pete Mazzoni. "There was a point in the season where Jason couldn't buy a goal. But he ended up as our leading scorer."

Brandon Kaleniecki, Catholic Central: Kaleniecki had the kind of season that some players can only dream about.

Kaleniecki, a senior forward, led the Shamrocks in goals with 26 and scoring with 56 points, was named Division I first team All-State and was a solid candidate for the Mr. Hockey Award by the coaches association. He'll have a chance to hone his skills next year, by joining Moss with the St. Louis Sting.

"He was the heart of the whole team," said St. John of the Shamrocks' most valuable player. "He went from a kid who couldn't do two pushups to one of the strongest players on the team. He's the most wonderful success story in the world."

Brian Williams, Catholic Central: A pair of goals in the championship game was a perfect way to cap the season for Williams.

The senior forward scored 20 goals — including a team-leading four power-play goals during the regular season — and added 23 assists for the Shamrocks this year and earned first-team All-

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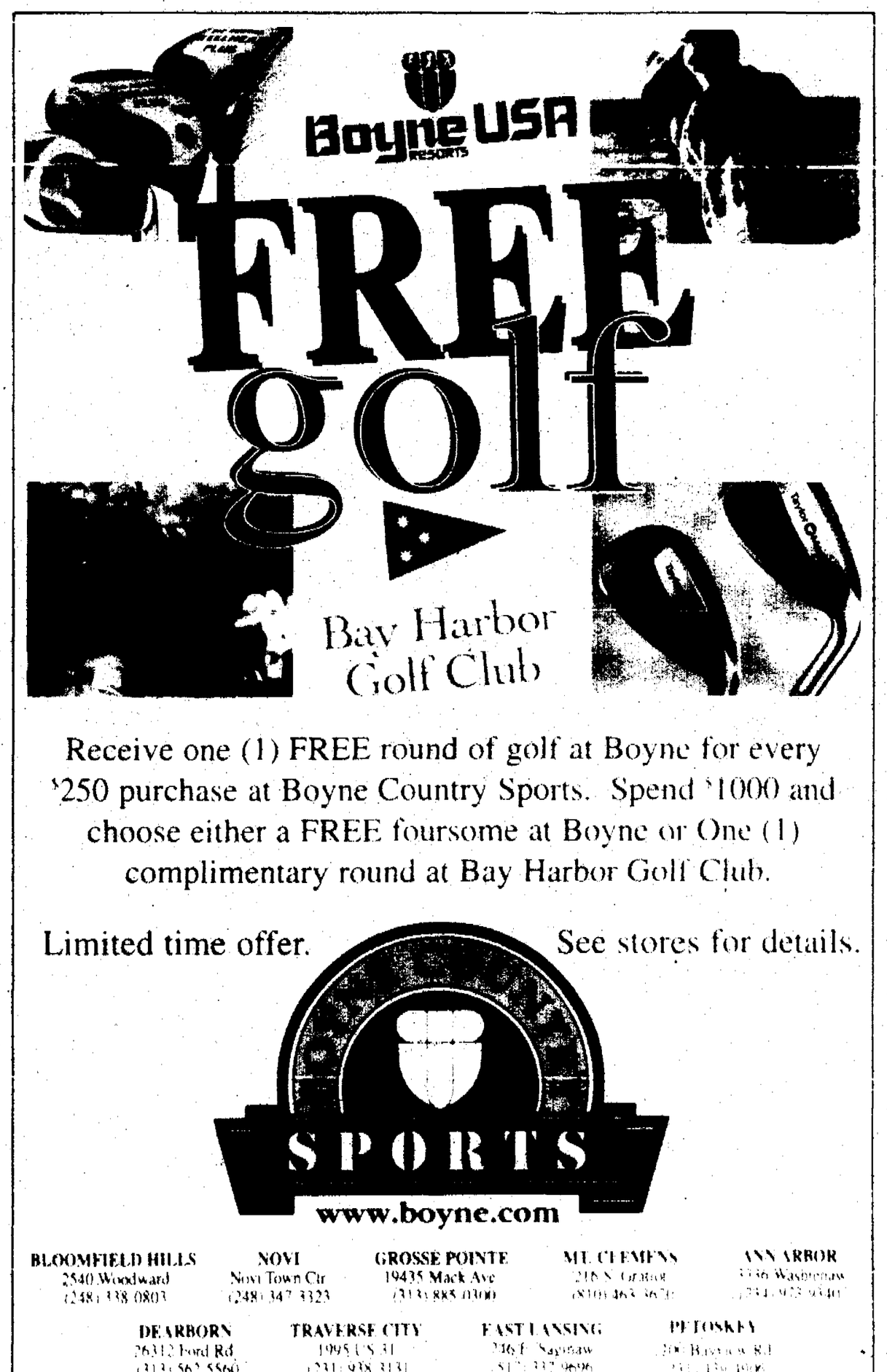

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State honors for his efforts.

"As far as pure talent goes, he might be one of the most talented in the state for his age," said St. John. "He's got the quickest feet in the state. He's just a tremendously talented kid."

Ryan Yost, Catholic Central: At 5-9, 165 pounds, Yost wasn't the bigger player on the ice, by any stretch. But he played big and came up with big games in anchoring a CC defense that yielded just 44 goals and 447 shots in the regular season.

In all, the senior had five goals and a team-leading 35 assists on the season. He also led the squad with a plus-minus rating of plus-47 and earned all-state first team honors.

"He became a real offensive force for us in the second part of the season," St. John said. "Playing defense, you have to have a feel for the game. He had the ability to control the pace of the game and that's what you look for in a defenseman."

Jim Spiewak, Catholic Central: Spiewak is the lone junior on the team, but his play landed him a spot on the all-Observer team as well as all-state first-team honors.

He scored 13 goals and 14 assists during the year and had three power-play goals during the regular season with a plus-minus rating of +31.

"He's just got a great work ethic and is an extremely strong, physical player," Said St. John. "In terms of underclassmen, he's the leader. When times got tough, he had the ability to turn it up a notch."

SECOND TEAM

Adam Krug, Livonia Churchill: The 5-foot-9, 150-pound junior center finished the year with 12 goals and 27 assists in 24 games for the Division I regional champions.

"Adam is a smart player, very crafty," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "He's a tough little guy. He played with a broken arm his freshman year and had a very bad collarbone, around 40 percent, against CC in the quarterfinals. He'd have to be dead to take him out of the lineup."

The team captain was also an All-Western Lakes selection.

"Adam is a good playmaker, the kind of guy who makes everyone around him better," Hatley said.

Matt Lee, Farmington Unified: The sophomore forward led the Flyers in scoring with 21 goals and 24 assists and was the team's most valuable player.

Lee was a tremendous playmaker, according to coach Glenn Breuhan, and was Farmington's go-to player on the power play.

"To me he's a Wayne Gretzky-style player," Breuhan said. "He's so fluid in his skating, and he sees the ice so well. He can make a scoring chance out of nothing.

"He's a very responsible defender; he's one of the first guys back. You get everything out of Matt Lee every night. He gives you 100 percent all the time."

Mark Nebus, Livonia Stevenson: The 6-0, 190-pound senior played both forward and defense for the Spartans.

In 21 games, Nebus had eight goals and 23 assists with 24 penalty minutes.

He was also voted All-Western Lakes and made All-State as a junior.

"Mark is a special kid, our captain, a leader on and off the ice with a 3.0 grade-point average," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said. "Mark moved back to defense from center to make the team better defensively.

"He's a fabulous hockey player, tremendously strong with excellent skating skills and explosive speed."

Stevenson's co-MVP was selected to represent Team Michigan, an elite high school team, in the upcoming Chicago (Ill.) Showcase.

Nate Jakubowski, Livonia Churchill: The 5-10, 180-pound junior captain was a standout on defense for the Chargers.

Jakubowski was named to the All-Western Lakes team.

"Nate is a good athlete," Hatley said. "He brings a good attitude. He's a good leader.

"He's an offensive defenseman who likes to get in the rush and create chances. He's also a physical player."

In 24 games, Jakubowski had seven goals and 17 assists.

Dave Sellin, Redford Unified: If Moul was the heart of RU's squad, then Sellin was its soul. With 19 goals and 46 assists, Sellin was second on the team in scoring and in the Mega.

Sellin, a senior defenseman, earned honorable mention All-State honors and racked up an eye-popping plus-minus rating of plus-86

"Dave has great vision," said Mazzoni. "He sees the ice as well as anybody. If he gets into trouble, he finds a way to escape. He did everything — was on the power play, our No. 1 penalty killer — and got as much ice time as possible.

Kevin Marlowe, Livonia Stevenson: In 19 games, the 5-10, 170-pound junior netminder had a 12-5-1 record with three shutouts.

His goals-against average was 1.68. He allowed 32 goals in 21 games. He also had two assists.

He was named Game MVP, stopping 37 of 39 shots against host Marquette in a 2-1 overtime loss during a holiday tournament. He was named to the All-Marquette Holiday Tournament team after beating Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-1, in the consolation final.

Marlowe also made All-Western Lakes and was team co-MVP.

"Kevin is a fundamentally sound goalie who plays his position extremely well," Harris said. "He was the backbone of our team because everyone had tremendous confidence in his abilities.

"He had outstanding game preparation and concentration skills. He's as good, if not the best goalie we've had here in the past 11 years."

With input from the coaches, staff writers Paul Beaudry, Brad Emons, C.J. Risak and Dan O'Meara contributed to this story.

1ST-TEAM ALL-AREA SELECTIONS

Dave Moes
Redford CC

Jason Moul
Redford Unified

Brandon Kalenieckl
Redford CC

Brian Williams
Redford CC

Ryan Yost
Redford CC

Jim Spiewak
Redford CC

2ND-TEAM ALL-AREA SELECTIONS

Adam Krug
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CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF AREA GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Chad Campau, fourth year.

League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 9-6-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Kersten Conklin (first-team All-Area forward); Stacey Supanich (first-team All-Area forward); Natalie Pickelhaupt.

Leading returnees: Jennifer Gabon, Jr. goalkeeper; Karen Kramer, Sr. defender; Jamie Zimmer, Jr. defender; Melissa Sultana, Sr. defender; Michelle Smith, Sr. forward; Aimee Quinkert, Sr. midfielder; Lindsay Kantzler, Sr. forward; Dana Thomson, Jr. forward; Kristin Leszczynski, Sr. midfielder; Michelle Esparza, Jr. midfielder; Renee Kashewlic, Sr. midfielder; Deanna DeRoo, Soph. midfielder; Sarah Phillips, Soph. forward.

Promising newcomers: Julia Travis, Jr. forward; Sarah Leary, Soph. midfielder; Christy Lundgren, Jr. midfielder; Amy Sanders, Soph. defender; Diana Azzouz, Jr. defender; Melissa Zathey, Jr. defender; Meghan Parnell, Soph. defender.

Campau's 2000 outlook: "We lost a large part of our scoring when Supanich and Conklin graduated last year. However, this year we have more pure shooters. Also, we'll be a team that works hard to possess the ball.

"We return eight starters, so we have many players with varsity experience.

"Finally, we have bunch of smart players that are enjoyable to work with."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Mary Kay Hussey, fourth year.

League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 0-13-2.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Alexis Bowman, Sr. defender (All-Western Division, co-captain); Kara Wisniewski, Soph. forward (co-captain); Jessica Decker, Sr. midfielder; Becky Farrell, Sr. forward; Jessica Katinsky, Jr. defender; Melissa Mathews, Jr. defender; Christina Alamat, Soph. defender; Tiffany Bajis, Soph. goalkeeper-forward; Amy DeShano, Soph. midfielder; Lauran Lenhardt, Soph. midfielder; Jenny Richards, Soph. midfielder; Katie Roberts, Soph. forward.

Promising newcomers: Katie Williams, Soph. defender; Meagan Farrell, Fr. goalkeeper; Michelle Kean, Fr. defender; Nicole Larsson, Fr. midfielder; Jackie Naperola, Fr. forward; Kelly Ostrosky, Fr. defender.

Hussey's 2000 outlook: "The Franklin soccer program is showing signs of improvement. This year we had over 50 girls come out, which is an increase of approximately 20 girls from each of the previous several years.

"With more girls to choose from, our varsity team is comprised of better overall athletes, which should enable us to be a bit more competitive with the teams in our league."

"Our strength as a team is that we have a core of six returning starters from last year's team who provide leadership for new players.

"However, we will likely start only one senior and two juniors, which makes us very young and inexperienced. We are currently working with two field players to convert them to goalkeepers, so we begin the season very questionable in that position.

"Most importantly, the coaches are impressed with the dedication and positive attitudes of the players, as well as their desire to learn the game."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Jim Kimble, fifth year.

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 16-5-1.

Titles won last year: Division I district and regional champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Sarah Wittrock (second-team All-Area forward), Brianna Roy (second-team All-Area midfielder), Michelle Vettraino, Susan Bear.

Andrea Sled
Miss Soccer

Lindsay Gusick
Junior All-Stater

Cheryl Fox
Senior defender

Leading returnees: Andrea Sled, Sr. defender (Miss Soccer); Lindsay Gusick, Jr. forward (first-team All-State and All-Area); Cheryl Fox, Sr. defender (first-team All-Area); Megan Urbats, Sr. forward (second-team All-Area); Dana White, Jr. forward; Lesley Hooker, Jr. goalkeeper; Katie Beaudoin, Jr. defender; Nicole Katikos, Jr. defender; Christina Lewis, Jr. defender; Jamie Hartnick, Soph. midfielder; Deanna McGrath, Sr. midfielder; Laura Shishkovsky, Soph. forward.

Promising newcomers: Katherine Koch, Soph. goalkeeper; Carly Wadsworth, Sr. defender; Danielle Lewis, Soph. forward; Lauren Valdivia, Soph. midfielder; Bethany Dobbyn, Fr. forward; Megan Lane, Fr. forward.

Kimble's 2000 outlook: "I don't know if there's a number one powerhouse team like (Rochester) Adams was last year.

"We have to stay focused, stay healthy and take care of our roles. We have a great competitive atmosphere and the kids seem to be enjoying themselves. We have a great mix of youth and experience.

"Right now we're No. 2 preseason behind Troy Athens, but we'll also have to contend with Canton and Salem, two other top 10 teams in our conference."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski, sixth year.

League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 7-7-3.

Notable losses to graduation: Katie Krause (second-team All-Area forward), Katie Hover, Julie Turner, Melanie Panyard.

Leading returnees: Noelle Swartz, Sr. midfielder; Lacey Catarino, Jr. midfielder; Val Kurzynski, Sr. forward; Sarah Pack, Jr. forward; Jade Fukuda, Sr. goalkeeper; Lindsy Katoch, Jr. fullback; Sarah Bann, Jr. fullback; Nicole Panyard, Sr. forward; Katie Hafeli, Sr. midfielder; Samantha Dean, Sr. fullback; Becky Jensen, Jr. forward-midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Cristal Kilgore, Fr. forward; Katie Dutchak, Fr. fullback; Lauren James, Fr. fullback; Jessica Hislop, Fr. fullback-forward; Samantha Pittaway, Fr. fullback.

Poniatowski's 2000 outlook: "Kind of interesting, this is the first time we've had kids on the team who have come up through our Wayne-Westland recreational teams programs, kids who have played for a long time. You don't have to show them the basics.

"We'll be better than we were last year. We'll have to see how it shakes down.

"If everybody stays healthy, maybe we'll have a good time and maybe we'll win a few games this year."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Larry Brenner, sixth year.

League affiliation: Mega Conference (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: 7-7-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Nicole Stano, Tasha Cronenwett.

Leading returnees: Kristal Swope, Sr. forward; Kristina McCahill, Sr. forward; Alana Green, Soph. forward; Liz Beckert, Soph. forward; Ronda Brockman, Sr. forward; Sheila Honeycutt, Jr. forward; Christine Raupp, Sr. midfielder; Tiffany Mishlooney, Sr. midfielder; Trish Tedders, sr. midfielder; Tina Bradley, Sr. midfielder; Wendy Pierson, Sr. midfielder; Jenny Clark, Sr. midfielder; Rachel Fyfe, Soph. defender; Kristin Zilka, Jr. defender; Lori Giordano, Sr. defender; Nancy Bednarz, Jr. defender; Amanda Bledsoe, Sr. defender; Jenny Sheppard, Jr. goalkeeper; Toni Watson, Jr. goalkeeper.

Promising newcomers: Megan Turppo, Jr. forward; Katie Brothers, Jr. midfielder.

Brenner's 2000 outlook: "We have an experienced team returning this season. The key injuries to Jenny Shippard (cracked rib), our starting goalkeeper, and Sheila Honeycutt (knee), our leading scorer last season, may have slowed us a bit.

"But the team seems very confident in themselves, and I feel everyone will step up their game to help overcome these two key players' injuries."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Jill Logsdon, second year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 5-12-1.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Andrea Schimmel, Sr. midfielder (co-captain, second-team All-Area); Stefanie Stachura, Jr. forward (second-team All-Area); Melissa Harakas, Jr. forward; Liz Obrecht, Soph. goalkeeper; Katie Rozum, Soph. midfielder; Tina Lopez, Sr. defender (co-captain); Kristin Whalen, Soph. defender; Jennie Bartkowiak, Soph. midfielder; Stacey Cauley, Sr. midfielder; Meghan Sheffierly, Jr. midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Megan Kogut, Fr. forward; Gretchen Lavens-Moyer, Fr. sweeper, Laura Kasmier, Fr. defender, Andrea Holowicky, Soph. defender; Michelle Harakas, Jr. defender; Sonny Grezlik, Fr. midfielder.

