

Monday's Commentary

Brodhead warms up for bigger and better things

How about that?

Our own guy in Washington, Democrat U.S. Rep. Bill Brodhead, is sitting around swapping tales with the President and some other fellows from the Hill when, before you know it, a juicy tidbit from that conversation hits the national news.

By this time you're all familiar with the Truman-style remark uttered by Jimmy Carter which, if the political winds keep blowing in the same direction, will be the most remembered aspect of the Carter administration.

In short, the President, asked about a possible challenge by Sen. Ted Kennedy for the Democratic nomination, replied, "I'll whip his ass."

Brodhead, unsure that he had heard the President correctly, asked for an instant replay on that remark and the President obliged him.

The important part of all this exchange, for those of us in Brodhead's 17th Congressional District, isn't what Carter said, but why Brodhead ran off to tattle on the President for using salty language.

It's really pretty hard to believe that Brodhead would be surprised that a man in his 50s would use

such language. After all, by the time most of us are 13 or 14 years old, we've mouthed a few obscenities — even Bill Brodhead.

What lies behind this incident is a clue to Brodhead's political future, or at least his plans for future political endeavors.

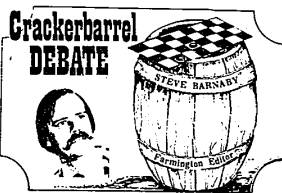
For Bill Brodhead, 1982 is a make-it-or-break-it year. It's very probable that, with congressional redistricting, the 17th will cease to exist. The stronghold inherited from Martha Griffith will be eaten up by the first and 19th districts.

Brodhead would be without a political home.

I'll be the first political analyst to go out on a limb, publicly anyway, and say Bill Brodhead will seek the Michigan gubernatorial seat for 1982.

The revelation of Carter's remark hints at who he will be supporting for the 1980 presidential bid. If you're having a hard time guessing, just remember you don't try to embarrass publicly the candidate you plan on supporting.

Brodhead, although he may be reluctant to say it publicly, would like to see Kennedy win the big one. After all, who better to have campaign for you in



1982 than a President Kennedy.

Brodhead really has nothing to lose and everything to gain by rooting for Kennedy. Carter, even if re-elected, will have little clout in this state. He's a rural southerner.

Kennedy, on the other hand, would have great voter appeal in Michigan, whether as president or senator. He's Roman Catholic, Irish, and a real-live liberal, labor Democrat.

In Michigan all those factors count. You also can't erase the revival of the Kennedy Camelot mystique should Ted get elected.

And don't kid yourself about the contingency plans that either Brodhead or Kennedy are making. Both are looking toward the future.

Reliable rumor-mongers say that Brodhead already is gearing up for the big race. One hint is the reappearance of Brodhead's right-hand man, Rick Wiener. Wiener, who used to work for Brodhead full-time, went off to aid Carl Levin's move from the City-County Building to Capitol Hill as a U.S. senator.

Rick is something of a political genius when it comes to electioneering. He loves the challenge of an election and loves even more the taste of seeing his candidate win.

But, most importantly, his heart is with Bill Brodhead.

So don't be surprised in the coming months if you see a bit more public dissatisfaction with Carter from our Congressman. Also don't be surprised if you see a lot more of Bill Brodhead in general.

How to escape frenzy of June wedding date

June is the perfect month for a wedding. It must be. That's why local newspapers brim with pictures of brides-to-be. They always swell to a crescendo this time of year. So June must be the perfect month. Anyway, most of the couples were married in June and they are still together after 32 years.

On Saturday, June 23, wedding bells will ring in the Gnielwek household. The five Gnielwek brothers and sisters, ranging in age from 20 to 30, aren't exactly making a mad dash to the altar.

This is the first one (age 26 and in the middle of the line-up) to cross over to the "other" side.

I have seen friends, relatives and acquaintances — perfectly sane people under other circumstances — crumble before the "big" event. They have problems with the florist, or the reception plant flop, or they forget to invite someone. They complain, or smoke a lot, or eat too much. But most of all, they wish they would have eloped.

By some odd twist, the Gnielwek — McKenna wedding seems to have escaped that sort of frenzy. So far, at least.

I think it has to do with the primary players — Donna and Jim. The word "laid-back" was invented with them in mind. They arrived at the old homestead a couple of weeks ago tanned and relaxed. On the eastward journey from Phoenix, they detoured to camp a week in Mexico, then visited friends in Iowa. After their wedding in Redford, they'll visit Jim's home state of Massachusetts, then find a place to live in New York.

DONNA NEVER TALKED about getting married the lofty way young girls were supposed to fantasize. Her head was full of dreams, at night. Dreams mostly of leaving Michigan for warmer climes. California was the big dream for awhile. She settled for Arizona.

