

**Bozell Awarded: Sallie Justice, community relations coordinator for St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center, presents a Volunteer Group of the Year award to Michelle Quicho, account executive for Bozell Worldwide Inc. Bozell was honored for giving time and talent to support the center's programs. Thirty-six ad agency volunteers designed new graphics, created brochures and annual reports and are mentors to the children who live at the center.**



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magazine in 1999. Tribute's chef Takashi Wuyanguchi can be found in the "bars d'ouverts tent" on Sunday preparing sushi, steamed dumplings, lamb chops and oval eggs. Mon Jin Lau of Troy will be serving up Thai chicken with peanut sauce and rice noodles. The Lark, also voted "best restaurant of the year" in 1999 will be back by popular demand with everyone's favorite - soft shell crab and compote of crayfish, sun-dried tomatoes and basil with lobster sauce. While guests are eating they'll also enjoy tasting wines from around the world such as Fisher Vineyard's "Coach Insignia" chardonnay, a Chalone Pinot Noir or Veuve Clicquot champagne, just to name a few. When their appetite has been satisfied in the appetizer and entree tents, guests can move down to the "dessert tent" to enjoy creme

**Jazz and Caribbean beats**  
While great food and wine are being served, jazz performer Alexander Zonjic and Friends perform live on stage throughout the day. For those who like to dance and move, Hugh Borden's Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will entertain in the dessert tent with high energy music from the Caribbean.

One of the most unique traditions of the Garden Party is the wine auction on the main stage at about 4 p.m. Rare bottles of fine wine that cannot be found in any

store, such as a 1964 magnum of Chateau Lafite Rothschild, donated by Ford Motor Co., and a 1980 bottle of Opus One, will be auctioned live by celebrity auctioneers including Dick Purtan of Oldies 104.3 WQMC, Huol Perkins of WJBK FOX2, Fred Fisher of the Fisher Wine Vineyards in California and Wine Sommelier Madeline Trifford of the Unique Restaurant Corp. For the first time this year, we also have a silent auction of great gifts including tickets to the last Tigers home game, collectable items, trips and much more.

I'm excited and honored to serve as this year's co-chair of the 12th annual party. I joined the Garden Party committee 11 years ago. I stayed involved because of my love for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center and my strong belief in its work in the community. The committee has worked extremely hard to reach its goal of raising \$300,000 for the center's programs for infants, youth and families in crisis in southeastern Michigan.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, June 6, to experience all that the Garden Party has to offer. What could be a more important way to spend your day than to help a child in your own community overcome the trauma of severe abuse and find a safe and loving family?

For tickets and more information, please call the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center at 626-7527, ext. 3118. Tickets are \$150 per person. Patron and benefactor packages are available. The center is located at Inkster and 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Judy Dunn is 1999 Garden Party co-chair and owner of Decanter Imports of New Hudson.

# Launce from page B1

but you can't compromise your own principles."

**Filling niches**  
Radio has changed over the years, Launce said. "It's gone from broadcasting to narrow casting. It used to be radio stations tried to be everything to everybody, and it was done successfully. But as more and more competition came on line, more radio channels became open and stations had to look for niches to be filled."

WTJR recently acquired not only some of Launce's former WJR associates but also personalities from classic station WQRS. "We are trying to reach people who miss the old 'JR and certainly the old 'QRS.' To that end, classical music is heard from dusk to dawn."

A nagging question remains: Why would WJR let go of the personality whose program was the highest-rated midday show in Michigan, a bold move that some believe irreparably damaged WJR and took with it at least 30 percent of its core audience?

Some speculate executives sought a younger audience and may have felt Launce was delivering too many older listeners. But that excuse doesn't cut it with die-hard Launce fans. Farmington Hills library patron Carlos Carelli describes Launce as "a class A act. He was down to earth, and one thing about him was pronounced - he never over crowded out his guests, not like nowadays, when there's so much sense of me-ism. Launce has something for everyone."

Carroll adds, "He was considerate of others and treated his audience respectfully. What WJR did to Jimmy Launce was unforgivable. All they have had

is a parade of fools since Launce left. I don't listen to WJR anymore; the station absolutely deteriorated at that point. But I'm certainly glad to hear Jimmy's back on a different station. I'll be tuning in."