Logsdon's 2000 outlook: "Once again we're young. It's going to take time to play as a team. Once we do, we'll be strong. Lots of talent in freshman and sophomore classes, along with the leadership.

"We'll be stronger this year on defense. All of our offense returns. Once we kinks out and those two areas get together, we'll be strong."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Mark Brenner, second year.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 6-10-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Renee Meier, goalkeeper.

Leading returnees: Kelly Buczek, Sr. midfielder; Monica Gyorke, Sr. stopper; Amy Kamrath, Soph. midfielder; Angie Matthews, Soph. forward; Stephanie Erickson, Soph. goalkeeper.

Promising newcomers: Krissy Rose, Jr. forward; Beth Sielioff, Soph. fullback.

Brenner's 2000 outlook: "I believe we're going to be really competitive this season. Overall, team improvement is really coming along. They're pulling together as a team.

"I think we're going to be strong offensively. Defensively, it looks like our goalkeeper is going to do a good job."

Livonia Ladywood (6-13-1), a Division II district finalist a year ago, opened the season Monday with a 2-0 loss to Royal Oak Shrine. The Blazers have several returnees led by senior midfielder Andrea Schimmel and junior forward Stefanie Stachura. Both were second-team All-Area performers.

Meanwhile, Lutheran High Westland (6-10-1) will try to make inroads in the Metro Conference behind second-year coach Mark Brenner.

See capsule summaries.

Shrine outshines Blazers, 2-0

Livonia Ladywood got the early jump in the girls soccer schedule, but it did not pay off dividends.

The Blazers opened their 2000 season with a 2-0 loss Monday at Royal Oak Shrine.

Ladywood lost despite outshooting the Knights, 8-3.

"All three shots by Shrine were breakaways," Ladywood second-year coach Jill Logsdon said. "We got caught playing a little too high with our defense and it cost us."

Emily Wagoner scored what proved to be the game-winner at 16:27 of the opening half.

Megan Husek added an insurance goal at 22:50 of the second half.

Liz Obrecht was in goal for Ladywood.

The Blazers also received a solid performance by freshman forward Megan Kogut, who was making her varsity debut.

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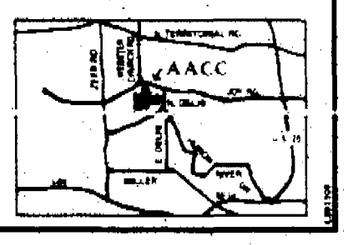

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Madonna sweeps pair vs. Siena Heights

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna University's softball team got its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season off to the right start.

On Tuesday, MU swept visiting Siena Heights, 11-2 and 5-4, in its first two WHAC games of the season in a twinbill at Ladywood High School.

A six-run first powered the Crusaders (14-5 overall) to the opening game win as Jenny Tenyer fanned six in five innings to raise her record to 4-2.

Vicki Malkowski went 2-for-3 with two doubles and four RBI and Lauren Barker went 3-for-3, scored twice and drove in a pair of runs.

In the second game, Madonna rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the bottom of the fourth, scoring five runs with the help of three walks and three wild pitches.

Angela Litwin went 2-for-3 and delivered a clutch two-run single in the rally as Siena Heights dropped to 6-8-1 overall.

Jenny Staup raised her record to 5-2 with 6⅔ innings of eight-hit ball. Tenyer choked off a Saints rally at one run by getting the final out to earn her first career save.

Sunday at Ladywood, Madonna used a four-hit, no-walk performance by Tenyer to edge Saginaw Valley State 2-1.

Barker's two-run double in the second inning proved to be all the offense the Lady Crusaders would need. Carrie Shay matched Tenyer tossing a four-hitter with no walks.

In Sunday's second game, the Cardinals ended Madonna's 10-game win streak by beating the Crusaders, 7-1. Tanya Liske suffered her first loss of the season (after five wins), surrendering three runs on six hits and two walks in 4⅓ innings. Kelly Prill got the win for Saginaw Valley.

Stacie Wilson and Emily Cunningham had two hits apiece for Madonna; Cunningham had the Crusaders only RBI.

On Saturday, Madonna swept a pair at Olivet College, 6-3 and 8-0. In the opener, Liske got the pitching win, allowing one earned run on four hits and two walks; she struck out three.

Litwin had two hits (including a double) and two RBI, and Malkowski and Kristy McDonald (Redford Thurston) each had two hits and an RBI to pace Madonna's hitters.

In the second game, Staup pitched a six-hit, one-walk shutout; she struck out six vs. Olivet (9-5-1).

McDonald had a triple among her three hits with two RBI, and Malkowski had two hits, including a solo home run. Cunningham, Stacie Wilson and Meghan Quinn each had one hit and an RBI.

Crusaders take 3 of 4 in weekend WHAC action

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna University's baseball team followed a lopsided pair of victories at Concordia College Saturday with a double-header split at Siena Heights Sunday to open its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season at 3-1.

Overall, the Fighting Crusaders improved to 14-4-1. Siena Heights is 8-20 overall, 1-3 in the WHAC; Concordia was 3-12 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC through the weekend.

In Sunday's nightcap at Siena Heights, Ryan Andrzejewski tossed a six-hitter in improving to 2-0. He walked two and struck out three in seven innings. Matt Pike took the loss for the Saints.

Todd Miller led Madonna's six-hit attack with two and a run batted in. Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson) added a double and an RBI, and Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton) had a triple and an RBI.

In the opener Sunday, the Saints scored four times in the second inning and coasted to a 6-1 triumph. Rob Hoshield scattered seven hits in earning the win for Siena Heights; Mitch Jabczenski gave up four earned runs on eight hits and four walks, with seven strikeouts, in getting the loss for Madonna.

Rabe had two hits for the Crusaders and Derick Wolfe had an RBI single in seventh.

Saturday's twinbill at Concordia was a slugfest — at least for Madonna. The Crusaders won the opener 14-0, with Nick Newman tossing a two-hit, four-walk shutout to improve to 3-0.

Concordia committed five errors in the loss, leading to four unearned runs. Rabe and Kwiatkowski each had a double and two RBI to lead the hitting attack.

In the second game, Eric Williamson stopped the Cardinals on six hits and three walks in a 7-0 triumph, improving to 3-0. He struck out six.

Bob Hamp had two triples and a double to lead the Crusaders. Miller added two hits and an RBI, with Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton) getting two hits and scoring three runs, Nick Dedeluk driving in two runs and Bryan DeCaire slugging a two-run home run.

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The Storm took an early lead, with Brent Kelly scoring at 2:07 of the first period. Lindsey Plunkett made it 2-0 with a goal at the [illegible] mark.

The Whalers closed the gap to 2-1 when Shaun Fisher got a goal at the [illegible] mark, with assists from Stephen Weiss and [illegible].

The Storm increased their lead to 3-1 with a goal from Matt House with [illegible] left in the second period.

Plunkett's second goal of the game, scored with [illegible] seconds remaining, [illegible].

Rob Zepp had [illegible] saves for Plymouth.

•[illegible] 6, WHALERS [illegible]: The Storm pulled the opening game [illegible] Saturday at [illegible] with Eric Beaudoin scoring a hat trick and Madden making 31 saves.

Beaudoin and Kent McDonell, who also had two assists, got second-period goals for Guelph.

Randy Fitzgerald and Stephen Weiss tallied power-play markers for Plymouth, with Damian Surma assisting on both. Weiss also assisted on Fitzgerald's goal, and Shaun Fisher assisted on Weiss'.

Kevin Mitchell's goal 22 seconds after Weiss had tied it allowed the Storm to regain the lead in the third period.

Beaudoin took care of the rest, getting a power-play goal at the 11:24 mark and an empty-net marker with 38 seconds left.

Plymouth's Zepp had 30 saves.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

JONES NAMED EAST ALL-STAR

Westland John Glenn running back Eric Jones, who gained over 2,000 yards this season for the 9-3 Rockets, has been named to the East squad for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star game Saturday, July 29 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

The 5-11, 190-pound Jones, who has signed to play at Bowling Green State, will be joined by two other All-Observer standouts including Farmington inside linebacker Brian Brinsden (6-2, 242) and Redford Union inside linebacker Mike Macek (6-0, 218).

OCELOT HOOP HONOREES

Robert Brown, a 6-foot-4 forward from Oak Park, was named Most Valuable Player Friday night at the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team awards banquet.

Brown, an NJCAA All-America nominee, averaged a team-high 18.9 points and 11.2 rebounds per game for the 24-7 Ocelots.

Brown was a first-team All-Michigan Community College Athletic Association selection along with teammate Lamar Bigby, a 6-5 forward from Detroit Northern who averaged 16.7 points per game.

Both Brown and Bigby were named to the all NJCAA-Region 12 and All-Eastern Conference first-team.

Gilbert Mitchell, a 6-4 guard from Detroit Cody, made second-team All-Conference after averaging 13.3 points per game. He is headed to Western Illinois.

Guard Brian Williams (Wayne Memorial) won the Coaches Award, while guard Reggie Kirkland (Romulus) was selected the Defensive Player of the Year award. Kirkland is headed to Wayne State.

Coach Carlos Briggs, 74-19 in three seasons with the Ocelots, was named Eastern Conference Coach of the Year. Schoolcraft finished 15-1 in the conference.

LJAL JV WARRIORS 9-1

The JV Warriors of the Livonia Junior Athletic League (Orioles Unit) recently finished the season with a 9-1 record.

Members of the Warriors, coached by Gary Gillow and Bob McCall, include Daniel Barczuk, Jason Gillow, Tyler Hauck, Sam Kawsarani, Ian Klann, Paul Knorp, Manuel Markosian, Jim Martin, Patrick McCall, Brian Miller, Kenny Morgan, Steve Pepple, Joe Reilly, Michael Rynicki and Larry Wilson.

URE TAE KWON DO CHAMP

Eric Ure, a sixth grader at Grant Elementary School in Livonia, won gold medals in both forms and sparring competition at the Michigan State Open Tae Kwon Do Championships March 25 at the Brighton High School Field House.

Ure, a second Dan Black Belt at Kills Tae Kwon Do in Farmington, competed in the 12-13 year-old 85-pound Black Belt Division. He is trained by Michael Kent.

Ure advances to the 20th U.S. Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do Championships July 10-15 in San Antonio, Tex.

CC SKIER AT JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Redford Catholic Central junior Matt Gable fared well at the Rocky/Central Regional Junior 1&2 Olympics skiing competition this month at Beaver Creek, Colo.

Gable was 23rd in the downhill competition, 14th in the Super G and his combined time of 1:31.10 in the slalom allowed him to finish third overall in the event.

Earlier this month, Gable was the Michigan High School Athletic Association state champion in the slalom, runner-up in the giant slalom and the overall individual winner.

HURON RELAY RESULTS

Lutheran High Westland's shuttle hurdle relay team of Derek Bias, Jason Davis, Nick Doherty and Ryan Noel finished third with a time of 33.1.

The sprint medley team of Justin Combs, Mike Clark, Doherty and Matt Rae took fourth in 3:56.8, while Nate Meckes placed eighth in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 7 inches.

SPORTS CLUB GYMNASTS 1ST

The Sports Club of Novi Level 6 gymnastics team collected top honors a tthe Champion's Derby Classic March 11 in Louisville, Ky.

Sports Club scored 110.35, giving them their second win in a row; on March 4, they won the Salute to Michigan meet at Birmingham Groves HS with a score of 105.05.

Team members are Nicole Roach of Canton, Chelsea Selden of Plymouth, Sarah Ilkhani-Pour of Northville, Erica Schick of Livonia, Amanda Green of New Hudson and Emma Platt of Novi. The team is coached by Jen Quinlan and Shan Uson.

LIVONIA KNIGHTS CHAMPS

The Livonia Knights, coached by Bo Hombirg, defeatd the St. Clair Shores Saints, 8-3, to win the Little Caesars Tier II Midget A Division championship recently at Redford Ice Arena.

The Knights also defeated Farmington Hills (3-0), Ann Arbor (7-3) and the Michigan Devils (3-1), along with tying the Fort Wayne, Ind. (5-5), en route to the title.

Steve Fishwick was named MVP after scoring a hat trick in the final with two assists coming from Brad Jarzembowski. Other goals were scored by Craig Lamontagne (unassisted), Andrew Lakin (assisted by Lamontagne), Brad Jarzembowski (assist Crad Anguilm), captain Aaron Ziem (assist John Maley) and Mike Colangelo (unassisted).

Wayne Kilgore was the winning netminder, while a solid defensive effort was turned in by captain Fucundo Marginet, Matt Cieslak, Kevin Hallett, Nathan Krzyaniak and Maley.

Rounding out the Knights are captain Mark Demmer, Steve Dimopoulos, Chris Jarvis, Greg MacIvor and goalie Jason Rose.

The Knights were also Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV runners-up against Southfield.

Assistant coaches include Bob Lakin, Larry Ziem and Allan MacIvor. The team manager is Diane Krzyaniak.

Team sponsors include Jarzembowski Funeral Home and Jack Demmer Ford.

PEE WEE SABRES 1ST

Ryan Graham scored the game-winning goal in the second period to lead the Livonia Pee Wee Sabres past the Livonia Coyotes, 1-0, in the finals of the Glacier Pointe 2000 Shamrock Tournament held March 17-19 in Port Huron.

The Sabres advanced to the final with a 2-1 victory over the Livingston Lightning decided in a three-man shootout after a five-minute overtime. Kevin Brown netted the game-winner in the shootout, while goaltender Jordan Boyajian, the tournament MVP, did not allow a goal during the shootout.

The Sabres also defeated the USA Bladerunners, 4-3, on assistant captain Kevin Brown's game-winning goal with just 30 seconds left in regulation. The Sabres also beat MPP Corporation, 5-0.

Brown, Christopher Weeks and assistant captain Anthony Zeni were awarded MVP medalist in the tournament.

Captain Matt Kahkonen and assistant captain Dan Trubak also provided strong offense throughout the tournament.

Rounding out the Sabres: Eric Robinson, Jeff Trubak, Evan Beck, Darren Getchen, Stefan Scarcelli, Jamie Smith, Derek McMullen, Joey Jahn and Danny Brown.

The coaching staff includes John Weeks, Kevin Brown, Tim Jahn, Joe Trubak and Rob Zeni. The team manager is Mary Jahn.

SQUIRT SABRES TRIUMPH

Tournament MVP Jason Kraemer tallied the game-winning goal as the Livonia Squirt Sabres defeated Muskegon, 3-2, to capture the Sports Weekend Extravaganza championship March 19 in Chicago, Ill.

The Sabres ended the tournament with a 3-0-1 record.

Keifer Cox led the Sabres with four goals followed by Timmy Droze, three goals; Chris Rapp, two goals and two assists.

Goaltender Bryan Betke had a 1.5 goals-against average.

The Squirt Sabres reached the finals with by tying Muskegon (1-1), defeating Troy (3-2) and Kentwood (3-1).

Other members of the Sabres include: Matt Nguyen, Sean Barry, Mark Baaso, Alex Hoelzel, Danny Yaquinto, John Wojnar, Shane Kavanagh, Mike Campanella, Ryan Felton, Greg Killeen and Kevin Kehoe.

The Sabres are coached by Tim Rapp, Mike Droze, Keith Burry, John Kraemer and Karl Betke. The team manager is Pam Hoelzel.

Team sponsors include Kelly Vacuum Services, Wonder Nails of Wonderland and Charles and Co. Salon.

DAKOTA STATE MIDGET CHAMPS

The Southfield Midget BB Dakota, featuring seven Livonia players, brought home the State Championship Cup March 19 at the Westland Ice Arena with a 4-3 double-overtime victory over Birch Run.

Tim Allen scored the game-winning goal.

Dakota also defeated Trenton (11-1), Sault Ste. Marie (7-1), Calumet (9-1) and Westland (3-0) en route to the title.

Other members of Dakota include: Jeff Bargren, Jeff Bunting, David Beard, Jon Harwood, Adam Heseltine, Wesley Yarnell, Willie Wilson, Jared Vidivic, Danny Shamoun, Jason Gildersleeve, Ian Watt, Eric Stoller, Matt Jalaba, Matt Nicole and goaltenders Jamie Rosenblum and Todd Skowronski.

The head coach is Jack Schultz. He is assisted by Jeff Geiersbach, Howard Stoller and Tim Yarnell.

SQUIRT COYOTES FINISH 2ND

The Livonia Squirt Coyotes finished runner-up to the Livonia Flyers in the Spring Thaw Tournament held March 17-19 in Birch Run.

The Coyotes captured their division with wins over the Gaylord Wildcats (1-0), Birch Run Rangers (4-3) and the Troy Northstars (1-0). They also beat the Livonia Predators in the semifinals, 3-2.

Members of the Coyotes include: Kenny Kleszcz, Colin Beck, Alex Ratliff, Jacob Brosky, Ryan Jason, Garrett Miencier, Ethan Gurski, Tod Jaggi, Nick Stanis, Adam Kwiatkowski, Sean Morgan, Michael Grant, Joseph Cummings, Jake Andrews, Brandon Bray and Richard Wyman.

The coaching staff includes Cliff Andrews, Tom Kwiatkowski, Mark Brosky and T.J. Gurski. Sandy Stanis is the team manager.

The team sponsors are Artesian Electric, Lustre Drycleaning and Laundry, and Bottom Line Graphics.

LHA WALK-IN REGISTRATION

The Livonia Hockey Association will hold walk-in registration for Livonia residents from 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at Devon-Aire Ice Arena, located at 9510 Sunset, one block east of Merriman Road at off W. Chicago.

