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## Land cost halts rec center talks

**One week after a new survey showed residents' support for a new recreation center, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas called for a halt in negotiations to buy land near Ford Road and Central City Parkway.**

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A dejected Mayor Robert Thomas announced abruptly Monday that he has abandoned his dream of building a new recreation center northwest of Ford Road and Central City Parkway.

Thomas called for a halt in negotiations to buy land behind a Kroger-

anchored strip center, citing a huge gap between the asking price and what the city is willing to pay.

"At this point I'd recommend that we just break off negotiations for the property," Thomas told Westland City Council members during a Monday night meeting.

The decision came just one week after a new survey indicated that a majority of Westland residents sup-

ported building a new recreation center. The mayor also wanted to build a new city hall on the proposed site.

"I could almost cry to tell the council that it's time to walk away from negotiations," Thomas said after the meeting. "I'm unhappy."

The sudden turn of events apparently killed plans for building a new, multimillion city complex in a special taxing area - known as a Tax Increment Finance Authority district - north of Ford Road.

"It was the only land site in the district that worked (for new buildings)," Thomas said.

The mayor had proposed using TIFA

dollars to build a new recreation center - estimated to cost about \$15 million - but officials would've had to find other ways to pay for a new city hall.

**Dejected mayor**

Frustrated and glum over his loss, Thomas nonetheless said the city will move ahead with efforts to improve recreation services in this city of some 90,000 residents.

"We will continue to improve our parks and recreation department no matter what," he said.

Alternate options include:

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### A tale of two lives



**Changing classes:** Above, Danielle Hartsell (right) changes classes at John Glenn High School while talking to her friend Jackie Zunich (left). At right, Danielle works on a math problem.

## Top skater balances competition, classes

BY TOM HAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Two separate lives best describes the life of Danielle Hartsell, a senior at Westland John Glenn High School and a world-class pairs figure skater.

Hartsell's first semester of her senior year was very rocky with the pressure of keeping her above B grade-point average and balancing her career as a skater.

**Danielle:** "The first semester was not as smooth as past years," Hartsell said.

The John Glenn senior carries a full course load taking classes such as Accounting 3, College Comp, Humanities, and Algebra 3

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## Local man escapes explosion

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Gerald Gurevich of Westland didn't sleep Monday night.

An employee of the Ford Motor Co.'s Rouge plant in Dearborn, Gurevich, a boilermaker, missed being injured or killed in the Monday afternoon explosion at the plant by a matter of minutes.

He spent Monday night on the phone with friends, co-workers and family, overwhelmed by the magnitude of the blast.

"Gosh almighty, 10 minutes before the explosion my boss asked me to go

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## Pact OK'd on Ravine Street woes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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A delicate compromise has been reached among once-divided neighbors who live near a controversial Westland school bus stop.

Many parents became angry last fall when the city erected no-parking signs to ease traffic congestion along a dirt road, Ravine, just south of Joy Road.

The action followed complaints from corner homeowners Larry and Peggy Sullivan, who said parents driving to the bus stop created unsafe conditions. The couple's property also was damaged by cars crowding along Ravine.

Starting Feb. 11, the city will cover up the signs and give parents an 80-

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## Whirlwinds to skate away with new costumes

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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When members of the Whirlwind Precision Skating team of Westland Sports Arena take to the ice next week in Alabama, it'll be in some of the prettiest costumes anywhere.

Like most outfits worn by 8- to 11-year-olds at the competition, a lot of thought, time and energy will have gone into each. But only the Whirlwinds will have costumes that so many people went to such great lengths to

put together.

Friday's fire at the Canton Crossings Apartments destroyed the team's costumes. All 13 dresses were stored in the townhouse of Dorothy and Eric Johnson, who lost nearly everything in the fire.

Since then, several local businesses have banded together to replace the costumes. Kathie MacLean, who works in Canton, and a small army of volunteers will do the bulk of the work to get the dresses ready when the team heads to Huntsville Tuesday.

"I made the original dresses," said MacLean, a Westland resident. "They can't go without their dresses. It wouldn't be right."

"Whirlwinds" is based in Westland and features two squads. One is comprised of 8- to 11-year-olds and the other of teenagers.

Youngsters from Westland, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington, among other communities, participate in local and regional competitions.

Monarch Cleaners of Canton stepped forward to donate material for

the new costumes. Owner John Rybski simply wanted to help.

"I understand the devastation people go through when they have a crisis like this," he said. "Everybody needs help sometimes."

Rybski, who has been in the cleaning business for nearly two decades, specializes in restoring garments damaged by fire and other disasters.

He, in fact, was able to salvage 19 dresses belonging to the Whirlwinds' older team. The dresses, which were

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## Changes in O&E management team announced

HomeTown Communications Network Inc. President Richard Aginian and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Vice President and General Manager Steve Pope today announced a major reorganization of the O&E management team.

Justin Wilcox, associate publisher of the Troy Eccentric, Rochester Clarion-Eccentric, Oxford Eccentric, Lake Orion Eccentric and Clarkston Eccentric, has been promoted to publisher of these papers, as well as becoming publisher of the Eccentric West Bloomfield-Lakes Edition and the Southfield Eccentric.

Jeanne Towar, HomeTown Communications Net-

work vice president-editorial, will assume the position of Birmingham Eccentric publisher to complement her responsibilities for HomeTown's other Oakland County properties.

"With the recent acquisitions of the Rochester Clarion, Holly Herald and Mirror Newspapers of Royal Oak, Birmingham, Clawson, Berkley and Ferndale, we've grown to over 361,000 circulation in Oakland County to become the dominant print media in that important arena," Aginian said. "We have also reorganized our HomeTown Newspapers subsidiary, bringing the Northville Record, Novi News, Milford Times and South Lyon Herald under the direction of

publisher Grace Perry. Jeanne's appointment will give us the opportunity to market all these award-winning newspapers as a cohesive group."

Jim Jimmerson, O&E production manager and a 31-year veteran of the newspaper business, will serve as interim publisher of the Observer newspapers, which include the Livonia, Farmington, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and Westland Observers. He replaces Banks Dishmon, who recently resigned to accept the position of president of Mid-Michigan Newspapers based in Mount Pleasant.

"I am pleased that we have such outstanding talent

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# Recreation from page A1

Renovating and expanding the existing Bailey Recreation Center and Westland City Hall on Ford Road.

Looking elsewhere in the city for vacant buildings that could be used, although this option would scuttle hopes of keeping the Ford Road-Central City Parkway area as Westland's municipal hub.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli agreed that officials shouldn't give up hope for new city buildings.

"We're not done exploring our options," she said after Monday's meeting.

One option that Thomas said may be unfeasible would be to completely tear down and replace the aging Bailey Recreation Center and City Hall.

The city can't use special TIFA tax dollars for improvements south of Ford Road, meaning that officials could face a dilemma over whether to propose a tax increase, Thomas said.

"I won't do that," he said.

Thomas did note that the city could abolish the TIFA district and start using those tax revenues citywide - a nearly \$1 million annual amount that could bolster a south-of-Ford plan.

Meanwhile, the mayor said he isn't optimistic that new talks can be started for the possible purchase of land near the Ford Road Kroger store.

Jeff Sobel, the chief negotiator with whom the city dealt, didn't return a phone call to comment on whether the city's decision to cease talks might prompt a lower asking price.

## Pact unlikely

Thomas and other officials deemed it unlikely that the two sides could reach an agreement -

even if Sobel and his colleagues sought to resume talks.

"It's not out of the question," Thomas said, "but it's close to being out of the question. I thought we made a good, honest offer on that property."

The mayor declined to publicly reveal the asking price or what the city was willing to pay.

Thomas said the city could've forcibly taken the proposed land by condemning it and gaining title to it. But he said council members - already divided on the site - didn't favor that route due to a potentially ugly court battle.

"That means a jury would decide how much we would pay for the land," the mayor said.

Some council members, such as Glenn Anderson, have said the city should place more emphasis on improving the Bailey Center and city parks rather than focusing entirely on a new recreation complex.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said Tuesday that the latest developments give the city an opportunity to explore options south of Ford Road, including possible new buildings.

"I see this as an opportunity to do things in the area where they should be done," he said.

Abolishing the TIFA district could help pay for south-of-Ford plans, he said.

In other developments Monday, three Westland residents voiced opposition to a new recreation center during the council meeting. They suggested the city hold an election before embarking on any plans.

Resident Anita Gronas said the city should deal with more pressing issues. "Roads being one," she said.



Working on art: Arts and crafts activities, including sand art, were part of the fun at last year's WinterFest event put on by the city of Westland.

# Winter fun Fest offers kids activities

Westland celebrates winter with a Sunday afternoon festival of children's activities this weekend.

This year's WinterFest occurs noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Bailey Recreation Center located behind City Hall in Westland.

The festival dates back to 1995, and started as a three-day festival.

But this year the festival has been cut back to an afternoon of children's activities.

Among this year's attractions are:

- Large, inflatable slides and other play-

things in the Bailey Center gymnasium.

- Max the Moose puppets leading children in a sing-along.
- A yo-yo exhibition.
- Skits performed by Westland All Stars.
- A performance by magician Randy Shaw.
- A show featuring live birds, snakes and other living things.
- An arts and crafts show where kids can create their own keepsakes.
- Food such as pizza and popcorn.



# Explosion from page A1

with him to look at something at the stamping plant in the Rouge complex, Gurevich said.

While at the stamping plant a few minutes later, the supervisor received calls about "something that happened at the power plant," Gurevich said.

As he saw black smoke billowing from the plant, Gurevich tried to return to the scene of the explosion but was not allowed to enter, not even to get his wallet or his Ford F-150 pickup truck. A friend drove him home.

While he's lucky to have missed the blast, his thoughts are still with his co-workers.

"You always worry about your friends and fellow workers," he said. "After 34 years there, these people, they're my friends - they're my family," he said.

As a boilermaker, he would have been "right there" during the blast, he said.

His best friend and partner, Gerald Moore of Garden City, was injured. "No two people could work closer together than him and I," he said.

Moore is listed in critical con-

dition at St. Vincent Hospital's burn unit, in Toledo. He has burns over some 35 percent of his body, on his face, hands and back.

Besides the devastation to his co-workers, probably the biggest thing Gurevich is sorry about is that he wasn't allowed back in to the power plant to help. "You want to do something and they won't let you through," he said.

Gurevich is still having trouble believing the explosion could happen. "It's hard to comprehend that something of this magnitude could happen," he said.

He also doesn't believe that the plant is unsafe. "We are safe. We've been inspected," he said, adding he wants to find out the cause of the blast.

"I don't know about other



Gurevich

places to work, but at Ford they gave us a good, good life," he said.

While the blast left one dead and nearly two dozen injured, at least one Westland man was among those seriously injured in the explosion.

"It is one of our residents that was severely injured this afternoon," Westland City Councilman Glenn Anderson said during a Monday night meeting.

To protect his privacy and that of his family, Anderson didn't divulge the man's name. The man was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital, where his family still hadn't seen him around 10 p.m. Monday.

Anderson publicly offered hope that the man's condition would improve. The man lives in Anderson's neighborhood.

Monday afternoon, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said the city sent help to Dearborn.

"We sent down a fire truck and an ambulance and a couple of (police) squad cars to help with traffic," Thomas said.

The mayor held out hope that Westland's paramedics could help some of the injured.

Thomas said Dearborn Mayor Michael Guido voiced his thanks for the help from Westland.

"I'm sure they'll come and assist us if we ever have a problem like that," the mayor said. "Hopefully we won't."

Staff writers Darrell Clem and Leonard Poger contributed to this report.

# Ravine from page A1

day period to prove they can restore civility to their neighborhood.

Some parents have indicated they will obey rules that preceded the signs, such as not blocking the Sullivans' driveway and parking at least 30 feet away from a corner stop sign.

"I am still naive enough to believe that we can work this out together as a neighborhood," parent Virginia Klein said Monday night in convincing Westland City Council members to approve the compromise.

City officials will remove the signs altogether if neighborhood harmony appears to be restored following an 80-day trial period.

However, the city will make the no-parking rules permanent if problems resurface near the Sullivans' property.

# COMPROMISE

"It seems to me that everyone has compromised on this street, and that's good," council President Sandra Cicirelli said Monday.

"We cannot legislate harmony in the neighborhood," she added later.

Parents have repeatedly said they don't want their children walking along pothole-riddled Ravine, and they prefer to see their youngsters climb safely aboard Livonia school district buses.

On Monday, the council approved the compromise measure in a 5-2 vote, amid opposition from members Justine

Barns and Charles Pickering. Barns voiced support for leaving the signs in place, saying the Sullivans "have a right to have their property protected."

Pickering said the signs should be removed altogether because they are "an unnecessary symbol of conflict between the neighbors."

He suggested that city police officers could simply enforce rules such as no parking within 30 feet of a stop sign.

But the compromise won approval from council members Cicirelli, Glenn Anderson, Charles "Trav" Griffin, Richard LeBlanc and Sharon Scott.

Mayor Robert Thomas also said the neighbors deserve a chance to resolve their own problems.

Ravine residents on both sides of the issue appear hopeful that the compromise will foster better neighborhood relations.

"We as a neighborhood will have to communicate to make this work," Klein said.

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On Tuesday, February 9, 1999, the Westland Police Department will conduct a Public Auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. at Westland Car Care, 6376 Hix Road, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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**Dance steps:** Danielle and choreographer Alan Schramm go through some dance steps for the new long program which Danielle and Steve will perform at Nationals.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



**Sharing a laugh:** Danielle and Jackie Zunich enjoy lunch at school.

## Skater

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**Trig.** During Hartsell's second semester she is taking Accounting 4 and other related business courses. She plans to major in business when she goes on to college.

She says is enjoying her classes this semester and she is looking forward to prom and graduation. But besides school, Hartsell's ultimate goal is skating in the Olympics. The Hartsells, Danielle and her brother Steve, are considered one of the top pair figure skating teams in the country.

Since September the Hartsells and their coaches have made a big push with their skating career. Danielle skates and works out 30 hours a week at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The pair have gone to Austria and Japan this past fall and also competed at Skate America at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Since Skate America in October the brother-and-sister team have made another adjustment, learning a new long program they will skate in the upcoming 1999 State Farm U.S. Championships, Feb. 10 and 12 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Danielle said of all the ups and downs with school and skating, "It is



**Heavy workout:** Danielle works three times a week in physical training.

all worth it; I just stay focused."

Photographer Tom Hawley is documenting the life of Danielle Hartsell through her senior year of high school. The series will be published periodically during her senior year.

## Mayor: Buy may hurt competition

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Westland cable-TV subscribers could potentially lose one of two companies providing local service, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said Monday.

Thomas fears that SBC, a communications company, will unplug Americast cable service if it buys parent company Ameritech.

"I think they'll drop us in a heartbeat," Thomas said Monday.

That could threaten cable competition just as Americast has begun competing with MediaOne, a company that had a longtime stronghold on the Westland market.

To try to combat SBC's plans,

Thomas, City Attorney Angelo Plakas and attorney Patrick Miles went to Washington, D.C., last Friday to testify before a Federal Communications Corp. advisory board.

Thomas said he previously received a letter from SBC stating that the company would look at the monetary benefits to its shareholders as it makes decisions about whether to continue in the cable business.

But the mayor said he believes that SBC has had "every intention of terminating the franchise agreement between Americast and Westland."

In hopes of preserving cable competition, Thomas said he, Plakas and Miles went to the FCC advisory board hearing to argue against any measures that

would hurt local consumers.

Thomas said he made a presentation to show the "human" side of how SBC's plans could hurt Westland.

Thomas is among the Westland residents who have switched from MediaOne to Americast as local cable competition has increased during the last year. The mayor said Americast has now begun offering service in most areas of the city.

Thomas said it would be a shame for consumers to lose Americast after years of pleading with city officials to try to usher in cable competition.

"It almost seems like it couldn't happen," he said.

Thomas said he didn't know when to expect word on an FCC ruling.

## Woman's tip saves pizzeria from fire

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A Westland pizzeria was saved from a potentially devastating fire Sunday night after a woman who drove by the business reported seeing smoke, Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

Neal commended the woman for getting involved and said he hopes that her actions will inspire others to be more aware of possible fires.

The woman reported a potential fire when she saw smoke coming from Great Lakes Pizza on Warren near Venoy at 10:53 p.m. Sunday, Neal said.

"She was driving by and

noticed a small wisp of smoke," he said. "She wasn't sure if it was a fire, but she thought it was important enough that she called 911 when she got home. She just lives around the corner."

Firefighters found that a trash can inside the pizzeria had caught fire, and they suspected it started from a cigarette that wasn't completely put out before employees left for the night, Neal said.

"It wasn't a big fire, but it was about to be," he said. "We put it out. That woman's call saved the business. It doesn't happen that often that someone actually calls early enough to save a building."

Firefighters quickly doused the blaze, and the pizzeria suffered only minor smoke damage but no structural damages, Neal said.

"Fire doubles in size every 19 seconds," he said. "If you could imagine the devastation that would have occurred a short time later, it would have destroyed that business."

Neal hadn't released the woman's name early this week because he hadn't been able to reach her to see if she minded public attention.

However, he said he hopes the woman will be honored by city officials, possibly during a future Westland City Council meeting.

## Boy's honesty turns out to be profitable policy

An honest Westland boy who turned in money he found was rewarded Monday with double the cash.

T.J. Gosselin, 9, found \$50 near Westland City Hall on Dec. 29 and turned it in, prompting Mayor Robert Thomas to issue a public announcement.

The mayor's message: Anyone claiming the \$50 at his office had to describe the denominations of the bills.

Otherwise, the money would

go to T.J.

No one claimed the money, so Thomas arranged for T.J. and his parents, Tom and Chris Gosselin, to come to Monday's Westland City Council meeting.

In front of the audience and cable-TV viewers, T.J. was not only given the \$50 he found, but an additional \$50 donated by the mayor, council members and City Attorney Angelo Plakas.

"We're very proud," his mother said.

The mayor commended T.J. for his honesty and said most children would've stuck the money in their pocket.

Council president Sandra Cicirelli also praised T.J. and told him, "That's really a great thing that you did."

T.J. just smiled, declined an opportunity to make a speech and then graciously shook the hands of virtually every city official in the building.

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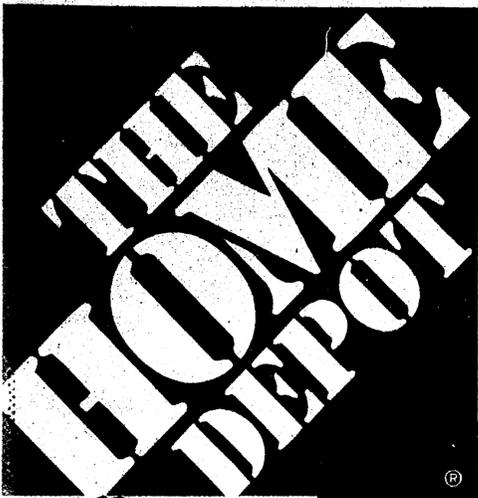
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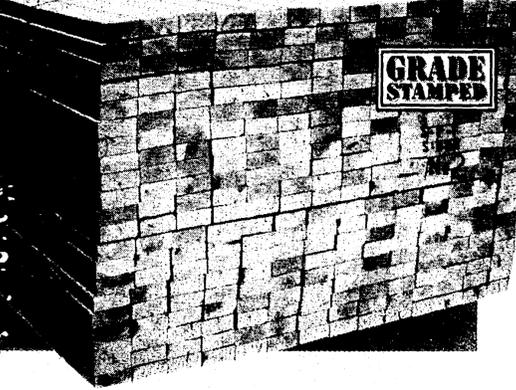
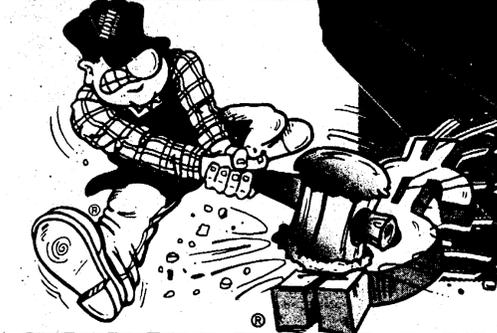
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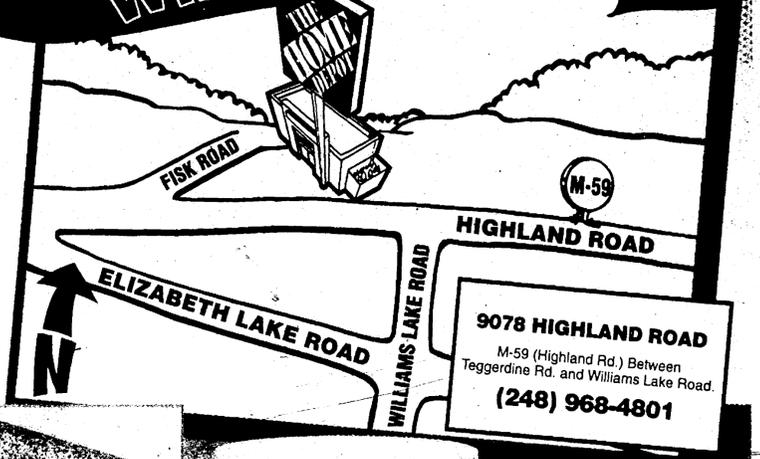
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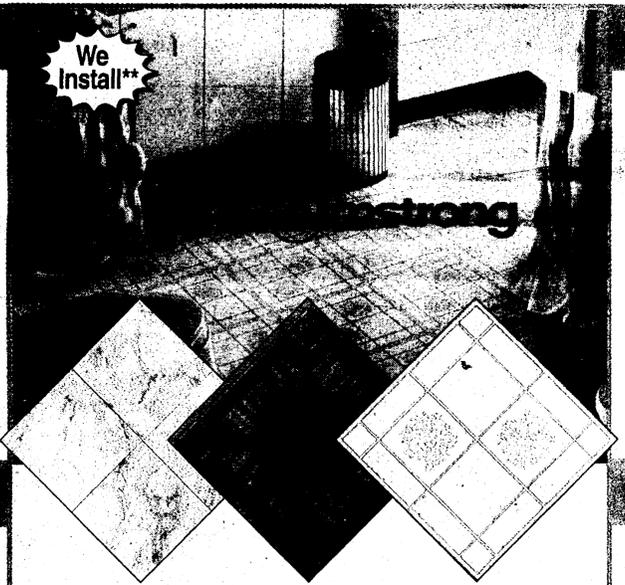


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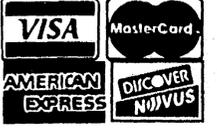
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# Whirlwinds from page A1

also stored at the Canton couple's apartment, suffered smoke and water damage.

"It's a different process to clean them than regular dry-cleaning," Rybski said. "We had to clean them three times to get it all out."

His price for the extensive work? Zip, zero, zilch.

"We did it to help them out," Rybski said.

He had dress material for the Whirlwinds' younger squad flown in as well. Rybski plans on paying for all of the new dresses.

Most material for the outfits arrived Tuesday and the rest yesterday.

MacLean, whose daughter competes on the Whirlwinds' older squad, said it would take her and about a half dozen volunteers until Sunday to get the

## Whirlwinds to compete

The Westland Whirlwinds, a precision figure skating team out of the Westland Figure Skating Club, will compete Feb. 10-14 in midwest section competition in Huntsville, Ala.

On Jan. 17, the Whirlwinds' Junior Classic team finished second in the Fraser Mid-American Synchronized Precision Skating Championships, while the Youth Introductory squad earned third overall in its division.

Members of the Junior Classic team include: Jessica Gutowski, Jennifer Goen, Marie Pacini, Kelly Murzin, Erin Goen, Elaine Davis, Kristy Goen, Stephanie Heincy, Shannon Zeuner, Courtney MacLean, Dayna Liptak, Laura Murzin, Jackie Lopez, Nichole Johnson, Melissa Slepinski, Jessica Wasczenski, Brandon Barrios and Nicole Norton.

Members of the Youth Introductory squad include Cally Brooks, Carly Pitrago, Jamie Schneider, Lauren Wilfong, Jessica Ferries, Sara Johnson, Amanda Wasczenski, Jennifer Grodus, Aryn Browning, Samantha Christian, Alicia Bashawaty, Michelle Gutowski and Ashlee Sundman.

The Whirlwinds, which all includes a drill team, are coached by Nicole Ogden and Jackie Hall-Martin.

Bill Goen is president of the Westland Figure Skating Club.

dresses to a stage where fittings could be done with each of the skaters.

"That's saying a lot, considering it took her a month to craft the original dresses. 'I feel by donating my time,' she said, 'it will keep the costs down.'"

Work on the dresses will likely continue until Feb. 12, when the team begins competing. MacLean described it as finishing work for the dresses, which feature a heart-shaped cut-out on the back.

The exact same material for the dresses wasn't available. The new dresses will be very similar, however, MacLean said.

"You feel in your heart it's something that has to be done," she said of all the long hours that'll go into redoing the costumes. "There's no other way."

## Westland man's robbery has ties to other cases

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One suspect is in custody in the Dec. 21 holdup of a gas station on Seven Mile in Livonia.

Another was killed last month in an unrelated shooting in Detroit.

Mustapha Francis Hunter, 18, was sent to trial on a charge of armed robbery after a preliminary hearing Jan. 28 in Livonia's 16th District Court. Police say Hunter and Ahmed Alderwish, both of Dearborn, appear on a videotape taken during the holdup of the Speedway station on Seven Mile and Newburgh.

Livonia officers arrested Hunter Jan. 19 at a bar in Detroit, a police report said. He is in the Wayne County Jail on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

His case now moves to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Alderwish, 19, the gunman in the video, was killed in a robbery attempt two days after the Livonia holdup.

Detroit police say he and another man, Ebraheem Abdulla, 23, exchanged shots with an off-duty Detroit officer at a collision shop near Michigan Avenue and Lonyo on Dec. 23 and were both wounded.

They later died from their injuries.

An investigation found the shootings were justified, a Detroit police spokesman said Tuesday.

A fingerprint belong to Alderwish was found on the bottle of Mountain Dew the gunman at Speedway handled before going into a restroom, then coming out

wearing a black mask and carrying a pistol, said Lt. Ben McDermott, Livonia Police Department spokesman.

Between \$250 and \$300 was reported stolen from Speedway. No one was hurt.

Livonia detectives identified Hunter with help from police in Dearborn, and he was spotted Jan. 19 at Carmen's Bar on Michigan Avenue in Detroit, near the collision shop where the December shootout took place.

A bar employee, Hunter was playing pool when police arrived, a report said.

Police are still looking for a third suspect in the Speedway holdup.

A man was apparently checking out the inside of the station when he came in just after 4 a.m. Dec. 21 and bought gas for

what turned out to be the getaway truck, police said. The gunman and another man came in after the first man left, and all three rode off in the same truck, police said.

Alderwish, Abdulla and a third man had been charged in Livonia with armed robbery for a July incident in which a Westland man told police he was kidnapped, assaulted, taken to Detroit and robbed of some change and a hose nozzle.

The victim was not seriously hurt.

A trial was set for December in Circuit Court, but the victim, on whose testimony the prosecution's case was built, had moved to Puerto Rico to join a carnival, said Livonia Sgt. Ken Marlow, who investigated that case. The charges were dismissed.

## Arbor Day mini-grant applications accepted

To mark the 1999 celebration of Arbor Day April 30, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is now accepting applications from schools and municipalities for Arbor Day mini-grants of up to \$200.

The goal of the grant program is to highlight Arbor Day and the value of trees and forests, and to recognize the importance of peo-

ple improving environmental quality and quality of life in their communities.

The grants may be used for planting trees on school grounds, staging Arbor Day celebrations or purchasing forestry-related materials for school libraries. Applicants may request up to \$200, but the amount requested must be "matched" with an equal

amount of other funding and/or equivalent staff time (paid or volunteer). For example, if students plant a tree for an Arbor Day celebration, the time they spend planning and participating in the event can be used as the grant match. (Specific instructions on how to calculate volunteer time are included on the application form). Projects

must be completed by July 31, 1999, and grant money will be delivered after project completion.

Applications are due Feb. 11, 1999. Seventy-five grants will be awarded. Groups who have not yet received an application form can obtain one by calling Cara Boucher, Urban and Community Forester, DNR Forest Management Division, at 517-335-3354. Arbor Day information packets are also available from Ms. Boucher for teachers, youth group leaders and anyone who wants to learn more about Arbor Day and trees.

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Registration began Feb. 1, Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6, 13, 20, 27 or Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28.

**FROM THE FRIENDS**  
Have some spare time? Join the Friends of the Library. The Friends raise money through the sale of used books and printer paper to help fund library programs. The Friends of the Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in Community Meeting Room A. Next meeting Feb. 9.

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7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 - "Remains with Remains" by Arthur C. Clarke  
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 - "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson  
Group meets in Community Meeting Room A. No registration required. Please read the book prior to the discussion. Call the library to reserve a copy.

## Changes from page A1

available for promotion from within," Pope said in announcing the reorganization. "These changes will strengthen our company as we plan our strategic goals into the new millennium. Justin comes from a newspaper family who owned the Rochester Clarion prior to its purchase by our company; he was raised with printer's ink in his veins. Jeanne Towar's long history of community involvement will enhance our presence in Birmingham," he added, "and Jim brings a wealth of knowledge to the Observer position. I look forward to the benefits of expanded contribu-

tions to our management team from all three of these dedicated staffers."

HomeTown Communications Network, headquartered in Livonia, publishes more than 60 weekly and twice-weekly community newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, including the 15 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in suburban Wayne and Oakland counties. The corporation also includes the Michigan Directory Company, which publishes 25 telephone directories in Michigan and northern Kentucky.