She was the big sister — three years older. Just enough of an age difference to be authoritative about such matters as clothes, school, careers and boys. She was my role model and one of the most independent-minded people I had ever known. If she was determined to do something, nothing or no one could

stop her. Though she dated frequently, I never saw her cower to any male. She didn't change when she moved to Phoenix a few years ago.

We kept up a steady stream of correspondence. Sometime last year, her letter began to get a little sappy. I consulted my other sister, Sue. She noticed it, too. I cringed. My independent role model was turning into silly putty. She was in love.

Sue and I knew this was it. We weren't surprised when Donna and Jim announced last Christmas they were getting married.

But did the engaged couple fret about plans? Did the mother of the bride get emotional? Not really. You would think they were planning an afternoon tea-party. ("Dinner for 130 guests? Sure, we'll pick up a little something extra at the grocery store.")

If there was one frazzled moment, it was finding proper attire in Detroit for a bridal party scattered from Arizona to Massachusetts. Ever try to explain what a dress looks like long-distance? Or try to rent tuxedos for ushers who won't be coming into town until two



days before the wedding?

But it's all falling into place, somehow. The parents are very happy. It's in their smiles — from the heart. The

brothers and sisters are happy, too. It's in their laughter, recalling nostalgic bits and pieces of interwoven childhoods. Most of all, the couple is happy.

It's in their eyes. They know they have something very special.

June is a great month for a wedding. I'm looking forward to Saturday.

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At Your Leisure

CONCERTS

Cripple Creek Sandwich Theatre presents The Minstrels, with comedy, satire and music, also Los Tres (The 3), at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Common Ground in Birmingham. Admission charge.

Carillon Recital featuring Jacques Lannoy, director of the Carillon School and carillonneur at Douai, France, in two 20-minute concerts, at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

Carillon Concert features World Carillon Federation president Jacques Lannoy in all-French musical program at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. At 5 p.m., Anthony Furnival of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N.Y., presents free organ recital inside Christ Church.

Pine Knob Music Theatre presents Engelbert at 8 p.m. Monday, June 18, Tuesday, June 19; Natalie Cole, with Peaches & Herb, at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 22-23; and Teddy Pendergrass at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, June 24-25, at outdoor theater in Clarkston. Pine Knob Hotline, 647-7750, has information as to availability of pavilion and lawn tickets.

In the Park free summer outdoor concert series in Birmingham's Shain Park continues 1979 season with Michigan Lyric Opera in "Hansel and Gretel" at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 21. Sponsored in part by the Birmingham Musicale. In case of inclement weather, call 645-0730 for indoor location.

location, bring folding chairs or blankets.

Meadow Brook Music Festival opens 16th season with Gala Opening Night at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21. Michael Tilson Thomas conducts Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Ilana Vered, pianist. Thomas conducts symphony on Saturday, June 23, with Florence Quivar, alto, as soloist. Program also includes works of the Kenneth Jewell Chorale and Detroit Lutheran Singers Children's Choir of Christ Church Episcopal, Grosse Pointe. Friday night Jazz Series opens at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, with Lionel Hampton All-Stars, also jazz pianist Marian McPartland. Thomas conducts symphony, on Sunday Pops Series,

at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24. All concerts in Baldwin Pavilion on Oakland University campus near Rochester. For ticket information, call box office at 377-2010.

Dewey's Outside 'Tn Inn Live every Wednesday and Sunday this summer, at Michigan Inn in Southfield. Roy Meriwether, pianist, and his jazz trio perform through June. Outdoor parties 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 3-7 p.m. Sundays. Admission includes two drinks.

Pipers Alley Troy presents jazz pianist Charles Green and his Quartet 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Sunday first anniversary party for quartet, Sunday, June 24; also, Katz, upbeat jazz group, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturdays. Admission charge.

SHOWTIME

The Music Man Broadway musical hit with book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson, story by Willson and Lacey, presented by Will-O-Way Repertory Theater at Will-O-Way Apprentice Theater in Bloomfield Township. Performances continue Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23, at 8:30 p.m. Reservations at 644-4418.

DINNER THEATER

Good Time Revue a musical memory presented by Jimmy Lundy Productions, Inc., at Somerset Dinner Theatre, Troy. Songs from an age of innocence sung and danced by three guys and three gals. Performances Fridays and Saturdays, with buffet by Alfred's Restaurant served at 7:30 p.m., show at 8:45. Reservations at 643-8855.

The Owl and the Pussycat Broadway comedy hit presented by Nancy Gurwin Productions at the Botolph Inn in Farmington Hills. Performances every Sunday with dinner at 6 p.m.; show at 7:30. Marlene De Foor and Dale Feldpausch costar, under direction of Edgar A. Guest III. Reservations at 474-4800.

Play It Again, Sam comedy at Alvaro's in Royal Oak. Doors open at 8:30 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m.; show 8:30 p.m. Ticket information at 649-6903.