Registration for non-residents will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 13 at Devon-Aire. No fee will be taken on either registration date.

All registration for the LHA will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. The number of openings may vary for each division.

Fees for the 2000-2001 season will be $125 for Livonia residents and $150 for non-residents.

Each registrant must provide proof of residency (child's report card, parents drivers license and most recent utility bill).

You must also present a copy of the child's birth certificate.

For more information, call the LHA office at (734) 422-5172.

SPRING SPORT SHOW

The City of Livonia Parks and Creation Spring Sport Show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at Eddie Edgar Arena, located at 33841 Lyndon.

This is an ideal opportunity to sell used sporting goods, fishing gear, boats and recreational vehicles.

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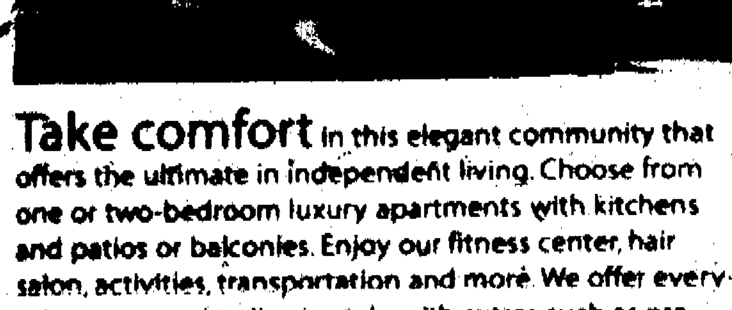

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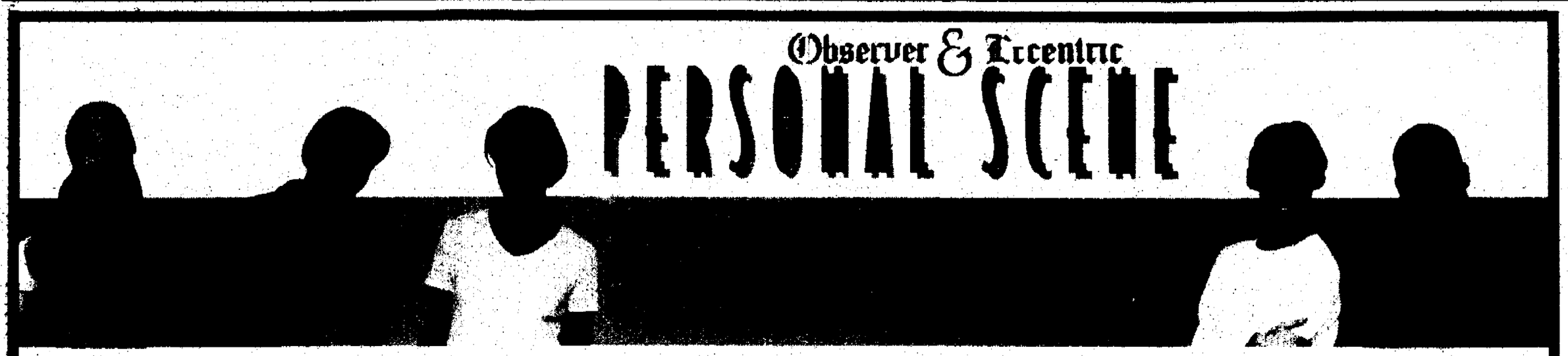


Observer & Eccentric PERSONAL SCENE

GOOD GIRLS LOVE BAD BOYS
SF, 43, blonde/blue, seeks attractive SM, 35-45, who's ready for LTR. Truck owner a plus. Let me rock your world! ☎2012

DARE TO HOPE, DARE TO DREAM
Feminine, attractive, young-looking DWPF, 52, 5'10", blonde/blue, N/S, sings mom, independent, creative, sincere, loves adventure, travel, outdoors, family, entertaining, intelligent conversation. Seeking tall, attractive SWPM, single dad, similar in age/interests. ☎2024

HOPEFULLY WE CAN MEET
Sweet, sincere, honest, hard-working SWF, 37, 5'4", blonde/green, enjoys camping, walks, candlelight dinners, cuddling, movies, and sports. Looking for SM, 33-56, to share good times and romance. ☎1982

LOVE IS ALIVE
Sweet, lovable, innocent SF, 20, looking for a loving guy for friendship, dating, and more. ☎2011

SEEKS TOMATO GROWER
Good-looking, down-to-earth, caring, compassionate SWF, 51, seeks gentleman, 50-60, who likes sunsets and gentle rain, for committed relationship. ☎1998

GREEK GOODESS
Attractive DPCF, 42, mother of two, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, and more. Seeking a mature, loving, moral SCM, 35-50, for LTR/possible marriage. Sense of humor a +. ☎1999

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing and honest SWF, 6' blonde/blue, H/W proportionate, two children, N/S, social-drinker. Seeking S/DWM, 28-36, for possible LTR. ☎1758

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM PERFECTIONIST
Catholic SWPF, 35, 5'7", 135lbs, blonde/blue, N/S, never married, seeks attractive, educated, romantic, physically fit, successful Catholic SWPM, 32-38, N/S, never married, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1750

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty SWF, 25, 5'5", 115lbs, seeks tall, short, rich, poor SM for friendship and possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1876

HORSEMAN WANTED
SWF, 35, 5'1", blonde/green, full-figured, one 13 year-old son, enjoys horseback riding, horse shows, music, family time, seeks "horseman" SWM, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1421

ADVENTURESOME
SWF, 28, enjoys reading, traveling, dancing, family times. Seeking family-oriented, outgoing, commitment-minded SWM for romance and monogamous LTR. ☎1776

LOVES TO DANCE
Light-skinned SBF, 5'5", 145lbs, no kids, loves dancing, skating, reading, working with people. Seeking SM with similar interests for dating, possible LTR. ☎1976

ATTRACTIVE/ PASSIONATE DR.
Brunette 30s, never married, N/S, with great smile, and zest for life, likes to travel. Seeks sincere, intelligent, successful, financially secure, gentleman, SWM, 37-43, with a graduate degree. ☎1696

ROMANTIC & PASSIONATE
Attractive, plus-sized SWF, 35, enjoys long walks, comedy, reading and animals. Seeking honest, communicative SWM to enjoy time with. ☎1911

GENTLEMAN BIKER
SF, 33, H/W proportionate, long reddish-brown/blue-green-gray, enjoys Harleys, outdoors, fishing, travel. Seeking gentleman with similar interests. ☎1659

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 36, seeks WM 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

SECOND TIME AROUND
Fun-loving, attractive, widowed WF, 60, 5'3", 120lbs, blonde/blue, loves dogs, dancing, camping, long drives, good books, PBS specials, and more. Seeking outgoing, family-oriented SM, 60+, N/D, drug-free, with similar interests. ☎1929

SEEKING
Ultra-feminine, petite, slim, European blonde, with very sophisticated tastes, seeks highly successful SWM, 50-60, for possible LTR. ☎1800

A NEW YEAR, A NEW START
Cute, honest, caring, secure, old-fashioned SWPF, 49, 5', 112lbs, blonde, loves holding hands, laughing, walks, boating, dining, travel. Seeking nice-looking, slim SWPM, 50-60, N/S, N/D, short in stature/big in heart. ☎1899

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE
Intelligent, easygoing, widowed WF, 61, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys playing cards, movies, dining, long walks, and fireplaces. Seeking SWM, 59-66, for companionship. ☎1928

SOPHISTICATED HAPPY
Fit, bubbly, outgoing SF, 5'6", blonde/brown, zest for life and joys golf, biking, travel, theater. Seeking tall, financially/emotionally secure gentleman, 48-56, who exhibits qualities of a true friend. ☎1709

SEEKING MY SOULMATE
Energetic DWPF, young 46, 5'2", blonde/blue, likes nature, waterfalls, baseball, tennis, alternative medicine. Seeking SWPM, 39-49, N/S. ☎1890

POXY SENIOR
Youthful, fit SWF, 60, 5'2", 135lbs, blonde/brown, loves traveling, reading, political awareness, all aspects of entertainment. Seeking an outgoing, lively, honest, healthy, financially secure, good-looking, youthful SWM with high morals, for monogamous LTR. ☎1770

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking an open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests, for friendship first, LTR. ☎1222

THIS IS ME
SF, 5'1", 110lbs, long blonde/blue, has children, loves bowling, concerts, movies, dining, boating. Seeking SM with similar interests, for LTR. ☎1504

GROWN-UP BOY
Classy, very attractive, down-to-earth, slim SWF seeks intelligent, financially secure SWM, 48-54, brown or dark hair, who likes to have fun. ☎1339

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Good-looking, slim SF, 40, 5'3", brown/brown, good sense of humor, one daughter, likes movies, dancing, comedy clubs, dining out, reading, plays, fishing, animals. Seeking S/DWM with time for a relationship. ☎1939

ABC'S
Attractive, bubbly, curvaceous DWF 46, blue-eyed blonde, professional musician with passion for life, seeks intelligent, romantic, emotionally/financially secure SWM, 40-55, 5'10"+, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎1878

WANTED: ONE ROMANTIC SOULMATE
Tall, attractive DWPF, 5'10", blonde/brown, passionate about life, is searching for that one special man, 48-56, financially/emotionally secure, who loves life, sports, fun and romance. ☎1879

HONEYSUCKLE ROSE
SF, my age is vintage wine, 5'6", slender, blue eyes, Jewish and a coal-miner's daughter too, enjoys cooking, baking—how about a sample? Seeking best friend, real and fun conversation. ☎5602

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, old-yke, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who's intelligent, interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation and laughter with me. ☎6061

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, who's young-looking and energetic like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll, can be humorous as well as serious. ☎1695

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, blonde/hazel, likes biking, tennis, camping, outdoors, dancing, and animals. Seeking an honest, considerate, family-oriented man for possible LTR/marriage. ☎1887

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 139lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening and nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎1837

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. Lost messages 1/10-1/11, please call again. ☎1257

HOCKEYTOWN GIRL
SWPF, 5'7", brown/brown, never married, Catholic, loves hockey movies, concerts, dining, dancing. Seeking SWPM, 39-45, similar interests, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎1977

THE ICON IS LOVE...
Very pretty, curvaceous, professional SBCF, 38, varies interests, seeks handsome, loyal, passionate, fit SBCM of integrity, 30-40, N/S, for one-on-one dancing and romancing. Serious only. ☎1985

SEEKING HONEST GUY
SF, 5'9", 135lbs, light brown hair, student, no kids, loves basketball, swimming, gymnastics, reading, cooking, walks. Seeking sweet, honest, romantic, laid-back guy for serious relationship. ☎1951

SEXY SINGLE
SBF, 40, 5'10", 165lbs, black/brown, light caramel complexion, self-employed, 2 kids, loves singing, dancing, jazz, cooking, having fun. Seeking dark, handsome, spirit-filled SM, 40+, 6'+, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1958

BRIGHT & CHARMING
Intelligent, inquisitive SF loves movies, dancing, singing, writing poetry, meeting new people. Seeking open-minded man who wants to be with a nice person, for friendship. ☎1971

FIRST TIME ADVENTURE/NEWLAND AREA
Attractive DWF, 40, 5'2", 115lbs, blonde/hazel/green, college-educated, enjoys movies, reading, beaches, traveling. Seeking honest, caring SWM, 40+, 5'10"+, for friendship first. ☎1980

FRIENDSHIP/ COMPANIONSHIP
Friendly, kind-hearted SBF, 46, 5'6", 200lbs, enjoys simple things in life: picnics, walks in the park, movies, television, seeks S/DM, 36-60, for friendship possible LTR. N/S, N/D. ☎1974

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
Fun-loving SBF, 41, no dependents, seeks fun-loving, affectionate gentleman, N/S, over 40, to share interests. Race open. ☎1966

LIFE IS GRAND
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar SM to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, joy, hiking, meditation, yoga, open/honest communication, mutual trust. LTR. ☎1213

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
SWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, enjoys fine dining, reading, jazz music, family gatherings, walks in the park. Seeking degreed SWPM with similar interests, for monogamous LTR. ☎1205

SINCERE AND CURVY
DWPF, 5'6", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times and sports. ☎1112

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive DWF, 5'8", brown/brown, thin, fun to be with, enjoys movies, dining out, the outdoors, and Redwing games. Seeking attractive, tall SWM, 33-40, with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎1476

SEEKING FRIENDS
Independent DW mom of 2, 40, 5'10", brown/hazel, enjoys movies, sports, hiking, camping. Seeking committed LTR with a man who can cook and is not into playing games. ☎1886

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Athletic, attractive, young-looking DWF, 51, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/brown, college-educated, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, dining out, concerts, movies, travel, quiet evenings. Seeking tall, healthy, family-oriented SWM, 50-56, N/S. ☎1889

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentlemen with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship, Southfield area. ☎1874

YOUNG ATTITUDE
SWF, pretty sensuous and compassionate, enjoys arts, music, dancing, and shopping, seeks loyal, sensitive, good looking, classy SWM, 50-60. Let's enjoy the finer things in life together. ☎1872

TOO CHARMING
Hard-working, intelligent DWF, 40, 5'8", H/W proportionate, curvy, enjoys music, dancing, physical activities. Seeking an honest, sincere, affectionate SWM, 37-55, for friendship first. ☎1873

SENSUAL SPIRITED SWEET
Petite DWF, 60s, 5'2", looking for love again with romantic, trustworthy, very fit, emotionally/financially secure, non-smoking SWM, 55-65. Let's enjoy dancing, dining, movies, travel, theater, weekend getaways. ☎1831

ARE YOU READY FOR...
an attractive charmer? Active, open-minded, pleasingly plump widowed WPF, 58, red/blue, enjoys concerts, plays, talk movies. Seeking tall passionate humorous WM 45-60, for dating, LTR. ☎1835

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 44, smoker, social drinker, seeks financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady, for one-on-one relationship. Garden City area. ☎1808

ARE THERE ANY GOOD ONES LEFT?
Seeking romantic, affectionate, honest SWM, 39-45, who would like to meet a good woman, 39, for a possible LTR. ☎1783

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎0738

LOVELY, PASSIONATE LADY
Bright, european, 55, seeks tall gentleman for fun and conversation. Travel, adventure, nature, honesty, are some of my pleasures. If you are a like person, let me pleasantly surprise you. ☎1792

TOUCH OF CLASS
Soar into a LTR with classy, attractive DWF, 5'5", 130lbs, sexy eyes, for fun, romance, and adventure. Seeking SWM, tall and 45+. Sincere replies a plus. ☎1789

CUTE, CLASSY, BLONDE
DWF, late 50s, seeking companionship of professional gentleman, for romantic dining, dancing and theater. Possible LTR. ☎1788

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hard-working, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor and love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

DANCING THROUGH LIFE
Energetic, fun, passionate, secure DWF, 48, seeks SM with similar attributes, for friendship and romance. ☎1759

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, emotionally/financially secure, honest, caring DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1758

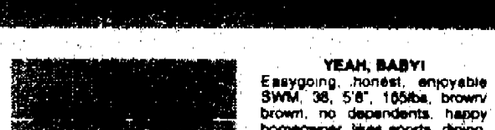
SHARING TIME
Attractive SWPF, 5'2", 110lbs, brown/brown, N/S, down-to-earth, with great humor, enjoys golfing, dining, theater, seeking Handsome, SM, 45-52, to spoil and pamper me, North Oakland area. ☎1746

BE MY VALENTINE
Cute DWF, 41, full-figured, smoker, financially secure, seeks SB/WM, 43-53, who likes beaches, Vegas, traveling, for LTR. Serious only. ☎1711

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Plus-sized woman, 51, brown/hazel, enjoys movies, long walks. Seeking kind, friendly, good-hearted man to share laughs and life with. ☎1721

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWPF seeks Mr. Right, 45-55, who likes golfing, movies, dancing, quiet dinners at home or on the town, and has a flair for spontaneity. Could it be you? ☎1700

HONEST, FUN, CARING
Widowed SF, 56, 5'2", light brown/hazel, H/W proportionate, likes doing just about anything, music, books, dining, movies, theater, sports. Seeking a SM for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1487



COUNTRY GIRL DESIRED...
for LTR, possible marriage. DWM, 36, 5'8", 150lbs, single father of eight-year-old son, enjoys rodeos, horse shows, family time. Seeking S/DWF, 28-42, with similar interests. Children ok. ☎1325

ATHLETIC JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/area open. ☎4018

SEEKING NEW SPECIAL GAL
Clean-cut, down-to-earth DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, smoker, automotive professional, wears glasses, enjoys golf, bowling, movies, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend, 37-48, for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1757

STARTING OVER
Affectionate retired SM, 49, 5'5", blonde/blue, likes dining out, movies, walks in parks, television, and evenings in. Seeking nice lady to have some fun with. ☎2021

YEAH, BABY!
Easygoing, honest, enjoyable SWM, 36, 5'8", 165lbs, brown/brown, no dependents, happy homeowner, likes sports, dining, pool, bowling, and having fun. Seeking pretty SF, 25-45, slim-medium, no dependents, for possible LTR. ☎1980

IN OR OUTGOING
Retired male, 37, father of 3, independent, financially secure, likes movies, fun, dancing, going out, sports. Seeking beautiful, nice, compassionate woman who likes to have fun. Pocahontas, please call back. ☎1066

NO GAMES, NO LUGGAGE
100% nice guy, 0% loser. SWM, 30, 5'10", fit, engineer with simple tastes, has everything in life he needs except you to share it with. No pressure, will call all. ☎1991