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## Scholarship pie to be eaten up by tobacco settlement details

BY TIM RICHARD  
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What looks like a big pie for Michigan high school graduates may become a Pop Tart as details of Gov. John Engler's scholarship plan are unveiled.

Engler on Jan. 28 advocated offering students who pass their middle school and 11th-grade MEAP proficiency tests up to \$3,000 apiece to use at the public or private college of their choice.

"The Michigan Merit Award Trust Fund will be endowed by money from the recent tobacco settlement," he said. "Legislation creating the trust fund and scholarship will soon be before you," he told cheering representatives and senators.

He didn't say how many scholarships might be awarded or what the total annual cost would be. Some have calculated the annual cost at \$52.5 million; others at \$200 million.

But if students respond to the carrot, more students that ever will take the test and try to get proficiency scores, running up the cost.

How much will Michigan get? In his final weeks as attorney general in 1998, Frank Kelley provided some details of "the tobacco settlement" that show much of the money will go into anti-smoking campaigns.

Kelley said Michigan will get a total of \$8.178 billion over 25 years as "the tobacco companies pay for their damages and change the practices that have, in part, led to the deaths and injuries of millions of Michigan citizens over the decades."

That amounts to \$327 million a year, on average. It's the equivalent of one-fourth of what the Legislature appropriates for 15 state public universities - assuming it all goes into scholarships - if all of it went to scholarships.

But it won't all go into scholarships. Said Kelley:

"The settlement requires the industry each year for 10 years

to pay \$25 million to fund a charitable foundation which will support the study of programs to reduce teen smoking and substance abuse and the prevention of diseases associated with tobacco use."

That \$25 million is nationwide, not just in Michigan alone.

Kelley went on: "The settlement creates an industry-funded \$1.46 billion national public education fund for tobacco control."

Of course, the lawyers get a cut. "The settlement requires the industry to pay for outside attorneys hired by the states," said Kelley. It's unclear whether the attorneys' cut is in addition to or part of the \$8.178 billion total.

Kelley's numbers show the Michigan treasury receiving \$104 million for 1998, zero in 1999, then \$279 million in 2000, \$301 million in 2001, \$362 million in 2002, \$365 million in 2003 and \$305 million each year from 2004 to 2007.

From 2018 to 2024, Michigan will be paid \$348 million a year. By 2025, the total will be \$8.178 billion.

Payday each year will be April 15.

Engler proposed a trust fund, meaning that much of the early revenue will be invested, and the interest used to support the program.

Meanwhile, anti-tobacco groups such as the American Lung Association will argue that their efforts should absorb some of the money.

The settlement requires the tobacco companies "to open, at their expense, a Web site which includes all documents produced in state and other smoking and health-related lawsuits." The Web site must be "in a user friendly and searchable format," Kelley said.

The governor's budget is due Feb. 11. The Legislative Service Bureau, which drafts bills for lawmakers, has a backlog already.

## Special interest groups lobby for state change

The governor gets the media's and the Legislature's attention, but other groups in Lansing have their own versions of where state government should be going.

Here's a sampling:

### Michigan Catholics

As public policy voice for the Catholic Church in Michigan, the Michigan Catholic Conference has a strong interest in money as well as theology. Besides opposing abortion, the death penalty and assisted suicide, MCC favors:

- "Initiatives which will recognize parental rights" - the wording of groups favoring state vouchers and tax credits for private schools.

- Federal aid to non-public schools and professional staff.

- Battling "frivolous regulation or intrusive government intervention" in private schools.

- Access to basic health care, pain management, hospice care and mental health systems.

- "Distributive justice" in tax policies; continued opposition to "unfair burden of taxation upon church entities..."

### Small Business

The Small Business Association of Michigan says its members "fear a state minimum wage hike, proposed by Democratic legislative leaders."

While the goal is worthy, SBAM said, "it's not fair that employers bear the burden of fighting poverty by having a government-mandated minimum wage hike enacted."

### Charter schools

The Michigan Association of Public School Academies wants the 150 cap on charter schools lifted to satisfy "parent demand for choice."

Public school academies operate outside the control of local school districts with self-appointed boards and with charters from state universities.

Of the state's 138 operating PSAs, 75 are in the urban areas of Detroit, Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids. "It's tragic that

thousands of parents have come to feel that winning a 'charter school lottery' and securing a seat for their child is more valuable than winning cash in the state lottery," said MAPSA President Dan Quisenberry.

### Prospect

The Michigan Prospect for Renewed Citizenship "did not find much reason to be encouraged that public school academies are providing innovative teacher methods."

Its principal members are Olivia P. Maynard, former Democratic Party chair and twice its lieutenant governor candidate; former House Speaker Bobby Crim; and former Rep. Lynn Jondahl, also Democrats.

Besides finding that "innovation is a myth" in charter schools, Crim wrote that charter schools were seen as a method to design language and culture programs.

### State Chamber

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which bills itself as "job providers," promised, "Any legislator who has a 75 percent or better voting record will automatically receive an earned endorsement for election in 2000." It will make its ratings in June or July of that year based on these issues:

- Education - Allowing mayors to appoint school boards in big cities, removing the cap on PSAs, shifting school elections to August and November, and allowing more waivers on teacher accreditation.

- Utilities - "a competitive market place for electricity," including recovery of stranded costs.

- Environment - No barriers to, and incentives for, "brown-field" redevelopment; opposition to the Clinton Administration's Kyoto Protocol to reduce air emissions; support for watershed projects; open markets for solid waste disposal, hold the line on environmental fees.

- Health - Removing health

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## State grants

### S'craft to help 22 firms with job training

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Schoolcraft College will receive slightly more than \$1 million in state Economic Development Job Training grants to assist 22 firms with job and computer training.

Schoolcraft College President Dick McDowell said the money helps with everything from training on equipment, supervisory training and consultation to outlining managerial tips and cash flow solutions for the companies.

"The money comes to us, we administer the grant, we pay the faculty and buy the supplies," McDowell said. "Most of these programs are in the plant with training and equipment they use."

A \$239,415 grant will fund training for a construction consortium of 12 firms, many of them electrical, general and mechanical contractors. Those firms are Angelo Iafate Construction of Warren; Canadian Machinery Movers, Livonia; City Electric, Troy; Dunn Electric, Ann Arbor; Guardian Electric, Ferndale; Henderson Electric, Detroit; Industrial Power System, Taylor; Kemco Electrical Contracting, Walled Lake; Mortz Bros. Corp., Farmington Hills; Post Electric, Novi; Robert Carter Co., Oak Park; and Shaw Electric of Livonia.

Other firms, their specialties and the grant amounts are: LucasVarity of Livonia, a Tier 1 supplier for the auto-

motive industry with electromechanical products, \$152,226; Trico Products Corp. of Rochester Hills, which claims to be the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to windshield wiper component and system technology, \$133,918; Ghafari Associates Inc. and G-Tech Services of Dearborn, architectural and automotive designers, \$123,291; and General Fasteners Co. of Livonia, distributors of fasteners and fastener-related hardware, \$106,874.

Firms also include Albert Kahn of Detroit, an architectural, engineering, planning and interior design firm, \$80,880; Ace Controls of Farmington, manufacturer of industrial shock absorbers,

air cylinders, flow controls, check valves and other deceleration devices, \$70,248; Link Engineering Co. of Plymouth, builder and designer of test equipment and testing services for springs, electric motors, brakes, friction materials, transmissions, axles, wheels and tires, \$69,362; E & E Manufacturing of Plymouth, manufacturer of heavy gage fasteners, progressive die metal stampings and assemblies, \$52,227; Commerce Industries of Wixom, stamping facility of sheet metal prototypes for the automotive industry, \$23,382; and Hella North America of Plymouth, Tier 1 supplier for automotive industry with electromechanical products, \$20,919.

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# Schoolcraft profs to receive national excellence awards

Two Schoolcraft College teachers have been selected to receive 1999 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Awards.

Donald Morelock, professor of music, and William Schlick, assistant professor of computer information systems/electronics technology, will receive their awards at the NISOD conference May 23-26 in Austin, Texas.

Morelock is an ambassador for Schoolcraft and the arts, offering programs, events and competitions that bring more than 10,000 people to the campus each year. His yearly agenda includes free noon concerts, the Schoolcraft Piano Academy, which has grown to include 90 students; the annual Bach Festival; the Schoolcraft Honors Competition; the Piano Teachers Workshop; and student achievement testing by the Michigan Music Teachers Association, the Federation of Music Clubs and the National Piano Guild.

Morelock, co-director of the Russian Music Institute, takes piano students to study in Russia each summer, and presents a concert when they return. His piano students have gone on to

almost every major music school in the country.

Almost 100 music majors from Schoolcraft have been accepted at the University of Michigan Music School.

Morelock's students have been first-place winners in national competitions, placed fifth in the International Queen Elizabeth of Belgium Piano Competition and competed in the 1998 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. They have soloed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, studied at the Moscow Conservatory and produced CDs.

"We need music now more than ever, because we live in such a technological world," Morelock said. "It's a great pleasure, sitting down at the piano and making music rather than turning on a CD. We need the aesthetic pleasure the arts give us."

Schlick, a Schoolcraft alumni, says his goal is to prepare students for technological innovations. To meet this goal, he has developed new classes that include a comprehensive course in computer networking, a Windows NT class, and an electron-

ics class on the Internet. He worked with the collegiate skills department to help students upgrade their skills for electronics classes and taught computer programming to metallurgy students so they could build and control an electronic furnace in 16 weeks.

Schlick said changing education is one of his goals, and he welcomes the challenge of doing something that has never been done. His students go into industry, and Schlick said he wants employers to call him the second day of a student's new job and tell him the student was productive the first day and needed no training to get up to speed. He said he sets up challenges for students they didn't know they would welcome, structures their studies so they strive for an A instead of a C, and helps them grow from being unsure they can handle the class to becoming national honors recipients.

He will co-host and be among the judges at the VICA Electronics Technology Competition Feb. 5 at Schoolcraft, which is a regional competition for high school vocational and community college technical students.

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care costs from the single business tax base; "a common sense standard" for stress claims in worker's comp cases; capping the unemployment insurance trust fund, now at more than \$2.2 billion; cooperative workforce development programs with schools.

■ Regulatory reform - "Overlapping and duplicative regula-

tions exercised by dozens or hundreds of cities, villages and townships will have a negative impact on economic activity, business retention and job growth." Local units should regulate only what the state doesn't.

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ness equipment, machinery and furnishing; cut the single business tax rate over five years from the current 2.3 percent to 1.8 percent; require a three-fifths vote of the Legislature to raise tax rates.

Compiled by staff writer Tim Richard from a mailbox of press releases.

## Schoolcraft will honor special alumni

Schoolcraft College is seeking nominations for outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their profession, the community and the college.

The award winner will be honored at commencement exercises Saturday, May 8.

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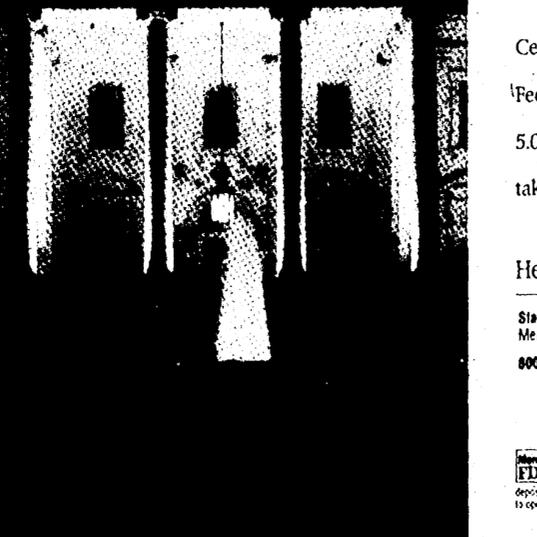
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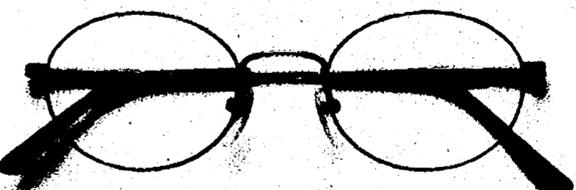
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# Pay hikes

## Local commissioners say county increases 'too much'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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When the state Senate decided not to act on a House resolution to reject pay raises for Gov. John Engler, state senators and House members, their salaries increased Monday.

They also set the table for Wayne County elected officials to receive the same increase as Engler — 18 percent over two years — unless county commissioners reject the pay raise on a two-thirds vote.

Commissioners may act on the pay hike today.

According to the county charter, the county executive receives 97 percent of the governor's salary. The prosecutor, sheriff, clerk, register of deeds and county commissioners, in turn, receive percentages based on the county executive's pay.

Those salaries are adjusted on Jan. 1 of each year that the governor is granted a salary adjustment, unless it is rejected by a two-thirds vote of the commission, which "vote shall be taken," according to the charter.

Unless commissioners reject the raise, Engler's pay hike means County Executive Edward McNamara will earn \$134,594 this year and \$146,707 in 2000, up from his 1998 salary of \$123,481. As of Monday, Engler receives \$138,757 annually and will be compensated \$151,245 in 2000.

County Prosecutor John O'Hair's salary would receive the same percentage pay hikes, to \$132,036 in 2000, as the prosecutor's salary is 90 percent of the county executive. Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter, Register of Deeds Forest Youngblood, Sheriff Robert Ficano and Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz would receive 75 percent of McNamara's salary, bringing those salaries to \$110,030 in 2000.

County commissioners would earn \$53,838 this year, and \$58,682 in 2000. Last year they earned a \$49,392 salary, adjusted to 40 percent of the county executive's salary.

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, earns an additional \$12,000 more per year as the chairman, while Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Vice Chair Pro Tem Jewel Ware, D-Detroit earn \$6,000 more annually in their respective leadership positions.

Six commission committee chairs receive an additional \$4,000 a year.

County Executive Edward McNamara said if people averaged out pay raises over the past 10

years and accounted for years when state lawmakers and county elected officials did not receive pay hikes, increases for those officials would probably be less than what the general public receives.

"When you look at the salary we (the governor and McNamara) make, the job is probably worth twice that much, but I think either one of us would do it for about half of what we're paid, because we enjoy what we're doing."

Wayne County has a budget over \$1 billion and employs 6,000 people, McNamara said. "If you relate that to the private sector, the compensation for the CEO for a similar sized company would be high," McNamara said.

Engler still earns less than Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer despite leading a state of 10 million residents, McNamara said.

McNamara didn't seem too concerned about the public's perception of the pay raise. "Given the salary increases, the public may criticize the amounts, but you have to let it roll off your back."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, called the increase "outrageous," and expected to vote against it. "I think that's a lot, I think that's a heluva lot."

Bankes said she supported only one pay raise in her 13 years as a state legislator, and that was a 3.5 percent pay raise over two years. "But this (9 percent) increase is huge."

While she traditionally votes against the pay raise, Bankes has grown accustomed to the public's general opposition to any increases.

"There's no way to compensate a politician with tax money that's fair to everyone," Bankes said. Politicians are expected to do work for the public as public service, Bankes said, and "it doesn't matter what we get paid, it's too much."

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, said the pay hike was too high and she would vote against it.

"It's way above inflation, and I'm not going to be supporting it," Husk said.

Husk had hoped to introduce a resolution opposing it, but decided not to, once she spoke with Solomon, and found she would not get the two-thirds opposition to it.

Husk said 2.5 percent pay hikes in recent years were more reasonable amounts. The commission salary of \$58,000 scheduled for next year probably falls higher than many of the households in her district, Husk said.

"For a middle-class family, it's a lot." Commissioner John Sullivan, D-Wayne, said he would have to discuss the issue with the other commissioners before rejecting the pay raise. Sullivan said he is "more than happy" with his current salary.

"I would be more than happy to reject the pay raise, but for me to deny a raise to the other commissioners who have been here for many years, I could not do that without talking to them first. I would need to look at it."

Beard and Solomon could not be reached for comment.



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Husk: "It's way above inflation and I'm not supporting it."

# Area woman puts liquor commission on a steady course

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Things have been quiet at the state Liquor Control Commission since 1997 when Chairman Phil Arthurhultz paid back \$4,000 in improper travel and telephone reimbursements and resigned.

Chairing LCC is Jacquelyn A. Stewart, a familiar face in western Wayne and Oakland County politics and government. Stewart presides at hearings in Lansing and, since May of 1998, in an office building on Drake Road, south of Grand River Avenue, in Farmington.

"I had heard stories of \$80 million missing," Stewart said in a recent interview. "But in the audit, we came out real good."

Gov. John Engler had assigned Arthurhultz to privatize the warehousing of liquor, though the state still runs the business. A Treasury Department audit, requested by the agency, concluded: "We generally found that internal control procedures were proper and effective."

The audit said LCC should try to keep its inventory to a minimum and recommended some better paperwork. In general, Kathy Wilbur, director of the LCC's parent, the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, called the audit good and praised Stewart's work.

LCC was formed in 1933, at the end of Prohibition as a bipartisan, five-member agency. It oversees liquor distribution, licenses dealers, collects taxes on spirits, beer



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and wine, and enforces liquor laws.

Stewart had lunch at her desk as she was interviewed about her working career and asked for a civics lesson on LCC operations.

**Q. Is your job full time? What do you do?**

A. "Yes. There are five commissioners — they hear all the liquor violations cases all over the state (sales to minors, sales to drunks, food stamp fraud)."

"Then there are three administrative commission-

ers (including herself) who do the day-to-day operations. We sit on the appeal board to hear any licensee objecting to a penalty handed down by a hearing commissioner.

"We do appeals on Tuesday in Lansing, and we probably handle five to seven cases. Then we do appeals in Farmington, and today we had seven."

**Q. Is the job easier now that Gov. Engler wants the state out of the wholesale liquor business?**

A. "Let me clarify that. The state is not out of the wholesale business. What we're out of is warehousing and distribution. That has been turned over to the private sector."

"We place the order with the industry. The industry sends the product to the ADA (three authorized distribution agents — General Wine & Liquor Co. in Highland Park, NWS Michigan Inc. in Brownstown, and Trans-Con Co. in Bloomfield Hills)."

"We've gone from 400 to 164 employees. We have a finance department (20), licensing division (45) and our enforcement division (70)."

**Q. How many licenses are there?**

A. "We have 14,000 on-premise licenses (restaurants, hotels, bars) and off-premise, which are SDD and SDM (specially designated distributor and merchant), which are your party stores; we have 3,500."

**Q. LCC commissioner was the first political job in 1946 of G. Mennen**

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# Course from page A9

Williams (later governor and Supreme Court justice) and the last political job of former Senate majority floor leader Phil Arthurhultz. Is LCC a good jumping off spot for politics?

A. "Years ago, when we had 100 state stores, they were all over the state. I imagine if you were a good chair and your employees liked you, they could help you. I've heard stories that Williams did use the position as a catalyst to become governor."

"I don't plan on running for governor."

**Q. How do you get this kind of a job?**

A. "I had a law enforcement background. I've done a lot of work in the political arena. I worked for (then-Oakland Prosecutor) Brooks Patterson for 16 years. And I worked with Congressman Jack McDonald. I worked long and hard in the field for the Republican Party."

(Stewart attended Henry Ford Community College in 1963, studying political science. After a run for the Legislature in 1970, Stewart worked for 19th District U.S. Rep. McDonald, "a friend of the family," in 1972, coordinated Patterson's campaigns for prosecutor in 1972

and 1982, and handled a number of party posts, including the Republican National Committee and housing director for the Michigan delegation at New Orleans in 1988.)

"When Brooks called me (after the 1972 election) and wanted me to come to work for him, I said, 'Brooks, I'm not an attorney. I'm not a secretary. I have no clue what I could do there.'"

"Well, he said he wanted to hire me as an investigator because he had a lot of projects he wanted to research, like welfare fraud and bad check policies."

"He said, 'Hey, in six months if it doesn't work you can leave, and if I don't think you're working I'll tell you, and you can leave.' Sixteen years later, I was still working for him."

(In 1978, she graduated from Oakland Community College's law enforcement academy, and in 1980, she married Huntington Woods Police Chief Jim Stewart, later a U.S. marshal. He's now retired. They live in Farmington Hills.)

(The LCC must be bipartisan. Stewart was appointed in 1989 by Democratic Gov. James Blanchard and reappointed by Republican Gov. John Engler for

four-year terms.)

**Q. As chair of the Liquor Control Commission, you're under the Department of Consumer and Industry Affairs. This is a regulatory and business job, right?**

A. "Correct. We're a business and operate as a business. We netted, last fiscal year, \$96.5 million, after all expenses. We took in \$589 million. That's just spirits, not beer and wine. We're like a Fortune 500 company."

**Q. Any changes you'd like to see in the next Engler four-year term?**

A. "We're looking to change 53 rules to streamline our licensing process to make it more user-friendly. Many are archaic and conflict with cities. We want to streamline that so when people do apply for a liquor license, it's not going to take eight to nine months."

"We are doing decoy operations. Last year, we did 3,100. The commission alone did that. Statewide, about a third of the people where we made stops did sell alcohol to a minor. And a little over 50 percent asked for identification and still sold to them."

"We want to impress not only licensees but their employees

that they have to be more diligent."

**Q. You must have been reading the cases of young people killing themselves or getting raped under the influence. We seem to be getting more campus binge cases.**

A. "Absolutely. I think it's going to take education. The commission can only enforce its liquor laws on licensees. We can suspend, we can fine, we can revoke their license."

"When you get into the college campuses, the commission has no authority there. That's for the local prosecutor and law enforcement people. But the highway safety people and community health people are putting together programs to make young people aware of the dangers of over-consuming."

**Q. Are there political restrictions against having a liquor license?**

A. "I think (State Rep.) Keith Stallworth had a license; he just sold his. There was a prohibition on a police officer having a liquor license in the jurisdiction where he works."

"An applicant wanting a license fills out an application which is investigated very thor-

oughly. I think it was Mayor (Donald) Fracassi of Southfield who held a license, and they said he couldn't, so he took the commission to court, and he won."

**Q. There's a lot of population movement within the state. Detroit has lost half its population, Flint one-third ... Is there a lot of shuffling of liquor licenses from losing areas to areas that are gaining?**

A. "Detroit, because of what you said, has about 160 licenses that are over quota. (Quotas are based on population; LCC doesn't lift licenses when a city is over quota.) But if these licensees go out of business, they're allowed to put that license in escrow for a year."

"Last year, the Legislature passed a law that allows all liquor licenses within a county's jurisdiction to be transferred if the local governing unit will

accept the transfer. For example, if I wanted a license in Farmington Hills and there were no local licenses available but Pontiac had one, if the city council of Farmington Hills agreed, a Class C (on premises) license could be transferred."

"So we're looking at all those escrowed licenses, extending them a year so they can try to sell them. Then we will be looking at doing away with them."

**Q. There has been a trend in the Engler administration to de-regulate, have fewer inspectors. How does this play out in the LCC?**

A. "On the contrary, the governor was responsible for getting us \$700,000 more for additional investigators and (an assistant) attorney general to do decoy operations. He has been very pro-enforcement when it comes to sales to minors."

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**OBITUARIES**

**CYNTHIA A. CUNNINGHAM**  
Funeral services for Cynthia Cunningham, 45, of Westland were Jan. 29 in St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. C. Richard Kelley. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mrs. Cunningham, who died Jan. 25 in Westland, was born June 12, 1953, in Franklin, Pa. She was a stock person and cashier.

Surviving is her daughter, Melissa Cunningham of Ypsilanti.

**SYLVIA M. AUKEE**

Funeral services for former Westland resident Sylvia Aukee, 65, of Holland were Feb. 1 in Peace Lutheran ELCA with burial at Zeeland Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Dennis Remenschneider. Arrangements were made by Yntema Funeral Home in Zeeland, Mich.

Mrs. Aukee died Jan. 28 in Livonia. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. She graduated from Zeeland High School in 1951 and from Henry Ford School of Nursing in 1954.

Surviving are her husband, Wilno; children, Anita (Keith) Johnson of Anacortes, Wash., Eric Aukee of Los Angeles, Calif., Josef Aukee of San Francisco, Calif., and Linnea Aukee of Mackinaw City, Mich.; brothers, Ronald (Joyce) Schipper of Holland and George (Ann) Schipper of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; sisters, Emice (Donald) Northuis of Grand Haven, Mich., Jean (Lyle) Ho of Zeeland, and Mary (Charles) Follett of Munster, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Aukee was preceded in death by her son, Matthew.

Memorial contributions may be made to Papua New Guinea, ELCA Disaster Relief, care of Peace Lutheran ELCA, or Habitat for Humanity International care of Peace Lutheran ELCA.

**CECELIA M. KUHN**

Funeral services for Cecelia Kuhn, 80, of Westland were Feb. 2 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat

Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Leon Jarvis.

Mrs. Kuhn, who died Jan. 29 in Dearborn, was born July 8, 1918, in Dearborn. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Bob, Gerry (Nancy) and Tom (Diane); seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kuhn was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and son, James.

**ROBERT H. SANBORN**

A memorial service for Robert Sanborn, 82, of Westland was recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Robert J. Schultz of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mr. Sanborn, who died Jan. 28 in Ypsilanti, was born May 7, 1916, in Vickeryville, Mich. He was a lab technician.

Surviving are his sons, Frederick II and Robert (Marianne); sister, Charlotte; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and friend, Rose Meyer.

Mr. Sanborn was preceded in death by his wife, Mary.

**SHARON E. ROBBINS**

Arrangements for Sharon Robbins, 58, of Dearborn Heights were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mrs. Robbins, who died Jan. 29 in Livonia, was born Feb. 2, 1940, in Detroit. She was a restaurant manager.

Surviving are her son, Tim (Carolyn) of Westland; daughters, Denise (Robert) Potter of Farmington Hills and Tammy Robbins of Boise, Idaho; and three grandchildren.

**FREDERICK E. PAGEL**

Funeral services for Frederick Pagel, 62, of Westland were Jan. 29 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Gerard Bechard.

Mr. Pagel, who died Jan. 27 in Dearborn, was born Feb. 19, 1936. He was an electrical/hydraulic mechanic.

Surviving are his wife, Gail; sons, Freddie Stiers of Taylor and Doug Hovey of Garden City; daughters, Terry (Michael) Cuddy of Allen Park and Cindy

Hovey of Columbus, Ohio; brother, Emil Mulinski of Rochester; sisters, Angeline Koropp of Mount Pleasant, Helen Pagel of Westland, Millie McCollum of Westland, Wilma (Ben) Jacobs of Oakdale, Calif., Patricia Estep of Westland and Victoria Pagel of Garden City; and two grandsons.

**JASON N. QUICK**

Funeral services for Jason Quick, 25, of Wayne were Feb. 1 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Quick, who died Jan. 29 in Detroit, was born July 19, 1973, in Westland. He was a warehouse administrator for a medical supply company.

Surviving are his sons, Jason and Jared; fiancée, Jaime DeMoss; parents, Lynn and David Robertson of Westland; father, Neal Quick; brothers, David Robertson and Paul Robertson; grandparents, Marjorie and Nicholas Witkowski; grandfather, Sheldon Quick; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Jason Quick Memorial Fund.

**REBECCA TAIT**

Funeral services for Rebecca Tait, 73, of Westland were Feb. 3 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Officiating was the Rev. Claudia L. Lewis.

Mrs. Tait, who died Jan. 29 in Wayne, was born June 21, 1925, in Scotland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her daughters, Lee Anne Tait (William Drawz) and Dorothy Tait (Daniel Piontek); brother, Alexander Matthews; sister, Mary McWilliams.

Memorials may be made to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

**ERNEST D. HEWITT**

Funeral services for Ernest Hewitt, 69, of Westland were Feb. 3 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

Mr. Hewitt, who died Jan. 30 in Garden City, was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Pigeon, Mich. He was a barber.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; sons, Craig and Todd; daughters, Pamela (John) Matigian, Kim and Dawn (Kelly) Mervyn; six grandchildren; friends, Shelby and Shadow.

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**WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WESTLAND, MICHIGAN 48336**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for Bid Package #3: TMP Project #98032 - Taft/Galloway Elementary School  
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Wayne-Westland Community will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Wayne-Westland Community School Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

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  - 103 Building and Selective Demolition
  - 104 Concrete Footings & Foundations
  - 105 Concrete Flatwork
  - 106 Masonry
  - 107 Steel
  - 108 Carpentry & General Work
  - 109 Roofing & Sheet Metal
  - 110 Hollow Core Precast (Taft/Galloway only)
  - 112 Caulking
  - 113 Hollow Metal, Wood Door & Finish Hardware-Supply
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  - 140 Plumbing
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  - 143 Electrical
  - 146 Landscaping

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Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Wayne-Westland Community Schools reserve the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2295, on **Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 11:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

**TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS AND RELATED MATERIALS**

Specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For further information relating to the specifications, please contact Robert Tolliver at the Department of Public Service Department at (313) 728-1770. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bid Item: 463-021699A  
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
MICHIGAN  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before February 17, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

- TROPHIES
  - SHOTGUNS
  - COPY MACHINE
  - MULTI-GAS MONITORS
  - CARTOON/COLORING BOOKS
  - HOCKEY JERSEYS, SPORT T-SHIRTS AND SUMMER STAFF SHIRTS
- Bid must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).
- The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS  
City Clerk Treasurer  
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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD  
LIVONIA, MI 48154**

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT SIX (6) SCHOOL SITES**

Bids will be received until 9:00 a.m. on the 9th day of March, 1999 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

**A MANDATORY BUILDING WALK-THROUGH WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M. BEGINNING AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE, 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD, TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Specifications and bid forms will be available at the walk-through. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Mr. Jim McMuldooch at (734) 525-3560.

