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Roadwork: Motorists will be dealing with construction cones and traffic detours this spring as work crews begin resurfacing I-275 between M-14 and I-696 beginning in April. Area residents can hear more about the construction plans at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, with MDOT in the Livonia Civic Center auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, near Five Mile and Farmington roads./A7

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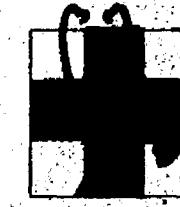
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Plan expected to up EMS rates



City council members are expected to approve increases as they overhaul the Westland Fire Department's billing system for emergency medical services. The vote is expected at a Tuesday meeting at Westland City Hall.

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Westland residents will likely face higher medical rescue bills under a new plan unveiled Monday by fire officials.

City council members are expected to approve the increases as they overhaul the Westland Fire Department's billing

system for emergency medical services.

A council majority has indicated that higher rates and a new billing system will be adopted during a 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting at Westland City Hall.

Here's how the rate changes would affect patients and their insurance providers:

■ Residents suffering heart attacks, strokes and other life-threatening

emergencies would see their bills for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services climb from \$400 to \$500.

■ Residents only needing Basic Life Support (BLS) services would see their tab jump from \$100 to \$168 – the full amount that officials say Medicare would cover.

■ Non-residents using Westland medical services would pay the same new rates. They already paid \$500 for ALS, but their tab for basic services would climb from \$125 to \$168.

New fees would boost annual revenues by \$150,000 to \$200,000, Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

Neal proposed the new fees as the

city moves to hire an outside firm, Medaphis, to take over its emergency medical services billing system.

Neal said an outside firm will improve bill collection efforts. He estimated that Medaphis could boost the percentage of bills collected from 68 percent to 85 percent, boosting revenues by another \$100,000 each year.

"We're losing revenues every day," Neal said Monday during a council study session.

Revenues for 1998-99 are projected at \$690,000. New fees and better collection efforts are expected to boost

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Proposal to house boys aired

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Spectrum Human Services Inc. is proposing to house as many as 24 troubled boys at its Westland facility on Joy Road between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Spectrum officials say the plan differs sharply from a 1997 proposal to house delinquent and abused girls on the same site – once a psychiatric hospital.

The girls' home was rejected by Westland City Council members following a storm of protest from Westland and Livonia residents who said the youngsters posed a danger to their neighborhoods.

"This (new) program will not – I repeat, will not – accept any delinquent youths," Spectrum president Roger Swaninger said.

He and Spectrum clinical director Jerry Csokasy unveiled the nonprofit company's latest plan Monday during a Westland City Council study session.

Only one resident, Michael Kelly, attended the session to voice opposition

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Chief: Use offender list with caution

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Westland police urge residents to use restraint if they learn from the Internet that sex offenders are living in their neighborhoods.

Chief Emery Price said his department has received phone calls from residents who have perused a sex offender list – www.misp.state.mi.us – posted on the Internet by Michigan State Police.

Some residents want to know what they should do after they learn that sex offenders may be living near them.

"There isn't really a lot they can do except for being aware and advising their kids of the individuals who may or may not live in their neighborhood – and just to be careful," Price said.

Computer users find names and addresses of sex offenders by typing in ZIP codes, but Price urged residents to use caution.

"As long as people don't overreact to it – that's probably what concerns us most," Price said. "I'm kind of uneasy about it right now until we have more time to review it."

In Westland's two postal codes, 87 names are listed for a variety of sex crimes ranging from attempted sexual contact to first-degree criminal sexual conduct, which involves penetration.

Price and other area police chiefs voiced some fears that innocent people

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Family fun: Above, The Richter family (3-year-old Samantha, dad Randy and 2-year-old Jaclyn) get up close and personal with Arthur the Armadillo at the Marine Safari show. Below right, 4-year-old Shannon Geisinger claps for magician Randy Shaw.



Festival features afternoon of fun

Westland got a sampling of winter weather Sunday afternoon just in time for Winter Fest.

An afternoon of mostly free children's activities sponsored by the city was held Sunday at the Bailey Center in Westland.

The turnout was "awe-

some," according to Robert Kosowski, director of Parks and Recreation for Westland.