ITALIAN STALLION...
47, attractive, muscular, versatile, romantic, seeks classy, slim, very attractive, selective SW/AF, under 45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎6155

SEEKING LATINA
SWM, 35, 6'3", dark/blue, great sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies and concerts. Seeking Attractive SHF with no children, for dating and possibly more. ☎1944

PROFESSIONAL & REAL
Charming, down-to-earth SWPM, 32, enjoys movies/theater, travel, candlelight, fun. Seeking an attractive woman who enjoys life! ☎1327

TALL, HANDSOME KNIGHT
Adorable, sensitive, DWM, 43, 6'3", 190lbs, very fit, seeks pretty female, 30-50, who desires partner, not provider. I am affectionate (loves to snuggle), attentive, caring, communicative, sincere! Seeks friend/lover. ☎1919

A REAL MAN
D&M, 52, 6'1", 215lbs, professionally employed, enjoys outdoor activities, quiet walks, dinner, movies, and antiques. Seeking special, trustworthy S/DF, 35-55, kids ok, race unimportant, for friendship/dating. ☎1493

COMPANION WANTED
Outgoing, educated, affectionate, honest, sincere DWPM, 54, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, social drinker, sense of humor, enjoys movies, theater, travel, buying and selling antiques. Seeking spontaneous, warm, caring, one-man woman. ☎1966

EDUCATED ATHLETE
SWPM, 44, 6'1", 180lbs, red/blue, N/S, athletic build, likes golfing, skiing, tennis, biking, movies, dining. Seeking PF, 35-45, 5'6"+, H/W proportionate, N/S, to share interests, for mutual enjoyment of each other's company. ☎1669

OLD-FASHIONED ROMANTIC GUY
DWM, 35, extremely fit, very giving, honest and sincere, loves animals and kids. Seeking slim, W/H/AF, soft feminine sweethearted soulmate for LTR. ☎1913

FORTHRIGHT AND FAITHFUL!
Handsome professional DWCM, 39, 5'10", 180lbs, with brown/dark brown, enjoys travel, skiing, golfing and dining out. This gentlemen seeks an attractive, fun-loving and family oriented SWCF, 29-36, for dating. Potential LTR. ☎1870

LOYAL, HONEST, NICE GUY
College-educated, spontaneous, handsome, fun-loving DWM, 53, 6'1", 190lbs, believes in loyalty, integrity, honesty. Seeking attractive S/DWF, 35-49, physically fit, slim, for LTR. West side preferred. Kids ok. ☎1834

LEVEL-HEADED
College-educated, athletic, attractive SWM, young 47, 6'1", modest/conservative interests. Seeks fit, intelligent, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎1892

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Financially/emotionally stable humorous, honest, loyal, romantic SWPM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, enjoys the simple things in life: nature, laughter, variations, love. Seeking SF, for monogamous LTR. ☎1308

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE
SWM, 55, enjoys singing, walking, card games, board games. Seeking SF, 40-55, for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎1050

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, communicative SWPF for friendship first. ☎1197

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, natural, mountain man, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF 40-50, active, secure, proportionate, to conjure up warm wind, and eternal fire, possible LTR. Redford. ☎5696

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 45, 5'6", 160lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, who likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎5840

SUNSHINE OF YOUR LIFE?
Warm weather, successful, spiritual SJM, 48, seeks a warm weather girl. Seeking relationship-oriented SF, 28-45, to enjoy Aruba, Cancun, Bahamas, and, of course, movies, dancing, book stores, spectator sports. ☎3923.

MAKE IT HAPPEN
Humorous DWM, young 52, 5'1", handy man, independent individual, no dependents, seeks earthy, active S/DF age surprise me, for combining interests, fun, possible LTR. All calls answered. ☎1689

YOUR SMILE WOULD...
start my days and fill my nights. SWPM, 36, seeks active, in shape SF, 30ish, to share laughter and friendship. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area. ☎1420

CALL ME SOON
Hard-working SWM, 49, 5'8", 175lbs, well-built, seeks fun-loving, easygoing, intelligent pretty, commitment-minded SF for friendship, companionship and a LTR. ☎1767

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

UNION LAKE AREA
Adventurous, honest, slim, romantic DWM, 46, N/S, light drinker, Catholic, enjoys boating, amateur theater, bowling, travel, outdoors, dancing, etc. Seeking lady for friendship leading to LTR. ☎1364

WAITING IN WESTLAND
Hard-working, financially secure SWM, 28, seeks slender SWF, 22-30, with great personality, who enjoys dinners, dancing, movies, quiet nights at home for LTR. Hurry up and call, I'm waiting! ☎1469

WHY BE ALONE?
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 53, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

ROMANTIC-AT-HEART
Easygoing, good-looking, kind hearted DJWM, 44, N/S, who enjoys movies, concerts, sporting events, dancing, and candle lit dinners, looking for relationship. ☎1845

SUCCESSFUL
DWM, 45, 5'9", 150lbs, told to look much younger, many interests, plays guitar and other instruments, loves doing anything outside, exercises continually. Seeking good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF, children ok. ☎1393

MEET FOR COFFEE
A new home but no one to greet me. DWM, 40, good job, big heart, is tired of being alone. Seeking special woman, 30+, for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎1959

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY...
a plus. Not mandatory. Youthful, humorous DWM, 47, 5'11", 167lbs, entrepreneur, enjoys Tennessee, Florida, dancing, conversation, dining. I am spontaneous, communicative, fit and seeking a LTR. Are you? ☎1748

COUNTRY HOME WAITING!
Devoted gent, SWM, 43, ready for relationship and marriage, able to provide love, affection, financial security to a romantic SWF who is ready to settle down. ☎1956

A NICE GUY
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor, to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, and weekend getaways, for LTR. ☎1082

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 5'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

TOGETHERNESS
SWM, 46, 6'1", 200lbs, brown/hazel, likes warm weather motorcycles, sports car shows, family, pets, concerts, and trying new things. Seeking easygoing, positive woman who enjoys life. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1933

MR. SUNSHINE
Easygoing DWM, 44, loves children, seeks a S/DWF, 39-59, who enjoys going to movies, walks in the park, holding hands for possible relationship. ☎1295

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SHM, 47, seeks SW/HF, 40-50, N/S, for dating, dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

CHRISTIAN TO CHRISTIAN
6'1", 165lbs, 42, devoted playful father believes in top ten bible study, enjoys golf, walks, clean tv. Seeks gentle, kind, playful women. H/W proportionate, 30-45, for marriage, all replies answered. ☎1699

INTELLECTUAL CONVERSATION
Intellectual, yet humorous, active outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 180lbs, enjoys reading, writing, outdoor activities, theater, movies. Seeking friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 34-48, N/S, small/petite build, for possible relationship. ☎5619

LET'S GO CAMPING
DW dad, 41, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnations, motorcycles, movies everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎1798

ROCK N' ROLL HOOTCHIE COO
Down-to-earth SWM, 43, 6', has a wide variety of interests. Seeking honest, very affectionate, fun-loving WF, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1909

EDUCATED/ HANDSOME SWM, 44
Enjoys sports, travel, family and friends, longs for hugs and kisses, love and marriage, seeks relationship-minded, attractive SWF. ☎1910

HERE TODAY, GONE TO MAUI
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ROMANTIC MAN
Very romantic SWM, 49, enjoys bowling, travel, dining. Seeking romantic woman for friendship, dating, possibly more. Race/age unimportant. All calls answered. ☎5454

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height, weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender, SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

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HERE'S MY PLAN
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BRIGHTON AREA
SWM, 42, 5'10", slim, N/S, never-married, with traditional values, seeks SWF, 30-45, to be my friend, lover, partner for LTR. You must be a slim, healthy non-smoker. For more details please call. ☎1898

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, 5'10", 175lbs, nice hair, bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed, homeowner, seeks slim, attractive SWF, under 48. ☎5357

MOTIVATED
Positive, honest SWPM, young 55, 5'9", 175lbs, college graduate, dad of 2 grown kids, enjoys exercising, movies, reading, living life. Seeking honest, caring, lively SWF for friendship/LTR. N/S only. ☎1376

ATTRACTIVE AND HONEST
Secure SWM, 50, 5'11", 170lbs, brown/hazel, likes horses, country life. Seeking charming, smart, attractive lady, under 40, for friendship first. ☎1836

ART ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES
Creative, unique, sharp SWM, 46, enjoys art/antique shows, auctions, estate sales, seeks lively lady, mid-age, with a interest in or curiosity about same. ☎1833

IT DOESN'T MATTER...
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KING ARTHUR SEEKS QUEEN
SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs, brown/green, no kids, works full-time, enjoys Tae Kwon Do, kick boxing, horseback riding, Chinese food, movies, and more. Seeking a SF, 18-35, for friendship first and possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1272

ABSOLUTELY WANTED WOMAN
SWM, down-to-earth, seeking for a north oakland, SF, 30-40, with sense of humor, for caring and loving friendship. ☎2000

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE
Male, 39, with good job and a big heart, tired of being alone, enjoys animals, the woods, cookouts, and a cuddly woman. If you're honest, serious, and caring, please call. ☎1997

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HOW FAR IS THE MOON?
SWM seeks SWF, down-to-earth type with a little bit of the wild side, but also with morals. Age open. ☎1993

OF THE FEW
Handsome, attentive SWM, 30s, 6', seeks affectionate, romantic, slender, SWF, 27-35, who dreams of finding that special someone. ☎1790

JUST LOOKING
SWM, 49, 5'8", 150lbs, brown/brown, financially secure, no dependents, enjoy singing movies, pets, summer, outdoor activities, and life. Seeking similar lady. ☎1905

REAL ROMANTIC MAN
Educated SM, 5'11", 160lbs, Mediterranean looks, black hair, enjoys dancing, outdoor activities, fun. Seeking SF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first. ☎1838

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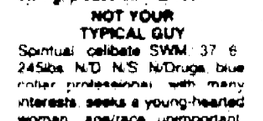
Blonde, redhead or sandy-brown haired woman with blue eyes, 21-28, no dependents, who doesn't play games. So if you fit in these categories, please give me a call. ☎1832



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SUNSHINE
Outgoing, friendly, retired, widowed WPF, 62, 5'1", 120lbs, brown hair, N/S, seeks a similar SM, 62-65, for friendship. ☎1956

TALL, THIN BLONDE
Former model and teacher, upper 50s, attractive, seeking companionship of professional gentleman, 60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet dinners at home, and all the good things life has to offer. ☎1914

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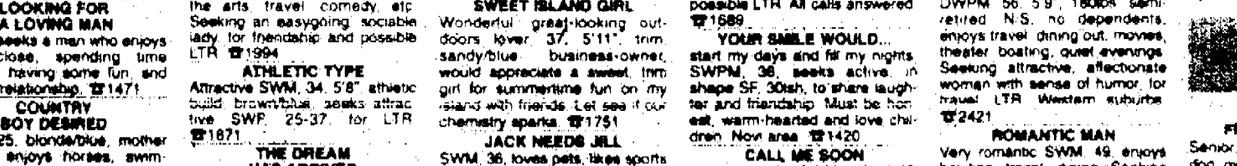

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Spend "A Day in a New Century Garden" at the 2000 Ann Arbor Spring Garden & Flower Show, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Ann Arbor, I-94 to Exit 174, then south. Admission $10 adults, $9 seniors, $5 children (age 12 and under), call (734) 434-8004.

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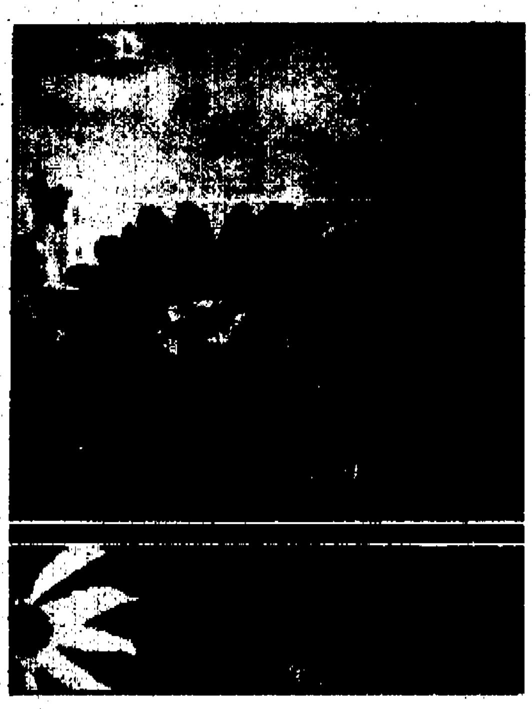
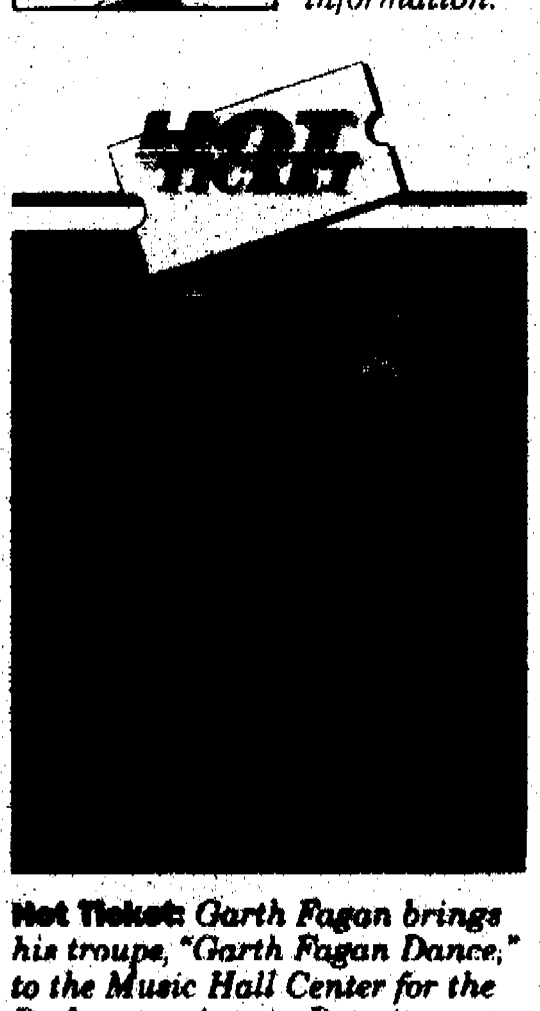


"Let Your Spirit Soar," a celebration of visual and performing arts at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (west of Middlebelt), 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Highlights include children's workshops 10 a.m. to noon, concerts 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and an art exhibit. No charge with the exception of a Kingdom Heirs gospel concert at 8 p.m. Concert tickets $8, call (248) 476-8860.

SUNDAY

The first Athena Women's Music Festival 1-4 p.m. at Amer's, 312 State Street in Ann Arbor showcases the talents of local folk-pop artists including headliner Lori Amey. No charge, call (734) 761-6000 for more information.



Hot Ticket: *Garth Fagan brings his troupe, "Garth Fagan Dance," to the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit, Thursday-Sunday, March 30 to April 2. Tickets $30-$40, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.*

EL DORADO

Animator Brings Colorful Characters To Life

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Not many people make a definite career choice at age 9. But Dreamworks animator Kent Culotta took one look at "Sleeping Beauty" and knew just what he wanted to do.

"I loved the way that one looked," said the Plymouth native. "I saw everything that came out at that time. It was a cumulative effect."

Culotta studied graphic design at Michigan State University, where he learned to use an animation camera. After earning his bachelor of fine arts degree, he moved to California and completed graduate school coursework in animation at UCLA.

Now a Glendale, Calif., resident, Culotta has had a hand in "Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night," and recent favorites like "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "The Little Mermaid," "Rescuers Down Under" and "Beauty and the Beast." He adds characters like Roger Rabbit and Droopy, Ariel and Ursula, and Belle to his list of experience with character model clean-up and assisting other animators.

Truly realizing his longtime dream, Culotta became an animator for Dreamworks' "The Prince of Egypt" and furthered his skill with Dreamworks' latest release "The Road to El Dorado."

DREAMWORKS PICTURES

Ruling powers: *The Chief and Tzekel-Kan believe ancient gods have arrived in El Dorado in a scene from "The Road to El Dorado."*

The City of Gold

"The Road to El Dorado" tells the story of two wide-eyed friends, the discerning Tulio (Kevin Kline) and the free-spirited Miguel (Kenneth Branagh), who in 1519 stumble upon the legendary city of gold known as El Dorado. Mistaken by High Priest Tzekel-Kan (Armand Assante) for revered gods, the bumbling con men believe they've found the road to fortune and glory.

But their lies begin to unravel and time runs short as Spanish explorer Cortes approaches and Tzekel-Kan threatens an evil takeover of El Dorado. It's the pure-hearted ruler, known as the Chief (Edward James Olmos), who's onto their scheme but aids them every step of the way.

With the help of Chel (Rosie Perez), a stunning and smart native, good triumphs over evil. Like Elton John sings, "All will be revealed/On the trail we blaze," and friendship becomes more valuable than all the gold in El Dorado.

The comedic adventure-fantasy is brought to life by a host of animators like Culotta. From the streaming rivers and rushing ocean waves, to the lush rain forest and sparkling city of gold, the latest in high-tech animation draws fire from the sketches of imagination and colors it in with vibrant, realistic movements, heart-felt emotions and life lessons.