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**WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is taking bids on Clean-up, disposal and encapsulation of lead containing surfaces and items from the basement level located at Wayne Memorial High School.

Pre-Bid Project/Site Walk-Through	3:30 p.m.	March 2, 1999
Bids will be due	2:00 p.m.	March 18, 1999
Project Beginning/End Dates		August 2, 1999- August 13, 1999

All bidders must be listed by the State of Michigan, Department of Community Health, Lead Remediation Program as an Approved Lead Abatement Contractor.

Specifications are available at the Wayne-Westland Community School, Division of Buildings and Grounds, 33415 Myrtle, Wayne, Michigan 48184 or at the time of the scheduled walkthrough. For additional information on the walkthrough, contact Tony Spisak at 734-595-2166.

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**WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL  
STUDY SESSIONS  
RECORD OF ATTENDANCE  
1/1/98 THROUGH 12/31/98**

Pursuant to City of Westland Council Resolution No. 8-85.441, the following record of study sessions attendance is published:

No. of Study Council	Study Sessions		Excused	Percentage
	Sessions	Attended		
Glenn S. Anderson	71	63	8	89%
Justine Barns	71	58	13	82%
Sandra Cicirelli	71	69	2	97%
Charles T. Griffin	71	53	18	75%
Richard LeBlanc	71	69	2	97%
Charles W. Pickering	71	55	16	77%
Sharon P. Scott	71	63	8	89%

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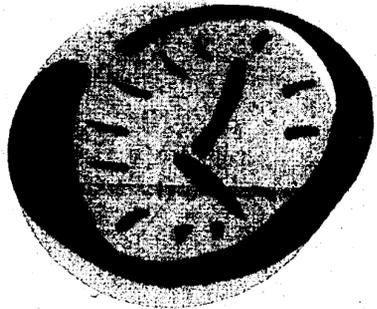
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**WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES  
FOR THE SECTION 8 EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM**

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION 32715 DORSEY ROAD, WESTLAND, MI 48186 ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1999 AT 4:00 P.M. FOR FEE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE FEDERAL SECTION 8 EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES PROVIDING BANK RECONCILIATIONS, GENERAL LEDGER, MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT, CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS; AND YEAR END REPORTS, INCLUDING OPERATING STATEMENT AND BALANCE SHEET ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR BOTH THE CERTIFICATE AND VOUCHER PROGRAMS. A COMPLETE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PACKET AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION MAIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. THE WESTLAND HOUSING COMMISSION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

JAMES GILBERT, Director  
JOHN FRANKLIN, President

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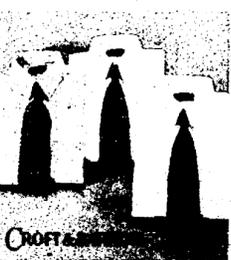
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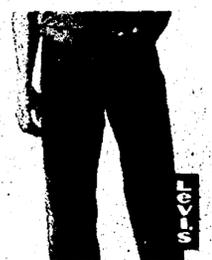
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# Westland Observer

## OPINION

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36251 SCHOOLCRAFT, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48150

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1999

### On ice

## Rink idea needs more study

**A** proposal to set up temporary outdoor ice rinks at some Wayne-Westland schools needs some sharpening up before anyone starts lacing up their skates.

Wayne-Westland school board trustee Teresa Robbins has proposed outdoor ice rinks for some local schools. She proposes that the rinks could be dug out by district court workers and filled with water by the fire department.

Robbins also proposes that city officials should consider building an outdoor rink behind the Bailey Recreation Center.

We agree that outdoor ice skating is a fun activity that provides a lot of exercise as well as memories for kids. But, while the idea of offering young people an opportunity to play and exercise outside at a free skating facility is an admirable one, we think the idea needs more thorough study before it could be implemented.

It's no secret that young people lack places to congregate after school. Also, city officials in the past have talked about the need to offer more activities for young people.

But the ice rinks proposal leaves many unanswered questions.

Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy, who opposes the idea, has expressed concerns over liability and maintenance and we have some too.

For example, who would monitor the rinks to make sure they are safely frozen enough to hold skaters? Small children can drown in even shallow water.

Who would keep children off of the rinks when they aren't safely frozen? Obviously the rinks couldn't be policed 24 hours a day.

What would become of the skating area when it thaws? We envision a muddy mess come spring for areas that were dug up for a rink.

Also, ultimately, who would be liable if there were an accident of some kind?

The district already faces liability issues with school playground equipment and this wouldn't cause more of a liability, according to Robbins. Meanwhile, Baracy disagrees, saying this would bring added liability and even attract undesirables from other communities to congregate after school hours.

We're not sure where the liability would fall; that would, of course, require the opinion of legal experts.

While we don't want to see the idea dismissed completely, we urge that safety be a top consideration. Skating is a great activity, but not all parents keep close track of their children and what they're doing after school hours. It would be unfortunate if someone were hurt or killed in pursuit of a fun winter activity.

## Engler has range of proposals

**O**ur news reports on Gov. John Engler's Jan. 28 State of the State address concentrated, naturally, on his plan to use tobacco settlement money for \$3,000 scholarships for every kid who passes the MEAP proficiency tests. Engler had other proposals, mainly good, some bad.

**GOOD:** You missed it if you watched TV, because the ailing governor cut short his speech. He is seeking to prevent misuse of genetic and personal medical information. Specifically, genetic testing must not be a precondition for obtaining health insurance. And genetic testing must not be allowed as a precondition of employment," he said.

Voters rejected an initiative that would have regulated physician-assisted suicide, and the Legislature passed pain-management bills. "So to build on what we've done," the governor said, "I will appoint a Commission on End-of-Life Care." No details, but clearly he's trying to blunt the demand of some for aid in dying.

**QUESTIONABLE:** Engler quoted Democratic President Bill Clinton with approval for saying that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools - or close them down" and was cheered by Republicans.

Unfortunately, Engler called for raising the number of charter schools - among the worst performers in the state. He needs to understand that many of his charter schools are bad and should be shut down.

**GOOD:** In 1990, when candidate Engler was asked about "urban sprawl," he greeted his questioner with a blank stare as if the person were speaking Sanskrit or Swahili. He has changed, apparently, saying, "As we work together to implement Clean Michigan (the voter-approved bond issue), save farmland and reduce urban sprawl, we will make sure that Michigan's rich legacy of natural beauty and well-managed resources is preserved for

future generations."

**HOPEFUL:** The governor's budget isn't due until Feb. 11, but we hear there will be more money for a Jobs Commission program of grants to community colleges for information technology programs. Oakland and Henry Ford community colleges have received \$5 million apiece. Schoolcraft and other fine community colleges were shut out in round one. Maybe they'll do better in round two.

The governor seems fully to have absorbed the lesson that "career development, including on-the-job training, apprenticeships in a skilled trade, or high-tech training at a community college or university" is every bit as important as agricultural economics, his own college major. Bless him.

**PROBABLY GOOD:** Engler promises to produce a formula to make sense of how we fund our 15 state universities.

**DOUBTFUL:** The governor wants to empower the mayor of Detroit - who already has a full plate with snow removal, trash pick-up and bad housing - power to change the governance of Detroit public schools.

**BAD:** Engler's nasty attacks on the State Board of Education continue. We observe:

■ Once state voc-tech training was in the Department of Education. Engler moved it to the Department of Labor. Then he shut down the Department of Labor and moved it to the Jobs Commission. This year he wants to move the Office of Workforce Development out of the Jobs Commission and set it up as a separate department. No. Workforce training logically belongs in the Department of Education.

■ Engler invited the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals to his address. But although half his address was on education and making Michigan "the smart state," he didn't invite the elected, constitutional State Board of Education. It was a malicious snub. It's no wonder so many public school people distrust him, even when he does many good things.

### Snowed on



**Kids' reward:** Students at St. Matthew Lutheran in Westland covered their pastor Kurt Lambart (left) and Rich Schumacher (right), the school's seventh- and eighth-grade teacher, with snow recently as part of the kids' reward for surpassing their fund-raising goals.

### LETTERS

#### Political surveys skewed

**A**t long last, a surveyor called for my political opinions. Now I know why so many citizens appear to support President Bill Clinton. It is the nature and scope of the questions and the narrowness of one's ability to respond credibly or honestly.

The questions designated as Democratic were structured positively, easily understood and required simple answers of agree/disagree. Those designated Republican Party questions, on the other hand, were formed negatively. One had to decipher if one's response was to be doubt/no doubt; the type of proposition which leads one to wonder if yes means no or no means yes. Furthermore, many of these particular statements were outright lies or issues which had been solved years ago but were presented as if they continued to be today's concerns. Again, in contrast to the earlier simple Democratic questions, those related to the Republicans' views or actions were offered in such a way that I was forced to ask the operator to repeat several which were so confusing that I needed to be certain that I correctly understood the statements.

Only a person very knowledgeable in the political sphere could possibly have responded credibly to this questionnaire. And only people educated in how surveys are formulated to manipulate respondents' answers would recognize that they were purposely deceived and the answers skewed from the onset by the questions themselves.

Beatrice Scalise  
Westland

#### And justice for all?

**T**he media has bombarded our homes with the words "high crimes and misdemeanors" for months now. As we watched our nation become a global embarrassment by the obsession to prosecute a "personal indiscretion," true crimes against people are ignored. Where is the judicial process against high crimes, felonies and abuse of executive power here in Michigan?

John Engler has dismantled and destroyed everything he has gotten his greedy hands on. What he has done to the environment, infra-

structure, education, mental health, job safety, job security and consumer protection, to name a few, is deplorable. The most heinous act is Engler's use of executive power to relinquish any accountability for the devastation resulting from his corrupt agenda. The escalation of monetary debt he has caused has been redirected to the taxpayers of this state. He wastes no time in grabbing his executive pen to sign bills where the state cannot be held liable for damages caused by his actions. Here are just a few examples.

He has neglected our roads and we have watched our infrastructure deteriorate before our eyes. What does he care? He signed the bill that revoked the citizens of this state from filing claims on vehicle damage caused by his neglect. Instead, the damage to our vehicles from potholes and flying road debris is sending our insurance rates soaring. Engler seized the road funds and redirected the expense back to the people in the increase of the gas tax. Engler is responsible for the millions of dollars his neglect has caused, not the people. But he thinks he deserves an 18.8 percent pay raise.

Engler has imposed every roadblock that would ensure a safe job site. The result is the injury and death rate is increasing by alarming numbers. Engler should be indicted in these crimes of wrongful death.

We do not even have a right to vote in this state under Engler. We voted against his phony auto insurance reform and he revoked our right by passing it anyway, not once, but twice. In Michigan, it's Engler's way or no way, even though the people say "no."

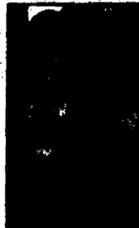
Engler has requested a 25 percent increase in his expense allowance. An honest man would volunteer documentation (the vouchers) to justify the request. But no, he refuses to submit them by saying they're private. If something is held in secrecy you know there is corruption and abuse.

Government is for the people and by the people. Engler has shown total disregard to the people of this state. Our rights have been revoked and this is a crime of the highest degree in a true democracy. He needs to be held accountable for his actions against the people of Michigan.

Arlene McMonagle  
Westland

### COMMUNITY VOICE

**QUESTION:**  
What would be your favorite wintertime vacation getaway?



"A cruise, any place. I love cruises."  
Joan Warner



"Probably Florida. We've gone there in the past."  
Matt Schaub



"Texas. It's hot."  
James Hudock



"I lived in Baton Rouge, and that was a really nice place in the winter."  
Heather Sleezer

We asked this question at Westland's public library.

## Westland Observer

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Sex offender list publication not answer to problem

*(Editor's note: Michigan's State Police Department plans to release a list of convicted sex offenders via the Internet. Questions about the accuracy of the list and whether it should be released have been raised.)*

It is irrelevant to publish the names and addresses of convicted child molesters who have served sentences for their crimes. I don't understand how this information, correct or incorrect, is useful.

It wouldn't have helped my parents protect me from the man who repeatedly molested me when I was 9.

He was just a guy in the neighborhood. If you had known him as the other adults in that community did, you wouldn't have suspected he was a child molester. There was nothing alarming about him. He must have been very careful to earn our trust so

as to obtain easy access to his target.

Just because someone is a child molester doesn't mean they've been convicted. It doesn't mean they've been suspected of molesting a child, or even arrested. In my case, his name wouldn't have appeared on such a list.

Under the circumstances, there was no way for my parents to know this had happened until 12 years later, when I was finally and painfully able to discuss it. It was entirely too late to discover the man's identity or even to begin to think about an attempt to prosecute him.

He was that manipulative, which is one reason why it took me, and my parents, so long to realize what was happening. When he molested me, he told me we were "wrestling." So when my parents questioned why I didn't like him to come over and baby-sit, I



CARRIE GARDETTO

told them I didn't like to wrestle.

Since I have two brothers, the thought of some rough-housing in my parents' absence seemed normal to them. If I were my parents, I wouldn't think there was anything more to it than that.

And what if he had been on a list? What would you do - move? Sure, you can move. Are you safe now? What

about all the people not on the list? Where do they live?

There are more things to consider.

What if someone in your neighborhood is on the list? You can't do anything about it, except move or avoid them. You can make decisions to avoid people on your own. You don't need a list. And anyway, is the neighbor justifiably listed? Maybe not. The police admit up to 40 percent of the names and/or addresses on the list are incorrect.

And if a person isn't on the list, then he or she must be OK, right?

Publication of this list might give some people a false sense of security. Or confirm for them that it's always the person you least suspect. Or suggest they should suspect everyone. Or no one.

Can any of us realistically go about our daily lives with constant caution

against all lurking dangers?

As someone who spent a few years in therapy dedicated to rising above her own molestation, I don't think publishing this list is the answer to the question of how can we protect our children from child molesters.

I don't claim to have the answer. Perhaps a child molester could tell us. It's comforting to think that publicizing a list of convicted child molesters would be a step in the direction of enabling citizens to protect themselves and their children. But I don't think it is.

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# Culture that doesn't respect education impedes learning

Many suburban legislators are sweating over a question that doesn't directly concern suburban schools. It's Gov. John Engler's proposal to allow "urban" mayors to appoint new five-member school boards.

"Urban" means Detroit, certainly, and possibly Lansing.

The idea makes our legislators uncomfortable because if the state can replace school boards in one district, it can do so in "my" district. Moreover, suburban legislators don't want to irritate Detroit colleagues unnecessarily.

"This is not a racial issue," said Engler. He was wrong, of course. The president of the Detroit school board, Darryl Redmond, was blunt in our Channel 7 "Spotlight" interview last Sunday when he cited an African proverb that you spend a lifetime learning the rules only to have someone (state government) change the rules when it's your turn to be on top.

Detroit kids' test scores and graduation rate are so bad, however, that Engler is willing to run the risk of a racism charge to turn things around. We all should be sympathetic to the notion that educating kids for the global economy and ideals of citizenship is more important than local - or even racial - control.

I posed this question to Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGrow, R-Port Huron, who will sponsor Engler's bill:

Suppose you let the mayor appoint a new school board. It hires a good superintendent and doesn't try to micromanage the system. Maybe you improve the business operations of the schools.

But how does that affect kids in the classroom? How does it improve MEAP test scores? How does it improve graduation rates?

Remember, DeGrow is one of the better class of Republicans in the Legislature - pro-public school, against vouchers, no darling of the religious



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right.

DeGrow replied that his father was a public school superintendent and that a superintendent can turn things around.

An incomplete answer, in my view. I'd like to know how the macro changes at the top being proposed by Engler are going to affect kids.

Sen. Joe Young Jr. and four other Detroit Democrats said: "Before this Detroit caucus will even consider a school takeover plan, that plan must include plans for a core curriculum,

mandated small class size, teacher training, technology improvements and after-school programs."

That was a slightly better answer, though money-oriented.

When Richard Nixon became president, he said the problem with America wasn't its people, who were hard-working and patriotic, but with its Washington leadership.

In Detroit, the problem is people. If you've followed the Detroit papers coverage over the years, you've read that young black males have a disdain for schools because they're run by women. You've read feature stories where girls who try to do well in class are accused by classmates of "acting white."

A black friend who attained a managerial post with a major utility told me how he was ridiculed by other kids for taking books home for study.

A white suburban friend teaches in Detroit. She's excellent - I've visited her class. Yet her hostile colleagues

accuse her of "taking a job away from a black man."

You can hear the same kinds of stories in white "Michigan hillbilly" areas, but they are most pervasive in "urban" areas. You don't hear those kinds of stories in Cassopolis, where Dennis Archer was raised.

The problem is people in a culture that has little respect for education and teachers. Unless Engler and DeGrow know something that I don't, there is little hope that changing the school board, the superintendent, the business manager and business methods can help students learn.

In other words, I don't think top governmental officials have a magic wand that can change people's attitudes. I hope I'm wrong and they're right.

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# Engler plan has merit, needs work

Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech last week got a lot of favorable comment, especially for his Michigan Merit Award plan that would give 11th-graders who pass their state MEAP proficiency exams \$2,500 each for study at their Michigan college of choice. Seventh- and eighth-graders who pass their MEAP exams would also get \$500 placed in escrow, kind of a down payment to encourage the kids to keep studying.

"It is important we reward our students who play by the rules, study hard, achieve on their tests and meet high standards," said the governor.

Money for the program is supposed to come from the annual payments Michigan will receive from the national legal settlement between the tobacco industry and various states.

Here's the math: If half the graduating seniors each year qualify for the full \$3,000 scholarship, the cost would be around \$200 million each year. State officials are estimating that Michigan's share of the national tobacco settlement should be around \$8.2 billion over the next 25 years, which works out to around \$330 million annually. In theory, this leaves some money left over for anti-smoking programs.

After a week's reflection, I still think Engler's plan is on balance a good idea, but is needing two changes.

First, kids attending private, parochial or home schools would be eligible to take the MEAP test and win the awards. Fine. But if they are going to get public money for their Michigan Merit Award, their test results should be made public, just like anybody else's. Non-public schools have had a bad habit of clamming up about test scores; now is a good time to break that habit.

Second, Engler said the scholarship money could be spent "at a Michigan school of your choice," suggesting it could go to private universities, colleges or trade schools. Private schools have been feeding off the public trough for years, and there's no need now for further public subsidies for private institutions.

Overall, in addition to encouraging kids to study hard, Engler's proposal also offers an important incentive for kids to take the state high school proficiency tests seriously. In recent years, far too many kids in well-to-do school districts have been skipping the rigorous MEAP tests in reading, writing, science and math. Those who skip don't get state-certified diplomas, but otherwise they have been getting off scot-free.

The governor's initiative changes all that



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Even parents who have been whining that their little geniuses can't possibly be asked to take a MEAP proficiency exam in addition to the SAT and ACT tests they need to take for college admission aren't likely to toss a check for \$3,000 out the window.

What is needed now is for the business community, whose complaining about underprepared kids entering the job market provoked the MEAP test in the first place, to get on the stick. Ask most of the human resources folks who actually do the hiring at Michigan businesses if they require MEAP test results on their interview forms; you're likely to get back a bewildered stare.

State universities should get the same message, too. Admissions offices scorn a state MEAP proficiency test on the grounds the ACT and SAT scores predict likely academic success in college perfectly well. Nobody knows, of course, and if colleges actually required test results on their admissions forms kids would realize people are serious about taking the proficiency tests in the first place.

Perhaps now is the time for everybody to get together and cut a deal on the MEAP test.

The governor has put a good idea on the table. The State Board of Education, which has been trying valiantly to get uniform assessment of K-12 academic proficiency accepted as the bedrock of school improvement, has an interest in seeing the governor's idea adopted. The business community should be invited to put up or shut up. And the universities should be asked to quit complaining and try to help solve the problem.

Sounds like a recipe for a successful summit meeting.

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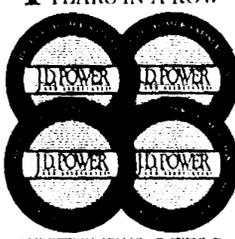
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If you're a motivated adult who's always wanted to complete your bachelor's degree but had concerns about the time commitment or conflicts with job or family, a special forum Saturday, Feb. 27, at Schoolcraft College is for you.

The seminar will feature five-minute presentations on accelerated bachelor's degree programs for adult students from the following institutions - Cleary College, Central Michigan University, Concordia College, Detroit College of Business, Northwood University, Rochester College, William Tyndale College, University of Detroit Mercy, Sienna

Heights College, Spring Arbor College, the University of Phoenix, Walsh College and Wayne State University.

The programs, in fields such as business and health administration, offer upper division courses evenings and weekends.

Students may receive as much as one year of credit for work experience or training and life activity. With flexible scheduling and five- or eight-week sessions, students have a convenient way to earn a bachelor's degree in a short time period.

Each institution's program is different. Programs will include current students or graduates

who will share their experiences. There will be time to ask questions, browse, collect materials and speak with program representatives.

The seminar is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. in Room 200 of the McDowell Center.

For information or to make reservations, contact the Schoolcraft Counseling Center at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5213. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, just west of I-275 in Livonia

## Detroit Edison, DNR team up to offer grants for tree planting

Detroit Edison, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, has established a tree planting grant program for southeastern Michigan. Detroit Edison is providing up to \$60,000 for tree planting grants that are administered by the DNR's Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Officials hope the program helps increase properly plant-

ed trees in municipalities and maintains those trees in good condition and health. It is part of Detroit Edison's voluntary participation in the U.S. Department of Energy's Climate Challenge Program.

Local units of government are eligible to apply for tree planting grants of up to \$4,000 each.

Grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 25. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31.

All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may be of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds.

Applications are now available. For information, contact the DNR Forest Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952 or call (517) 373-1275.

### CAPITOL CAPSULES

#### Drug grants

Several county agencies will receive a total of \$5.4 million in additional substance abuse prevention and treatment funding, Gov. John Engler has announced.

"Parental drug and alcohol abuse is largely responsible for a surge in child abuse and neglect," the governor said. Among the recipients is the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, serving Wayne and Monroe counties - \$551,235.

#### Bills signed

Gov. Engler has signed:

■ A package of bills to provide consumers and patient more information about treating chronic pain. The laws take effect April 1. Among sponsors is Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. Thrust is to allow use of controlled substances in treatment of pain.

#### Ameritech hit

Ameritech, the Chicago-based telephone company, continues to get its lumps from critics.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has joined opponents of a planned takeover of Ameritech by SBC Communications Inc., of Texas. Despite state efforts to foster competition, Granholm said Ameritech still serves more than 96 percent of access lines in its territory.

Ameritech "is opposed to fair competition," said Richard McLellan, chair of the Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association. He referred to Ameritech's decision to appeal a Michigan Public Service Commission order to allow increased competition for short-haul long distance calls. McLellan said Ameritech charges Michigan homes \$100 a year more per line than in Illinois.

MMCTPA also blistered Ameritech for raising rates 1.29 percent for business and residential customers at the end of February 1999. It's the seventh raise since the Legislature in 1995 rewrote the Michigan Telecommunications Act, said McLellan.

#### Appointments

Gov. Engler has appointed:

Francisco Villarruel of Livonia to a new term on the state Civil Rights Commission. An attorney, Villarruel is appointed as a nonpartisan independent. The CRC makes policies for the Department of Civil Rights.

Margaret Chmielewski of Plymouth to a new term on the Statewide Independent Living Council, which aids the disabled in integrating into society. Chmielewski is director of the Office of Programs for Handicapped Students at Michigan State University and will represent disability advocacy groups.

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## Official stuff: Educational or frivolous?

Last amid the hype of presidential impeachment, the bombing of Iraq and the Blizzard of '99, a major piece of legislation squeaked through the Michigan Legislature just before the 1998 session drew to a close. Signed into law by Gov. John Engler at 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1998, House Bill 4923 became Public Act 454 on Dec. 30.

Getting the legislation passed was a hard-fought battle, and near the end, it was threatened with a gubernatorial veto. But Engler relented at the last minute and approved the legislation, designating the dwarf lake iris as Michigan's official state wildflower.

According to an Engler spokesman, the veto threat had nothing to do with the dispute over whether the dwarf lake iris or the trillium should get the official recognition, but with a concern over the number of such bills that are introduced every year.

"With all of the weighty issues out there, we seem to spend a lot of time debating trivia," John Truscott told a reporter last year. "Where is it going to end?"

It's a legitimate concern. Other bills introduced in the Michigan Legislature last year would have designated the morel mushroom the official state fungus, the green darner dragonfly (Anax junius) as the official state insect, the cherry as the official state fruit, the "cherry burger" (made with Michigan cherries) as the official burger and the spring peeper as the official state amphibian.

### Children's education

Many of these ideas, not just in Michigan but in other states, originate in elementary school classrooms. The morel mushroom bill originated with a group of Lake Orion fourth-graders, who had spent four months studying the tasty fungus.

The students and their teacher, Howard Sawicke, approached state Rep. Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, with their proposal, and she introduced a bill to designate the morel as "the official fungus of this state."

Not only did the students manage to get the bill introduced, but they went to Lansing where they testified before the House Agriculture Committee, where the bill eventually died.

Sawicke says the experience taught the students a great deal about the legislative process that they wouldn't have gotten from a textbook. He's probably right.

But some people, including some lawmakers, think that the Legislature shouldn't be dealing with bills that they consider "frivolous." They say there are cheaper ways of teaching students about the legislative process, since processing each bill costs thousands of dollars.

Rep. Howard Wetters, D-Kawkawlin, who chaired the agriculture committee to which the morel bill was assigned, said while he wasn't opposed to giving kids a hearing on such bills, "I don't think we can do this for every fourth-grade class in Michigan."

A look at other state symbols might give you the idea that that's exactly what legislatures have been doing.

Michigan already has a state reptile, state gem, state stone, state fish and state soil, in addition to the more traditional symbols like the state flag and coat of arms, state tree, state flower and state bird. But there is some controversy here.

A bill introduced last year would have repealed earlier legislation that established the apple blossom as the state flower (in 1897) and the white pine as the state tree (in 1955) and would have made the trillium the state flower and the crab apple tree the state tree. That bill died in the Committee on House Oversight and Ethics.

### Way out west

Out in Nevada, which already had a state tree (the piñon pine) the legislature adopted "another state tree"

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## Fine-tuning

### 'News junkie' helps build station appeal

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As a Miami University broadcast student, Julie Maxwell anxiously awaited news about Detroit radio. Radio was her hobby at Plymouth Canton High School but the medium crept into her psyche.

The 1984 Plymouth Canton High School graduate's heart sank when the rock station WLLZ-FM and the alternative outlet WABX-FM changed formats.

"Those were all the stations I grew up with. Even though I was down there, I always kept up on the Detroit area because my family is still here," she said.

And it was Maxwell's family who gave her an earful when WQRS-FM switched from classical music to alternative-rock's WXDG-FM "The Edge."

"My mom's favorite station was 'QRS. Boy did I hear about that - twice. When they switched, I got the, 'Why, why, why did they do this to my favorite station?'" said Maxwell.

The second time was when she was hired as the promotion and marketing director in October 1998 for her mother's archenemy - The Edge.

"When I got the job, it was, 'Well, I'm glad you're working, but did you have to work for them? That's the station that took away my 'QRS.'"

Maxwell has frequently heard that sentiment. But the real challenge has been trying to win over the audiences of other Detroit-area alternative stations such as CIMX-FM and WPLT-FM.

"We had to prove what every station has to prove - a quality product, staying power, attractive programming and good prizes," Maxwell said.

WXDG, one of three stations that make up the Greater Detroit Radio Group in Ferndale, had a little help.

"We're real fortunate because our



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Lucky ducats: Julie Maxwell shows off some of The Edge's tickets and passes to such events as Super Bowl XXXIII, Horde Festival and Ultimate Edge sessions with The Dave Matthews Band.

big brothers are WCSX and WRIF, so that's quite a pool of talent to draw on in terms of just relationships and experience and phone numbers - the little nuances of politics and things like that," she said.

### Longtime passion

Maxwell, the daughter of Benton and Ann Lindamood of Plymouth,

had the background to pull that off. Media have been a longtime passion of hers.

"I was always a news junkie," Maxwell said during an interview in her Ferndale office which houses dolls of "Dylan" from "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Jay" and "Silent Bob" from the movie "Mallrats." "I loved the radio. I remember having my

dad's transistor, and it was supposed to be the emergency radio in case there was a tornado or something.

"I would have his transistor and at night in the summer with the windows open, when it was really calm and quiet, you could tune it in and get baseball games and hear all these places like Boston, St. Louis or Toronto. It was all these really far-off places that are coming to you from this little box. I just have always been fascinated with that voices in the box."

At Plymouth Canton, Maxwell worked on the CEP Perspective newspaper and the student radio station, WSDP-FM, as a news reporter.

"I thought it would be newspapers all through high school, radio was just a hobby," she said. "I worked at 'SDP (WSDP-FM) in high school. Then I got this part-time job at a commercial station (WOXY-FM) while I was in college and I thought, 'Wait a minute. I'm having fun at this.'"

She honed her radio skills working for the Miami University (Oxford,

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## WSDP-FM celebrates anniversary

WSDP-FM, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' student radio station, will celebrate 27 years of broadcasting on Sunday, Feb. 14. Since signing on the air in 1972, the station has been providing broadcast training for students at Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

WSDP, 88.1 FM "The Escape," features music, news, community affairs, interviews and live sports.

Many WSDP graduates, like Julie Maxwell of WXDG-FM 105.1 "The Edge," are working in markets across the country.