A year after J.P. McCarthy's death in 1995, Launce was told by station executives "You are the franchise." Then a week later, he was basically told to pack his bags.

It was a move that angered many fans. "I was appalled they would get rid of someone of such high caliber," said Dorothy Synkovic, a Farmington Hills fan. "We listened for years and when Jimmy was on, I felt like he was an old friend. After he left, I switched to 1310."

Mary Foley of Farmington listened to Launce the entire time he was on WJR. "I liked his sense of humor; it was the best," she said. "Certain things he did, like the unusual names segment, were great. Jimmy let you know about things that were happening different times of the year."

She recalls the day he told listeners he was leaving. "I just couldn't believe it. It was confusing. He seemed so sad. I was crying. It was terrible."

Though he denies being a voracious reader, it is immediately apparent that Launce is blessed with an encyclopedic mind and quick wit. His warm conversational tone encourages callers. One finds an easy smile forming while listening to Launce's show.

An avid tennis player - and after a heart attack 11 years ago, Launce and his wife Brigitte are daily speedwalkers. Launce's hobbies include cook-



**Jimmy Launce**  
ing, woodworking, electronics and the computer. He has been an actor and singer and has done television work. Launce has a recording studio in his home, a woody place that has an Up-North feel.

Launce recounts memorable incidents. He remembers a time when daylight savings time was a hot political issue and he opened phone lines to callers, pro and con. Launce laughs, "I remember one woman caller who said 'Jim, I'm absolutely against daylight savings time because it's been so hot and dry, one more hour will kill my lawn!'"

Another time when the weather forecaster didn't predict a significant snowstorm, a manufacturer's rep got snowed in somewhere and, incensed, called the station demanding WJR reimburse his financial losses due to the weatherman's bad call.

Launce is philosophical about recent career changes. He works because he enjoys it.

"This is the nicest part of my life and career right now... and that's a good feeling." He has a second home in Florida, takes vacations with his grandchildren in Michigan and spends a considerable amount of time with charity events. He does not appear bitter.

"The best revenge is to live well. And I am a happy man."

## CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR

The Clarenceville School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the 1999-2000 school year at Clarenceville Middle School, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48162, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 1999. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Administration Building, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48162 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 1999 through Thursday, June 10, 1999.

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MATTHEW BOETTCHER, Secretary Board of Education

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## NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999 FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Regular School Election will be held in the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, Michigan, on Monday, June 14, 1999 for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education, one for a term of four (4) years, expiring June 30, 2003, for which LINDA K. ENBERG has been nominated, and one for a term of one (1) year, expiring June 30, 2000, for which MELODY JASKE and GARY D. SHARP have been nominated.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all duly qualified and registered electors may vote at said election. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, and the voting places for the precincts will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1: Longacre Elementary School 34850 Arundel Street William Grace Elementary School 20040 Shawansee Street East Middle School 25000 Middlebelt Road Warner Middle School (Portable Classroom) 30303 W. Fourteen Mile Road Dunkel Middle School 32800 Five Mile Road Forest Elementary School 34645 Old Timer Road Hillside Elementary School 36300 W. Eleven Mile Road Gilb Elementary School 21105 Old Road
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- Precinct No. 8: Longacre Elementary School 34850 Arundel Street

NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Lewis Schulman Administrative Center, 32800 Shawansee, Farmington, Michigan, during regular business hours on the weekdays beginning Tuesday, May 25, 1999 through Friday, June 11, 1999. The Administrative Center will also be open on Saturday, June 12, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Emergency absentee voter application requests may be made up until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 1999. Applications for absentee ballots will also be mailed to individual qualified electors, upon request made to Judy Steinbehl at 469-3341. This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

LINDA K. ENBERG Secretary Board Approved: April 13, 1999 Publish: May 30 and June 6, 1999

## Discovery Shop says thanks

In celebration of the grand re-opening of the Farmington Discovery Shop, the American Cancer Society wants to thank its donors and customers for continued support.

To show appreciation, a Victorian Tea is scheduled Wednesday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the shop at 23330 Farmington Road. Tea and finger sandwiches will be provided.

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