DREAMWORKS PICTURES

A way out: *The Chief, animated by a team including Plymouth native Kent Culotta, speaks to Miguel and Tulio who are eager to take their gold and leave El Dorado*

"I just think it's a great way to tell a story," said Culotta, who worked on the animation for the Chief. "There's just so many things you can do ... It's a very rich medium."

Paving his own road

In the mid 1980s when he was beginning his career, animation was in a sort of slump, confined to television cartoons like "He-Man" and considered to be "kiddie stuff." Culotta didn't realize then that he was on the cusp of a cartoon renaissance spurred by companies like Walt Disney Feature Animation.

"W en I started it was very difficult to get a job," he said. Now film and television are flooded with traditional and computer animation. It isn't just restricted to Saturday morning cartoons anymore.

While computer animators also worked on "The Road to El Dorado," Culotta draws by hand. His only contact with computers is shooting his drawings with a computer-operated camera. While he sees the industry moving closer to computers, he said, "I love having a pencil in my hand."

That pencil did not serve as lead animator for the character, so Culotta did not set the tone and mannerisms of the Chief. But he did help bring the Chief to life onscreen. "My job is to try to assimilate (the lead animator's) version of it and make it my own as well."

As often happens, the Chief became a different sort of character in the final product than he was originally intended to be. "He started out mainly as a comic figure and ended up being more the straight man," said Culotta. What animators initially pictured as a cartoon-like Jackie Gleason became a much more serious, profound character of enormous proportions and keen observations. "He's a good guy; he never really believes these are the gods they pretend to be.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Orchestra: *Conductor Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.*

Orchestra 'pops' for a good time

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Looking for fun, laughs, a good time? Then Nan Washburn wants you to take note of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's approaching Pops Dinner Concert and Auction Friday, April 7 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

If you love a South American beat or music from movies such as "Pocohontas" and "E.T.," the Plymouth Symphony conductor thinks you're gonna love "Spring Fling: Dance & Romance."

A major fund-raiser for the orchestra now in its 54th season, the evening features silent and live auctions of items ranging from a chance to conduct the orchestra to season tickets and an evening at Genitti's dinner theater. A raffle will award a first prize of $1,000 and a second prize of two airline tickets.

"It's a fun, fun event with a great meal and a combination of dance and romance tunes that are favorites, but with a sprinkling of some exotic things," said Washburn. "It's important for the community to support the orchestra and it gives the orchestra a chance to let their hair down a little bit. There'll be auction items that they might get a good deal on and an auction winner who'll get to conduct Sousa."

Program

The evening program includes such popular tunes as Alan Menken's "Color the Wind" and "Carmen Suite No. 1" by Georges Bizet. But count on Washburn to add her own color to the program. Orchestra members have been working hard to learn the difference between a western and eastern glissando for Mao Yuan's "Dance of the Yao People." They'll play the work right after "Summertime Fantasy for Flute and Orchestra," an adaptation of a Gershwin song by Ronald Foster. PSO principal flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash

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BALLET

Dancers sparkle in enchanting 'Swan Lake'

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Eric Johnston is enchanted with Tchaikovsky's classic ballet, "Swan Lake" because it has all the elements of a good love story – a prince falls in love with a girl he hopes to save from spending the rest of her life as a swan.

Johnston, a Farmington Hills resident, dances the role of Prince Siegfried in addition to directing the production by Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet Sunday, April 9 at the William M. Costick Activities Center. The timeless tale, which debuted in St. Petersburg in 1895, features Sally Wood as Odette, the White Swan.

"Swan Lake"

What: Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's classic tale.
When: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9
Where: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Tickets: $8, and $5, call (248) 473-9570

"It's a compilation of the four-hour 'Swan Lake' with highlights of the story," said Johnston. "They talk about fundamentals of human relationships apart from human love."

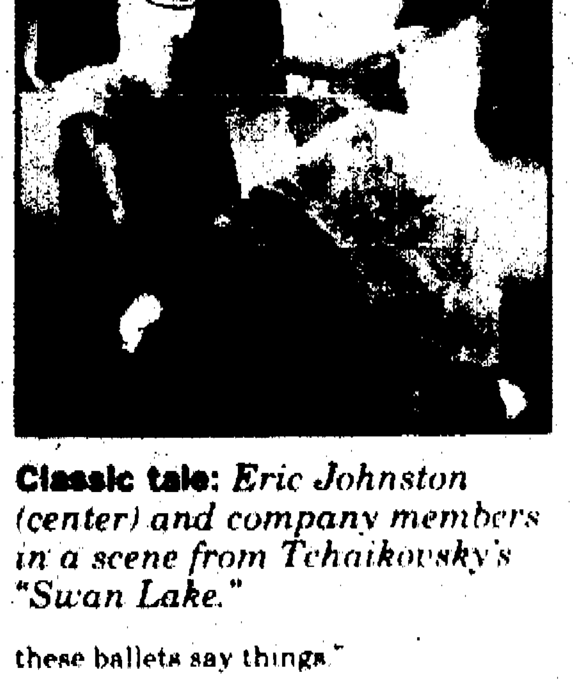
History

This is the eighth "Swan Lake" Johnston's directed although he's danced in the ballet many times. A dance student from age 4, Johnston knew he wanted to eventually join a traditional ballet company. In his early teens, he learned the basics from George Zorich, a former principal dancer with Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio owned by his mother in Farmington Hills. He went on to train at the American Ballet Theater School, the Harkness Ballet and University of Cincinnati where he earned a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Johnston has been a member of the Cincinnati Ballet Company and London Ballet Theater, London England. He returned to Detroit in 1985 to teach at the school his mother, Betty began 50 years ago. Johnston also teaches at the Birmingham Dance Academy. He founded Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet 13 years ago as a bridge for dancers hoping to one day perform with a professional company.

Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents four productions a year including "The Nutcracker," and children's ballets such as "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

"Ballet goes in and out of popularity depending on if there's a Baryshnikov or a Margot Fonteyn in the spotlight," said Johnston who received the Farmington Area Arts Commission's Artist-in-Residence award in 1993. "If I don't do it, nobody will. We're losing the tradition of a ballet company. I'm an artist. If I don't speak, ballet will be lost and these ballets say things."



Classic tale: *Eric Johnston (center) and company members in a scene from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake."*

Passion

It's apparent Johnston, who's 44, still has a passion for dancing. He's frequently a principal in the company's productions.

"Dance isn't like a painting," said Johnston. "Dance will never happen again. There's something beautiful when they're dancing honestly — you'll see right into their hearts."

Caroline Coleman appreciates Johnston's commitment to ballet. The Farmington Hills resident danced her first "Swan Lake" at age 7 as one of the pages. Now 14, Coleman dances in the Swan Corps who accompany the White Swan, and as one of the princesses hoping to marry the prince. A dancer since age 4, Coleman is performing in her fourth "Swan Lake." She's currently understudying the role of the White Swan. She also takes part in the lecture/demonstrations Johnston presents to students in Detroit and Pontiac schools as part of the Omni Arts in Education program. He's made 400 appearances so far.

"That's what I like about Eric's productions," said Coleman, an East Middle School student. "He'll create roles and when you're not in it, you're an understudy. And I like to go to schools to present it. A lot of the kids haven't seen dance before."

Music

As a musician, Coleman has played Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" music before. Her flute and piano playing help her evaluate the score before it comes time to put on her dancing shoes.

"It's been a lot of rehearsal and blocking and coordinating the dancers," Coleman said. "Knowing the music, you can appreciate what you're dancing to. Sometimes it's frustrating but you [illegible] to see if you can kick your leg [illegible] turn an extra time. Then [illegible] it's a really great feeling."

'Cactus Flower' delivers laughs

Schoolcraft College's Theatre Department presents "Cactus Flower" through Saturday, April 8. Show is sold out, but you can be placed on a waiting list for available tickets, call (734) 462-4596

BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

Beginning with a lie isn't the way to begin a relationship. Unless, of course, the object is a screwball, comic farce. Which is just what the Schoolcraft College production of "Cactus Flower" delivers. Playwright and librettist, Abe Burrows, ("Guys and Dolls," "Can-Can," "How to Succeed in Business") and famed "play doctor" used his fertile bag of theatrical tricks to fill "Cactus Flower" with funny lines and situations. Brian Taylor (Dr. Julian Winston) turns in his usual solid performance as a swinging bachelor dentist with a Park Avenue clientele. His little black book would rival Hugh Hefner's. He's adept at covering one lie with another, then saying, "thank God I still have something left, my integrity." Jerri Doll, is stunningly funny as his ditzy, main squeeze (Toni Simmons) with her New Yorker accent. She likes honest men, and is attracted to Julian, because he admits he is married with three kids when they meet. That, of course, is an artful dodge, to juggle his many girlfriends. When Julian breaks a date, Toni fails in a suicide attempt (It's their first anniversary). In a panic to prove his love, Julian promises to divorce his wife. The fun begins when Toni demands to see the wife and kids to soothe her guilty conscience for breaking up a home.

Brenda Lane is splendid as the dentist's spinsterly nurse (Stephanie) and substitute wife, who blossoms after the boss pays attention to her. Christopher Curd (Igor) is very good as Toni's neighbor who saves her from suicide, and ultimately wins her love. Timothy McKernan (Harvey) gives a nice performance as Julian's buddy who assists in the elaborate plans to deceive Toni. The most definitive character of the evening is created by Benjamin Karl as (Senor Arturo Sanchez) a would-be Latin lover. Colleen Greenwell has the look of a Park Avenue lady of means in several elegant costumes. John Abair, Jr., Ryan-Iver Klann, Tiffany Byars and Trish Kero round out the cast in fine fashion.

Scenic designer, Katy Monthei's, settings enhanced the show. Thanks to director, James Hartman's fast scene changes with lively music, the 15 scene changes never slowed the fast-paced show.

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He's sort of the smartest character in the film."

The smartest character and the one which most closely reflects the logic of the audience is unraveling the story.

A shining example

Culotta said it takes patience, craftsmanship, acting ability and an observant eye to become an animator. It can take as long as four years to complete one animated film — from the spark of the idea to the time it hits theaters. Animators don't begin working until a story is roughly worked out and production has begun.

Culotta finally saw the completed version of the film about two weeks ago and enjoyed it. "It's interesting," he said. "When you work on a film, usually you can see only the faults." Once the story, animation and background music come together, what seemed to be lacking works out in the end.

The film features music by the Oscar-winning team of "The Lion King," Elton John, Tim Rice and composer Hans Zimmer, who collaborated with John Powell on the score.

Though "The Road to El Dorado" opens in metro Detroit movie theaters Friday, March 31, Culotta is already working on his next project with Dreamworks. What began with one sleeping beauty has led down a long road for the animator, a road that seems to be paved in gold.

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solos on the "Fantasy" based on "Summertime."

"In China, 'Dance of the Yao People' is as popular as Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue' is here," said Washburn. "We're also doing 'Los Volodores' by Alice Gomez. I'm a big fan of her work and with the Gomez we get to feature our own percussion section. There's Latin percussion happening and a little Native American sound in this piece."

Even though Washburn's working hard to present a fascinating, multi-cultural program for the dinner/auction, she's also busy working out details for next season.

Washburn, who's in her first season with the orchestra, is excited about the music the Plymouth Symphony will perform in 2000-2001. This fall, look for more composers to talk about their work before concerts in which their compositions are presented.

Which brings Washburn back to the topic of money. The dinner/auction is vital if the orchestra is to raise the $220,000 operating budget needed to deliver the new programs. In addition to revenue from ticket sales and donations from individuals and corporations, fund-raisers like the dinner/auction help bring music into the community. So instead of spending another boring Saturday night at home, get out and have some fun. Enjoy yourself and support the orchestra all at the same time. The Plymouth Symphony League already has. The fund-raising arm of the orchestra recently presented Washburn with a check for the $25,000 they raised by holding card parties and a Holiday Home Walk.

"This year we had big successes with jazz and our March 18 concert featuring accordionist Peter Soave was sold out," said Washburn. "Certain pieces people love to hear. We brought in a composer into town and the audience loved hearing her talk about what went into the piece. We're also building the orchestra so we get better and better. We're working with repertoire to expand the orchestra's skill. Doing the Duke Ellington was a stretch but went over well with the audience. We're excited about the new season."

'Spring Fling: Dance & Romance'

What: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction to raise funds for the orchestra.
When: 6 p.m. Friday, April 7
Where: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
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Ms. Norman will be the guest of honor at an afterglow fundraising reception and dinner at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to benefit the museum.
Tickets for the afterglow reception and dinner are $150 and $250.
For dinner reservations or additional afterglow information, call the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History at (313) 494-5854.

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Theater Company makes a play for new works

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If there's such a thing as a theatrical saint, Jan Radcliff might be it.

"She's put her heart, mind and soul into this venture," said Livonia playwright David MacGregor. "She's interested in the creative process."

Radcliff, a Birmingham resident, is one of the founders of Heartlande Theatre Company, producers of the fourth annual Play by Play 12-hour marathon, on Saturday, April 1 at Roeper School in Birmingham.

MacGregor's comedic play, "Revelation," will be among the 22 original works, ranging from 6 to 15 minutes. The plays will be presented twice between noon and midnight, an average of three to four plays each hour.

"We provide a venue to showcase new plays," said Radcliff. "We keep discovering new people."

Play by Play is Heartlande Theatre Company's only fundraiser. The event features the combined work of more than 100 writers, actors, directors and theater artists.

Among those expected to attend are people from the Screen Actor's Guild, artistic directors of local and regional theater companies, theater buffs, and of course, relatives of those people performing on stage.

"It does expose actors who regularly work at the Detroit Repertory Theatre and other venues to new audiences," said Radcliff. "We asked them to list where they're performing next in their biography."

Heartlande Theatre's focus is on developing and nurturing the artistic theater company. "We're not defining content," explained Radcliff. "We're interested in the process of writing plays."

But something happened over the last four years. They found that audiences "were blown away by the level of talent," said Radcliff. "I'm blown away by the talent and quality of the scripts we receive. We got 120 short scripts from all over Michigan and the world, the 22 we selected are really quite remarkable."

Play by Play has also become a place where people in the theater community network with one another.

Play by Play

What: Features 22 new works by local and regional authors. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.
When: noon to midnight Saturday, April 1. Seventh inning stretch 6:30-7 p.m.
Where: Roeper School, Adams Road campus, between Maple and Big Beaver Roads, (three blocks north of Maple on west side of Adams Road), Birmingham.
Cost: All day admission $20, hour-by-hour tickets $5. Tickets sold at the door on day of marathon, first come, first served. Cash or check only. Call (248) 988-1094, Ext. 1 or (248) 433-1233 for more information. Proceeds support Heartlande Theatre Company's writing programs and productions.

"They're so involved in plays that they don't get to see other people's work," said Radcliff. "This gives them an opportunity to watch and support that work. It creates a sense of community."

Radcliff will present "A Big Girl Now," a drama about a woman who has put her father into a private-care residence, and how she feels about leaving him.

Actor Mary Rychlewski will perform in Radcliff's play.

"It's beautifully written, honest," said Rychlewski, who cofounded Heartlande with Radcliff. "It's about her own guilt for not being there when her father was well. Now it's up to her to make him comfortable, and how she feels about having to leave him."

MacGregor, who teaches English and a film class at Wayne State University, participates in the marathon because it's just plain fun.

"Writing plays is a long tortuous process," he said. "To get people to look at your play makes it complete."

Playwrights seeing their works on stage is much like the feeling an artist gets when their work is exhibited.

"If you've never been to the theater before, you'll learn how important it is," said Rychlewski. "How it brings up issues, makes you laugh and cry. If I get you into the theater and you like it, you'll come back."

Heartlande Theatre Company works with artists year-round encouraging them to develop new scripts. Two of this year's playwrights participated in Heartlande's Young Playwright's program at Fitzgerald High School in Madison Heights.