"Students that don't go into broadcasting have an

excellent opportunity to apply skills learned in many of their classes," said Bill Keith, WSDP station manager. "They also have a chance to gain leadership skills that will be with them for life."

Last year, WSDP produced a guide recounting the station's history. Portions were written by former station managers Bonny Dore, Jeff Cardinal, Andy Melin and Dave Snyder.

Copies of the guide are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Little Professor Bookstore, Canton Township Hall, Dearborn Music or by calling (734) 416-7732.

## Choir tunes up for international festival

Making plans: Jerry Smith (left), music director at Ward Presbyterian Church, discusses the annual International Church Music Festival to be held in Bern, Switzerland, in June, with its artistic director, Paul Leddington Wright.



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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Livonia resident Alan Brace plans to be an ambassador of peace and love while he participates in the annual International Church Music Festival.

"I think it's a special opportunity to represent our country, to represent Ward Church and to have an opportunity to fellowship with Christians from other parts of the world," said Brace, who has been a member of Ward Presbyterian Church for 20 years.

Brace joins 49 other members of the Ward choir who will be singing with 500 singers from churches across the globe June 8-11 in Bern, Switzerland. The festival has drawn a diverse conglomeration of Christian choirs in an annual event since 1984, excluding 1991 when it was canceled because of the Persian Gulf War.

"There's a sacred spirit that comes out of people's hearts during these festivals," said Jerry Smith, Ward choir director.

The Ward choir has been part of other music festivals, but this is the first year it will participate in the International Church Music Festival.

Smith recently met with Paul Leddington Wright, festival artistic director since 1991, at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. As the two men

talked about the event, the plastic table and chairs by the hotel pool were replaced with thoughts of angelic voices, representing people of varied nations singing in harmony to praise God.

Music would become their universal language that transcends any differences.

Wright traveled from England during a whirlwind visit to the United States to meet with eight choirs throughout the country.

"The idea was to bring choirs together from all over the world," said Wright, who worked as organist and director of the Music at Coventry Cathedral in England from 1984 until 1995. The festival is held in the Coventry Cathedral every other year.

"If people come away from the festival and as a result of the music, develop fellowship and enjoyment, and if their faith for the living God is stronger, then it's been effective," Wright said.

The festival also provides scholarship opportunities for choirs, mostly in Eastern Europe, with limited resources.

"They would not normally be able to travel abroad, but because of the scholarship program they can do this," Wright said. "There are great bonds of friendship and fellowship that develop

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On "The Edge": Plymouth Canton High School graduates Julie Maxwell, WXDG-FM's promotion and marketing director, and Tim Krukowski, WXDG's weekend air personality and marketing and programming coordinator, plan events to promote the station, known as "The Edge."

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after students from Ely, Nev., suggested the bristlecone pine as a state symbol. And the Nevada state Web site has a page inviting other students to submit their ideas for new state symbols because "some states have symbols which we don't have."

What Nevada does not have is a state tartan. But Georgia does. That land of peanuts and Vidalia onions adopted the "Georgia tartan" as the "official state tartan" in 1997. And those onions and peanuts? The Vidalia onion is Georgia's "official state vegetable" and the peanut is the "official state crop."

Massachusetts is a land of symbols. In addition to a state gem AND a state mineral, it has a state rock, state historical

rock, state explorer rock and state building rock and monument stone. It also has a state beverage (cranberry juice), a state muffin (the corn muffin, petitioned by schoolchildren in 1986), a state dog (the Boston terrier), state cat (the tabby cat, also petitioned by schoolchildren) and a state heroine (Deborah Samson, who fought in the War of Independence while posing as a man).

Texas has a state dish (chili). California (among its 26 state symbols) lists a state poet laureate and a state fife and drum corps while Alabama recognizes a state freshwater fish (large-mouth bass), state saltwater fish (tarpon), state nut (pecan) and a state Bible.

Both Nebraska and Utah adopted the honey bee as the official state insect after lobbying efforts by elementary school students who had studied the insect as class projects. And in Illinois the state flower, tree, bird, insect, fish and animal were all selected by schoolchildren.

But a state fungus? Well, there's precedent for that, too. At least one other state, Minnesota, has an official state fungus. And it is, you guessed it, the morel mushroom.

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Ohio) student radio station, WMSR-FM, and the National Public Radio affiliate, WMUB-FM. When Maxwell was a senior, she was hired by WOXY-FM, the commercial alternative station in the Cincinnati area.

She graduated from Miami in 1989 with a triple major of media management, broadcast production and broadcast journalism.

"It was really media-intensive," Maxwell said. "They'd be handing out triple majors left and right, if people are smart enough to figure out it was all scheduling."

Meanwhile, Maxwell worked for WOXY for 11 years, starting out working weekends and covering local and school politics for the morning show. She climbed the ladder at the station, moving from part-time weekends to morning show co-host where she stayed for five years. Yearning for a "normal" schedule, Maxwell moved to the promotions department for six years.

"At the time I thought it would be better hours; I quickly found out that instead of getting up at 4 a.m. I was out until 4 a.m.," she said. "I saw it as something new to try. It gave me more contacts with people in the industry."

### Life changes

In fall 1998, Maxwell's life took a turn. She got engaged to Daniel J. Argonis, the owner of Venture Outdoors in Plymouth. She left Cincinnati to come home and plan her May wedding ceremony.

"When I quit, I was without a job - talk about flying by the seat of my pants. It wasn't hard until I got home, moved in and didn't have a job to go to the next Monday morning," Maxwell said with a smile.

**'She brings a young, fresh spin to promotions we do. She identifies with the listeners because she's a listener, meaning she knows the cool lifestyle-oriented events to put together so that the station's not just about the music, but also about hobbies and the interests of the listeners.'**

*'Spike'*

-WXDG's music director / morning show personality

But it only took her a month to land the job of promotions and marketing director for WXDG "The Edge."

She and her team of six to eight interns plan bar promotions, "Edge Sessions" where major-label bands play small recording studios, events like "Tubing with Kid Rock" at Alpine Valley and give-aways. Helping her is 1990 Plymouth Canton High School graduate Tim Krukowski, weekend air personality and marketing and programming coordinator.

"It's really a collaborative effort amongst everyone here," Maxwell said. "I'm responsible for pulling it all together. The department is responsible for taking the ideas, finalizing and figuring out all the details and making it work."

According to "Spike," WXDG's music director and morning show personality, it's working.

"She brings a young, fresh spin to promotions we do," said Spike, a former Farmington Hills resident now living in Ferndale. "She identifies with the listeners because she's a listener, meaning she knows the cool lifestyle-oriented events to put together so that the station's not just about the music, but also about hobbies and the interests of the listeners."

The "Edge Sessions" have become a staple of WXDG. Per-

formers such as Eagle Eye Cherry, Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Dave Matthews have played for small audiences at Harmonie Park and Overture studios in Detroit and Novi, respectively.

"The idea behind it is to give people the opportunity to see these bands up close and personal and be able to have an interaction with them, and the chance to ask questions or take pictures," Maxwell said. "We had Dave Matthews in our conference room before Christmas. It was amazing. We created this whole sort of vibe and feel, so when you walked in you weren't walking into a conference room anymore."

"We put zebra drapes up along two walls. We got an oriental rug, we had floor pillows. We had color spotlights to make it a real cozy and intimate atmosphere. That's something that you can't buy."

While some would see planning a private concert with Matthews as a sign of success, Maxwell said success comes from within.

"When I graduated from high school, it was 'good riddance' (to Plymouth). At 18, you're so full of yourself. You're confident and naive. You think you're not going to come home until you're a big success. But coming back home is what made me a success."

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because of this. We benefit from experiencing the music, joy and appreciation that comes from some of the people from some of these other countries."

Even though each choir sings the songs with different accents, somehow together, there is clarity. Every day of the festival begins with morning worship, followed by Bible readings, prayer and more singing.

The principal conductor is Sir

David Willcocks, who has been part of the festival since its first year. He recently retired as music director of the London Bach Choir, a position held since 1960. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1977.

Beyond the three-day singing festival, members of the Ward choir will also be involved in missionary work, visiting and singing with choirs from small churches in England.

Betty Currier, a longtime Ward choir member, says she looks forward to singing with such a large group and in taking part in the missionary work. Everyone who attends the festival, including Currier and Brace, will leave with their own stories, Wright said.

Year after year, Wright's story remains intact and inspiring. Coventry Cathedral has an interesting history that coincides with the intent of the festival.

Decimated by bombs during World War II, the church was rebuilt years later. The rubble from the original church was kept at the site to remind people of the "wickedness of war and the wickedness" of Good Friday, marking the death of Christ, Wright said.

An inscription on a cornerstone of the new church explains: "Worship without music does not easily soar." And that, Wright said, describes the essence of the festival.

Putting hardships aside, the music "allows us to be one step closer to God."

### CLARIFICATION

In the Jan. 28 issue, the telephone number for Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery should have read as (734) 421-6196.

The nursery, at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, is open 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday September through May. An open house will be held 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.

Also, providing information that was left off the list was the New Morning School at 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth Township, (734) 420-3331.

The pre-kindergarten-eighth-grade parent cooperative, the preschool program offers the hands-on learning of appropriate readiness skills. Each day includes individual and group activities.

Preschool programs are available two and three days a week at a cost of \$25.65 per session or \$168 monthly non-coop, \$17.50 per session or \$114 per month for level 1 co-op and \$13.50 per session or \$85 per month for level 1.5 co-op. Class hours are 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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### In celebration



Of five generations: Great-grandmother Viola Radies of Westland (left), great-grandmother Helen Uhrich of Westland, mother Jennifer McNab, of Westland and grandmother Elaine Molloy of Garden City were all there to greet and meet the newest addition to the family, Alexandra Madison McNab, who represents the fifth generation in this portrait.

# Dance marathon benefits Children's Miracle Network

BY SUE MASON  
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When more than 243 dancers put their best foot forward at a 30-hour dance marathon this weekend, they'll be just a small part of a massive student-organized effort to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Organized and conducted by the students, the second annual marathon - "Making Kids Smile, Maize and Blue Style!" - will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 6-7, at the University of Michigan Indoor Track Building on State Street in Ann Arbor.

"It's a huge building and we're using the entire track area for the dancers and volunteers, spectators and families," said Jen Riesenberger, public rela-

tions chairwoman. "Every square inch will be used."

This is the second year for the student-organized event which will raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization whose mission is to generate money and awareness programs to help hospitalized children served by CMN-affiliated hospitals.

All the money raised at the marathon goes to the local CMN-affiliated hospitals, William Beaumont Hospital's facilities in Troy and Royal Oak. In all, there are 170 CMN-affiliated hospitals throughout the United States and Canada.

The money raised at the marathon will go to the children's physical and occupational therapy wards at the Beaumont facilities.

## Major undertaking

The marathon is a major undertaking for the students who started organizing this year's event in March 1998. The dance marathon is the largest student-run philanthropic event in the country. It got its start in 1993 when the first one was held at Pennsylvania State University. Now, more than 18 colleges and universities organize dance marathons to raise money for their local CMN-affiliated hospitals.

Last year, the marathon attracted 75 dancers and raised \$30,000 for CMN. No financial goal was set for this year, rather organizers have focused on increasing student participation.

"This is much bigger than last year," said Riesenberger. "We're

really excited we tripled the number of dancers over last year."

The dancers have paid \$30 to be a part of the marathon, plus they have agreed to raise at least \$200 for CMN. Friends, family members, organizations and student-run events like Beaumont Family Field Day, a Swing Night and other fund-raisers and activities have helped them meet or exceed the \$200 goal.

"Many of the dancers have gone over and above the \$200," said Riesenberger. "I know many who have raised \$500."

While the marathon runs 30 hours, participants will not dance continuously. They must stay on their feet, but in addition to music provided by three different disc jockeys, there will be a basketball court and games set

up to keep them moving.

Each dancer also will also have a cadre of volunteers - moralers - who will work shifts to keep dancers motivated during the marathon.

Riesenberger estimates that more than 1,500 U-M students have volunteered their time for the benefit, working on the various committees, as moralers and security guards.

## Signing up

Among students who have signed up for the marathon are Avni Patel, Megan Anderson, Robb Smylie, Elizabeth Senk, Ani Shehigian, Natalie Ross and Jill Van Tiem, all of Livonia; Suman Palakodeti, Rupa Patel and Angkana Roy, all of Plymouth, and Niketa Kulkarni, Poonan Desai, Kelly Maltese,

Neha Sha, Dina Patel and Pritice Patel, all of Canton.

The volunteers also have lined up a number of area businesses like General Mills, Jiffy Mix, General Electric, EDS Corp., Microsoft, Wendy's and the Michigan Union Bookstore as its sponsors.

A spectator area has been set aside for people to watch the marathon. Admission is free.

Families and children who benefit from the marathon also will be in attendance, as well as physicians and physical therapists from the hospitals. Riesenberger expects several families to be there.

"Some will be there the entire time. Others will come and go," she said. "Seeing them there the last 10 hours is what keeps the kids (dancers) going."

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Greenfield

Harry and Marian Greenfield of Westland were the guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Wayne Ford Civic League hosted by their children.

Lifelong residents of Westland, they exchanged vows on Oct. 21, 1948, at St. Mary Catholic Church. She is the former Marian Kehrler.

The Greenfields renewed their wedding vows at St. Richard

Catholic Church as part of the celebration, which featured a replica of the original wedding cake topped with the original figurines. Five members of their wedding party also were in attendance.

They are the parents and grandparents of Irene Eddy, husband Dan, and children Matthew, Joy, Luke, Marianne and Maureen Maher; Robert, wife Patricia, and children Dominique, Patrick and Camille;

Thomas, wife Pamela, and son Aaron; James, wife Lora, and children Justin, Amber and Erik; Richard and children Derrick and Deven; Kathleen Greenfield and daughter Ashley; Neal, wife Shari, and children Christopher, Ryan and Paige; Mary Werts and husband Scott; and the late Timothy Greenfield.

The couple enjoyed a second honeymoon on a two-week Caribbean cruise.

### Frechette

Donald and Beverly Frechette of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an all-day garden party with friends and family in Fowlerville on July 4.

The couple's first date was decided when he and a friend flipped a coin to see who would take the former Beve Adams, to a hot dog roast at Rouge Park. He won't divulge whether he won or lost the bet, but they have been together since then.

They have seven children - Mark and wife Sharon of Newberry, Barry and wife Lauretta of Madison Wis., Renee of San Diego, Calif., Rolland and wife Laure of Fowlerville, Cherie Kolodziejczak and husband Mike of Livonia, Maurice of Ann Arbor



and Andre of Livonia. They also have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



### Moug

Robert and Marion Moug of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an afternoon reception, hosted by their children and held at Bobby's Country House in Livonia.

The couple met in 1943 in study hall at Detroit Pershing High School. They were married on Feb. 12, 1949, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She is the former Marion Pruitt.

They have six married children - Robert and wife Connie of Farmington, Pamela Gilbert and husband Richard of Commerce Township, Glenn and wife Nancy of Commerce Township, Loretta Pietila and husband Keith of

Livonia, Patrick and wife Kim of Walled Lake and Michael and wife Bernadette of New Hudson.

They also have 12 grandchildren - Joshua Gilbert and wife Heather, Christopher Krekler and wife Robyn, Courtney Gilbert, Erin Moug, Kelly Moug, Mandy Moug, Alex and Megan Pietila, Nick Moug, Travis Moug, Katie Moug and Mackenzie Moug - and one great-grandchild, Max Krekler.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 17 and served from 1943 to 1946. He saw action in the Pacific Theater, including Iwo Jima and Okinawa, during World War II. He is a retired Detroit Police Inspector.



Solid Snake



Psycho Mantis

## McFarlane Toys adds 'Metal Gear' figures

Award-winning artist Todd McFarlane has added characters from the Sony PlayStation game "Metal Gear Solid" by Konami to his lineup of action figures.

The Plymouth Township-based McFarlane Toys "Metal Gear Solid" assortment is packed with tons of accessories from night vision goggles to laser sighting devices and with an arsenal of weapons.

The assortment also includes the characters Solid Snake, Liquid Snake, Meryl Silverburgh, Vulcan Raven, Revolver Ocelot, Sniper Wolf, Ninja and Psycho Mantis.

Each figure stands between 6 1/2 inches and 7 1/2 inches tall and is extremely detailed, highly flexible and loaded with accessories.

The manufacturer's suggested retail price is \$5.99. All figures are packaged on blister cards and will be available in February.

Hailed as the first video game ever to receive a perfect score by Electronic Gaming Monthly, and released in October 1998, "Metal Gear Solid" quickly became the No. 1 selling Sony PlayStation game in the United States, according to Ken Reinstein, public relations manager for McFarlane Toys.

The game features the lead character, code-named Solid Snake, who embarks on a military mission to save the world, enhanced by a cinematic plot that explores friendship, betrayal and romance.

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# CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VEGAS NIGHT**  
The ushers of St. Richard Parish will be holding a Vegas Night, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 6, in the parish social hall on Cherry Hill two blocks west of Wayne Road. Admission is \$1. Games include black jack, big wheel, craps, beat the dealer and roulette.

**COFFEE HOUR**  
U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers has scheduled a coffee hour in Westland 8:30-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Bakers Square Restaurant, 36101 Warren Road. All constituents of the 13th Congressional District are encouraged to drop by, have a cup of coffee and discuss their concerns. For more information, call Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

**VALENTINE CARD PARTY**  
A Valentine Card Party is set for 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. The event includes door and table prizes, 50/50 and light meal and snacks. Tickets are \$6. Call (734) 278-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds for the building fund.

**ROTARY TOY SHOW**  
The Westland Rotary's Toy Show is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy in Westland. Admission is \$3 with kids under 12 free. Items are expected to include new toys, collectibles, obsolete, antiques, Beanie Babies and Furby's.

**RAILROADIANA**  
Buy and swap toys and trains from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at Sts. Simon and Jude Church at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for tables, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 between 5 and 11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12, tables at the door if available are \$20. Admission is \$2 a person or \$4 a family.

## AT THE LIBRARY

**FRIENDS OF LIBRARY**  
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 426-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

## WESTLAND CENTER

**WALKERS CLUB**  
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitcher. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

## AT THE CHAMBER

**BOWLING OUTING**  
As part of Westland WinterFest 1999, the Westland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the WinterFest Bowling Outing 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Lane sponsorships are available by contacting the chamber, (734) 326-7222.

**JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR**  
The third annual Jobs and Careers Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at

Westland Shopping Center. An advance signup list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

## RECREATION

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

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

## VOLUNTEERS

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

## SCHOOLS

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

**SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S**  
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

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

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

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

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

**YWCA READINESS**  
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 661-4110.

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

**LITTLE LAMBS**  
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

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

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

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

**LIVONIA COOPERATIVE**  
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for winter enrollments for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

## HISTORY ON VIEW

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

**FRIENDS MEET**  
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and

## Howe about a pizza?



**Love pizza #9: Colleen Howe, Lou Toarmina and Gordie Howe help launch a special "Howe #9 Pizza" promotion. The pizza is available at all Toarmina's Pizza locations and comes in a special box featuring an image of Gordie Howe's #9 jersey. Every Toarmina's location will also have scratch-off game cards featuring the opportunity to win instant discounts on pizza or a chance to win Gordie Howe merchandise. One winner from each location will win a limited edition Howe Lithograph and the grand-prize winner will win a special lunch with the Howes. Toarmina's and the Howes will also team up in a promotion to help the Good News Gang raise money to bring hope to underprivileged children in Detroit. A 30,000-piece limited edition collector's cup featuring a signed picture of Gordie Howe was created for the promotion and will be on sale at participating Toarmina's locations. Partial proceeds from the sale of each cup will go to the Good News Gang, an urban children's outreach organization for Detroit's disadvantaged children.**

November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

## FOR SENIORS

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

**GOLF CLASS**  
The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center will be offering a new golf class taught by United States Golf Teachers Federation certified member David Jeffery. Orientation for this class is 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at the Friendship Center. Light refreshments will be served. Regular classes will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 through April 28. The class will include lectures, hands-on instruction and student participation. Call (734) 722-7632. Class is limited to the first 10 members who sign up.

**SENIOR CHOIR**  
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy

singing are invited to join. The choir meets 9 a.m. Thursdays.

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

**TRAVEL GROUP**  
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

**CARD GROUP**  
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinocle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up

to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

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

**WORK REFERRAL**  
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

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

## CLUBS IN ACTION

**MOMS CLUB**  
The MOMS Club of Westland, a nonprofit support group for stay-at-home moms, will be holding its next meeting 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh Road. The group will be discussing its upcoming spring activities and exchanging tips on

parenting infants and toddlers. For information, call Stephanie at (734) 266-2919.

**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 and has begun preparations for an annual competition in May. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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

**T.O.P.S.**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

**T.O.P.S.**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. MI53 meets weekly: Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Suzanne at (734) 728-8437.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

**HEARING IMPAIRED**  
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People Inc. (SHHH) for Western Wayne County is an international nonprofit education organization of hard of hearing people, their relatives and friends, devoted to the welfare and the interests of those who cannot hear well. SHHH meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Allan L. Breakie Medical Building next to Garden City Hospital, Inkster Road, between Warren and Ford. For information, call Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 or Ginny Schroeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 458-3408.

**AIM**  
Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. (248) 547-0400.

**RATIONAL RECOVERY**  
Rational Recovery is a nonprofit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood in Garden City. Call (248) 476-2657.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7278. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Info.: \_\_\_\_\_

Use additional sheet if necessary

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

**Malkiewicz-Kammeraad**

Dean D. Malkiewicz and Jennifer E. Kammeraad were recently married at Mill Race Village in Northville. The Rev. Simon J. DeVries officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Judith and Peter Kammeraad of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Dorothy McLean of Plymouth and Daniel Malkiewicz of Canton.

The bride is employed as a psychologist. The groom is a graduate student in speech and language pathology.

The bride asked Kathryn Kammeraad to be her maid of honor with Dawn Malkiewicz and Kym Derks as attendants.

The groom asked Damon Malkiewicz to be his best man with Jeffrey DeVries and Steve



Strelecki as groomsmen. Ring bearer was Doran Jones.

The couple received guests at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Maine.

**Jarvis-Brink**

Ray and Linda Jarvis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie, to Joshua Paul Brink, the son of John and Cheryl Brink of Liberty Center, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Integrated Health Associates.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Liberty Center High School. He is employed by M.A. Johnson Inc. as a residential carpenter.

An October wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic



Church in Westland.

**Morga-Threedy**

Richard and Fran Morga of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Nicole, to Douglas Charles Threedy of Scottsdale, Ariz., the son of Edward and Irene Threedy.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1996 graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale.

Her fiancé will receive his bachelor of science degree in computer information systems from the University of Phoenix. He also is employed at the Phoenician Resort, where the couple met.



An October wedding is planned at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church in Westland.

**Holladay-Paronish**

David and Arlene Holladay of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorene Anne, to John Paronish III, the son of John Jr. and Sonja Paronish, also of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and the Virginia Farrell Beauty College. She is employed as a manufacturing coordinator at Anson Mold Inc. in Canton and the Perfect Image Salon in Belleville.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School and is attending Henry Ford Community College where he is studying architecture. He is employed at Town and Country Lanes in Westland.



**Barrett-Yessian**

Barbara Ann Barrett and Tod Robert Yessian were recently married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Trenton. The Rev. Jim Vedro officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Sandra Barrett of Flat Rock. The groom is the son Mary Woods of Trenton and Robert Yessian of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford. She is employed at Source One Mortgage in Farmington Hills.

The groom is a graduate of Trenton High School. He is employed at Pennsylvania Steel Corp. in Redford.

The bride asked Sandra Barrett to serve as matron of honor with Nancy Yessian and Dawn Graff as bridesmaids. Ashley Barrett was the flower girl.

The groom asked Greg Yessian to serve as best man with Eric Yessian and Gary Barrett as



groomsmen. Graham Yessian was the ringbearer.

The couple received guests at the Grecian Center in Southgate before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Daytona Beach, Fla. They are making their home in Westland.

**Gorenflo-Hyslop**

Judith Hyslop and John Gorenflo were married Nov. 28 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. The Rev. Dwight Ezop officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jacqueline Avery of Westland. The groom is the son of Barbara Gorenflo of Ann Arbor.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed at Frito Lay as a shipping department manager.

The groom attended Eastern Michigan University. He is a graduate of Washtenaw Community College. He is employed at C-Text Inc. in Ann Arbor as a senior account analyst.

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her brother, Keith Hyslop, asked Mary Gills Orwin to serve as maid of honor.

The groom asked Jamie



Gorenflo to serve as best man with Ted Walters as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at the Eagle Crest Country Club in Ypsilanti before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Miami and the Florida Keys. They are making their home in Ypsilanti.

**Iorio-Hauk**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Iorio of Grafton, Wis., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Ross Michael Hauk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hauk of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is an assistant head teller for Community Bank of Grafton.

Her fiancé is employed by Hauk Farms Inc. in Canton.

A February wedding is planned.



**Haight-Truskowski**

Art Betz and Margie Gustafson of Tuscon, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Haight, to Robert S. Truskowski, the son of Stan and Rosemary Truskowski of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ramona High School. She is employed as a bookkeeper.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He was recently discharged from the U.S. Navy. He is currently employed by Loral Space Systems in Palo Alto, Calif.

A fall wedding in Hallister, Calif., is planned.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Woman of the Year



At Hosanna-Tabor: When the Council of Lutheran Women gathered at Burton Manor for its 35th annual luncheon last month, Marge Milz was there. Milz, Lutheran woman of the year for 1999 at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford, was among 56 women from the Detroit metropolitan churches and intercongregational organizations honored at the luncheon.

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.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Church Women United Metro Detroit-West will have its International Student Day carry-in casserole luncheon 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. International students will speak to participants about their homelands. There also will be speakers from Starfish Family Services and the women's group which provides Love Packs for displaced children. Participants should bring a casserole to feed three people and paper products for the First Step program. For more information, call Bonnie June Legge at (734) 464-7727.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER**

The United Methodist Men of the First United Methodist Church in Wayne will host a roast beef dinner 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, in the fellowship hall of the church, 3 Town Square. Cost will be \$6 for adults, \$2.50 for children and \$15 for a family ticket (includes two adults and two children 12 years and under).

**SMOKE-FREE BINGO**

St. Edith Catholic Church will offer smoke-free bingo 6:30 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays, beginning in February, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-1222 or (734) 464-1250.

**SONGFEST SERVICE**

Praise Chapel Church of God will present a songfest service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the church, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. Special songs and dance presentations will be performed by congregation members from Wayne, Westland, Livonia, Plymouth and surrounding communities. The program has been organized by the Rev. Travis Goff, music minister, and Cindy Goins, productions director.

**INFORMATION NIGHT**

Plymouth Christian Academy

will have an information program 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, for its preschool through 12th-grade programs and on Monday, Feb. 8, for its kindergarten and beginning programs. Visitors will get to meet the teachers, explore the curriculum and visit the campus at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, between Lilley and Sheldon, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022 or the academy at (734) 459-3505.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

St. Edith Catholic Church will host author and speaker Guy Doud 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Doud's "Molder of Dreams" has been the No. 1 requested tape on the "Focus on the Family" radio show for several years. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call (734) 464-2027 or (734) 464-2020.

**SIGNIFICANT SUNDAY**

Unity of Livonia will be involved in the National Random Acts of Kindness Week Monday-Sunday, Feb. 8-14. Members can pick up kindness cards at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia, to give to other people. The cards acknowledge kindness received and remind others of its importance.

At 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, special services will be held to honor those people who have made a difference in our lives. Special music, refreshments and sharing will be a part of Significant Sunday, concluding Random Acts of Kindness Week.

**MONEY MANAGEMENT**

Are you looking for ways to stretch your dollar? A money management workshop will be offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, 18 and 25, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The video-based program, "Master Your Money," will be taught by Jim Coleman and will present financial planning concepts to help participants take charge of their money.

In the workshop, they'll learn to use financial planning tools, establish long-range financial goals, develop a personal financial plan, find money they never knew they had and manage cash

flow. Registration cost is \$10 per workbook. For more information and to register, call Tim Bode at (734) 522-6830.

**SINGLE POINT**

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have its 1999 Winter Divorce Recovery Workshop, for any divorced or separated person, 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11-March 25, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township.

The workshop will be lead by the Rev. Paul Clough, minister of single adults at Ward. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, or \$15 for those who are

repeating the program. Free child care for children infants through age sixth grade. For more information, call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

**MARRIAGE WORKSHOP**

The Rev. Gene Evans, founding pastor of Believer's Church in Douglas, Ga., and his wife, June, will present "Heaven on Earth," a marriage workshop weekend, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14, at Cornerstone Family Worship Center, 36924 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The sessions will start at 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn with June Evans

as the after dinner speaker. The cost is \$50 for all events and the dinner, \$25 for the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions. Advanced registration requested. For more information, call the church at (734) 622-8463.

**WOMEN AGLow**

The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will have Sally Rousseaux as the speaker at its monthly meeting, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 13, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford Road, Canton. She serves on the organization's southeast area board in leadership development. She will share how people can tap into the love of Jesus and trust Him with their whole hearts. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

**VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE**

St. John Neumann's Singles will have their annual Valentine's Day dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. Edith's Social Hall, Newburgh south of Five Mile, Livonia. The cost will be \$8 and includes pizza, pop and a Top 40 disc jockey to spin the latest tunes. No blue jeans allowed. For more information, call Patrick at (313) 277-6083, Jim at (734) 454-4269 or the St. John Neumann hotline at (734) 480-7830.