TALKING

The Best of Current Writers series con-



Concerts at Meadow Brook

Israeli-born pianist Ilana Vered (right) will be the featured soloist at the opening night concert for Meadow Brook Music Festival's 16th summer season. She will play Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto, with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the direction of American conductor Michael Tilson Thomas on Thursday, June 21. American mezzo-soprano Florence Quivar (left) will be the soloist on Saturday, June 23, when Thomas conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 3. For more about the Meadow Brook series see Concerts listing.

times at the Birmingham Temple, Farmington Hills. The program will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18. The life and work of George Bernard Shaw will be discussed. Free. Call 477-1410 for further information.

Russell Barnes Current Events Lecture at 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 at the second floor Jeanne Lloyd Room, Birmingham Baldwin Public Library. Free payable at the door. Call 647-1700 for information.

Oakland County Child Advocacy and Family Service Project, in conjunction with the county Probate Court and the Junior League of Birmingham, will sponsor a lecture, "Emotional, Social and Sexual Adjustment to Divorce," by Dr. Paul Pearsall. The lecture will be held at 7:15-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at the First United Methodist Church, Birmingham. Free. Call 858-0041 during business hours for further information.

Parapsychology Society International will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Hans Holzer at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at Somerset Inn, Troy. Fee. Call Pat Waple at 757-2380 for further information.

MAIN STREET

Elderhostel program continues at Oakland University's Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training. Elderhostel is a one week residential education program for persons aged 60 and over. The program will be held Monday, June 18-Friday, June 22. Call 377-3033 for information.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auxiliary will hold a festival from noon-10 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, on the hospital grounds in Pontiac. Entertainment, food, a beer garden, antique car rides, a silent auction and while elephant sale.

Meadow Brook Music Festival opens the summer season with a Gershwin concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 24. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform. Reservations are available from the Community House, Birmingham, 644-5832.

Troy Public Library show the oils and watercolors of Veronica Stefanko. The exhibit will continue through Friday, June 22.

Oakland County Library for the Blind and Handicapped will provide books on records and cassettes. Verification of disability required. Call 553-0300 for further information.

ON FILM

Merrie Melodie Theater in Rochester will show "The Great Caruso" on Monday, June 18 and Tuesday, June 19. "The Seven Year Itch" will begin on Wednesday, June 20 and will continue through Tuesday, June 26. Showtimes are 1:30 and 8 p.m. (Monday-Saturday) and 2:30 p.m. (Sunday). "The Great Caruso" and 2:30 p.m. (Sunday) for "The Seven Year Itch."

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Drop In Storytimes at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, Bloomfield Hills, begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 21. The programs are intended for children aged four-eight. Free. Call 642-5800 for further information.

Willy Wonka Coloring Contest at the Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi, will begin on Monday, June 18 and continue through Wednesday, June 27. Call Linda Anderson at 348-9400 for further information.

"Rumpelstiltskin" will be presented by the Actor's Trunk Company at 1 and 3 p.m. on Friday, June 22-Sunday, June 24 at the Oakland Mall, Troy.

"A Toy Store Morning" mime and music concert for children will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 23. The Pastiche Wind Quintet and several mimes will perform. Call the box office at 377-2010 for ticket information.

Kids Around the World summer reading club begins on Monday, June 18, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, Bloomfield Hills.

Children may sign up after that date in the Youth Room. Call 642-5800 for further information.

Go Ape at the Library summer reading club at the Troy Public Library begins Monday, June 18. The program is open to children aged three to 13. Call 689-4900 for further information.

Summer Reading Club for Talking Book Patrons begins at the Avon Township Public Library, Rochester. Call 553-0300 for additional information.

AT THE MALL

Somerset Mall, Troy will continue the Sunday Concert series at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 24. The Chamber Trio will perform in the Center Mall. The Birmingham Society of Women Painters exhibit will continue through Sunday, June 24. Oils, watercolors, acrylics, and prints will be available for sale.

Pontiac Mall, Waterford Township will begin a Summer Automobile Show on Thursday, June 21. The show will continue through Sunday, July 1.

Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights will open an exhibit, "Portrait of America" on Saturday, June 23. The photographic exhibit will continue through Saturday, July 7. A Sports and Outdoor Show will open at Lakeside on Saturday, June 23, and will continue through Wednesday, June 27. Detroit Tigers Mike Wilcox and Dave Rozema will be at the mall at 7-9 p.m. on Monday, June 25.

Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi will hold a Senior Citizen's Coffee at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19. There will be a Hang Gliding Show Wednesday, June 20 through Friday, June 22.

HOTLINES

The What's Line 24-hour recording of Detroit area events, phone 298-6190. OU Hotline 24-hour telephone hotline on all events of the day and evening at Oakland University in Avon Township. Call 377-4650.

For information on area events in Oakland County to be considered for listing, send information to: Ethel Simmons, entertainment editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48012.