If you can't attend the marathon, but want to make a tax deductible donation, send checks to Heartlande Theatre Company, P.O. Box 2014, Birmingham, MI 48012

Retreat

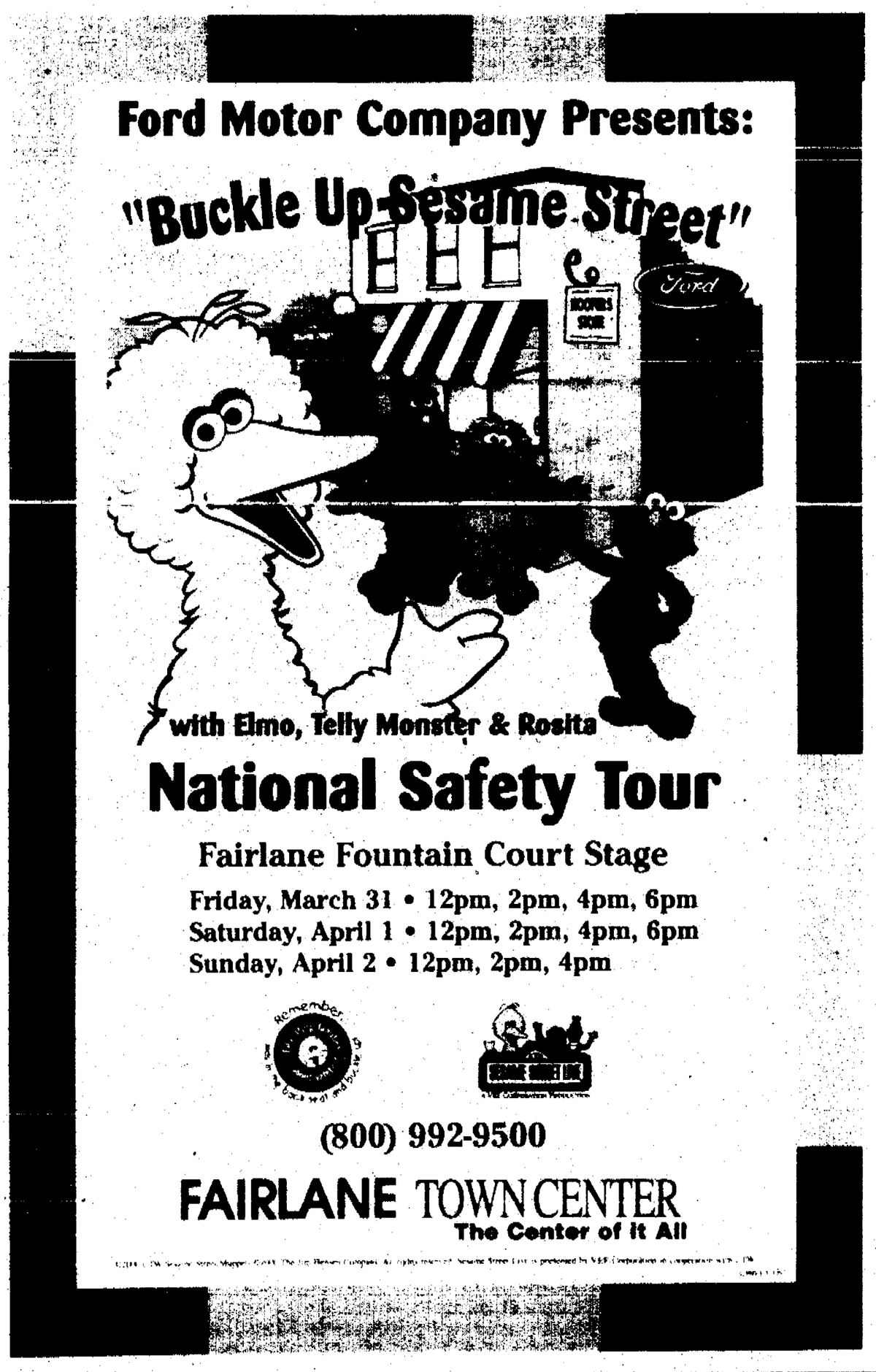
This year the group is presenting a Writer's Retreat for anyone interested in learning about the craft of dramatic writing, Friday-Sunday, May 5-7 at the Skyline Conference Center in Almont, Mich. The cost is $200 per person.

For more information, call (248) 988-1094, Ext. 1 or (248) 433-1233.

WHAT'S COOKING

Check out the new menu at **Panini Cafe & Grill**, 42087 Ford Road, (between Haggerty and Lilley) Canton, (734) 981-7000.

Owner Adib Yassine has introduced more vegetarian items, combos and sandwiches. The Middle Eastern style restaurant offers freshly squeezed juices, a variety of salads, soups, appetizers, sandwiches, and entrees. Panini Cafe & Grill is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday.



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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

Dancing shoes: *Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts presents the energized, gravity-defying spectacle, "Garth Fagan Dance," Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2. Fagan is the Tony Award-winning choreographer of Disney's hit musical "The Lion King." The Wayne State University graduate and his latest revue have earned accolades including the New York Governor's Arts Award. "Garth Fagan Dance" blends jazz, Afro-Caribbean, ballet and modern dance in an exotic way. Tickets $30-$40, call (313) 963-2366 or (248) 645-6666.*

THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. $24.50-$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JET: Arthur Miller's "Broken Glass," March 30-April 2 and April 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. $15-$25. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Chagall's Arabian Nights," a love story inspired by the art of Marc Chagall by Meadow Brook Theatre Playwright-in-Residence Karim Alrawi, matinee and evening shows through Sunday, April 9, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. $19.50-$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: "Cactus Flower," dinner theater performance 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1; theater performance only 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, in the Liberal Arts Theater, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. $19 dinner theater, $8 theater only. (734) 462-4596

U-D MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," March 30-April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday except for April 2, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. $10, $8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE: "S'lichot" by Kim Yaged, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. $14. (734) 764-0450; "Cabaret" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. $18, $14, $7 students. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. $10-$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "Our Town," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FIRST THEATRE GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the theater, Birmingham. $7, $5 students/seniors. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

HEARTLANDE THEATRE COMPANY: "Play by Play Marathon" noon to midnight Saturday, April 1 with a 6:30 p.m. reception celebrating the theatrical community during the Seventh Inning Stretch, at the Roeper School, Birmingham. $5 for one hour, $20 all-day admission, all tickets sold at door. (248) 988-1094

PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH ROSEDALE PARK: "The Wizard of Oz" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at the North Rosedale Community House, Detroit. $15/$13. (313) 835-1103

ROSEDALE PLAYERS: "Oklahoma!" March 30-31 and April 1. Friday-Saturday shows 8 p.m., 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Troy. (248) 689-7049

STAGECRAFTERS: "Barefoot in the Park," continues to Sunday, April 9, signed performance for deaf Thursday, April 6, at the Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. $12-$14. (248) 541-6430 or for TTY assistance (248) 541-6798

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" opens Friday, April 7 and runs to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. $8-10 Friday-Saturday, $5 Sunday. (734) 464-8302

VILLAGE PLAYERS: "Sherlock Holmes" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the theater, Birmingham. $12. (248) 644-2075

DINNER THEATER

BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets ($25 Thursday and Sunday, and $30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

FOX LAIR DINNER THEATRE: Presents "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a hilarious comedy runs Saturday nights only, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner (show follows), at Fox Hills Golf Club, Plymouth. $29.95. (734) 453-7272

RAMADA HOTEL DINNER THEATRE: "Fools," a comic fable by Neil Simon, on alternate Thursdays, 7 p.m. dinner, show follows, at the theater, Southfield. $25. (248) 544-0283

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS: "Amahl and the Night Visitors," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-March 31, and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Churchill High School, Livonia. $7, $5 students/seniors. (734) 523-8841

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. $7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: Celebrates Puppetry Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: The musical, "The Adventures of Beatrix Potter and her Friends," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. $5, tickets suggested. (734) 416-4278

YOUTHEATRE: "Jekyll and Hyde," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Music Hall, Detroit. $8 advance, $9 at door, $8 Saturday morning Pre-Show Playshop. (313) 963-2366

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place. Ten performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $14.50-$25.50. Includes a notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

BORDER CROSSINGS: A multi-layered arts concert featuring dance, poetry, animation and music, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, in Rackham Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-6885

FRIENDS OF POLISH ART: Celebrate Easter with a traditional "Swienconka" meal and a demonstration of Easter palm weaving 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Polonus Restaurant, Wyandotte. $30 advance reservation by April 9. (248) 549-4527. If you wish to participate in the art of Easter palm weaving bring scissors and some palms for braiding.

EARTH DAY CONFERENCE: Detroit Audubon Society's annual conference begins with 7:30 a.m. bird walk at the Belle Isle Nature Center, followed by 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit. $15 programs/awards, $10 child; $10 program only, $6 child. (248) 545-2929/(313) 928-2950

MOTOR CITY EXTRAVA CON: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Knights of Columbus, Livonia. $2. (248) 426-9059

SPRING HOME & GARDEN SHOW: 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and until 7 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the Novi Expo Center. $4, $3 seniors/children ages 6-12. (248) 852-1018 or www.builders.org

FAMILY EVENTS

AMAZING MARLO MAGIC SHOW: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1 in the Food Court at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

ROYAL HANNEFORD CIRCUS: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. $5-$12, $4 opening night. (248) 645-6666, group sales (248) 371-2055

BENEFITS

RAISE THE ROOF: A 25-hour band playing marathon, begins 5 p.m. Friday, March 31, in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. Free. Proceeds will go to Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Eastern Michigan University Bands. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should call (734) 487-1430

TASTE OF THE NATION PREVIEW: Strolling dinner and preview gala of Share Our Strength's Taste of the Nation (May 7), 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Somerset Collection, Troy. $125, black tie. Proceeds to benefit anti-hunger efforts at Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank, Food Bank of Oakland County, and the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. (248) 557-2510

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Salute to the 2000 Summer Olympics concert, plus a fund-raising dinner to salute the BBSO's 25th anniversary, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. $5 adults, $30 students for concert and dinner; concert only $20 adults, $15 students. (248) 645-2276

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Czech conductor Libor Pesek leads the orchestra in music performances by Czech conductors 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 30-31, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1; Estonian conductor Eri Klas leads the orchestra in "Don Juan" and "Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $19-$50; "Overtures" pre-concert buffet dinner followed by concert Friday, April 7. (313) 576-5111

HARP HEAVEN: "Music for One to Eight Harps" with guest violinist Paul Kantor and flutist Christopher Kantner 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $12, $9 general seating, includes croissants, coffee and juice. (734) 769-2999

SPRING FLING: DANCE & ROMANCE: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Dinner Concert and Auction, 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, Laurel Manor, Livonia. $45, $25 for children through grade 12. Reservations required, call (734) 451-2112

ST. CLAIR TRIO: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY: Moscow Virtuosi and violinist/conductor Vladimir Spivakov 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $26-$40; Czech Philharmonic Orchestra 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $14-$46. (734) 764-2538

POPS/ SWING

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS: Perform at "The New Big Swing Extravaganza," doors open at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Token Lounge, Westland.

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: Frank Sinatra Tribute 7-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March, at Dunlevy'Z River Place, Detroit. (313) 259-0909

THE SPRING SWING: Concert celebrating Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and the Andrews Sisters, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1; and Pops Concert featuring Barry Baker playing the music of Gershwin, Ellington and more on the Barton Theatre Organ, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. $10. (313) 531-4407

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE: Auditions for singers and dancers (men and women ages 18 and up) for annual dinner 6:30-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 29-30, additional talents like acrobatics and juggling an asset, bring one-tempo song, either Broadway-style or operatic, at First United Methodist Church, Royal Oak. (248) 736-0227

DETROIT SYMPHONY SUMMER INSTITUTE: Auditions for the intensive two-week training (July 16-30) for Michigan musicians ages 12-25, Monday-Tuesday-April 3-4, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5164

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Auditions for 9 positions for spring shows (May 8-June 18) and 30 positions for summer shows June 17-Aug. 20, 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 12 and 4-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Andersen Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Is looking for an executive director/general manager to work with the music director and board to provide the vision and plan for the growth of the organization and provide primary leadership in development, fundraising, marketing and promotion activities. For more on the description/requirements or an application, visit the Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org

SOLO CONCERTO COMPETITION: The Bohemians Club (also known as The Musicians Club of Greater Detroit), hosts its competition for orchestral instruments (high school and college students ages 16-22), must submit performance tape by April 1. For application, e-mail CoufLinks@aol.com

SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A $500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the area of the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student project. Call (248) 543-9158

JAZZ

DOUG DEMING & THE BLUE SUIT BAND: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

STEVE LACY-ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main (new address), Ann Arbor. $20 advance. (734) 662-8310

RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $16-$62. (313) 576-5111

DAVID MURRAY/KAHIL EL/ZABAR: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $10-$25. (734) 769-2999

LARRY NOZERO AND FRIENDS: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, at La Bistecca, Plymouth. Reservations suggested. (734) 254-0400

TOM SAUNDERS: The cornetist performs with Jim Wyse, reeds, Dennis Tini, piano, Jerry McKenzie, drums and Dan Jordan, bass, 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, $5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

BUDDY AND JULIE MILLER: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS

ONE FLIGHT UP: Performs as part of Folk Vespers series 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0550

ODETTA: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

CHORAL

ARCHIGLAS: A concert of religious music by the acapella choir from St. Petersburg, Russia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church School & Activities Center, Redford Township. Goodwill donation. (313) 937-2120/(248) 855-3247

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK CHOIR: Perform Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" with Jeffrey Sherman speaking the role of St. Matthew 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the church, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-5210

VANGUARD VOICES: All acapella performance 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26, Guardian Lutheran Church, Dearborn. $10, $7 students seniors. (313) 317-6566

DANCE

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE: "Swan Lake" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Detroit Opera House. $17-$62. (313) 237-SING/(248) 645-6666

CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, open jam for string and other musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m. free, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 665-7704

DANCE GALLERY STUDIO: Discussion/demonstration on dance with guest Moore & More Dancers of Detroit, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the studio Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 747-8885

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with a gala concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, champagne reception for patrons begins 6:30 p.m., at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $16.50 concert, $35 concert and reception for patrons. No charge for afterglow following performance. (313) 963-2366

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: Entrances and Exits: Dances for a New Millenium," 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills. $16. (248) 471-7667

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Chapel Hill Condo Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158

GENDER FREE CONTRA DANCE: 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2 (1:30 p.m. beginners lesson) at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $6, $5 students. (734) 975-2312

HEARING IMPAIRED LISTENERS FAMILY/COMMUNITY DANCE: Hearing impaired and non-hearing impaired children, families and friends welcome 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. $4, $7 family (scholarships available). (734) 741-8998

HIT AND RUN: DANCES FOR A NEW CENTURY: Performed 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31 and April 1 by Oakland University's Dance Company at Varner Recital Hall on campus in Rochester. $10, $8 seniors, $5 studnets. (248) 370-3024

GARTH FAGAN DANCE: Thursday, March 30 to Sunday, April 2 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. $30-$40. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

SWAN LAKE: Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents Tchaikovsky's classic tale 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 9, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. $8, $5. (248) 473-9570

WSU DANCE: An the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies and Congregation Beth Ahm presents a dance workshop 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, April 9, and a dance recital "Revisiting Judaism through the Art of Dance" 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Congregation Beth Ahm, West Bloomfield. (313) 577-2679/(248) 851-6880; also a dance workshop 2 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit, reservations required (313) 577-4273/(313) 577-2679

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Big Daddy Fitz with Tim Costello & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Angel Salazar, also Mark England Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1, Kerry White Wednesday-

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

Saturday, April 5-8, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jeff Rothpan, Thursday-Sunday, March 30-April 2, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Blair Shannon, also Jim Hamm, Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1; Lewis Black, also Ben Konstantin Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. $10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; $17.50 Friday, $19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. Dearborn. $6, $5 seniors, $4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

LIVE MUSIC

BRYAN ADAMS: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, State Theatre, Detroit. $29.50-$39.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Borders Books and Music, Birmingham. All ages. Free. (248) 203-0005; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Athena Women's Music Festival, Amer's, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 761-6000; 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Utica. Free. (810) 726-8555; Saturday, April 15, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. All ages. Free. (734) 662-2770.

PATO BANTON AND REGGAE REVOLUTION: 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $15-$20. (313) 833-9700.

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

BEENIEMAN: With Kirk Davis and Silver Cat. Juggling by Strictly Roots, 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $20 (313) 833-9700.

B SIDE PLAYERS: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Shelter, Detroit. Free. 18 and over.

BIG BARN COMBO: With Gin Joint Jesters, 9 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Stick, Detroit. $7. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

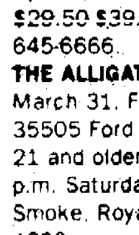
BLINK-182: With Bad Religion, Fenix TX, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $25. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE CATS: Thursday, March 30, Oxford Inn, Novi. (248) 305-5856

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Edison's, Birmingham. Free. (248) 645-2150

JIMMY BUFFETT & THE CORAL REEFER BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $46 pavilion/$23.50 lawn. Includes $1 donation to SFC Foundation. (248) 645-6666.

CAT POWER: With Kristiva, 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $10. (313) 961-MELT



TRACY CHAPMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, State Theatre, Detroit. $27.50-35. All ages. (248) 645-6666

CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

B. COOKE AND PRIME NUMBERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $4. (734) 996-8555.

CUBANISMO: 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $25 advance. (248) 645-6666

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $20-$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100.

DICK DALE: With Dusty 45's, 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Magic Stick, Detroit. $15. (313) 833-9700.

MORRIS DAY AND THE TIME: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $22.93. (248) 645-6666.

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $40-47.50. (248) 433-1515.

THORNETTA DAVIS: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

DEATHGIRL.COM: With Six Clips, The Katies, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $6. (313) 961-MELT.

DEEP SPACE SIX: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

DIRTY THREE: With Shannon Wright, Storm&Stress, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Magic Stick, Detroit. $10. (248) 645-6666.

D.O.C.: With Powerface, MOC and Diegrinder, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, Shelter, Detroit. $6. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

CHRIS DUARTE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: With Zen Tricksters for Hash Bash 2000, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $16.50. (734) 668-8397.

FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $13 advance/$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

FOSSIL CIRCUS: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Bogey's Bar and Grille, Walled Lake. (248) 669-1441.

FU MANCHU: With The Stepkings, 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $10. (248) 645-6666.

CHARLIE GERRINGER: 8 p.m. Friday, April 7, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

GOLDIE AND MC RAGE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Motor, Detroit. $10 advance. 8 and older. (248) 645-6666.

GOV'T MULE: With North Mississippi Allstars, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $15. (248) 645-6666.

GROOVE COLLECTIVE: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $12. (734) 996-8555; 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Magic Stick, Detroit. $12. (313) 833-9700.

GUSTER: With Luna and Josh Rouse, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12. (313) 833-9700.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

STEFON HARRIS: 8, 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 662-8310.

DAVID HOLLAND QUINTET: 9, 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $20. (734) 662-8310.

HOMEGROWN: 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $10. (248) 645-6666.

JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John Hammond and Larry McCray Band, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $25-$75. (734) 668-8397.

HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $8. (248) 645-6666.

IMMUNITY: 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Library Pub, Novi. (248) 349-9110.