**IN CONCERT**

The Talley Trio, a name synonymous with great gospel music, will present a concert 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

International pianist and recording artist Enoch Fernando will be in concert 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The performance will take the place of the evening service.

Fernando has shared the platform with such artists as Carmen and Phil Driscoll and Debby Boone. Accompanied with rich orchestrations, his musical styles are so mixed that there is something for everyone at his performance.

The concert is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a pancake supper 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the church, 27101 W. Chicago at Ingster Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2744.

**TLC STORY TIME**

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, south of Joy, Livonia. There will be crafts, Christian stories, snacks and prizes. The books chosen are for children age 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

**BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST**

Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a dance 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, on Haggerty south of Five Mile in Plymouth Township. The charge will be \$8 and will include refreshments.

It also will offer a divorce recovery class 7-9 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21-April 18 (except Easter), at St. Kenneth's. The facilitator will be Marie Petricca from Catholic Social Services. The charge is \$40 for the eight sessions. Preregistration and payment is required. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

**Y2K AND JOSEPH PROJECT**

A day-long conference that discusses the facts and implications of the Year 2000 problem and offer solutions for the Christian community will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing St., Northville.

The conference will begin with registration at 8 a.m. It will include workshops and discussions - "Biblical and Moral Perspectives of Preparedness" with Wade Waterman and "The Joseph Project: Beyond Personal Preparedness" with Michael Balon.

The Joseph Project is aimed at helping prepare the community for potential difficulties the Y2K problem poses. Seating is limited and pre-registration is recommended. The cost is \$10 in

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# Christian talk show takes look at marriage, happiness and forgiving

The award-winning Christian television talk show "On Main Street" has lined up an all-star series of interviews to air this month.

Comedian Steve Allen and his wife, actress and Emmy Award winner Jayne Meadows will demonstrate that marriages "made in heaven" still exist and are attainable with a lot of patience, understanding and determination when they join host Dr. Dale Meyer the week of Feb. 7.

Well-respected actors who have achieved 44 years of happiness and success in marriage, Allen and Meadows will share their personal stories and insight on marital bliss in the episode.

Introduced nationwide in 1994, "On Main Street" airs weekly on the cable TV's Odyssey Channel and 46 full power and 31 lower power television stations. Locally, it can be seen 4 p.m. Mondays in Livonia on cable's Livonia TV-12.

Also appearing this month will be Debbie Morris, author of "Forgiving the Dead Man Walking," who will relay her horrifying ordeal with attempted murder and how she came to forgive the men who tried to end her life. Her story was dramatized in the movie, "Dead Man Walking."

Morris will reveal how forgiveness helped heal the emotional scars with which she struggled for years. The episode, "Forgiving the Unforgivable" will broadcast the week of Feb. 14.

Author of "Hustled My Journey from Fear to Faith" and daughter of "Hustler" publisher Larry Flynt, Tonya Flynt-Vega will face up to her childhood and adult experiences in the episode, "The Pits of Porno."

In the program, Flynt-Vega and Meyer will explore the addicting dangers of pornography and how it affects its users and their families. The episode is scheduled to air the week of Feb. 21.

Closing out the month will be

actress Jamie Lyn Bauer, who portrays Laura Horton on the weekday soap opera, "Days of Our Lives."

Bauer will share her testimony and highlight techniques that can rid a marriage of problems in the episode, "The Illusion of Divorce," which will air the week of Feb. 27.

The prerecorded 30-minute Christian talk show shares practical suggestions on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Targeting people age 25-54, "On Main Street" joins the subject matter expertise of special guests with select panel to explore topics in an intimate roundtable setting.

For upcoming program schedules or to check local listings, visit the "Wired with the Word" Web site at <http://www.lhm.org> or call the Lutheran Hour Ministries at (800) 944-3450.

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advance and \$12 at the door. Pizza and drinks will be available for a charge. For more information, call (248) 348-1020.

### PRaise AND WORSHIP

Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia, will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 49065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free will offering will be accept-

ed. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

### NEW BEGINNING

Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

### MOM TO MOM SALE

Table space is available for the Mom to Mom sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Donations of toys and clothes are welcome. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more information, call Vicki at (734) 513-0167 or Kayla at (734) 595-6712.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other March 19-21 and April 16-

18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or at [www.rc.net/detroit/wwme](http://www.rc.net/detroit/wwme).

### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth has opened its new location at 494 N. Mill St., one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call the store at (734) 459-1250 or e-mail the church at [fp@juno.com](mailto:fp@juno.com).

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## CC squeaks by in Observerland

### Shamrocks edge Stevenson by 3

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No one was surprised to see Redford Catholic Central walk off with the championship trophy of the eighth annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

But the Shamrocks didn't simply walk away with the title, as Livonia Stevenson injected a dose of suspense into the competition and made it interesting with a strong upset bid.

CC needed a victory from senior Broc Naysmith in the last bout of the tournament to overcome the Spartans and capture its third team championship.

The Shamrocks, who trailed Stevenson by three points going into the 215-pound final, finished with 207 and the Spartans 204. Garden City was a distant third (132). Defending champion Plymouth Salem had a prior commitment to a tournament at Holt.

Clarenceville made its strongest showing with a fourth-place finish, and Livonia Churchill, Plymouth Canton, Redford Thurston and Wayne Memorial scored 100 or more points apiece.

"It's just nice to win it," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "We've been down all year long as far as our record. These guys just put their hearts and souls together to win it."

"This is a good tournament for us. All year we get ripped on, and here in our own backyard we have a chance to shine a little bit."

"Stevenson is a tough team. We're going to hit them again in the district, so this is not the end."

CC, which is 7-7 in dual meets with two remaining against Clarkston and Rochester Adams, and Stevenson had four individual champions each.

Following Rocky Barker's overtime



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Close encounter: Stevenson's Imad Kharbush (bottom) needed overtime to beat Wayne's Nate Wensko in the 135-pound final.

victory at 160, the Spartans had a 204-197 lead over the Shamrocks, who needed wins from their two remaining finalists — 189-pound John Abshire and Naysmith — to win the meet.

In a bout between All-Observerland football players, Abshire edged Clarenceville's Walter Ragland 3-1 and then Naysmith clinched the title with a second-period pin over Kalen McPherson, a Clarenceville sophomore.

"What better person to get it than my grandson," Rodriguez said, referring to Naysmith. "He delighted grandpa. I'm always proud of him no matter what he does."

"I was especially pleased with John

Abshire coming back. It was his first competition all year, and he gets in the finals and wins it. He jumped into the lineup and gave his whole heart to the team effort."

CC's other winners were senior heavyweight Casey Rogowski, who was named the most outstanding wrestler in the upper weights, and 152-pound senior Mitch Hancock.

Stevenson's Joe Moreau and Josh Gunterman shared the MOW award in the lower weights after winning the 103 and 112 titles, respectively. The fourth winner for the Spartans was 135-pound Imad Kharbush.

"Josh Gunterman came out of

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nowhere to win," Stevenson coach Don Berg said, adding Gunterman was No. 4 seed. "That was unbelievable. The kids wrestled hard and they wrestled well. That's all you can ask — they do their best and that's what they did."

Rogowski, the defending Class A champion who extended his record to 26-0 this season and (75-0) over the last two, and Naysmith were the only repeat winners.

"It's a good award to get after a hard day's work," Rogowski said of his selection for MOW honors, although he barely broke a sweat in competition.

His pin of Farmington junior Brian Brinsden at 1:35 was his longest bout of the day. He dispatched Clarenceville's Justin Green and Garden City's Brad Tinney in the first period, also.

Rogowski, who will go to Central Michigan on a football scholarship, and the 6-foot-2, 240-pound Brinsden looked evenly-matched physically, but Rogowski shot the first takedown and quickly maneuvered for the pin.

"The last guy I wrestled was really strong, but I caught him in a move," Rogowski said, adding he later learned Brinsden didn't wrestle last year. "I wrestled all four years, so experience might have been a factor."

"Casey is a very talented young athlete; he's on a mission," Rodriguez said. "He knows what he has to do, and doesn't get sidetracked."

In the only head-to-head meeting between CC and Stevenson in the championship round, Moreau scored a technical fall over CC's Chris O'Hara, 17-2.

Moreau (34-2) was able to consistently outmaneuver his taller, heavier-looking opponent in their first-time meeting.

"I think it's great," said Moreau. Please see OBSERVERLAND MEET, C5

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**TEAM STANDINGS**  
1. Redford Catholic Central, 207; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 204; 3. Garden City, 132; 4. Clarenceville, 118; 5. Livonia Churchill, 110; 6. Plymouth Canton, 109; 7. Redford Thurston, 104; 8. Wayne Memorial, 100; 9. Westland John Glenn, 94; 10. Redford Union, 88; 11. Farmington, 83; 12. Livonia Franklin, 78; 13. Farmington Harrison, 48; 14. Lutheran Westland, 41; 15. North Farmington, 23.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**  
275 pounds: 1. Casey Rogowski (CC) pinned Brian Brinsden (F), 1:35; 3. Mike Gaffke (LC) defeated Brad Tinney (GC), 3-1 in overtime; 5. Derek McWatt (PC) pinned Carl Lakonde (RT), 0:37.  
160: 1. Joe Moreau (LS) won by technical fall over Chris O'Hara (CC), 17-2 at 3:51; 3. Scott Messey (GC) pinned Joe LaBlanc (RU), 0:57; 5. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville) pinned Steve Lenhardt (LC), 0:56.  
135: 1. Josh Gunterman (LS) dec. Jesse Purdon (JC), 19-10; 3. Mike Kessabi (WM) won by injury default over Pat Sayn (GC); 5. Doy Demick (PC) pinned Tom Beudenberg (CC), 4:21.  
119: 1. Jon Gregg (WM) dec. Steve Vasloff (LC), 7-5; 3. Zack Yaffai (LS) dec. Vinnie Zoccolli (GC), 11-9; 5. Steve Sargol (FH) pinned Lee Warren (LF), 1:30.  
103: 1. Eugene Antonelli (RT) dec. Greg Musser (PC), 13-11; 3. Dustin Obied (LS) pinned Brian Reed (GC), 1:53; 5. Dave Teets (JC) pinned Jim Gorlay (RU), 1:25.  
112: 1. Dave Lemmon (Clarenceville) dec. Jeff Albrecht (JC), 7-5; 3. Jesse Stevens (RU) pinned Tony Lama (F), 3:30; 5. Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Brian Kasse (NF), 6-1.  
152: 1. Imad Kharbush (LS) dec. Nate Wensko (WM), 9-7 in overtime; 3. John Pocock (PC) dec. Derek Azzopardi (LF), 9-2; 5. San LeClerc (Clarenceville) dec. Ron Sarata (CC), 11-6.  
140: 1. Jeff Usher (RT) dec. Mike Falzon (LS), 12-8; 3. Sean Bell (CC) dec. Ryan Shiplott (LF), 17-11; 5. Jake Taylor (FH) dec. Matt Wehl (Clarenceville), 15-1.  
160: 1. Mike Carter (LC) dec. Kevin Stone (PC), 5-3 in overtime; 3. Ken Raupp (WM) dec. Ryan Zajdel (CC), 10-8 in overtime; 5. Allen Duff (LF) pinned Josh Fee (GC), 0:47.  
197: 1. Mitch Hancock (CC) dec. Brandon LaPointe (LC), 11-4; 3. Tony Phur (RT) pinned Eddie Traynor (GC), 0:26; 5. Mark Orzech (F) pinned Rob Simpson (Clarenceville), 2:01.  
189: 1. Rocky Barker (LS) dec. Pete Langin (JC), 11-9 in overtime; 3. Robert Demack (PC) dec. Eric Toaska (LF), 6-1; 5. Jeremy Rockwell (RT) pinned James Moler (WM), 3:29.  
171: 1. Brian Hirman (GC) dec. Andy Wood (F), 13-5; 3. Mike Redley (LS) dec. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville), 15-3; 5. Scott Archer (LW) pinned Jason Hilliker (CC), 2:43.  
152: 1. John Abshire (CC) dec. Walter Ragland (Clarenceville), 3-1; 3. Steve Mysinski (LF) pinned Ollie Muscarella (RU), 3:17; 5. John McFarland (LS) dec. Ian Cole (FH), 10-1.  
103: 1. Broc Naysmith (CC) pinned Kalen McPherson (Clarenceville), 3:32; 3. Will Baker (RU) won by injury default over Scott Gannon (RT); 5. Nick Smith (WM) pinned Jeff Sprung (LC), 1:42.

## Rucker adapts to role

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Guy Rucker's status with the Iowa men's basketball team changes from day-to-day.

Only two weeks ago Rucker started, scoring 12 points and adding seven rebounds in a loss to Michigan State in East Lansing.

Last Saturday in Ann Arbor, the 6-foot-10 center from Westland John Glenn, who has started a majority of games for the 13th-ranked Hawkeyes, never got off the bench against Michigan.

After missing two days of practice to attend the funeral of a cousin shot to death recently in Gary, Ind., Iowa's lameduck coach Dr. Tom Davis kept Rucker out of the lineup entirely.

And so Rucker, who averages nearly nine points and a team-high five rebounds per game, continues to endure the ups-and-downs of big-time college basketball.

Fame can be fleeting. The Inkster native, now in his third season at Iowa, is part of an 11-man rotation Davis employs. The Hawkeyes press full-court from start to finish and Davis relies on substituting multiple players with fresh legs. "I could be a go-to player in a different situation, but the system doesn't work that way," said Rucker, who is averaging 19 minutes per game. "You deal with the minutes as they come."

"The situation was even more complicated by the arrival of Wisconsin transfer Sam Okey, a talented 6-7 forward who became eligible Jan. 21.

"He (Okey) can definitely help, but it's kind of rough because everybody has good talent and can be on the floor," Rucker said. Rucker has had his moments throughout his career — 18 points versus Virginia in the NCAA Tournament game (1997); a career-high 20 the same year

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against Northwestern; a team-high five blocks this season against Minnesota; double figures in nine games this year; a win on the road to snap Kansas's 86-game homecourt winning streak.

"I'm able to get around more as the years go by and get more respect," Rucker said. "As you get older you know what it takes to get the job done. And you know the system a lot better."

After averaging 10 points and six rebounds as a freshman, Rucker slipped last season to 6.1 rebounds and 3.3 rebounds in 31 games (starting 20).

Some observers felt Rucker gained too much weight, hovering around 280, and lost some of his mobility. Others said he missed his closest ally on the team, All-Big Ten point-guard Andre Woolridge (now playing professionally in Turkey).

"Andre was almost a big brother to me, somebody I could go to," Rucker said. "He was there to give me advice. He was a big help and he knew how to get me the ball. He knew where to pass it and when to pass it."

"The first year was a great year, but I knew I still had room to improve."

But with Woolridge gone and freshmen guards Dean Oliver and Ricky Davis learning the ropes and experiencing growing pains, Iowa missed the NCAA tourney in 1998 and was knocked out in the first round of the NIT.

"I felt I could play with the weight in this system, but my job (in the press) was to put pressure on the guy taking out the ball," Rucker said. "This year I'm playing in the back of the press. I feel more comfortable being in the back blocking shots."

In a teleconference call the day prior to the Michigan game, Davis said Rucker was "holding his own" against the Big Ten's other centers.

"Guy may not be as big and quick as other some of the other centers in the league, but I'm anxious to see what he can do over the last eight games," said

Davis, whose contract will not be renewed after his 13th season. "He's a year older and he's learning as he goes on. Guy is a wonderful human being, a nice young man, a very considerate and concerned person."

Davis said Rucker's 1997-98 campaign "was hard on him." "Because of the backcourt development with three inexperienced guards and playing a strong schedule, all the big guys didn't look as good," Davis said. "He's a guy who is critical of himself more than anyone else. He's a very sensitive person. This year it didn't take much prompting from the coaching staff to get him motivated again."

Rucker spent part of the summer in Iowa City and part of the summer at home working out with former Glenn teammate Tony Goins, Wayne State University's all-time career scoring leader.

He also got advice from Inkster native Michael Aaron, another former WSU standout and mentor of Goins.

"Michael is a real good motivator," Rucker said. "Tony also came out and played and I was able to get the weight down."

The 21-year-old Rucker and his girlfriend, Joyce Pledge, also added newborn baby daughter to the Hawkeyes' rotation, Amaja, born on Jan. 11.

"Joyce is a few years older and we're on good terms, we may get married in a couple of years," he said. "All things happen for a reason. I have a different outlook on life and different responsibilities now. I have to take it upon myself and go hard on the court every time out."

As Iowa takes a 16-4 overall record and 6-3 Big Ten mark into tonight's game at Purdue, the question begs: Where does Rucker fit into the mix?

A partial NCAA academic qualifier who red-shirted his freshman year, Rucker is eligible to come back next year for a fourth season if he completes graduation requirements toward a degree in African American worldwide studies.

But for now, Rucker can only hope he can obtain another year of eligibility and finish his career on a high note.

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# Ocelots fall flat vs. Mott

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Flint Mott took advantage of Lamar Bigby's absence to earn its second win over nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College within six days.

With the Ocelots' top scorer out of the lineup due to an eligibility issue (see related story), the Bears took over sole possession of the first place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with an 81-70 victory Monday night over the host Ocelots.

Mott, a 78-75 winner over SC on Jan. 27, is now 16-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference. SC falls to 17-2 and 6-2.

Daniel Lawson, a 6-foot-6 guard out of Detroit Mackenzie, led Mott with 17 points. Point-guard Richard Bryant added 15. The Bears made 10 three-pointers to Schoolcraft's three (all by Quentin Mitchell).

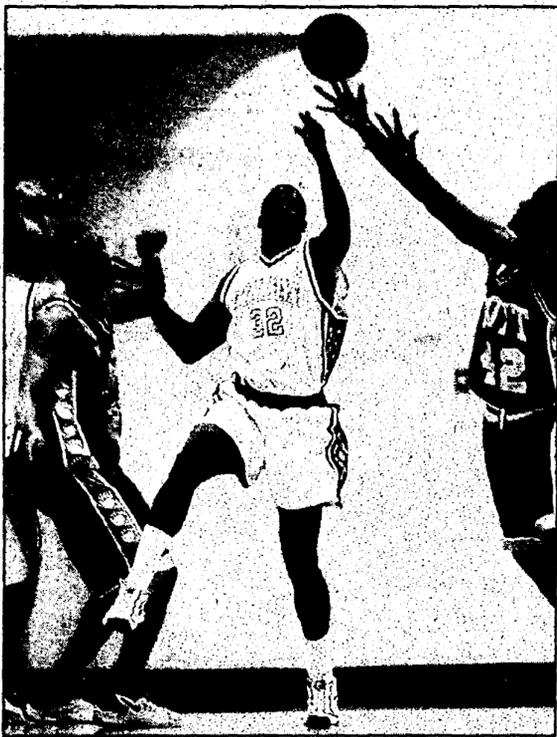
"Tonight we shot the ball much better from the three-point line even though we didn't make free throws (19 of 38)," Mott coach Steve Schmidt said. "But our trademark has been defense. To hold Schoolcraft to 75 points and then 70 — against a team that is averaging close to 100 points a game — that's what won us the game."

Mott trailed 27-26 with 3:42 left in the opening half, but went on a 12-2 run to gain 38-29 lead at intermission thanks to four straight triples.

Schoolcraft trailed by only one, 59-58, with exactly five minutes to go in the second half on Mitchell's trey.

But Mott answered with a 9-0 spurt, capped by two Arnold Lakes free throws with 2:25 left, giving the Bears a 68-58 advantage.

Schoolcraft, which shot 38.4 percent from the floor on the night (25 of 65), would never



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Up for grabs: Schoolcraft's David Jarrett (No. 32) tries to snare the rebound in front of Mott's Larry Patrick (right) and Sigfried Hodge (left).

recover.

"I'm excited with the win because we control our own destiny in the conference," Schmidt said. "We put ourselves in the driver's seat to come in here and win."

"Schoolcraft has a great team and they match up athletically with us. But we use 12 guys and I think we're able to wear teams down because all 12 are solid. That's a tremendous advantage."

Point-guard Dave McGlown led SC in scoring with 15 points, while Michael Murray added 12. Mitchell, David Jarrett and Dashawn Williams each contributed nine with Derek McKelvey, who was held scoreless from the three-point line, getting eight.

It was obvious they were missing Bigby, a player who can score inside and outside.

"Our kids played hard, but we didn't play well in the last five

minutes the first or second half," Briggs said. "But I'm proud of the way with played without Bigby. We've had some adversity lately and to be 7-2 in the conference . . . I'm proud of where we're at, and we're going to get better."

On Saturday, Mitchell scored a team-high 17 points in the Ocelots' 85-57 homecourt victory over Macomb CC.

SC, which jumped out to a 47-29 halftime lead, also got 14 from Reggie Kirkland.

McGlown and Williams each chipped in with 10, while Murray added nine.

**NOTE:** Briggs said three players — Bigby, point-guard Mario Montgomery and Williams — would be suspended for Wednesday's St. Clair CC game for unspecified violation of team rules.

Results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

# Bigby's eligibility status at issue

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Schoolcraft College star forward Lamar Bigby, held out two games over an eligibility issue, could return to the lineup Monday against Oakland CC.

Officials from the National Junior College Athletic Association were checking an eligibility complaint lodged by Iowa Western CC coach Jim Morris.

Bigby, averaging 18 points per game, missed Monday's first-place showdown against Flint Mott (an 80-71 SC loss).

The 6-foot-5 forward was not given a release of the original letter-of-intent he signed last spring with the community college in Council Bluffs, Ia.

Bigby later asked out of his commitment with Iowa Western to play for SC's Carlos Briggs, who served as an assistant coach for his summer Detroit AAU basketball squad.

SC athletic director Ed Kavanaugh, who spoke with Morris on Tuesday night, was given assurances that SC's leading scorer would be released from his letter by Wednesday.

"I don't believe the NJCAA will impose any further penalties and the two games Lamar sat out will serve as punitive action," Kavanaugh said.

When contacted Tuesday at his office, Morris admitted he notified NJCAA officials about Bigby after "getting a tip" that forward was playing this season for the 13th-ranked Ocelots.

Morris would not say who was the source of his information.

"I thought the whole thing was highly irregular as far as them recruiting him and I felt they (Schoolcraft) were going around the rules," he said. "I would have given him a release if they would have followed the correct channels."

Morris admitted that by denying Bigby a release during the entire summer, he was hoping the forward would change his mind and honor his original commitment.

"I was going to hold it over their heads as long as I could," he said. "But once he didn't graduate from high school (at Northern), I just gave it up, but apparently he (Bigby) went back and got his GED (General Equivalency Diploma) and that made him eligible."

Morris said he did not want to deny Bigby the right to play.

"If they were to ask for a release today, that would be no problem," he said. "But they haven't done that yet. They could fax me a form and I'd release him."

After notifying the NJCAA in Colorado Springs of Bigby's asking out of his letter with Iowa Western, Briggs and Kavanaugh felt confident and assured by NJCAA officials (prior to the season) that the Detroit Northern product could play this season if he met certain conditions.

The first stipulation cited was that he could not receive an athletic grant-in-aid and would attend a junior college in the "nearest district or service area."

Bigby, who resides in Highland Park, was under the impression that he could play for

any one of three community colleges that offer men's basketball in Wayne County including Schoolcraft, Henry Ford and Wayne County CC.

"I took a visit to Iowa Western and at the time I didn't have any other options and I felt kind of pressured to sign with them," Bigby said. "But later I was concerned about my mother. I didn't want her in a situation of living alone. I felt it would be better if I could play here (Schoolcraft) and stay around home."

Briggs maintains he did nothing improperly as far as Bigby coming to Schoolcraft.

"Lamar came to us and I told him he needed a release before he could play for us," Briggs said. "At no time did we recruit Lamar. And if he didn't get a release, we could not give him a scholarship."

"But we were given the O. that if we had met all the stipulations and complied with those rules, he would be eligible to play. And now this comes up at this time of the season. It doesn't make any sense."

Briggs' last conversation with Morris occurred in June. At the time, Morris told Briggs he would not grant Bigby a release from his letter-of-intent with Iowa Western.

But apparently Morris changed his mind after learning Bigby had been forced to sit out two games.

"Nobody cares about this kind of stuff when you're 0-20," Kavanaugh said. "But when you're 17-2 and nationally ranked, you're bringing more attention upon yourself."

# Crusaders pull off WHAC upset vs. Aquinas

Playoff hopes for Madonna University's men's basketball team were rekindled Saturday with a 64-59 victory over Aquinas College at Madonna.

The win boosted the Fighting Crusaders into a tie for sixth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 2-6 record. They are 6-17 overall. Aquinas fell to 3-5 in the WHAC, 10-12 overall.

Madonna is currently tied with Spring Arbor for sixth, one game ahead of Concordia College.

A strong shooting performance in the first half (14-of-29, 48.3 percent), particularly from three-point range (6-of-14, 42.9 percent), helped the Crusaders take a 35-25 lead into the intermission.

It was a battle from that point on. A basket by Ross Willick with 1:18 left gave Aquinas a 59-55 lead, but those would be the final points scored by the Saints. Mike Massey hit five free throws (three after being fouled on a three-point attempt), Mark Mitchell got one

more, and Jason Skoczylas collected a basket and a free throw to provide the game-winning margin for the Crusaders.

Massey's 23 points paced Madonna; he also had five rebounds. Skoczylas added 22 points (9-of-12 from the field), three assists and four steals, and Mike Maryanski grabbed 10 rebounds.

Aquinas got 23 points from Courtney Norman and 13 more from Mike Jackson.

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## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP Glenn sinks Pats

Livonia Franklin, searching for its first boys basketball win of the year, stayed with Westland John Glenn for a half Tuesday before succumbing at home, 52-63.

Glenn is now 7-4 overall and 5-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Franklin falls to 0-11, 0-4.

The Patriots trailed 40-34 at intermission, but Glenn went on a 21-5 third-quarter spurt to put the game away.

Bill Foder, who nailed five 3-pointers in the third period, finished with a game-high 19, sharing team-high scoring honors with 6-foot-4 senior center Ty Haygood, who also netted 19.

Stephen Woods and Ben Harris contributed 13 and 12, respectively, for Glenn.

Franklin's Dustin Kuras scored 16 of his team-high 17 points before going down with a knee injury in the third period. Derek Schemm added eight points, 11 assists and six rebounds.

**WAYNE 88, YPSILANTI 40:** Jamar Davis scored 20 points, including six 3-pointers Tuesday, propelling Wayne Memorial (4-8, 4-3) to the Mega Conference Red Division triumph over the host Braves (1-8, 2-10).

Nathan Wade and Robert Price contributed 11 and 10, respectively, for the victorious Zebres. Wade nailed a pair of triples in the decisive fourth quarter as Wayne outscored Ypsilanti 19-7.

Kevin Harris scored 15 to pace Ypsilanti.

**REDFORD CC 73, U-D JESUIT 64:** Is there a player in the state hotter than Redford Catholic senior guard Nick Moore?

Moore reached the 30-point barrier for the third straight game Tuesday night, scoring 30 in the Shamrocks' victory over visiting University of Detroit-Jesuit.

The win improved the Shamrocks to 9-4 overall and 5-2 in the Catholic League Central Division. U-D falls to 8-4 overall and 3-4.

Moore knocked down six three-point shots, five two-point baskets, and made both of his free throw attempts. He also grabbed nine rebounds.

Senior guard Dan Jess added 18 points, including three triples, and junior guard Rob Sparks added nine points. Senior forward Dave Lusk, led with 11 rebounds and chipped in with seven points.

Senior guard Mike Jones led U-D Jesuit with 22 points, including five three-point baskets. Senior forward Vince Alexander added 16 points.

**FARMINGTON 88, CHURCHILL 88 (OT):** Junior center Justin Milus scored a game-high 25 points Tuesday as the Falcons (4-7, 1-4) earned their first WAAA win of the season at the expense of host Livonia Churchill (3-9, 0-5).

"We couldn't contain Milus, he did a nice job in the low post," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We didn't do a good job of rebounding."

Chad Seaborn and Matt Mikel each contributed 10 points for Falcons, who led a 40-34 third quarter lead slip away.

Junior forward John Bennett, who led Churchill with 17 points, hit a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime.

Devin White and Ryan Vickers added 14 and 11, respectively for Churchill, which missed a chance to win it with three chances at the end of regulation.

**W.L. WESTERN 68, STEVENSON 28:** WAAA leader Walled Lake Western (12-0, 6-0), all alone the top of the standings, invoked the 40-point mercy rule clock Tuesday in trimming visiting Livonia Stevenson (4-8, 1-4).

Ben Dewar led the victorious Warriors with 22 points. Jeff Mitchell and Johnny Eagle contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Western led 34-15 at halftime and pulled away with a 32-8 run in the third quarter.

Stevenson, which trailed by only four with two minutes left in the half (20-15), got a team-high 10 points from junior guard Neashy McChristian.

**CLARENCEVILLE 88, LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 44:** Freshmen Tim Shaw scored 14 points and Junior Rick Burck added 10 points and 11 rebounds Tuesday, leading host Livonia Clarenceville (4-7, 3-4) past Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (0-11, 0-0).

Junior Scott Carr and senior Rick Murphy added nine points apiece for the Trojans, who led 25-17 at halftime and 41-24 after three quarters.

Jimmy Long tallied a game-high 15 points in a losing cause.

**HAMTRAMCK 74, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 60:** Metro leader Hamtramck improved to 8-0 in conference play behind sophomore guard Ryan Richard's 23 points Tuesday at Lutheran Westland (6-5, 5-3).

Sophomore forward Eli Warren added 15 for the Cosmos (10-1 overall), who hit 17 of 21 free throws.