IMPACT 7: Friday-Saturday, March 31, April 1, Oxford Inn, Novi. $5. (248) 305-5856.

JIMMIE JACKSON & THE BLUES CONNECTION: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368; 9 p.m. Monday, April 3, Oberon Opening Day Party at Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

JUST FOR FUN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013.

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo).

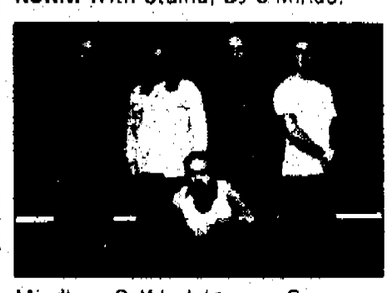
BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $20-$35. (248) 645-6666.

KING KONGA: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

KNEE DEEP SHAG: With Electric Boogaloo, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555.

MICHAEL KNOTT: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. $10, $8 for members. (734) 464-6302.

KORN: With Staind, DJ C-Minus.



Mindless Self Indulgence, 6 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666.

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $35, $25. (248) 645-6666.

KUNUNDRUM: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

STEVE LACY & ROSWELL RUDD QUARTET: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 31-April 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley Street, Ann Arbor. $20 advance.

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND: 10 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300.

SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Lily's Seafood Restaurant and Brewery, Royal Oak. (248) 591-5459.

TONY LEVIN & CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: With Richard Leo Johnson, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $20. (248) 544-3030.

LIQUID SOUL: 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

LTJ BUKEM: Friday, April 7, Motor, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com.

LOCAL H: With Rev, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 7th House, Pontiac. $10. (313) 961-MELT

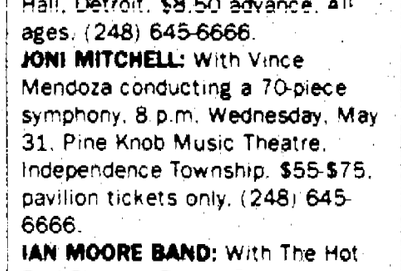
AJ MCLEAN AS JOHNNY NO NAME: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, State Theatre, Detroit. $25. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays, Detroit Science, "The Lab." 18 and older. $10-$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146.

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WEST-SIDERS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 7, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609.

EDWIN MCCAIN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $15. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

PAT MCGEE BAND: 7:30 p.m.



Thursday, April 27, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $10. (248) 645-6666.

MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $12. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With The Outsidaz, 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. $30-$33. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $16.50 advance/$18 day of show. www.ticket master.com or (248) 645-6666.

MILENCOLIN: With Ten Foot Pole, Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $8.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

JONI MITCHELL: With Vince Mendoza conducting a 70-piece symphony, 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. $55-$75, pavilion tickets only. (248) 645-6666.

IAN MOORE BAND: With The Hot Rod Sinners, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $10. (248) 544-3030.

MUSIC MENU JAZZ ORCHESTRA: 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

MXPX: With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

NEBULA: With Zen Guerrilla, The Go, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $8 advance. (248) 544-3030.

NEGATIVLAND: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. $15 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

NINE INCH NAILS: With A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard from Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $29.50-$45. (248) 645-6666.

N'SYNC: No Strings Attached Tour, Tuesday, July 18, Pontiac Silverdome. $49.75. (248) 645-6666.

OASIS: With Travis, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, State Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

OPENING ACT CONTEST FINALS: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. See the hottest local bands. Free admission and parking.

ORCHESTRA MORPHINE: 6 p.m. Thursday, May 4, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $15-$18. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $20. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON-PIPER: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. $15. (248) 645-6666.

PLATINUM PLAYERS BALL: With Chico DeBarge, Jagged Edge, Joe, Dave Hollister, Methrone and Kevon Edmunds, Friday, April 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $28.50-$37.50. (248) 645-6666.

RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

REVEREND HORTON HEAT: With Hank Williams III, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance/$18 day of show. www.ticket master.com

REVEREND RIGHT TIME & THE 1ST COUSINS OF FUNK: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

STAN RIDGEWAY: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $12. (248) 544-3030.

RIOT IN PROGRESS: With Arising Poochi, Perpetual Hype Engine, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Wired Frog, Detroit. $6. All ages. (810) 498-9500.

ROLLINS BAND: 6 p.m. Friday, March 31, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $12 advance/$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

TOM RUSSELL: Friday, April 7, Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills.

JOHN SCOFIELD BAND AND DEREK TRUCKS BAND: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $18-$22. (313) 961-MELT.

SENSEFIELD: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $8. (248) 645-6666.

SEVENDUST: Thursday, April 6, Harpo's, Detroit. $18.50. (248) 645-6666.

SLEATER-KINNEY: With Gossip and The Bangs, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13, The Majestic, Detroit. $10. (248) 645-6666.

SMASHING PUMPKINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $29.50. All ages; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Michigan State Fairgrounds. $29.50. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SMOKE STACK: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622.

SMOKIN' JOE KUBEK: Saturday, April 8, Sisko's, Taylor.

SNAPCASE: With Grade, Ensign, and Turmoil, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $10. (248) 645-6666.

SOOT: CD Release, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Shelter, Detroit. $7. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theater, Independence Township. $25 lawn/$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

STATIC X: With Pitchshifter and Reveille, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. $15. (313) 961-MELT.

STEREOPHONICS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $10-$13. (248) 645-6666.

THE STILL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

ANGIE STONE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 21 and older. $20-$23. (248) 645-6666.

STRING CHEESE INCIDENT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $17-$20. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or (303) 544-5875.

SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antiflag, Pilfers, Bumper Ugliez, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. $10. All ages. (248) 645-6666.

SUN MESSENGERS: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.

JOHNNIE TAYLOR AND MILLIE JACKSON: With Marvin Sease and Willie Clayton, 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $27.50-35. (248) 433-1515.

THE TEMPTATIONS: With Ashford and Simpson, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $40-$47.50. (248) 645-6666.

THE THE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $22-$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

THOM: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. (734) 427-0622.

TINA TURNER: With Usher, Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. $85.25, $55.25, $35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.

TRAIN: With Stir, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance. (248) 645-6666.

TWISTIN TARANTULAS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 8, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922.

U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $8. (313) 961-MELT.

RANDY VOLIN & SONIC BLUES: Friday, March 31, Rochester Mills Beer Company, Rochester. (248) 650-5080.

ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Motor, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666.

MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. $15. (248) 645-6666.

WRIST-ROCKET AND SLO-POKE: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067.

TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester. $15.50-$30. (248) 645-6666.

ZEKE: With The Hookers, The Bulemics, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 6, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477.

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278

CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

CONOR O'NEILL'S: 318 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover $10 for 21 and over. Cover $15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitscience.com

EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

ELIE'S: 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www. golddollar.com

GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6606

JD'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337.

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motordetroit.com

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or www.961melt.com

TIN HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

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Hearty laughs keep 'Mona' from 'Drowning' in absurd comedy

Comedy: *Bette Midler stars as Mona Dearly (left), Danny DeVito as Chief Rash, and Casey Affleck as Bobby Calzone in "Drowning Mona."*

PETER SOREL/DESTINATION FILMS

BY BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Early in "Drowning Mona," Bette Midler commandeers her son's battered yellow Yugo and barrels down a country road. As she approaches a turn at the top of a cliff, she discovers to her horror that the brakes have been disconnected. She crashes through a fence and flies through the air, landing in the Hudson River and a damp grave.

What's this? The Divine Miss M relegated to a bit part? No, she returns in flashbacks that illustrate that her character, Mona Dearly, is the opposite of divine. She is a superwitch who spreads misery to all around her.

"Drowning Mona" takes place in the New York hamlet of Verplanck, where all the inhabitants seem to have IQ's in the lower double digits. Most of them drive rattletrap Yugos, remnants of a long-ago promotion by the car company.

Only police chief Wyatt Rash (Danny DeVito) seems to be a bit higher on the intelligence scale. He quickly deduces that at least a half-dozen people might have been motivated to disable the yellow Yugo and assure Mona's demise.

The suspects include: Mona's husband Phil (William Fichtner) and son Jeff (Marcus Thomas), who have endured years of her calumny; the trampy diner waitress Rona (Jamie Lee Curtis), who is having a hot affair with Phil and would like to see Mona out of the picture; Jeff's partner in a landscape firm, Bobby Calzone (Casey Affleck), who has been cheated and persecuted by Mona.

Even the chief's daughter, Bobby's fiancee Ellen (Neve Campbell), might have a motive for offing Mona.

Fashioning a murder farce with dull-witted characters in absurd situations requires skill, and writer Peter Steinfeld and director Nick Gomez come through remarkably well. Some dry patches remain, but there are enough hearty laughs to offset them.

The ensemble actors give it their all, and that's as it should be in an absurdist comedy of this sort. Bette Midler has never been nastier, and Jamie Lee Curtis and Neve Campbell play their brainless roles with straight faces. Casey Affleck as the picture of innocence is a real find; he could give Leo a run for his money.

Danny DeVito, whose company coproduced the film, provides some much-needed sanity amid all the nut cases.

The Destination Films release was produced by Al Corley, Bart Rosenblatt and Jonathan Weisgal.

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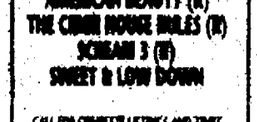

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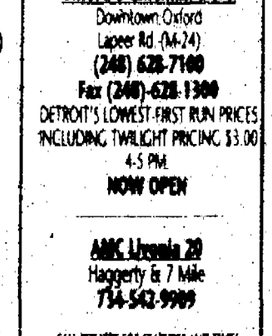

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An adaptation of Nick Hornby's best-seller, the film features John Cusack as a thirty-something owner of a second-hand vinyl shop who's forced to confront his arrested adolescence when his long-time girlfriend leaves him.

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At the State Theatre in Ann Arbor. The single men of a small village in Ireland hatch a scheme to entice American women to the annual village dance. The object matrimony, but the women of the village might have a surprise or two for the men folk. A charming romantic comedy starring Ian Hart, Sean McGinley, and Ruth McCabe.

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'High Fidelity' re-mixes pop music, love

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

In HIFI: *Jack Black, John Cusack and Todd Louiso spin conversation and a range of musical hits on screen.*

If there's one place in the world I feel most at home, it's a record store.

Growing up I was constantly accused of spending too much money on cassettes. I remember rushing from school to the record store to buy a tape the day it came out and knowing the songs word-for-word by lunchtime the next day. There's just something so personal about shopping for music – perusing the alphabetized rows, scanning for that record you always wanted. Shoppers are all in search of a quick pop-music fix.

In any case, record stores fall into roughly two categories these days. You have your polished, ultra-modern houses of music, filled with neat rows of CD bins, flashy lighting and life-size posters. You can bet a well-dressed thirty-something guy will be hovering around the high-tech listening booths, his hands gently cradling the headphones and clicking to whatever track radio stations are offering up for mass consumption. The employees may not be familiar with popular music beyond the likes of Britney Spears.

Then there's the dimly-lit, somewhat dishevelled indie record shop, found on an unassuming street corner. It lives up to its name by carrying actual selections on vinyl and attracts a more diverse crowd of music lovers who won't mind hunting for just the right album. They'll strut in, pull out their wallets-on-a-chain and buy the latest, most obscure recording possible. Call it a subculture strictly defined by musical preference. Its employees are a reflection of those customers, their minds brimming with disposable music facts.

Tune in to "High Fidelity"

While both varieties of record stores are scattered about the metro area, the latter is a focal point and setting for the latest Touchstone Pictures romantic comedy "High Fidelity," directed by Stephen Frears. Set at Championship Vinyl, a struggling independent Chicago record shop, the film's hero, owner Rob Gordon (John Cusack) banters hilariously with his employees: the mild-mannered Dick (Todd Louiso) and obnoxiously opinionated Barry (Jack Black), who's known for harassing customers into buying his picks and bullying others right out of the store. Pop music is an obsession for them – and there's a little Rob, Dick and Barry inside all of us.

Those who religiously consume pop music are particular about what they like and when they like to hear it. This is depicted onscreen when Barry bursts in, takes Dick's CD out and replaces it with "Walking on Sunshine," while gyrating rhythmically about. He upsets everyone else and the tape is ejected.

For me, quality listening time occurs in my car. I adopt a short attention span. Sometimes I want to belt out Fiona Apple songs and pretend I can sing in tune. Sometimes I want to slide in Ben Folds Five and hear my friends yell out the words we know by heart. The rules of the car stereo are simple – you know if you like it by the second note, you don't change the station if someone's singing along and sometimes you just have to keep driving until the song is over.

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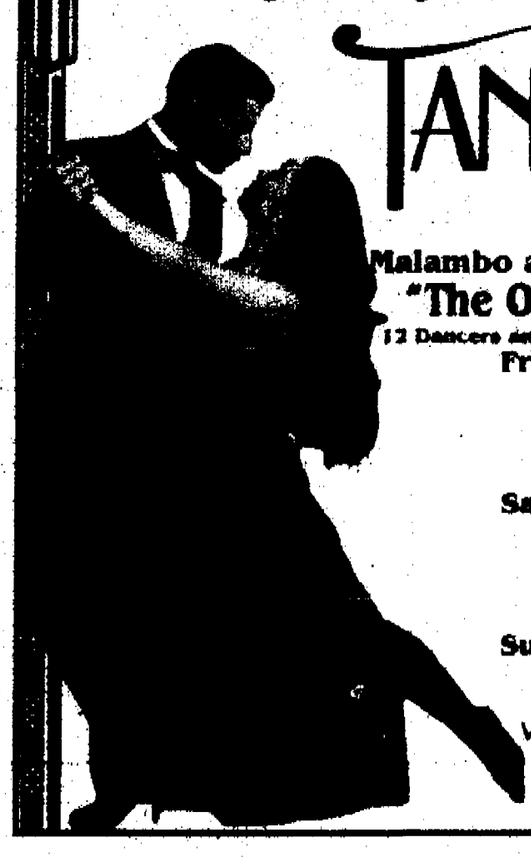

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Rollins Band ready to 'go again'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Since he burst onto stage as the fiery frontman for Black Flag in 1981, Henry Rollins has never truly faded from the public eye. He just shifted focus. Musical performances metamorphosed into powerful spoken-word acts, writing books and even making the occasional movie appearance. At the onset of 2000, Rollins is back where he truly belongs – onstage with his band.

After fans were left craving new music for two years, Rollins Band finally offers up "Get Some Go Again," a raunchy rock album that features all-new bandmates: guitarist Jim Wilson, bassist Marcus Blake and drummer Jason Mackenroth. Alone, the trio is known as the Los Angeles-based Mother Superior. A fan himself, Rollins produced Mother Superior in the studio and later asked them to contribute to his latest effort.

The union proved to be a new beginning for Rollins. Pounding out a hard and fast 24 songs by spring 1999, the revamped Rollins Band didn't hesitate to test out new material in a live setting. "We went out with this band no one had seen," said Rollins in his unmistakable and quite commanding voice. "People were great. It was very encouraging."

■ 'It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll. It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well.'

Henry Rollins
Rollins Band

The musical spirit Rollins shares with his new bandmates was an essential ingredient in continuing his music career. "If you can build up a real interest and confident rapport, you can just put it out there and thrive," he said. "I'm having a good time."

"Get Some Go Again," the first album Rollins ever produced for himself, is a testament to how this reconfigured foursome thrives. "I had a very definite sound in mind, very low-fi. A spare, clean, powerful thing. I think too much stuff obscures the music. I think a lot of bands dull the music as a textural backdrop."

The album is many things, and dull is not one of them. He had such a definite idea of what he wanted to accomplish. Not only did Rollins choose to work with a new band, he incorporated the help of a few friends – make that a few very notable friends.

"I've known Scott Gorham (Thin Lizzy) kind of since summer of '96," said Rollins. "I did a show with him in Dublin. He asked me to come over and sing a song with the band. He's a wonderful guy, a cool dude. We became kind of pals. So I sang with him on 'Are You Ready?' It's the one song Thin Lizzy never did a studio version of, and so I got the idea to do it."

"Are You Ready?" is the only cover song that appears on "Get Some Go Again," and Rollins thought for a moment it wouldn't happen. Gorham turned down many offers to perform on covers of Thin Lizzy material by other bands, but he agreed to do it for Rollins. Rollins sent him a tape; Gorham laid down the guitar tracks and sent it back.

"It's a very distinctive song," said Rollins. "You can pick him out of a windstorm. It's obviously huge for us. It's such a thrill."