Junior guard Charlie Hoelt led Lutheran Westland and all scorers with 24 points. Tom Heitzl, a senior forward, added 17.

# Lady Ocelots win 13th in row

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The complexion of the game changed in the final five minutes of the first half and the first six minutes of the second.

Flint Mott CC's Monisa McGee knocked down a shot with 5:07 left in the opening half to put the Lady Bears up 30-21. But for the remainder of the half, Schoolcraft College outscored Mott 8-2 to narrow the deficit to 32-29, then the Lady Ocelots opened the second half with a 15-3 run that put them in control to stay.

Final score: SC 68, Mott 62.

The win gave the Ocelots' women's basketball team some additional breathing room in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. They are now 17-3 overall, 9-0 in the conference, and are riding a 13-game winning streak. Mott fell to 12-8 overall, 5-3 in the conference.

"I think we really broke it open when Stacy (Cavin) started hitting those threes," said SC coach Karen Lafata of a designed strategy. "We called it, and it worked."

For much of the first half, the 6-foot-2 Cavin had successfully posted up inside, but Mott's 6-2 Nicole Buford had disrupted her shooting. Cavin had just one basket and four points in the opening half.

It took her less than five minutes to double that total in the second half. Cavin drained a pair of three-pointers from the top of the key and added another two-point basket to spark SC's second-half start. She finished with 16 points and nine rebounds in the game.

"I thought we played well for most of the first half," said Mott coach Wray Cannaday. "We had three straight possessions where we stopped them (late in the half), but we didn't score. Then we forced a turnover in the closing seconds, but we gave it right back to them and they scored at the buzzer."

"I can't think of a worst-case scenario."

The Bears never gave up, for



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**Driving force: Schoolcraft's Antone Watson (No. 25) scoots past a Flint Mott defender.**

sure. A basket by Jackie Kocis allowed SC to stretch its lead to 46-36 with 13:15 left in the game, but Mott answered with a 12-5 stretch (five scored by LaShawn Grays) that narrowed the gap to 51-48 with 7:14 left.

But the Bears never got any closer. SC answered with a six-point run of its own and kept Mott at bay the remainder of the game, thanks largely to the offensive efforts of Samantha Theisen, who scored eight of her game-high 26 points in the last six minutes. Theisen also sparkled on defense with four steals.

"To their credit, they play hard all the time," said Mott's Cannaday of SC. "Our guards just didn't play well and theirs did."

SC's miniature backcourt — which consists of 5-5 Esther Ross, 5-3 Antone Watson and 5-3 Jamie Lewandowski — wasn't at full strength, with

Lewandowski still recuperating from a sprained knee. But with Lewandowski able to play about eight minutes, it was enough: Watson scored 11 points Jackie Kocis added five points and 11 rebounds.

Mott got 20 points from Jamee Greenwood, 11 from McGee and 10 from Grays.

"Now we've got a three-game lead with seven games to go," said a somewhat relieved Lafata, whose Ocelots must still visit Henry Ford, Alpena and Oakland CC.

**SCHOOLCRAFT-85, MACOMB 39:** Last Saturday, the host Ocelots jumped out to a 37-17 lead by halftime and never let up in posting a

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lopsided win over the team current SC coach Karen Lafata guided to the NJCAA Tournament last season.

The Monarchs aren't enjoying the current campaign. They fell to 3-14 overall, 2-8 in the Eastern Conference.

Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring and another netted nine points. Leading SC was Antone Watson with 20 points; Stacy Cavin added 18. Belinda Reid had 12 and both Samantha Theisen and Kili Washnock (Farmington High) scored 10. Jackie Kocis chipped in with nine.

Breann England's 11 points topped Macomb. Jessica Davis had nine.

**AQUINAS 77, MADONNA 69:** Madonna University didn't shoot well and host Aquinas College did. The Lady Crusaders also didn't rebound very well, while the Lady Saints did.

If that isn't a formula for disaster, Madonna's loss Saturday at Aquinas left it with a 1-7 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 12-11 overall. Aquinas is 8-13 overall, 3-5 in the WHAC.

The Lady Crusaders converted just 11-of-31 first-half floor shots (35.5 percent) and were just 24-of-63 for the game (38.1 percent). Aquinas hit 15-of-29 in the opening half (51.7 percent) and 31-of-60 for the game (51.7 percent). The Saints also enjoyed a commanding 44-29 edge on the boards.

Kathy Panganis' 18 points paced Madonna; she also grabbed five rebounds and two steals. Chris Dietrich added 14 points, a team-best seven boards and two steals, but committed six turnovers. Katie Cushman and Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) added 11 points and two steals apiece, and Carissa Gizicki had eight points and four assists.

For Aquinas, Ronda Bolitho had 21 points and four assists; Nicole Mielhke totaled 16 points, 16 rebounds and three blocked shots; Mary Bond had 15 points; and Jill Murray scored 12.

Madonna trailed 34-26 at halftime.

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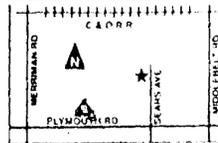
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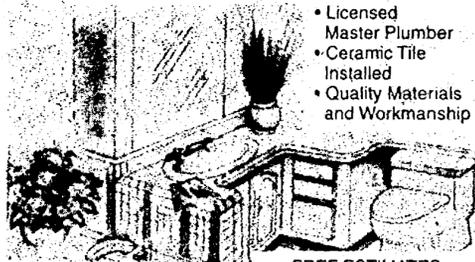
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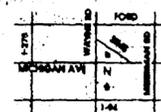
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# Former Agatha coach left indelible mark

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
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A couple decades ago, back when only girls wore earrings, Don Silvi made a list of guidelines for his high school football players.

"Teams need discipline to win, and that includes haircuts and shaves," is how his creed started.



Don Silvi  
Longtime coach

Silvi liked the message so much he had it made into a plaque, which he would proudly rest next to any championship trophies his teams won.

Among the list of no-nos if you played for Silvi were: beards, moustaches, mutton sideburns, long hair and ponytails.

As his coaching career approached the next century, don't think he wasn't contemplating an amendment to that plaque: no pierced ears, noses or tongues.

Silvi, an assistant coach for more than 30 years in the metro area, died on Sunday of a heart attack in his Livonia home. A funeral service is at 11 a.m. today at Harry J. Will Funeral

Home in Livonia.

A Detroit Mackenzie graduate and former Redford Township resident, Silvi rarely grew facial hair at home.

"Just during deer hunting season and I didn't have to look at him then," his wife of 48 years, Phyllis, said, smiling. "That was all right."

Silvi is a member of the Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He had coaching stints at Dearborn Divine Child, Detroit Catholic Central, Redford St. Agatha, Royal Oak Shrine, Dearborn Heights Annapolis and Crestwood and Farwell.

Even in retirement from the food service industry, Silvi couldn't give up coaching. While staying at their cottage up north, he was an assistant at Farwell, a state playoff qualifier last year.

One of the season's more memorable photos was of Silvi wearing a baseball hat backwards and dancing to a hip-hop song after a victory.

Silvi always believed in wearing the bill of the cap forward and preferred jazz or slow songs, but as a tribute to the players' hard work, he struck a pose they could appreciate.

Boy did they — some even ordered eight by 10 prints.

Silvi was an assistant coach at DC in the late 1960s under Bill McCartney, who would go on and be an assistant coach at the University of Michigan and a head coach at the University of Colorado.

He later assisted John Goddard at St. Agatha and Shrine high schools. The two were going to reunite this year at Shrine, where Goddard remains the head coach, and already had big plans.

"I couldn't have a better friend," Goddard said. "I just saw him a week ago, he, myself and (another assistant coach) Mike McCollom. He showed us all the stuff he's doing on the computer for our playbook. He looked great, everything was fine."

"I talked to him Friday afternoon on the phone. I told him he sounded out of breath and he said 'I am out of breath, I was working out.'"

Silvi was a regular in the annual Catholic League Golf Outing, even last spring when he played with pal Jim Murphy, the former St. Agatha athletic director, despite shoulder surgery. But when Silvi and his wife didn't show up for a Super Bowl party on Sunday, Goddard knew something was wrong.

"He looked forward to any occasion for all the coaches to get

together," Goddard said.

Silvi's loyalty to the head coach showed one night in 1991 when he kissed Goddard on the cheek after St. Agatha rallied for a victory over Shrine.

Goddard must have let Silvi call the plays.

"The one thing about Don is no one could ever accuse him of being a 'yes' man," Goddard said. "He believed in certain things and would express those on the sidelines, in meetings. That's what made him a great coach and assistant."

"Don always said he couldn't be a head coach. Sometimes you've got to be a politician and Don never chose that. He told the referee, principal what he thought and everyone respected him."

In his spare time, Silvi loved to do woodwork and sing. He also did some auto racing.

Silvi also loved cats, having two at home: Max and Taz. "One time we found a stray cat in our neighborhood and Don volunteered to take him in," said Gloria Goddard, the wife of John Goddard. "He took it to the veterinarian, pumped all kinds of money into that little guy and it survived."

Besides his wife, Silvi is survived by his son John, daughters Peggy and Lynn, a brother and several grandchildren.

# Spearmon, Lusky make collegiate choices

Westland John Glenn's all-time leading rusher Reggie Spearmon will play football next season for Grand Valley State University.

The 5-foot-9, 185-pound Spearmon racked up 4,053 yards and 48 touchdowns in three seasons as Glenn reached the playoffs all three years. He broke many of Tony Boles' records.

As a senior, Spearmon ran for 1,664 yards in 257 carries and 24 TDs as Glenn finished 8-2 overall.

"First of all, you have to go where you're wanted and Reggie will have a chance to compete for a starting position and get a good education," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "All of those factors make it a good fit."

Meanwhile, Redord Catholic Central senior Dave Lusky will play next year at Eastern Michigan University.

Lusky, who started at quarterback and defensive back for the two-time defending Class AA champion CC football team, signed



Reggie Spearmon  
Going to Grand Valley



Dave Lusky  
Commits to EMU

a national letter of intent Wednesday with the Eastern Michigan University football team.

The EMU coaching staff has intentions of moving the 6-foot-2, 205 pound Lusky to outside linebacker, likely ending any chance he had of playing quarterback again.

Any throwing Lusky does could come with the EMU baseball team, for which he has

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been given the option to play. Lusky is entering his third year as the starting shortstop on the CC baseball team.

Lusky, who has a 3.8 grade point average and scored 26 on his ACT, plans to study pre-medicine in college.

Lusky turned down official visits to Southern Illinois and Southwest Missouri State.

The Eagles return many starters from a team that finished 3-8 overall and 3-5 in the Mid-American Conference.

Eastern opens the season on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Michigan State.

He looks forward to changing positions. He used to play linebacker as a kid.

"I love to stick my nose in and hit people," he said. "I really like the facilities, it's really close to home and they have super nice players."

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**There are some notable losses from the Madonna University men's soccer team that won 30 games last fall and came within a victory of qualifying for the NAIA National Tournament.**

Scott Emert, the team's leading scorer (23 goals) and the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the year, and defender Ryan Molien — both NAIA honorable mention All-Americans — have graduated. So have forward Victor Rodopolous (from Livonia Franklin), midfielder Jason Hazinski (Redford Thurston) and defender Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton).

Filling those holes is the top priority on coach Pete Alexander's off-season list. So far, he's succeeded.

Of course, it helps to have the kind of recognition Madonna has received in its first two years in the WHAC, both of them having ended with the Fighting Crusaders earning the championship. They were 20-3 overall this season, 14-0 in the WHAC.

"This is the first time we've ever had any All-Americans," Alexander said of Emert, Molien and junior midfielder Charlie Bell, who will return next season. "So far, our recruiting's done real well."

"But (the success) not only gives us recognition among the people we want to recruit, but also from teams across the country."

The losses of Emert and Rodopolous will impair the offense, which is why Alexander went after some scoring help. He believes he found it in Ryan Konley, a Plymouth Salem and Schoolcraft College graduate, and Tim Rais, from Farmington.

Konley is slated to play either outside midfield or forward. "He's going to be a key for us," said Alexander. "He led Schoolcraft in scoring the last two years."

Rais was a Division II sec-

and team defense after scoring 11 goals and assisting on 11 more in his three-year career at Falcon. He scored 17 goals and assisted on 20 more. He was an all-Chicago selection last fall.

"There's lots of speed there," said Alexander. "He's a great talent."

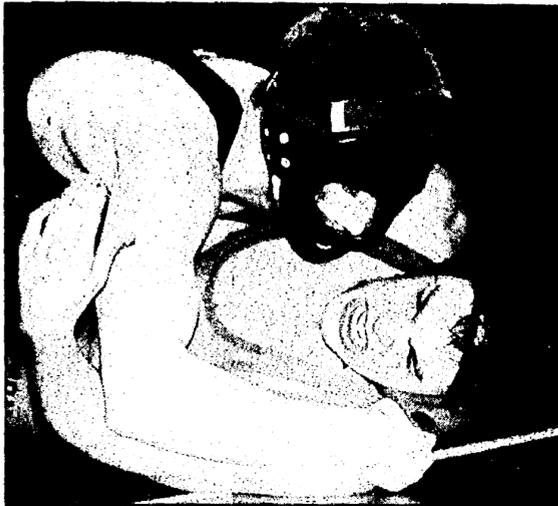
Others that could help offensively are John Sterling, a midfielder/forward from Westland John Glenn who's "got good speed and he's good with the ball — their best player, in my opinion," and Bart Mays, a midfielder from Livonia Stevenson that Alexander figures will "give us some leadership. He's a strong player who will help the younger players develop."

The Crusader defense will need some bolstering, too, with the loss of Gniewek and Molien. Helping out there will be new recruits Bill Fischer, from Livonia Franklin, a sweeper/stopper/defensive midfielder type who "has a lot of strengths"; Jeff Parent, a defender from Plymouth Canton; Andy MacDonald, a defender/midfielder from Utica Eisenhower; P.J. Stranahan, a defender from Troy who's "a very good player"; and Oleg Chovkovy, who grew up in Russia and played at Berkley HS the past three years.

Madonna keeper Dave Hart is entering his senior season, so Alexander will also bring in a couple of understudies in Walled Lake Central graduate Doug Campau ("He's very athletic — he'll learn a lot there next year," Alexander said) and Plymouth Canton grad Doug Koontz.

Whether or not the pieces that are returning and the additions can add up to another WHAC championship remains to be seen, but Alexander is certainly confident — as always.

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**Masked marvel:** Churchill's Mike Carter (top) captured the 145-pound title in OT vs. Canton's Kevin Stone.

his MOW award. "I only wrestled one match before (the finals because of an injury default), so I was all pumped up. After losing the last two years in the finals, it's nice to break that streak."

"After I took (O'Hara) down, he reversed me and had legs in, and I had to get out of that. After that, I got the bar-arm in and just kept turning him."

Stevenson's Gunterman is a 103-pounder who wrestled up a weight class and still topped the competition to improve his record to 20-8.

"I'm pretty excited because I was an underdog today," he said. "I beat a couple guys who had beaten me earlier in the year. It's really going to make me better for the state tournament."

Gunterman won a 19-10 decision over Westland John Glenn's Jesse Purdon in the finals, evening their season series at 2-2.

"I don't know what was in me today," Gunterman said. "It was my day, I guess."

"Basically, I just wrestled my

style — a lot of movement, not going upper body because I was giving up size. I concentrated on shooting and getting out, not locking up with (Purdon) because he throws a lot."

"Also, I'm getting in better shape. The coaches have been working us hard."

Other champions are Wayne's Jon Gregg (119), Thurston's Eugene Antonelli (125) and Jeff Usher (140), Clarenceville's Dave Lemmon (130), Churchill's Mike Carter (145) and Garden City's Brian Hinzman (171).

Kharbush, Carter and Barker scored takedowns in overtime to defeat Wayne's Nate Wensko, Canton's Kevin Stone and John Glenn's Pete Langer, respectively.

In the 135 final, Wensko rallied from a 5-2 deficit after one period to take a 7-6 lead over Kharbush on a takedown with 35 seconds remaining, but then he was assessed a stalling point with 16 seconds left, sending the bout into overtime.



**Getting a grip:** Clarenceville's Dave Lemmon (right) took the 130-pound title over Glenn's Jeff Albrecht.

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## Schoolcraft tourney draws quality field

Thirty-two teams, including defending state champion Temperance Bedford, will take to the courts at two sites this Saturday for the 26th annual Schoolcraft College Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

Bedford, gunning for its fifth SC title in the last six years, will open pool play at Schoolcraft at 8:45 a.m.

Here are the pools for six different courts at Schoolcraft:

■ **Pool A (Court No. 1):** Grand Blanc, Redford Thurston, East Kentwood, North Farmington;

■ **Pool B (Court No. 2):** Farmington Hills Mercy, Livonia Franklin, Ferndale, Madison Heights Bishop Foley;

■ **Pool C (Court No. 3):** Redford Union, Birmingham Marian, Livonia Stevenson, Dearborn;

■ **Pool D (Court No. 4):** Bedford, Flint Powers Catholic, Ypsilanti, Walled Lake Western;

■ **Pool E (Court No. 5):** Livonia Clarenceville, Carleton-Airport, Livonia Churchill, Midland;

■ **Pool F (Court No. 6):** Garden City, Livonia Ladywood, Novi, Plymouth Salem.

Games will also be played at Northville:

■ **Pool G:** Northville, Birmingham Seaholm, Harper Woods Regina, Farmington Hills Harrison;

■ **Pool H:** Walled Lake Central, Westland John Glenn, Harper Woods, Fenton.

Elimination rounds begin mid-afternoon.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

### Franklin keeps rolling

Livonia Franklin won its fifth straight Western Lakes Activities Association match without a loss Monday with a 15-4, 15-6 victory at Walled Lake Western.

The Patriots improved to 25-9-1 overall.

Juniors Tera Morrill and Andrea Kmet each had six kills with one ace apiece. Sophomore Kerstin Marshall had three stuff blocks, while junior setter Lyndsay Sopko had 33 assist-to-kills.

Junior Rachel Bramlett added two kills, while senior Lindsey Duprey was five-for-five serving.

### Salem edges Chargers

Plymouth Salem rallied from a first-game loss Monday to hand Livonia Churchill a 9-15, 15-12, 15-10 WLAA triumph over the host Chargers.

"It was by far our best match of the year," said Churchill coach Mike Hughes, whose team is 12-7-2 overall and 3-2 in the WLAA. "We had 12 serving errors and that hurt us. Plus, Salem was outstanding with their right-side attack."

Led by Kristin Leszczynski, Shannon Munn and Lauren Ruprecht, the Chargers came up with a total of 14 blocks, their best output of the season.

Hughes said Churchill also received outstanding defensive play from Courtney Lim and Fernanda Leite.

Luba Steca led the Chargers' offensive attack with 11 kills. Amy Cadovich added sevens.

### Spartans block Hawks

Senior Stephanie Dulz recorded 16 kills Monday to lead Livonia Stevenson (21-5-2, 4-1) to a WLAA win over visiting Farmington Hills Harrison, 15-9, 15-3.

Kate LeBlanc added five kills and two solo blocks, while Cassie Ehlendt and Megan Urbats

added two kills apiece.

Setter Kelley Hutchins contributed 19 assists and five aces, while Kristi Copi was seven-for-seven serving.

### Northville tops Glenn

Westland John Glenn is still searching for its first WLAA win after falling Monday to visiting Northville, 15-13, 15-9.

The Rockets are now 0-4 in the Western Lakes and 6-11-6 overall.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Krohn had eight kills and eight digs in the loss, while sophomore middle hitter Jamie McLeod added six kills and eight digs.

Senior setter Jessica Letourneau had 18 assists. Sophomore outside hitter Holly Deedler added eight digs.

On Saturday, Glenn finished 1-1-2 in the Romulus Tournament.

The Rockets defeated New Boston Huron (15-11, 15-13) and split with Dearborn Heights Annapolis (15-9, 12-15) and Melvindale (9-15, 15-9), while losing to Gibraltar Carlson (11-15, 2-15).

McLeod had 18 kills on the day, while Krohn and Lacey Catarino contributed 16 and 13, respectively.

Junior setter Jessica Sanchez had 11 aces and 25 digs. Deedler had 26 digs.

### Huron Valley prevails

Stephanie Graves collected five ace serves and one block Tuesday, lifting Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (6-4, 4-1) to a



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Top hitter:** Stevenson's Stephanie Dulz had 16 kills in Monday's victory over Harrison.

Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Taylor Baptist Park in a match played at St. Paul's in Livonia.

Anja Day added three kills for the victorious Hawks.

### Young leads Blazers

Senior Jenny Young, bound for Central Michigan, came up with 26 kills, five solo blocks and two aces Thursday as host Livonia Ladywood turned back Birmingham Marian in a Catholic League Central Division match, 13-15, 15-11, 15-7.

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Young, a 6-foot-1 senior, hit at .404 clip as Ladywood improved to 21-12-1 and 4-1 in the Central.

Setter Erin Bartee had 32 assist-to-kills and three solo blocks. Megan Lantoo added 21 assists.

Tracey DeWitt contributed seven digs and passed at 85 percent.

### Trojans topple Liggett

Livonia Clarenceville used a balanced attack Thursday to turn back host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 15-6, 15-9, in a Metro Conference match.

Christina Skrela led the victorious Trojans, now 26-8 overall and 4-0 in the Metro, with seven kills, three aces, five solo blocks and 22 digs.

Other standouts for Clarenceville include Danielle Sledz (five kills, four aces, 24 digs); Ashley Pearson (four aces); and Nicole Kasperian (three aces, 14 assists, 12 digs and three kills).

"Ashley played great defense and was excellent in transition," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "And Rachel Koerke provided outstanding leadership. Her desire and energy are inspiring, something this team hasn't had the past few years."

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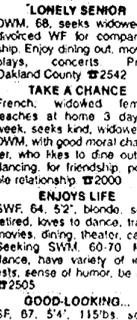
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# Shamrocks rout South; Western edges Patriots

Playing in the tough Michigan Metro High School Hockey League, which includes eight-time Class A champion Trenton, it's not as if Redford Catholic Central has to travel four hours to find quality competition.

But the Shamrocks are looking forward to a new challenge, playing two games on consecutive days at the Alpena Tournament.

CC opens the tournament at 4 p.m. Friday against Calumet, which has won four of the last seven titles in Class B-C-D. CC has won three Class A titles, including two under coach Gordie St. John since 1994.

If the Shamrocks beat Calumet, they face the winner of the game between Alpena and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, on Saturday.

Alpena is a three-time Class A champion, winning the last time in 1993. Cranbrook won the B-C-D title in 1997 and was runner-up to Calumet in '96 and '98.

The Shamrocks warmed up for the tournament with a 7-1 victory Saturday over Grosse Pointe South at Redford Ice Arena.

They are 14-1 overall, 9-1 in the Metro.

"We're looking for a couple tough games," St. John said of the trip.

The Shamrocks plan to leave early Friday morning and play about four hours after they arrive. St. John doesn't expect conditioning to be a problem since CC made a similar trip minus the overnight stay earlier this year to East Kentwood and won 4-2.

"They're young, they'll have their legs," St. John said. "Any time you have to travel and play two games in 24 hours helps you get ready for state's."

South, the Class A runnerup last year to Trenton, was no match for the Shamrocks. CC, which lost to South in a regional final last year, led 2-0 after one period and 5-1 through two.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a 41-8 shots on goal advantage with Andrew McCoy and Matthew Modelski sharing time as goal-tenders.

Senior forward Keith Rowe led the Shamrocks with two goals and Chris Morelli, Pat O'Dea, David Moss, Jim Spiewak and Rick Buttery scored one goal each.

Morelli opened the scoring with a power play goal assisted

by Moss and Sean McGowan at 10:38 of the first period. Moss made the lead 2-0 scoring on an assist from Matt Van Heest with 1:38 left in the first.

The Shamrocks raised the lead to 3-0 only 33 seconds into the second period when O'Dea scored with assists to Buttery and Derek Genrich. Morelli scored, assisted by John Bowers and Brad Holland, for a 4-0 lead before Spiewak's unassisted goal put the Shamrocks up 5-0.

South cut its deficit to 5-1 with

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a goal before the end of the second period.

A short-handed, unassisted goal by Buttery 38 seconds into the third period gave the Shamrocks a 6-1 lead. CC finished the scoring with a goal by Rowe, assisted by Holland midway through the third.

•W.L. WESTERN 4, FRANKLIN 3: Livonia Franklin couldn't overcome a 3-0 first period deficit Saturday as host

Walled Lake Western skated to Suburban High School Hockey League win over the Patriots at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Bryan Hillebrand and Justin Kahle each had a goal and assist for the victorious Warriors (6-12-1, 3-8-1). Rod Dolega and Kevin Dillon also tallied goals for the winners.

Dillon's unassisted goal came at 4:46 of the final period.

"We played very sloppy and were running around in the first period with no system," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "Their first goal and last goal were deflections off our defensemen."

Josh Garbutt got Franklin's on the board from Andy Garbutt and Brad

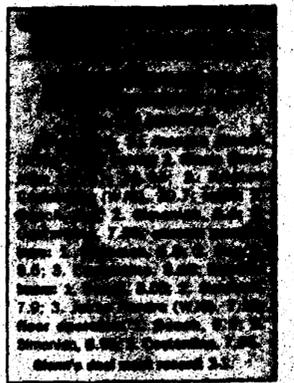
Cauchi at 25 seconds of the third.

Andy Garbutt then scored from Tony Saia and Josh Garbutt at 6:27 followed by John Nichol's unassisted effort with 0:47 remaining after the Patriots pulled their goaltender for an extra attacker.

"The Western players played a new system and were more disciplined and much improved," Jobbitt said. "We made our adjustments and played great hockey, never quitting in the final two periods."

Western goaltender Rex Trott made 25 saves, while Franklin's Chris Garbutt made 15.

Franklin falls to 5-10-1 overall and 3-9-1 in the SHSHL.



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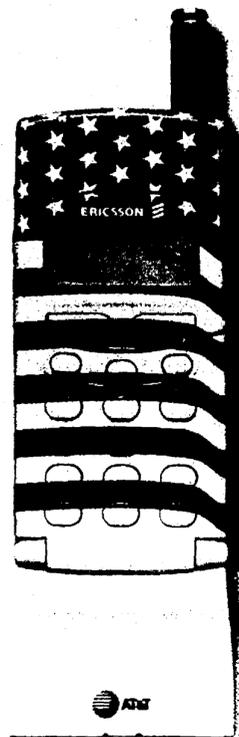
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## Whalers' Zepp earns shutout

The Plymouth Whalers' defense limited the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds to eight shots in the first two periods and just 23 for the game Saturday in posting a 4-0 shutout victory in front of 3,999 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The win raised the Whalers' record to 37-9-3, first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. The Greyhounds are 23-19-5.

Rob Zepp had 23 saves in posting the shutout for Plymouth. Jake McCracken had 39 stops for the Greyhounds.

Kris Vernarsky and Damian Surma each collected a goal and an assist to lead the Whaler offense. Surma assisted on Vernarsky's second-period goal, his second of the season, which gave Plymouth a 1-0 lead. Adam Colagiacomo (No. 28) and Harold Druken (No. 44) added goals for the Whalers in the second period.

Surma's ninth goal, scored short-handed, made it 4-0 with 6:31 left in the final period; Vernarsky assisted. Shaun Fisher added two assists for Plymouth.

### Ambassadors still 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors will take the top record into the North American Hockey League all-star game break after beating the Danville Wings 5-1 Sunday, after losing 5-4 in a shootout to the Springfield Junior Blues Saturday.

Compuware is 27-9-4 overall, two points better than the streaking St. Louis Sting (26-11-4 with a 14-game unbeaten streak). In the win over Danville Sunday, the Wings scored first but the Ambassadors answered with five-straight goals. Pete Broccoli had a goal and two assists for Compuware, with Steve Jackson and Mark Mink contributing a goal and an assist.

Compuware's record means that Ambassadors' coach Mike Vellucci will guide Team North at the NAHL all-star game Saturday in Grand Rapids. The defending Robertson Cup playoff champions retain a narrow lead over St. Louis in a battle for first-place honors and the automatic bye into the Gold Cup National Junior A Championship Tournament.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**FISHING TRIVIA CONTEST**

Fishing enthusiasts take note. Here's a chance to prove your superior fishing knowledge and win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo in the process.

We'll hold a fishing trivia contest each Thursday in the Observer & Eccentric through Feb. 25. Answer the weekly trivia question correctly and have a chance to win four tickets to the Sportfishing and Travel Expo, which will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. One weekly winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries for this week's question must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 8.

Bloomfield Hills resident Julius "Chip" Drotos caught a state record and line class world record green sunfish in 1990 while fishing in Kirkwood Lake in Oakland County. The 1-pound, 8-ounce fish still stands in the record books. This week's trivia question is: According to the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, what pound test line (line class) did Drotos catch the fish on?

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 8.

**LJAL BASEBALL SIGNUP**

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will hold baseball registration from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6 and 20 at the Bentley Center, located at Five Mile and Hubbard.

Registration is for ages 8-14 (you must be 8 and no older than 14 prior to Aug. 1, 1999).

The cost is \$60 (due the day of signup).

For more information, call (734) 427-2883.

**COACHES WANTED**

■ Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a varsity football, track and cheerleading coach.

Interested candidates should contact athletic director Chuck Sorrentino at (248) 473-8926.

■ Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township is seeking a head varsity track coach.

Candidates can submit a letter and resume to Michael Fusco, Athletic Director, Chippewa Valley Schools, 18300 19 Mile Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038-1204; or fax information to (810) 412-1646.