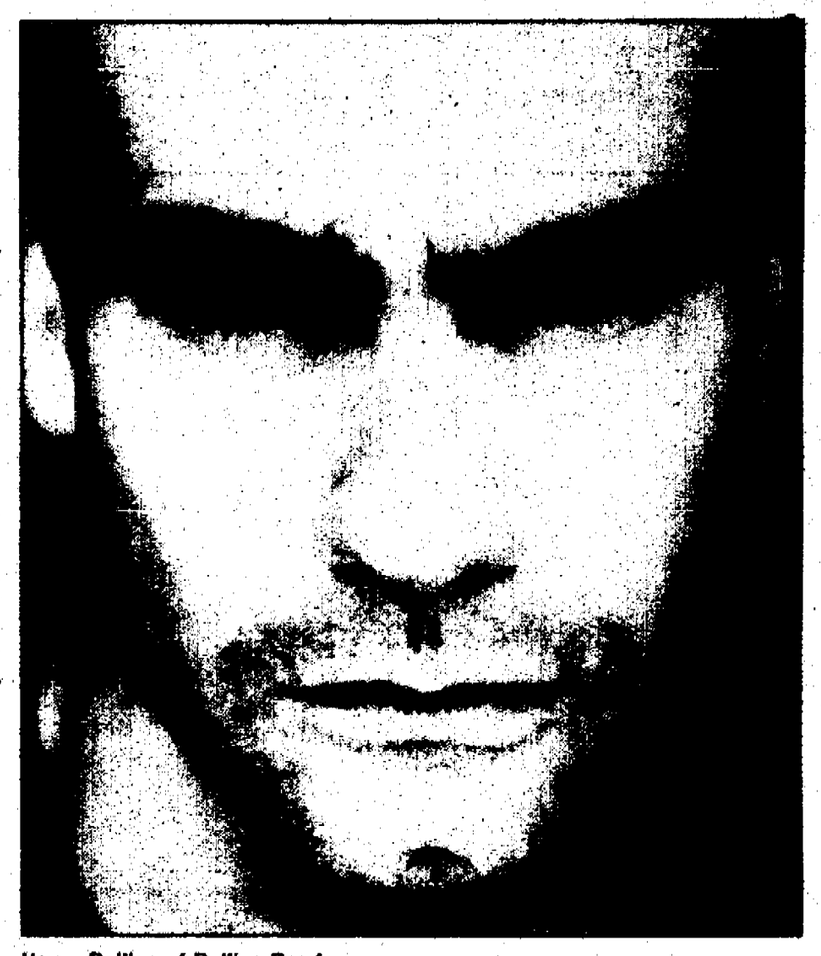
When it came to songs like "L.A. Money Train" and "Hotter and Hotter," Rollins found more inspiration, this time a bit closer to home. The MC5's Wayne Kramer is his neighbor. "He's always ready to play," said Rollins. "He's rock 'n' roll, ready to go."

In one day and one take of live improvisation "L.A. Money Train" made it to CD. Keeping the furiously fast spirit alive, Kramer and Rollins wrote "Hotter and Hotter" in 10 minutes. "It isn't rocket science, it's rock 'n' roll," said Rollins. "It isn't hard to play. It's hard to play well."

He has a theory about performing rock music: "When you're in a band, basically, you're in a cover band but you wrote the songs. It's like sex and food, but it's fun."

He's just as passionate about spoken-word performances, which give him even more freedom to speak his mind. "To perform music, you really have to find it in yourself every night. That's where the real thing comes in. How much you are in love with that music, that's where it really is. With talking, I got nothing but latitude."

The intense "L.A. Money Train" may be the closest to Rollins' spoken-word performances that listeners will get on this album, but he hasn't come close to giving it up. "It's not like a shtick, not like comedy. I go out with a basic foundation of points I want to make ... I let the inspiration of everything take over and jam on some idea."



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Fidelity *from page E6*

When Cusack's character says: "What really matters is what you like, not what you are like," it makes some sense. We're drawn to people we have things in common with, and music serves as the perfect common ground. Pop music is a passionate medium. Who hasn't wanted to be the subject of a song? In "High Fidelity," Rob admits: "I want to live with a musician. She'll write songs at home and maybe include one of our jokes in the liner notes."

Who hasn't thought this way while reading the inside cover of a CD and giggling over the nicknames and inside jokes? It's an extension of that record store culture we've all experienced and it sounds good to me.

"High Fidelity" opens in metro Detroit theaters Friday, March 31.

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Well, it looks like another first for **Lori Amey** – the first **Athena Women's Music Festival**, that is. The local folk-pop goddess will headline the show 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Amer's in Ann Arbor. She'll be joined by singer-songwriter **Pamela West**, folk vocalist **Shell, Amber Leona Jackson, Laurel Federbush** and **Jenny Boyer**. Sounds like some beautiful music. Call (734) 327-2041.

On the louder end of the rock spectrum, there's something supernatural on the horizon. When it comes to science fiction and industrial metal, one word comes to mind, **Forge**. The Detroit band is gaining notice in magazines like "Sci Fi" and online sites like "Science Fiction Weekly," because of its second release "**Trials**," on **Static Records**. Now the band's blasting off on tour. Look for them at a club near you.

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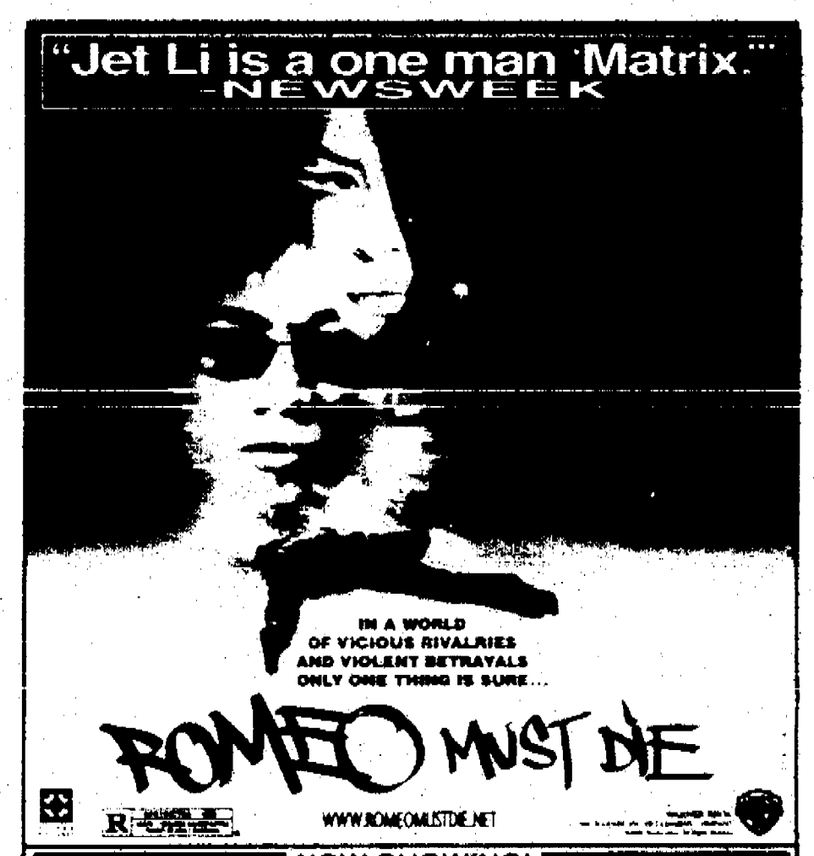

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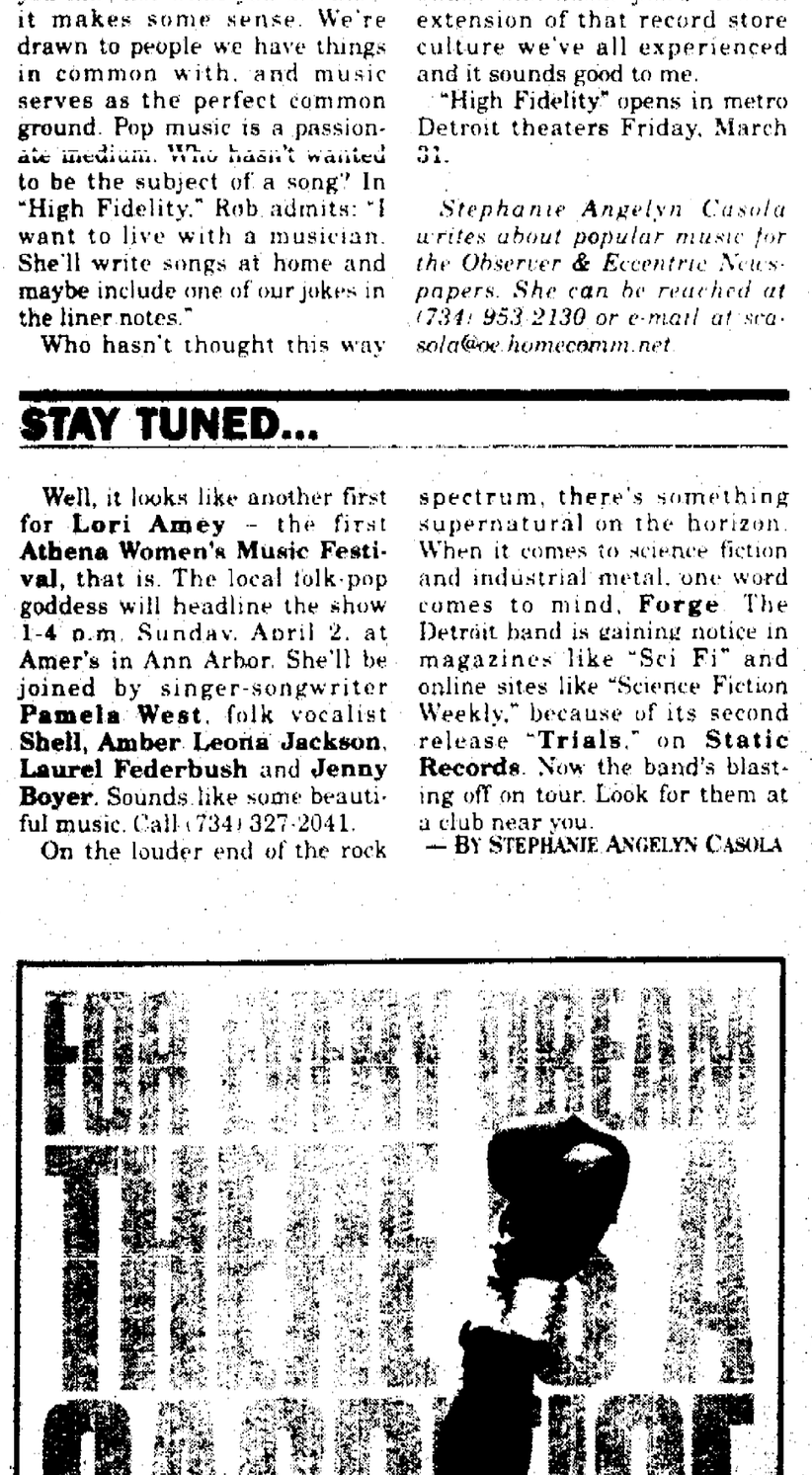

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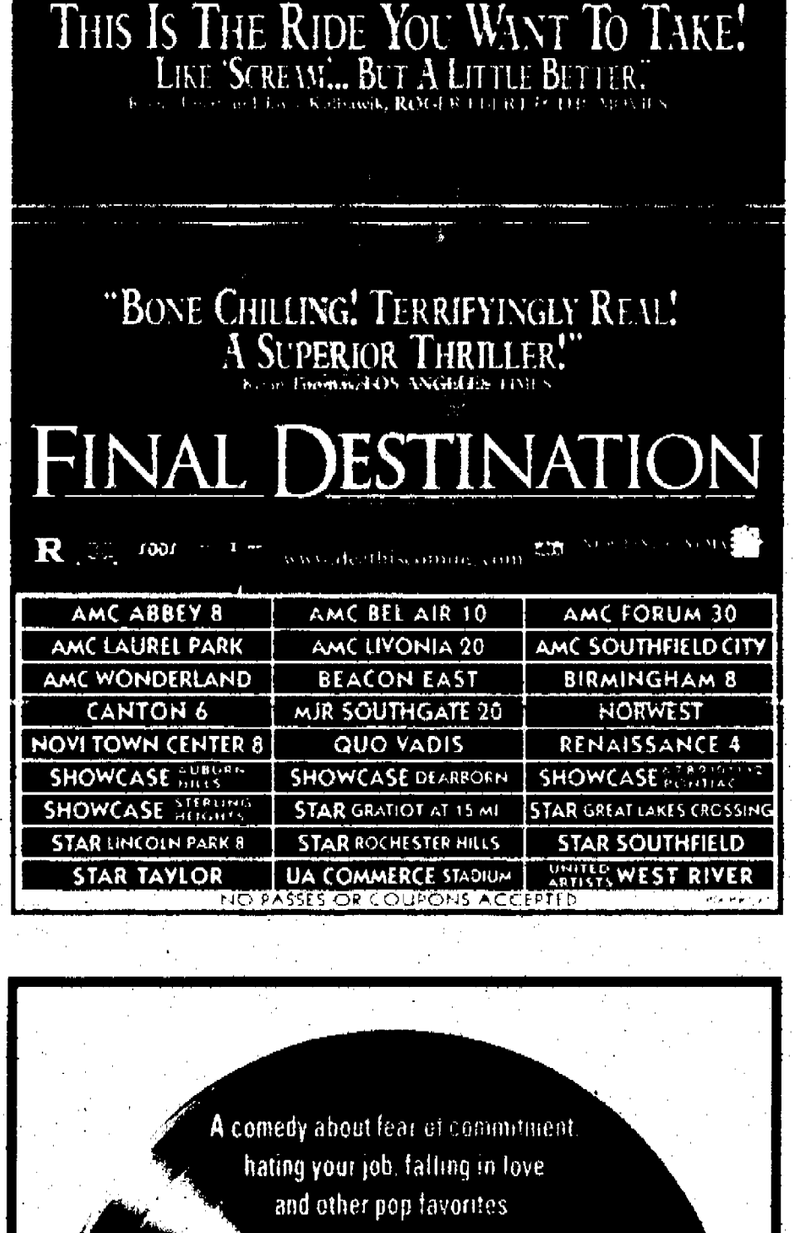

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Sweet Lorraine's takes on stunning new look

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Sweet Lorraine's Café in Southfield completed a face-lift this month.

Passersby are doing more than gazing. They're saying, "Wow" to this inviting exterior beckoning them inside to try the innovative cuisine of Lorraine Platman, a staple since the doors first opened in 1984.

Platman and her business partner, husband Gary Sussman, are sole owners of the mini empire that began with her first specialty, desserts, and the opening of the Madison Heights Sweet Lorraine's Deli & Café in 1982.

The dessert concept provided the name Sweet Lorraine's. An Ann Arbor location was opened in 1993 and the new century anticipates a mid-April opening of a breakfast, lunch and dinner café in the Livonia Marriott.

Southfield's Sweet Lorraine's ultra-modern new look is the creation of Edward Shinn of Identity & Architectural Services "ID&AS" in Redford.

Window artwork is an ode to the deep bond between Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso, giants of the modern art movement. Each paid homage of sorts to the other.

One did "The Dance" and "Seated Woman," then the other translated it into his own. This duel plays out on the front and side of both corners. The eclectic details echo the feel and taste inside the café.

That feel, although now eight years old and scheduled for a minor makeover later this year, is upbeat and urban chic in Mediterranean yellow with dashes of deep blue and green, warmed by clothless wooden tables and colorful tableware.

French-style posters serve as stylish wall art. Planned interior remodeling will add a cozy bar and lounge area to this already comfortable bi-level eatery.

The self-trained Platman maintains she honed her skills "in an apartment at Six Mile and Woodward." She credits her art background and management of an art gallery as aiding her in viewing food as an art expression.

A diner easily picks up on contemporary approaches and twists on classics.

Meatloaf has no meat. It's soy protein served with sundried tomato sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and broccoli.

Caesar Salad made without eggs is topped with crispy fried clams. Flavors and texture are extraordinary.

Lunch and dinner menus have common threads, but as might be expected, there's an expanded offering of deli-style sandwiches and burgers at lunch, along with a broad variety of lunch-size salads among the main courses.

Brie Portabello Melt is one sandwich that is also a dinnertime favorite.

At dinner, most popular "Starters" are Classic Quesadilla, a cilantro-chili tortilla, Monterey Jack and queso cheeses with sides of tomato-corn salsa, guacamole and sour cream. Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza topped with caramelized onions is a close second.

Lorraine's Special Salad with gorgonzola cheese, fresh pears, hazelnuts and dried cranberries is the top "Side." Pecan Chicken, Maple-Cured Atlantic Salmon and French Onion Steak Tenderloin are atop the list of favorite main courses.

Leave room for dessert from a presentation tray. Choose either the Apple Brown Betty or Something Wonderful, a warm triple chocolate brownie with Ray's White Russian ice cream and Kahlua Chocolate Sauce.

Sweet Lorraine's new look serves to illustrate the innate vision and spirit of its owners to offer diners flavorful, globally-inspired cuisine.

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Sweet Lorraine's Café

Where: 29101 Greenfield (north of 12 Mile Road) in Southfield
Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday
Menu: World-beat cuisine with emphasis on fresh, seasonal ingredients from local purveyors
Cost: Lunch $6-12; Dinner $7-19
Reservations: Only for parties of six or more. (248) 559-5985
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You should also know: Jazz Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday. The 1999 *Zagat Guide* rated Sweet Lorraine's one of Michigan's Top 10 restaurants, the restaurant also received the *Wine Spectator Award of Excellence*

Other locations
- **Sweet Lorraine's Deli & Café** - 1451 14Mile Road, Madison Heights. Open for lunch only. (248) 585-0627
- **Sweet Lorraine's Café** - 303 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-0700
- **Sweet Lorraine's Café** - Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Scheduled to open in mid-April for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sweet Lorraine's Uncorked

Gary Sussman, business partner and husband of Lorraine Platman, has constructed an interesting wine list. He recommends:
- Wild Mushroom and Chevre Pizza with 1998 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc
- Pecan Chicken with 1997 Chalk Hill Chardonnay
- "French Onion" Steak Tenderloin with 1997 Kathryn Kennedy Lateral (a California red Meritage wine)

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Vintage look: *Marriage and business partners Gary Sussman and Lorraine Platman toast to the new look of Sweet Lorraine's, which underwent recent indoor and outdoor renovations.*

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