**ST. MICHAEL FOOTBALL SIGNUP**

St. Michael Parish and Grade School in Livonia is having registration for its football teams in

the fourth through eighth grades at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the school's cafeteria.

Also, any boys attending school or belonging to the parish of St. Genevieve, St. Valentine, St. John Boaco, St. Robert Belarmine; St. Sabina, St. Damian, Divine Savior, St. Maurice, St. Theodore, St. Bernadine or St. John Neumann are eligible to play for St. Michael.

For further information, call John Franchi at (734) 425-5439 or (734) 595-4700, John Dupuie at (734) 427-8822 or Ed Day at (734) 421-3402.

**SPRING HOOP TOURNEY**

North American Youth Basketball will host its annual spring tournament, Friday through Sunday, April 30-May 2, at Holly High School.

The tournament will feature 10 brackets, five each for girls and boys in grades 5-6, 7, 8, 9-10 and 11-12. (All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled.)

The tournament entry fee is \$90. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. Entry deadline is Friday, April 9.

For more information, call Anita Livesay at 1-888-629-2275 or tournament director Tim Hatch at (810) 714-3581.

**ICERS DISTRICT SOUND**

The Bantam Hawks of the Livonia Hockey Association are headed to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association district tournament after two rounds of 16 games.

The Hawks and Bruins tied for first, but the Hawks advanced based on head-to-head play.

Members of the Hawks, sponsored by Coverall of Detroit, include Kris Bechamp, Pat Boucher, Mike Clarey, George Georvassilis, Dru Girard, Bill Kane, Nathan Krzyaniak, Jeff Martell, Kyle O'Neil, Eric Sabuda, Nick Staffend, Alex Villarruel, Mark Walczyk (goalie), Alex Williams and Matthew Zajac.

The Hawks are coached by Mark Sabuda. He is assisted by Ken Zajac and Stan Linski. The team manager Keith Girard.

**CRYSTALLETTES SHOW FORM**

The Crystallettes (ages 11-15) of the Dearborn Figure Skating Club recently took second and third, respectively, in the novice division at two Canadian meets.

The third place finish at the Canadian Winterfest competition was the first time an American team earned a medal in any of the divisions.

Members of the Crystallettes, coached by Holly Young, include Kristen Young, Lauren Janiga and Lindsay Janiga, all of Livonia; April Zuk, Westland; Amy Rippey, Garden City; Kelli Lis, Plymouth; Jennifer Cirino, Melissa Diedo, Eric Mehnert, Melissa Powell, Kaitlin Seryak, all of Dearborn Heights; Leann Durcannin, Danielle Guido, Lynssey Nagy, Meagan, Heather Rocca, Mallory Stanton, Erica Whicker, Keely Wilson, Jacqui Zenn, all of Dearborn; Ashley Grigg, Chelsea Zilka, Allen Park; Lauren Szymeczek, Trenton; Sarah Peach, Ann Arbor; Leah Karchin, Grosse Pointe Farms; Jayla Purcell, Dearborn.

The Crystallettes are preparing for midwest sectionals, Feb. 10-14, in Huntsville, Ala. The top four teams advance to the nationals next month in Tampa.

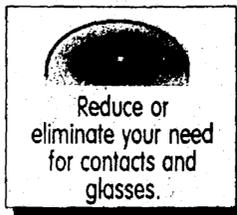
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Friday, Feb. 5  
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Liggett, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.  
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.  
Thurston at Trenton, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Fordson, 7 p.m.  
Borgess at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.  
DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.  
Taylor Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.  
W. Highland at Agape, 8 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 6  
Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.  
Wayne Co. at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Feb. 6  
Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m.  
Wayne Co. at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Feb. 5  
Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 6  
Whalers vs. Toronto Majors at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 7  
Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m.
- PREP HOCKEY**  
Thursday, Feb. 4  
Andover vs. Franklin at Det. Skating Club, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 5  
Redford CC at Alpena, TBA  
Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 6  
Redford CC at Alpena, TBA  
W.L. Central vs. Franklin at Lakeland Ice Arena, 11:20 a.m.  
Stevenson vs. Milford at Lakeland Ice Arena, 2:20 p.m.  
Redford Unified vs. Dearborn at Adry Arena, 8 p.m.
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Feb. 4  
Clarenceville at Kingswood, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. West at Harper Wdg., 6:30 p.m.  
Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at DePorres, 6:30 p.m.  
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 5  
W. Highland at Agape, 5 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 6  
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
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STAFF PHOTO BY GUY WARREN

Today's stars: Mark Ridley stands in front of a wall of autographed photographs of well-known comedians who have appeared at his club.

## KING OF THE Castle CELEBRATES 20TH YEAR

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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Class clown of his Walled Lake Central High School class, Mark Ridley has been making people laugh for a long time.

On Jan. 4 he celebrated the 20th anniversary of the comedy club he started in the basement of The Meeting Place, a restaurant in West Bloomfield.

Now one of the top comedy clubs in the country, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle has called Royal Oak home since 1989.

Framed autographed pictures of today's comedy stars decorate the walls including Tim Allen, Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Coulier, David Letterman, Ellen DeGeneres and Richard Belzer.

Ridley chuckles as he remembers when he had to give people their money back after Paul Reiser performed. It was before those "Mad About You" days with Helen Hunt.

"People walked out, they didn't like his show," said Ridley.

Reiser's autographed picture is revealing — "To Mark & the Comedy Castle, certain parts were fun."

### New direction

Always a lover of comedy, Ridley really wanted to make films. After graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in TV, radio and film, Ridley applied to the University of Southern California film program.

While hanging out at the Comedy Store in 1978 California, waiting to hear if he made the cut for the program, he watched Richard Pryor, David Letterman and Steve Martin perform.

Ridley wasn't chosen for the program but came home with an idea — to open a comedy club like the Comedy Store.

While working as a waiter, he began

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### February Highlights

■ **Jack Simmons** — through Feb. 7. Simmons has been featured on "Comic Strip Live" and "Showtime."

■ **O'Brien & Valdez** — Feb. 10-14. This comedy team has appeared on A&E's "Comedy on the Road," and "An Evening at the Improv." Also appearing, Frank G.

■ **Lewis Black** — Feb. 17-21, a regular on the "Conan O'Brien Show," and commentator on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." Also appearing, Steve Bills.

■ **Blair Shannon** — Feb. 24-28, a regular on the stages of Las Vegas and Atlantic City. Also appearing Gary George.

### Special Engagements

■ **Carol Letter** — March 19-21, seen on the her on TV show "All Right Already," and a writer and performer on the "Seinfeld Show." Tickets \$17.50 Friday-Saturday; \$15 Sunday.

■ **Richard Jeni** — March 25-27, star of TV's "Platypus Man," and numerous cable specials. Also appearing Hal Spear. Tickets \$20 Thursday; \$22.50 Friday, \$25 Saturday.



Featured comedian: Jack Simmons is performing at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle through Feb. 7.

## MUSIC

# Maynard Ferguson has a 'Brass Attitude'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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When Maynard Ferguson was cutting the mustard at 18, he was jitters-bugging.

Today when college students spontaneously start moving to the music of Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band, they're "swing dancing." Whatever it's called, the 71-year-old jazz master is delighted.

"We often do halftimes at major football games. When we did a recent Washington-Arizona game, a pep rally and half time. At the pep rally for about 4,000 people, you could see the people swing dancing," he said. "Half-time the cheerleaders, men and women, when we played 'Just Friends,' they all started dancing. I was amazed they could swing dance. It's great for jazz music."

Ferguson has been involved with jazz music since he was a teenager in Montreal. He began playing at the end of

WHO: Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson and his Big Bop Nouveau Band

WHEN: 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

WHERE: Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

TICKETS: \$25 for twilight and evening concerts. Call (313) 845-6470.

the swing era, played with the great bop players and made his reputation as an aggressive, hard blowing trumpet player with Stan Kenton's progressive jazz band.

Saturday, he brings that bright, high register, aggressive sound to Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"The current band is really great personnel," he said in a telephone interview from Las Vegas. "They're great players, many of them out of the University of Miami. The band is three trumpets plus myself, one trombone, piano, bass and drums and two saxophones, which is the lineup I've had for

the last three years."

Ferguson enjoys playing with young musicians and often does clinics as he take his band around the world. He got his start in music

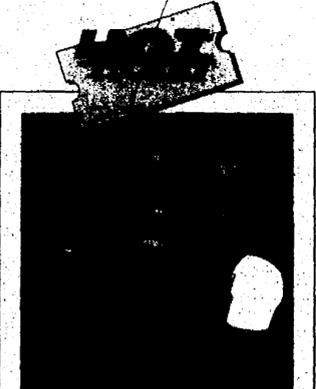
at an early age, originally as a classical violinist who soloed with the Canadian Broadcasting Company Orchestra when he was 11. He was encouraged by his violinist mother to pursue music. Even if it wasn't the classical music she preferred, she wanted him to be exposed to the best.

"When I was in Montreal, my mother was just slightly disappointed that I wasn't going to be a classical violinist,"

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Maynard Ferguson



Discover Stars on Ice features five Olympic Champions including Kristi Yamaguchi, Tara Lipinski and Ekatarina Gordeeva 8 p.m. Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets \$68, \$45 and \$32, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 for information.

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developing his idea. Local media personalities helped him promote those first comedy nights in the basement of the restaurant where he worked — The Meeting Place.

Featured local comics included Bill Thomas, Leo DuFour, and Dave Coulter. In those early days, Tim Allen was his opening act when Ridley started Open Mike Night in February of 1979.

"Leo auditioned for me over the phone," said Ridley. "I didn't know what I was looking for. Tim (Allen) approached it as a job. He was very professional and wore a suit when he performed."

Ridley's comedy nights took off right away, and pretty soon he was searching for a bigger place. His present location, the old press room for the Royal Oak Tribune, located just around the corner, is his seventh venue.

"I can't complain," said Ridley. "We've had well over a million customers, and a billion laughs."

He's a little concerned about the future. There are fewer clubs now than there were when comedy clubs were at their peak 1985-1990. Metro Detroit has more

comedy clubs than anyone else — 13 within 45 minutes of each other.

"You're seeing everything you would see on TV," he said. "People come back to the club hoping to see the next Drew Carey."

When he started in this business, no one ever thought a stand-up comedian would get their own show. Now it's pretty common.

In fact, Mike Bonner, a stand-up comedian from Detroit, was recently picked to be one of 25 performers for the 1999 U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, March 4-7 in Aspen, Colo. The festival will be taped for HBO and aired later this year.

"This could be Mike's big break," said David Gladstone of Off N Running Mgt. in Los Angeles. "Every television producer in the industry is there looking for next year's sitcom star."

Bonner is co-managed by Ridley and described as a "hip-Bill Cosby."

There will always be new talent, and Bonner could be one of stars of tomorrow. For a comedian, staying fresh is a challenge.

Ridley can spot comedians who steal from others. He collects comedy albums and knows all the routines.

"A lot of times you have to tell a comedian, 'no,'" said Ridley. "We have a very high bar."

Local comedienne Alyce Faye of Farmington has performed at the club, and still smiles at the memory of Ridley telling her "nice job."

"He doesn't hand out compliments freely," she said. "It's a crawl, walk, run, process. You have to pay your dues."

Faye is working with Ridley on his newest venture — Evershed Productions. "It's the name of the street I grew up on in Walled Lake," said Ridley. "I get a lot of calls from comedians, and people looking to hire comedians. We want to promote laughter throughout the country."

Ridley and Faye say they can work with "whatever the budget allows." Believing laughter is the best medicine, they would also like to bring humor to hospitals, and present seminars.

Faye is helping Ridley promote and market Evershed Produc-

tions. "There's so much stress and tension in the workplace," she said. "We had a chuckle buffet for Secretary's Day, and can do stressbuster seminars."

Ridley is also opening another club with a partner, Mark Curtis in Chicago — The Black Orchid Showroom & Lounge. It will offer music and comedy, and is located in the same building as Second City. A tentative April opening is scheduled.

This will be a big year for Ridley. Besides celebrating the 20th anniversary of his club, he's getting married, and signed a new 10 year lease for Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle.

"He's considered an A room in the business," said Faye. "His club is a class act."



Staff photo by Guy Warren. Lots of laughs: Mark Ridley in the main seating area of Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. The club celebrated its 20th anniversary on Jan. 4.

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he said in a bright booming voice that matches his playing style. "She went to a record store and ran into just the right record sales person. She decided that if I was going to be a jazz trumpet player I had to study classical music. But she said to the clerk, 'I want you to give me every record you have from the best American jazz trumpet players.'"

She brought home records by Bix Biederbecke, Louis Armstrong, Harry James, Roy Eldridge, Rex Stewart of the Duke Ellington Orchestra and early Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie.

"It was a great record collection. My brother has it now," Ferguson said. His brother, Percy, was also a musician, who started a jazz band that featured Maynard and another prominent Canadian jazz master, pianist Oscar Peterson.

At 16, Maynard Ferguson took over leadership of the band, while continuing his classical studies at the French Conservatory of Music. It was with this young band that he developed his ability to play at the sonic bending high range for which he is world famous.

His band opened for the top American bands that came to play — Charlie Barnet, Jimmy Dorsey and Stan Kenton. From 1950 to 1953 Ferguson established himself with his high register playing as the leader of Kenton's brass section.

Sometimes critics have praised Ferguson's technique while attacking his improvising skills or questioning his moves into popular music — including the megahit version of "Gonna Fly Now" (the theme from "Rocky").

"I've had such a happy career, I have to leave that to others," Ferguson said. "I have that control at the upper register and the stamina. I'm 71 years of age and still have it. It was a trademark. It doesn't bother me at all."

Ferguson tells young players they have to prepare for performing the way athletes prepare. He said that's why he's still able to reach the stratosphere.

"I'm careful of my health as I get older," he said. "It's an athletic thing. As you get older, when you want to get back in shape, at 70 it's like being a 37-year-old National Football guy who has to come back to camp early to get ready."

He said he's impressed with young musicians who can play at a wide range. In the old days, he said, a band would have a "screech" trumpet player who came in just to handle the high notes. Today, young trumpet players are able to move up and down the scale with versatility. He also credits music education for the fact that almost all musicians today can read music and improvise.

The Big Bop Nouveau Band will be playing music from their new Concord album, "Brass Attitude," and other Ferguson favorites. The band is planning tours of Japan and Europe, the Blue Note in New York City, House of Blues in Los Angeles and numerous college dates across the country.

Ferguson is also producing records for French pianist Christian Jacob and composer, arranger, trombonist Tom Garling.

And don't even mention retirement.

"As long as I'm healthy and feel good, this is what I love to do," he said.

## Groups present special film shows

Mark your calendars, here are some film events taking place in your neighborhood:

■ Yiddish Film Series — in the Jimmy Prentice Morris Building, Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park, continues its Yiddish Film Series with the movie "Sing

Along with Israel," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. There is no charge, call (248) 967-4030 for information.

■ "Home of the Brave" — film starring James Edwards, Lloyd Bridges and Steve Brodie, will be shown 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 at the Southfield Centre for the

Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. The 1949 film was one of the first U.S. films to deal with racism, and is being shown as part of the Southfield Classic Cinema Series.

Tickets are \$3 per person, and include light refreshments. Call (248) 424-9022 for more information or tickets.

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# Revue will benefit St. Dunstan's Greek Theatre

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" — a musical revue fundraiser to benefit lighting equipment improvements for the Cranbrook outdoor Greek Theatre.

**"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" will enable St. Dunstan's to make substantial enhancements to the quality of lighting in the Greek Theatre.'**

Amy Lynn Smith  
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild, vice president

Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6 and Feb. 12-13 at the theater 400 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15 per person (show only), \$30 per person, reception and show, call (248) 644-0527 or (248) 584-0698.

Cabaret-style seating will be available in the front section of the theater for patrons who make a donation of \$30 or more per ticket. These patrons are also invited to attend a reception prior to the performance.

Standard seating is also available for a ticket price of \$15 each.

The event features music: An evening of Broadway favorites, old and new including songs

from "Rent," "Les Miserables," "Ragtime," "Miss Saigon" and many other well-known musicals.

"And the show has plenty of heart, thanks to the talented performers, directors and production staff who are contributing their time and talents to creating a truly memorable evening in support of a great cause," said Amy Lynn Smith, vice president of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild.

The Cranbrook Greek Theatre is one of only a handful of Greek-style amphitheaters in the entire country.

"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" will enable St. Dunstan's to make substantial enhancements to the quality of lighting in the Greek Theatre — to better showcase the beauty and majesty of this glorious outdoor theatre, said Smith.

"Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" stars Kim Brown, Kendall Doman, Jeff Drewno, Krystyn Irvine, Joey Johnson, Peggy Lee, Scott McDonald, Jamie Richards, Nicki Stacey. Jamie Richards is directing the show, music director is Marlene Loucks, choreographer is John Mettiello.



Rehearsing: St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook cast members rehearse for the opening of "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song."

# Strong performances key Bonstelle's 'The Piano Lesson'

August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" continues through Feb. 7 at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit on the campus of Wayne State University. Tickets \$8 to \$10, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Set in 1936 Pittsburgh, "The Piano Lesson" explores the struggle of an African American family over their reverence for the past and their dreams for the future.

Boy Willie has a one time chance to buy the land he has farmed for others for many years. He realizes that selling the family's heirloom, a hand-carved piano, will give him enough money to buy the deed and his dream. However, his sister Berniece won't part with it because the piano is carved with the images of their ancestors, and endowed with their spirits — indeed, her father died taking



Drama: Joel Steingold as Boy Willie and Judi Williams as his sister Berniece, in a scene from "The Piano Lesson."

the piano from the descendants of their ancestors' slave owners. The struggle between the piano's significance to their past and the

financial means it represents to

a better future are key to the story.

However, playwright Wilson's story, as rich as its characterizations and narratives are, becomes weighed down with lengthy dialogues — there are simply more stories and background than the story needs. After developing all of the characters and letting the audience watch the clash of wills build to a crescendo, Wilson ends the play with a disappointing short-cut allowing supernatural forces, instead of the forces of his strong characters, to resolve their difficult conflict. Even though his characters treated the supernatural as believable elements in their lives, he sells them short by not letting them reach their own resolution, however painful and wrenching.

Joel Steingold, who recently turned in a strong performance

as Van Helsing in "Dracula," carried the same charisma and powerfulness into the role of Boy Willie. Fiercely intent on buying the farm he has worked as a sharecropper, his energy fills the stage, and his single-minded purpose comes across strong and forcefully.

Guest actress Judi Williams matches him as Berniece, the strong-willed sister whose quiet will matches Boy Willie's vocal anger.

Isiah Davis III as Doaker is a natural to his role of the older and wiser relative, delivering the

wisdom of experience in a quiet yet firm, impossible to ignore, manner. He serves as the buffer between Boy Willie's headstrong anger and Berniece's steadfast stubbornness.

Technically, there was some carelessness. Although the windows were blacked to denote day and night, the characters always stepped out the front door into a pitch black night. And after Berniece filled a tea kettle at the tap, she removed it from the stove less than a minute later — not enough time to even take the chill off.

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## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### THEATER

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martials of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

**FISHER THEATRE**  
"Rob Becker's Defending the Caveman," through Sunday, Feb. 21, at the theater, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$34.50, \$38.50 and \$44.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**  
"Never the Sinner," John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14-year old Bobby Franks, Feb. 10 to March 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aeron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

**MEADOW BROOK THEATRE**  
"Scotland Road," Jeffrey Hatcher's chilling thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, Feb. 10-March 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

**PLANET ANT THEATRE**  
"Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, opens Thursday, Feb. 4, 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays through February, at the theater 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or <http://www.planetant.com>

### COLLEGE

**U-M THEATRE**  
Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good," a compelling drama that explores the human bond between captives, captors and the redemptive power of art, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, central campus of University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14, \$7 students with I.D. Contains adult language and situations. (734) 764-0450

**WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE**  
"The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at the theater, 3424 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 577-2960

**WSU HILBERRY THEATRE**  
Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4. Moss Hart's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" opens Feb. 12 and continues in rotating repertory to April 1, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972.

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**  
"Death and the Horseman" by Wole Soyinka, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 4-6 and Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13; matinees, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. Presented by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance in the Varner Studio Theatre on campus. Tickets \$10 general, \$8 seniors and \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666.

### COMMUNITY THEATRE

**P.T.D. PRODUCTIONS**  
"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," John Bishop's mystery farce, 8 p.m. Feb. 11-14 and 18-20, at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 North Huron Street, Ypsilanti. \$12, \$9 seniors/students. (734) 483-7345

**ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK**  
"Heart and Music," Broadway's best in song, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 5-6 and 12-13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$30 for show and 8:30 p.m. reception (funds go to the purchase of lighting equipment for the outdoor Greek Theatre. (248) 564-0698

**STAGECRAFTERS**  
Musical comedy "Promises, Promises," by Neil Simon, based on the movie "The Apartment" by Billy Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond, music by Kurt Bacharach and lyrics by Neil David, through Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7 and 14; 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 941-6430

**WAYNE STAGE IV ADULT COMMUNITY THEATRE**  
"The Curious Savage," a comedy by John Patrick, 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 12-13 and 19-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, on Michigan Avenue, Wayne. \$10, \$5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400.

**FARMINGTON PLAYERS**



**Stars on Ice: Tara Lipinski joins Olympic Champions Scott Hamilton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik, Ekatarina Gordeeva, and other skating professionals in Discover Stars on Ice, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$58, \$45 and \$32, reserved, at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666 or Online [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Call (248) 377-0100 for more information. The skaters will perform to a variety of musical styles and compositions including songs by Count Basie, Quincy Jones, Aretha Franklin and The Brian Setzer Orchestra.**

"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Smith, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Feb. 12-13, Feb. 19-20 and Feb. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$14, call (248) 553-2955.

### DINNER THEATER

**BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE**  
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50. Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

**DAVE & BUSTER'S**  
"Contract: Death," a comedic mystery in which the lead character attends a business convention along with unhappy wife, jilted mistress and business rival, 8 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 6 through March 13, at the D & B entertainment center, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. Not recommended for children under age 18. (810) 930-1515

### YOUTH

**DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE**  
PuppetART presents "The Firebird" from an old Russian folk tale, noon and 2 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, at the theater, 26 E. Grand River, between Woodward Avenue and Farmer, Detroit. \$6.50, \$5 children, \$20 families of two adults/two children. Also workshops following 2 p.m. Saturday performances. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

**YOUTH THEATRE**  
"Paul Robeson, All American," a powerful biography about the actor/singer, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Musical Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave. at Brush, Detroit. \$8, \$7 advance. (313) 963-2366

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**"ART CHAT"**  
By the artists and curator of the exhibit "Extraordinary Stitches: The Art of Fiber and Thread," on the use of textiles in the work of modern Jewish artists, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Janice Cherach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Free. (248) 861-7641

**ASTROLOGY PSYCHIC FAIR**  
Astrologers, card readers, palmistry, psychics, lectures, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Troy Holiday

Inn, Rochester Court, off Rochester Road between Big Beaver and Maple Road, Troy. \$5. (248) 528-2810

**"THE CITY SESSIONS"**  
A performance variety show featuring Michael Salinger, Cleveland poet; saxophonist Faruq Z. Bey; Detroit poet Aurora Harris, and theatrical skit by Lyn Coffin and company, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. \$5. (313) 832-1857

**COIN SHOW AND EXHIBIT**  
Birmingham-Bloomfield Coin Club sponsors this show where coins can be bought, sold, traded and appraised, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, 357 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 644-8818

**DSO OVERTURES**  
A mixer that includes dinner and live jazz 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Mario's Italian Ristorante, 4222 Second Ave., Detroit. A DSO concert, featuring Scottish percussionist Evelyn Glennie, and guest conductor Dennis Russell Davies, follows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35. (313) 578-5130 or <http://www.detroitymphony.com>

**EXCHANGE STREET JAZZ GALLERY**  
Presents jazz vocalist Judi Coghlin and watercolors and sculpture by Bernard Franz, 8:11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at All Saints Episcopal Church, Pontiac. \$4. (248) 334-4571 or [allsaint@ix.net.com](mailto:allsaint@ix.net.com)

**GOLF SHOW**  
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and until 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75 (Exit 36). (734) 287-2000

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION**  
Hosted by St. Sabina, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, music by Duane Malinowski, in the Activities Hall, on Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Beech Daly. \$10. (313) 561-1977/(313) 277-5073

**SPRING HOME AND GARDEN SHOW**  
2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 4-5, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6; at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. \$8.50, \$4.50 seniors, \$3.50 children ages 6-12, \$9 family tickets available at Farmer Jack. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.builders.org>

**"VISIONS TO REMEMBER"**  
Antiques Show and Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, preview Friday, Feb. 5 by reservation only, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, Activities Center, 1100 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. \$6, proceeds benefit the visually impaired in southeast Michigan through the Friends of Vision. (313) 824-4710/(313) 881-2144

### BENEFITS

**BENEFIT FOR ANN ARBOR TENANTS UNION**  
Featuring Lisa Hunter, Brian Lillie, Chris Buhalis and K.C. Groves, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. \$5 donation. (734) 663-0518

**THE RAINBOW CONNECTION**  
An evening of romance, fine food and music by Alexander Zonjic, 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Skyline Club, 2000 Town Center, Suite 2800, Southfield. \$85 per person, with proceeds to benefit The Rainbow Connection, a nonprofit that grants wishes for children with life threatening illnesses. (810) 783-9777

**"THE RHYTHM IS GOING TO GET YOU"**  
Latino Family Services' fundraising dinner/dance 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 12, limited edition ties and scarves by artist/designer Dominic Pangborn will also be available to raise fund for Latino Family Services, in the Ambassador Room of Cobo Hall, Detroit. \$75. (313) 841-7380

**SUZANNE SOMERS**  
Guest speaker for the annual CHOICES fundraising event on behalf of the Women's Allied Jewish Campaign, March 3 at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. A minimum \$190 contribution to the 1999 Women's Campaign required along with the \$25 admission fee. Luncheon will be served. Reservation deadline is Feb. 15, call (248) 642-4260, Ext. 181.

### FAMILY EVENTS

**TWO OF A KIND**  
1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**EVENING VOYAGES: TUNES AND TALES**  
Family program featuring traditional storytelling with story to celebrate African-American History Month by Elizabeth James, geared for listeners age 6 to adult, younger listeners not admitted, 7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

**ORIGAMI FUN**  
An origami expert visits to demonstrate paper folding projects for the entire family, under age six may need assistance and should be accompanied by an adult, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

**STRING FIGURE FUN**  
Learn or make popular string figures with Marcia Gaynor, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, ages 8 and older, in the multi-purpose room at the Ann

Arbor Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-8301

**WALLED LAKE ICE FESTIVAL**  
Ice carving demonstrations, pancake breakfast, Polar Golf Outing, chilli cook-off, nonprofit fair, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, and until 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the Walled Lake Community Education Building Courtyard, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9004

**DEARBORN SNOW FRIEZE**  
City Hall Park, Michigan Ave. (between Schaefer and Maple) Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 4-7, snow sculpting, entertainment, and other events. Call (313) 943-2180 for information.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

**AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER**  
Buffet dinner/dance featuring the music of Walt Uplec, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the club, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$15. Reservations required. (248) 689-3636

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND**  
Annual Valentine (buffet) Dinner Dance featuring the Farmington Community Band Dance Band, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Farmington Hills. \$35 per person. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

**HOTEL SAVARINE SOCIETY ORCHESTRA**  
Dance to the music of the orchestra 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9022

**ITALIAN AMERICAN BANQUET CENTER**  
With music by the Mike Wolverton Band, and a dinner of chicken piccata, oven-roasted potatoes, pasta marinara, pasta carbonara, peas and mushrooms, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert, 6-11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$25. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

**KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE**  
Two shows for Valentine's Day Sunday, Feb. 14—a songfest with David Owens and his barbershop quartet at 4 p.m., and love songs and poetry with Joanna Hastings & Friends at 8 p.m., at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7, \$5 students for each show. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

**"A NIGHT OF HEART AND SOUL"**  
A Valentine's Day celebration with Regina Belle, Peabo Bryson and Najee, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35, \$27.50. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

**ST. BARBARA CHURCH**  
Music by Muza-Mix, dinner, door prizes, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, St. Barbara parish gym, 5277 Calhoun, Dearborn. \$20 per person, \$12 for teens ages 12-18, accompanied by an adult. Bring your wedding picture for the "My Valentine" display. Deadline for tickets is Monday, Feb. 8. (313) 582-8383

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**VFW POST 3323**  
Music by The Laredos, sponsored by Stillettoes, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. \$22 includes food, snacks, beverages, door prizes. 21 and older. (734) 722-7907/(313) 849-0233/(734) 397-5659/(734) 427-2169/(248) 542-5997

### CLASSICAL

**AMERICAN STRING QUARTET**  
4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$24, \$28 and \$30. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

**BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE**  
"A Parade of American Music," soprano Soo Yeon Kim, flutists Johanna Beth Sennett and Phillip Dikeman, and saxophonist Betty Hixon, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Community House, 360 South Bates, Birmingham. \$2 guest donation. (248) 475-5978

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
With conductor Dennis Russell Davies, and percussionist Evelyn Glennie, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6; "Classical Roots" with conductor Leslie Dunner, tenor James N. Moore Jr., the Brazeal Dennerd Chorus, and its director Brazeal Dennerd, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-3700 or <http://www.detroitymphony.com>

**FOU TSI'ONG**  
The award-winning pianist performs Mozart piano concertos D minor, K.

466 and B flat major, K 595 with the Michigan Chamber Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at Temple Beth El. \$20, \$15 Steinway Society members, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 601-MCSO

**REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY**  
The orchestra continues its 43rd season with a concert featuring young artists from Thurston High School 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in the cafeteria at Thurston High School, Redford. Free.

**PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY**  
Second annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 in Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University Campus. Tickets \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students. (248) 370-3013 or (248) 645-6666.

### POPS/SWING

**SHAKIN' NOT STIRRED**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (swing)

**STARLIGHT DRIFTERS**  
1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, during the Rockers game at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 983-6606 (western swing)

**IL-VI ORCHESTRA**  
9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

### ORGAN

**MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**  
Winter Movie Series continues with Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb and E.G. Marshall, in "Twelve Angry Men," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organist all performances Richard Dengate), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

### AUDITIONS

**BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP**  
Invites women who read music and enjoy singing to join the group. Founded 40 years ago, group members are women who enjoy rehearsing and performing a variety of music including light classical, show tunes and seasonal favorites. Rehearse Monday evenings February-June in Southfield. Jané Miller (248) 642-3216/Katie Parcels (313) 640-0123

**B.W. PRODUCTIONS**  
Auditions for males and females ages eight to adult for the semi-musical/comedy gospel "When God Comes Down From Heaven," no experience necessary but a plus, training provided, call for audition appointment. (313) 865-2375

**FIANDRE ENTERPRISES/DRAMATIST PLAYERSERVICE**  
Non-equity auditions for Larry Shue's "The Foreigner," 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (by appointment), must do comedic dialogue two minutes or less, callbacks 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 1515 Broadway, across from the Detroit Opera House. (313) 538-5739

**JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT**  
Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and 25, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit. (313) 862-0966/(313) 342-1000

**KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE**  
Peter Soave plays the music of Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla on bayan, a high-tech chromatic button accordion, with the Detroit String Quartet and Arbor Saxophone Quartet, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$25, \$15, \$10); Russian bass-baritone Solomon Soloviev sings arias and songs, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 (\$10, \$7), at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. (734) 769-2999 or [kch@ic.net](mailto:kch@ic.net)

**LAKELAND PLAYERS**  
Open auditions for nine principal roles for "Once Upon a Mattress," 7-9:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 8-9, high school age and older, bring audition song of your choice, at Mason Middle School, Walton Blvd between Sashabaw and Clintonville roads. (248) 674-4738

**ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
Auditions for three men and three women for an April production of "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 8-9, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 881-0978

**SECOND CITY-DETROIT**  
Rich Gotler teaches the basics of improvisation, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 20 to April 17, at the Performance Network, 111 West Huron, Ann Arbor. \$200; also Improv Headstart classes for kids ages 12-16, teaches fundamentals of teamwork while improvising in group situations, 3-6 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 21 to April 18, at the Second City-Detroit. \$150. (313) 964-5821

**STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE**  
Auditions for nine men and four women

# Guays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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for John Weidman's "Assassina" with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 8-9 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances April 16-18, 22-25 at 1:30, and May 1-2. (248) 541-4832

**THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD**  
Accepting submissions for original one-acts by local artists in play/script format running 15-45 minutes each, deadline March 1, send four copies to the Theatre Guild, c/o Sean Kelley, P.O. Box 51574, Livonia, MI, 48150. For more information, call (313) 531-0554

**TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS**  
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, private voice coaching, and participation in Tinderox Show/Choir and "The Ted Sullivan Show: A Variety Extravaganza for Actors, Singers and Dancers." Saturdays Feb. 6 to May 15, in the Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Students give two performances Saturday, May 15 in Cathedral Theatre. (313) 535-8962

## JAZZ

**JUDIE COCHILL TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

**ELIZA**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 223-1700

**MAYNARD FERGUSON**  
4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Adray Auditorium, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5150 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$25. (313) 845-6470

**HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS**  
7:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays in January at the Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 416-9288, \$3 cover; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

**SHEILA LANDS**  
8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558; 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Borders Books and Music, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188

**LORI LEFEVRE**  
With Jimmy Lee Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 5 and 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

**OASIS**  
Flint band featuring pianist Cliff Monear and vocalist Stephanie, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**GARY SCHUNK TRIO**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**RANDY VOLIN & THE SONIC BLUES**  
Saturday, Feb. 6, at Memphis Smoke, 100 South Main, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

**PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

**ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS**  
8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Amer's First Street Grill, Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 99-MUSIC/(734) 213-6000 or http://www.99music.com (acid jazz)

**PHIL WOODS QUARTET**  
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com

## WORLD MUSIC

**THE ARTICLES**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (Jamaican jazz/ska)

**HUUN HUUR TU**  
The Throat Singers of Tuva, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.99music.com

**JIM PERKINS**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600

(acoustic Celtic).

## FOLK/BLUEGRASS

**ALY BAIN AND PHIL CUNNINGHAM**  
Fiddler and accordion player perform 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

**GREY EYE GLANCES**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or

**JAN KRIST**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

**LONESOME AND BLUE**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

**DICK SIEGEL**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org

## POETRY

**AMIRI BARAKA**  
The legendary playwright, American poetry, fiction and essay writer reads 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 10, with Detroit poets and playwrights Alvin Auber and Ron Allen, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Avenue, and 7:30 p.m., (313) 577-2450, at YMCA of Metro Detroit's Arts & Humanities Center on the WSU campus at 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward, Detroit (313) 267-5300, ext. 338. \$5. free for Writer's Voice members.

## DANCE

**CONTRA DANCE**  
Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance presents calling by Eric Zorn to music by the Contrapreneurs, no partner needed. 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (open jam for string band musicians of all levels at 4 p.m.), at the Pittsfield Garage, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704

**MERCÉ CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY**  
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$34. (734) 764-2638 or http://www.ums.org

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING**  
Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance presents workshop and dancing led by Eric Arnold, Helen White and Don Theyken to live music, 7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-5158

**BALLROOM/POLKA DANCE**  
Featuring the music of "The Carousels," 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 East Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$4. (248) 689-3636

## COMEDY

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
John Joseph with the music of Johnny B., and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 4-6 (\$14); Mike Green, Joey Bielaska and Bam Bam, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 11-13 (\$12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S**  
Pam Stone, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package); Dan Wilson, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREAM COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
Leo DuFour, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 (\$10); Wayne Colter, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 (\$12), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**SECOND CITY**  
"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science, through April 3, at the museum, 1221 North Woodward,

Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or www.cranbrook.edu/museum

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
African American Family Day Saturday, Feb. 6, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

**DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER**  
"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

**HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE**  
Tours of the 58-room family home of automotive pioneer Henry Ford and wife Clara, 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$7, \$6 seniors/students. (313) 593-5590

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
"Rhythm Rising: Exploring America's Musical Roots" celebrates the contributions of African-American to world music weekends in February, blues guitar and vocals by Robert Jones noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 6, 13-14, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 7, 20, 21, 27-28, The Gabriels (New Orleans jazz) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 6-7, Taslimah's Ragtime Band 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 13-14, So Much Fun by Bob St. Thomas (jazz) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 20-21 and Perfect Blend (freedom songs) 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 28-March 1, also cooking demonstrations, dramatic presentations of an African tale, historical photo exhibit, and hands-on activities to create traditional African kufi hats, paper beads, quilt squares, at the museum during regular hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under five free. (313) 271-1620

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
In celebration of Black History Month, the museum presents story theater performances 10 a.m. to noon Mondays, Feb. 8, 15 and 22; historical films noon Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27; lecture series 3 p.m. Saturdays, and an African and African American Expo with workshops for grades K-12, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

## POPULAR MUSIC

**AFGHAN WHIGS**  
9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$16 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**AHADA**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**THE ALLIGATORS**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Cavern Club, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)

**GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

**BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (jump blues)

**BLUE HAWAIIANS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BLUE MOON BOYS**  
10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rockabilly)

**BLUE ROSE**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Mount Chalet, 4715 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (blues)

**BONNE TEMPS ROULLE**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (R&B)

**BR549**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (honky-tonk country)

**THE CARDIGANS**  
With Kent, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$13 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

**CHEF CHRIS BLUES BAND**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

**CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA DAVIS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (R&B)

**DETROIT BLUES BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**DOVETAIL JOINT**  
With Bliss, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. \$1.05. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

**STEVE FERGUSON AND THE MIDWEST CREOLE ENSEMBLE**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (blues)

**THE FLYS**  
Headline "Bandeemonium," a local band competition with a first prize of playing MTV's "Spring Break," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.radioedge.com (variety)

**FOOLISH MORTALS**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-4600 (rock)

**GOOD GRAYV**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

**ROBERT GORDON**  
With Black Beauty, Starlight Drifters and Big Barn Combo, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rockabilly/western swing)

**GRAVITY GAMES**  
With Teen Idols, Gutter Punk, Outsiders, John Cusack Attack, and Elephant Ear, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

**GRR**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441; 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, and Tuesday, Feb. 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, and solo at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, The Habitat inside Weber's, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 665-3636 (blues)

**THE HOPE ORCHESTRA**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-2225 (alternapop)

**LISA HUNTER**  
Hosts a bowlathon from 2-4 p.m. and performs from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2230; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Coffee Beany, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344; With 3 Speed, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, prior to the Red Wings-Chicago game on Joe Vision at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. (313) 983-6606 (acoustic rock)

**J-TRAIN**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

**JARIMÉLO**  
With Fat Astro, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**BILL KAHLER**  
7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 11, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 459-4190 (singer)

**SMOKIN' JOE KUBEK**  
Featuring Bnois King, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

**KUNO FU DIESEL**  
With Big Sam and Culture Bandits, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-7038 (rock)

**PATTI LABELLE**  
With Gerald Levert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$40 and \$50. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (R&B)

**JOHN D. LAMB**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 12-13, 5 Hole inside Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3388 (acoustic pop/rock)

**JAKE LOCK**  
Member of Moloko Plus, 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, in Garden Bowl in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (punk)

**MASCHINA**  
With Au Revoir Borealis, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

**MIDLIFE CRISIS**  
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (blues)

**CLOVIS MINOR**  
7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 4, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 459-4190 (variety)

**MURDER CITY WRECKS**  
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# Mel Gibson gets his 'Payback' in latest flick

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're yearning to feel bruised, bloodied, and beaten-up, there's no need to visit the Kronk gym and volunteer as a sparring partner for an up-and-coming prizefighter. Instead, check out Mel Gibson's latest rock-em, sock-em flick, "Payback." By movie's end, you'll probably hurt all over.

In almost every scene, some wretched dreg of humanity gets shot, kicked, punched, whipped, stomped on, stabbed, carved, hammered, ripped, or burnt. For good measure, somebody dies from an overdose of dirty heroin too. Imagine a cinematic carnival

of pain, and you will begin to get a bead on "Payback."

Gibson is Porter, a thief who has been double-crossed by his partner-in-crime, Val Resnick, a creepy sort played with just the right reptilian touch by Greg Henry (moviegoers may well remember his chilling drill bit in "Body Double."). Resnick not only swipes Porter's share of the duo's heist money, but he also sets things up so that Porter's wife shoots her husband in the back, and leaves him to die. (One memorable close-up involves Resnick grinding out a cigarette in a glistening puddle of Porter's blood.)

But Porter doesn't die. At least, not physically. In a way,

he's as indestructible as Bugs Bunny — though not nearly as reasonable. And ultimately, though it makes an attempt at sepulchral humor now and then, this movie is no laughing matter.

After he recovers (following some sordid surgery that we witness up-close and personal), back he goes to the scene of the crime, discovering even more reason to see that his brand of justice is carried out.

When he declares that "nice guys always finish last," somehow we just know justice is going to be the vigilante. To say that he is fixated on recovering his share of the heist money at this point is putting it mildly. Sure, he's going to have to get

past the mob (here called "The Outfit") to do it, and wade through a heap of other human garbage as well. But he's past caring. He's like a machine, programmed to go after that \$70,000, and anybody who gets in his way is going to be either (1) maimed or (2) dead.

Much of what is wrong with this picture has to do with Gibson's confusing, almost-robotic character. Who is this guy who's supposed to be our hero? He's not Dirty Harry Callahan. He's not Martin Riggs of "Lethal Weapon." He's not taxi driver, Travis Bickle. These were violent characters, but at least we knew enough about them to feel some of their pain. Porter, on the other hand, is not just a flawed individual, he often comes across like he's living a nightmare to which we have no real access. It's tiring. Then, it's tiresome. And, though Gibson struggles manfully with this odd role, eventually, we'd just like to go lie down someplace, very far away from this movie.

Director Brian Helgeland (who co-wrote the script with Terry Hayes) has assembled a supporting cast that deserves stronger showcasing. Just about all of the film's many villains especially make indelible marks. William Devane, leering as only he can, takes a particularly chilling turn as a jackal-like, second-level syndicate boss. James Coburn slithers onto the screen in a brief appearance as another underworld kingpin, and provides some of the film's comic relief. ("Now, that's mean!" he splutters when Gibson's hair-trigger character blows a hole in one of his expensive attaché cases. "That's just mean!") The beat of the beastly bunch is Kris Kristofferson



Drama: Mel Gibson stars as Porter and Maria Bello as Rosie in "Payback."

son who, as the squinty-eyed, raspy-voiced head of The Outfit, is like evil in an expensive suit.

The cold, gray steel and hard edges of a modern-day megalopolis serve as an appropriate landscape for "Payback," enhancing the dark aura of the story. Director of photography Ericson Core's grainy imaging adds another harsh and effective

touch. Also, this is a film that could have almost been made in black-and-white. Chances are, you'll come away from it remembering only one color: bloody red.

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**"RUSHMORE"**  
Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray, and Olivia Williams star in this coming-of-age comedy of a high school student who has tended to everything in school except the most important concern — girls.

**"PAYBACK"**  
This remake is based on the book "The Hunter" about a hard-boiled criminal who tracks down his wife and former

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**"SAVING PRIVATE RYAN"**  
Re-release — story based in true events of six U.S. Army soldiers on assignment behind enemy lines to save one private. Stars Tom Hanks.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 12

**"MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"**  
While walking on a beach a journalist finds a bottle containing a love letter from a man to his wife. She falls in love with the letter writer and sets out to find him. Stars Kevin Costner, Paul Newman, Robin Wright Penn and John Savage.

**"MY NAME IS JOE"**  
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**"BLAST FROM THE PAST"**  
Romantic comedy of a typical American family who took refuge in a bomb shelter for three decades. Stars Brendan Fraser, Alicia Silverstone, Sissy Spacek.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 19

**"OFFICE SPACE"**  
A frustrated computer programmer and some equally frustrated colleagues hatch a plot which could lead to a very lucrative and early retirement. Stars Jennifer Aniston, Robert Livingston.

Scheduled to open Friday, Feb. 26

**"ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE"**  
A tragic love story set in the world of thieves and heroin addicts in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the 1970s. Stars James Woods and Melanie Griffith.

## Weird February inspires arts

### BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

February is a month that not only varies in length, but in popular pronunciation. When we hear one "r" or two, we tend to cut each other some slack. After all, it's February.

In keeping with this spirit of weirdness, plenty of attractions are scheduled throughout the Detroit area and on Detroit Public TV's Backstage Pass program to increase your intake of the unusual.

Theatre Grottesco, which, by definition, means "outrageous and larger than life," uses in its current touring production a theatrical style known as Buffoonery, which melds humorous elements from comic and tragic themes. This week's engagement of "The Angela's Cradle" at Windsor's Capitol Theatre presented the story of a group of odd outcasts who have lived in the sub-basement of an abandoned building for generations, and the culture clash when they are discovered by a homeless man. Buffoons originated in the European Middle Ages when anyone "different" was banished from soci-

ety. In February of 1999, instead of banishing buffoons, I say we should celebrate them. Theatre Grottesco founder John Flax and company veteran Elizabeth Wiseman offer some fodder in this week's Backstage Pass.

We can always count on the DIA's Detroit Film Theatre to serve up some quirkiness. Curator Elliot Wilhelm recommends "Six String Samurai," to be presented Feb. 15.

"It's an American-made post-apocalyptic rock and roll film which features a mysterious hero and a cannibalistic 'Cleave' family. Very funny and very strange," he says. I never trusted Eddie Haskell, and now I'm not so sure about June.

Weird Science, an ambitious exhibition which just opened at Cranbrook Educational Community, offers an artistic journey through the often peculiar pursuit of scientific discovery. A collaboration of Cranbrook's art museum and institute of science, the exhibit features the work of four artists, who through such use of specimen jars and a custom-built chicken coop, create a dramatic setting for the study of reptiles and amphibians, genetic engineering and space travel. Weird Science is a highlight on the Detroit area's winter/spring arts calendar, according to Marsha Miro, who takes viewers on a tour of the exhibit.

It has been a half-century since the heyday of the Hastings Street entertainment district, an area off I-75 near Wayne State University that thrived on such blues artists as John Lee Hooker,

Harmonica Shaw and Uncle Jessie White. They created a recognizable sound that was largely unheralded nationally.

"There were many artists that came out of the Hastings Street blues era, but, unfortunately, there was no local record label to support them," says Backstage Pass music producer Ron Pangborn.

"It may have been difficult for these artists to build Detroit's reputation as a center for blues because we're so close to Chicago, which had just about everything going for it in promoting the careers of blues musicians. Places like St. Louis and Memphis had the benefit of established record labels that helped build a blues tradition for those cities," Pangborn says.

Now, here's the good news. Many of the great artists from Hastings Street are still around and performing, and their work will finally be available on a new "Hastings Street Grease" collection to be released later this year on Toledo-based Blue Suit Records.

Harmonica Shaw, Uncle Jessie and others from Hastings Street share memories and music during an event at the Monroe Library on February 17, and in our studios on Backstage Pass, airing Sunday, February 7, and repeated Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at midnight.

And remember, it's a month when weirdness can strike at any time, so make it a good kind of weird.

# The Flys remember when as they judge others

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The Flys vividly remember the days of lugging gear up stairs, running a van into the ground, and begging for gigs in L.A. clubs. Although the band, which has scored a hit with "Got You (Where I Want You)," has been together for 10 years, those days aren't so far off.

All those thoughts are coming back to the quintet as it headlines and judges the "Bandemonium" contest. It comes to St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, in Detroit on Friday, Feb. 5.

Sponsored by Sam Goody, Pepsi, Loreal, and Gibson guitars, "Bandemonium" will feature two local bands competing for the chance to play MTV's "Spring Break." There are four to five judges at each Bandemonium event, including a member of The Flys.

"It's been pretty cool. We see some pretty cool bands, although we have to judge people, and I don't like to judge people," guitarist Peter Perdichizzi said.

"It's a bit weird. I see myself in a lot of these people and how we struggled for so long. I just don't want to make a judgment on anyone because everyone's doing their best and struggling," he added.

The Flys struggled for nine years before landing a record contract with Trauma Records, home to Bush and No Doubt. Its debut album "Holiday Man" will land at No. 1 on Billboard's "Heatseekers" chart in the Feb. 5 issue.

Perdichizzi, who formed the band with vocalist Adam Paskowitz and bassist James Book, calls The Flys, "an



Headlining contest: The Flys - from left, guitarist Peter Perdichizzi, singer/rapper Joshua Paskowitz, bassist James Book, singer Adam Paskowitz (front), and drummer Nick Lucero - headline "Bandemonium," a local battle of the bands at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Friday, Feb. 5.

overnight success story in the making of 10 years."

In 1994, The Flys released "25 cents," and the first single "Level on the Inside." It was the most added song to radio that week.

Although Gladfelter's first inclination is to celebrate, he's keeping a level head.

"We're trying to keep the driving force musical and not think about all the peripheral things going on," he said.

Dovetail Joint entered into the majors thanks to Aware Records, an independent label affiliated with Columbia Records that is often credited with "discovering" Hootie and the Blowfish, Dave Matthews Band, The Verve Pipe and Matchbox 20.

The band simultaneously recorded a debut EP for Aware and its first album for Columbia in Minneapolis with producer John Fields. Jack Joseph Puig mixed "001" at Ocean Way studios in Los Angeles. Working in L.A. proved to be interesting in its own right.

"It's an experience," Gladfelter explained. "We're just Midwestern boys going out to L.A. to work with Jack. You get the full-on L.A. picture when you go out

there. When you work with him, you realize the industry is based in New York and L.A. for sure."

"The way things run out there is it's much faster paced and it's a lot more demanding. You get kicked into line pretty quickly. This one time JJP told us, 'Listen, kid, take this seriously. Do you want to be successful or not. I didn't do this record to make money. I want to see you guys get somewhere.'"

Puig is best known for his work with Hole, Semisonic, and the Black Crowes, so Gladfelter and his bandmates listened.

"He's quite the revered guy. When you go out there, you basically hand the project over to him and trust that he knows what he's doing. He turns your music into the JJP flavor. That's part of the whole experience."

Dovetail Joint and Bliss perform Saturday, Feb. 6, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac.

everything happens.

Soon after recording "25 cents," The Flys added two new members to the band - vocalist/rapper Joshua Paskowitz and drummer Nick Lucero.

"We got rid of our old drummer. We found Nick, he was just sort of moping around L.A. looking for a gig. That relationship has worked out really cool because he's an amazing person. He's also on the cover of the record (Holiday Man) skydiving. He's the craziest one to do that."

Tagging along on one of the European jaunts was Joshua, Adam's brother.

"Adam got sick really bad. He got some kind of Euro-flu. Josh had to step in and sing his brother's parts. He was helping us out. He just hung around and did his thing, and it was all good. We never made a ceremony to say, 'Hey man, you're in the band.' If you got something to say, step up and do it. If it's good, it's good, and it was. It was very natural. We still haven't let him in the band."

But it was Joshua Paskowitz who contributed the hook to The Flys' first hit, "Got You (Where I Want You)" from "Holiday Man" (Trauma Records). The melancholy, bass-heavy "Got You" builds from a simple melody to Joshua Paskowitz's Jamaican dub rhymes.

Joshua Paskowitz offered the suggestion during the recording session at producer Chris Goss's studio.

"Before he did that it was just like a guitar break, a riff and big loud guitar. He said, 'Well, I've got something I wanted to try over that middle section.' He came up with the whole dub part. It really worked out. The

first time we heard it, we said, 'It's done.'"

Most of "Holiday Man" was written about a year ago, except for "Take U There," a frenetic blend of Josh Paskowitz's rhyming, Perdichizzi's crafty guitar work, and Lucero's drum work.

"That was last minute. They were pressing the record that week and we said, 'Let's put it on.' We had to stop the presses literally as they say."

A striking aspect of "Holiday Man" is the slow grooving "Afraid." Booming drums break up the psychedelic feel of the song.

"It's Nick's real drums. It's just a little studio trick that Chris Goss did. You're in a big drum room if you can imagine. You put room mics at the end of the room and then you put a distortion pedal in the board in the studio. It overdrives everything so you have this big roomy distorted drum sound," Perdichizzi explained.

But, shyly, he added, "We don't really do that part live because we don't know how to do that. It's a studio trick but we rock live. Live is our strong point."

After all, The Flys spent 10 years refining its live performances.

"We worked very hard and never gave up any of our dreams. We just went forward and we hooked up with Trauma Records and they've been very passionate about it too. It's sort of come out in a very big way. Obviously, it sort of blew up with this one song," he said about "Got You (Where I Want You)." "But we've been a band touring and writing together for 10 years."

"A lot of people say, 'Oh wow,

where did this band come from. In reality, we've been around the block many, many times, working for this though. It's a great position to be in."

The Flys headline "Bandemonium" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$7 at the door for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.radioedge.com>. The Flys can be reached via e-mail at [adamfly@aol.com](mailto:adamfly@aol.com) or [pep71@msn.com](mailto:pep71@msn.com), or by writing to 501 10th St., Santa Monica, Calif., 90402.

Besides "Holiday Man," "Got You" also appears on "Hope in Hockeystown III," a benefit CD for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit. It will be available for \$14.99 beginning Friday, Feb. 5, at major record stores or by calling 1-800-WINGS-25.

## Dovetail Joint changes attitude and comes out ahead



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Dovetail Joint can prove that with a change in attitude, dreams can come true. The rock band had the opportunity to record with hit maker Glen Ballard, who was at the helm of Alanis Morissette's two albums, and unreleased Aerosmith material. But they turned it down to make a record for the indie label Aware Records.

"In retrospect, we're very happy it didn't happen - not because of not working with him but because we weren't ready then. He's brilliant and everything. We would not have gotten the sound that we wanted," singer Chuck Gladfelter explained.

"He makes very produced-sounding records. I wanted it to sound rawer. I heard some of the Aerosmith songs that he did, and I'm not sure if we wanted our stuff to sound that glossy and that poppy. Once we had a mental change of attitude about the whole thing, good (stuff) started to happen."

several events in her life.

### Misc.

WXDG-FM's "1999 Snowfest Big Air" snowboarding competition has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, at Alpine Valley. For more information, call (248) 887-4183.

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# Sweet 'Dumplings' serves homemade American fare

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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You'll find chicken dumpling soup and apple dumpling on the menu at the newly opened Dumplings Diner in Westland.

But the reason the diner is called "Dumplings" is sweet, and has nothing to do with food.

"I named it after my husband," said Jackie Enderle who owns the diner with her "Dumpling" Dale.

The couple used to own a bar in Plymouth, Shawn Patrick's, and bought the former Mugg's Restaurant in April.

"We renovated the kitchen," said Enderle. She also wallpapered the restaurant in a cozy tea print — "the closest I'll ever get to owning a tea room," she laughs, and hung lace curtains in the windows.

A small place, that seats only 38 people, it's easy to drive right by on busy Ford Road, not knowing what you're missing. Sit at the counter, or at one of the tables. There's even a tucked away table for two.

On a chilly January afternoon, Enderle's sister Fran is busy in the kitchen chopping carrots and

**Dumplings Diner**  
**Where:** 35851 Ford Road, (south of Wayne Road) Westland, (734) 722-9118.  
**Open:** 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for breakfast only on Sunday.  
**Menu:** Homemade All American fare including soups, sandwiches, spaghetti and meat loaf. Children's menu for kids 12 and under.  
**Prices:** Reasonable. Breakfast \$1.50 to \$4.50; lunch \$1.30 to \$5.25; dinner \$4.50 to \$8.95.  
**Credit cards:** Not accepted, cash only  
**Carry-out:** Available, 25 cent charge per item for container.

mushrooms by hand for her popular beef barley soup. She also makes the meat loaf and spaghetti.

Customers say eating at Dumplings is just like sitting in someone's kitchen.

"We're making to make it as good as we can," said Enderle. Breakfast specials are offered 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday-Friday.

You can build your own omelet or choose from eggs any style, pancakes, or even homemade corned beef hash.

For lunch, try a salad, the grilled chicken is a favorite. There are also lots of sandwiches

— grilled cheese, B.L.T., turkey & Swiss, and burgers.

Friday's fish fry — cod served with French fries and coleslaw for \$5.95 is a big seller.

Almost everything is homemade, even the corned beef for sandwiches. The expanded dinner menu includes chicken strips, grilled chicken breast, chicken Parmesan, turkey dinner, and New York Strip Steak.

For dessert try the Apple Dumpling with cinnamon or custard sauce, or both.

Cozy, quaint and quiet, Dumplings is a place you can afford to take your family to.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Just like home: Dale and Jackie Enderle offer homemade meals, just like Mom's, at Dumplings Diner in Westland.

## WHAT'S COOKING

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**Pick-A-Bone Rib House & Saloon** — 30325 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 762-RIBS or (734) 762-2063, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Monday.

**Marvin's Bistro** — and entertainer Marv Welch present the Johnny Trudell Quintet, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. No cover charge, special Valentine's Day menu, 15800 Middlebelt, (between Five & Six Mile Road) Livonia, (734) 522-5600.

**Breadsmith of Metro Detroit** — shops are offering Heart-Shaped Chocolate Chip Cherry Bread, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14. Advance orders are recommended. Chocolate Chip

Cherry Bread will also be available in a round shape every Saturday in February at participating Breadsmith Shops. Metro Detroit locations include Bloomfield (at Maple & Lahser, (248) 540-8001); Dearborn (in the West Village Shoppes, (313) 792-7323); Farmington Hills (on 14 Mile Road just east of Middlebelt, (248) 855-5808); Livonia (at Seven Mile Road and Farmington (248) 422-1100); Plymouth (on Ann Arbor Trail, 1 block west of Main, (734) 354-6980); Rochester (inside Papa Joe's at Rochester and Hamlin, (248) 852-4777); and Troy (on the northwest corner of Long Lake & Livernois (248) 879-8997). Most Breadsmith shops are closed every Sunday. The Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Rochester bakeries will be open on Valentine's Day.

**Old Country Buffet** — Celebrates Valentine's Day by offering couples married 50 years or more a free meal and portrait, Sunday or Monday, Feb. 14 or Feb. 15. Just bring your marriage certificate that shows you've been married 50 years or more to Old Country Buffet, 5848 N. Sheldon Road,

Canton, call (734) 207-8737 for information.

**Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe** — in Greektown presents its ninth annual Mardi Gras 'Fat Tuesday' Masquerade party 8 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday, Feb. 16. Prizes for best costume, live entertainment by a New Orleans jazz band, complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Fishbone's is at the intersection of Monroe and Brush Streets in downtown Detroit. Call (313) 965-4600 for information.

**Cajun Night** — at the Gaelic League (2062 Michigan Ave. near Tiger Stadium), 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Donation \$15, cash bar. Enjoy gumbo, jambalaya and other dishes, entertainment. Call (734) 284-7595 for reservations.

**Bailey's Pub & Grille** — Just opened, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 844-1137. Menu includes salads, soups, sandwiches, gourmet burgers, baby back ribs, pasta dishes, fish & chips, hickory grilled chicken, shrimp on a skewer, broiled or Cajun salmon. Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

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