He estimated about 600 people attended the various events. Some people also filled out surveys about the events and almost all of

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Resident wins chance to be 'Ally McBeal' extra

BY DUNCAN E. WHITE
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Ann DeGhetto went from working as records manager for the Plymouth Township Police Department to television star a few weeks ago ... (and then back to records manager).

DeGhetto, a Westland resident, won a contest through Best Buy last summer to appear as an extra

on the "Ally McBeal" show and visited the Los Angeles set in late January with longtime friend Mary Falzon of Northville.

Winning the contest was the easy part, though, as she simply mailed in a card and was selected in a random drawing.

And the kicker is that she didn't even buy anything that day at Best Buy.

"It said 'no purchase necessary,'" she said. "I just

mailed it in. I love that store and I've bought stuff there before. Just not on that particular day."

What she won, exactly, was a "walk-on, non-speaking role" on the show, two round-trip tickets to Los Angeles, hotel accommodations for two days and two nights, a limousine ride to and from the set of the show and \$500.

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revenues to \$940,000 to \$890,000.

Resident John McGuire criticized the fee changes.

"To bill the citizens \$500 or \$600, I don't think it's fair," he said. "I think you're more interested in the money than the citizens."

Neal said the city has to find ways to help pay for medical services.

Meanwhile, Neal also said billing system changes will help the city correct problems that have placed it at odds with government compliance rules.

"We're out of compliance every day," Neal said.

One problem area has been the city's past practice of charging nonresidents more money than residents for medical services. Neal said fire officials have learned that the two-tiered billing practice is "a violation" of government regulations.

Some cities, such as New York City, have been socked with millions of dollars in fines for failing to address billing system problems, Neal said.

The fire chief said his department needs outside help to keep

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abreast of ever-changing compliance rules. Medaphis, recommended from three companies studied, would receive 8 percent of the amount it collects for the city.

Neal said Medaphis - unlike the city - usually bills patients within 48 hours of a medical run. The fire chief said customers are less likely to pay their bill as time passes.

Some council members said they don't want Medaphis to strong-arm residents who simply can't afford to pay their bills.

"My issue is, I don't want these folks badgered," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

The city's past practice has been to waive bills for poor people who don't have insurance or to work with patients to arrange a payment plan.

"The \$500 sounds harsh to me if it was folks without insurance," Councilwoman Justine Barns said.

Some council members questioned how the new system would affect city employees. Neal said only one part-time secretarial position would be lost.

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'Not a Lion'



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Play time: The Westland All-Stars Youth Drama Troupe and Westland Parks and Recreation will present "Not a Lion," a play about three children and a cat who go off to a magical land. Above, dressed for their parts in the play, are (left to right) Alicia Knight, 11, of Canton as a beaver; Jason Kantner, 11, of Westland as a penguin and Anne Sanford, 14, of Westland as a calico cat. Thirty-two students, ages 7-17, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., off Glenwood in Wayne. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the door or at the Bailey Recreation Center.

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could potentially suffer because of problems with the sex offenders list.

"I've heard of a case where they listed the address of the sex offender's parents. He's still in prison," Garden City Police Chief David Kocis said. "That's quite an invasion on the parents."

Price urged residents not to harass people whose names or

INTERNET

addresses appear on the Internet list - or they could face criminal charges themselves.

"Those kinds of things can backfire," Price said.

Police officials say the public has a right to know of sex offend-

ers in their neighborhoods.

"As long as the list is accurate and valid, parents in particular have a right to know who is living in their neighborhood and make their decisions accordingly," Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss said.

"The intent was good for the legislation," Price said, "if people use it just for information pur-

poses."

He and other police officials share some concerns that an address may be mistakenly listed on the Internet. Convicted sex offenders are supposed to notify authorities when they move, but some don't.

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MEETING NO. 3-2/1/99

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott
18: Approved: Minutes of regular meeting held 1/19/99
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-13: CWV Youth Assistance Grant, amt. \$13,016
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-14: Sidewalk Repairs, amt. \$245,000
-Approved bid for 12 Tactical Armor-Plated Vests for Police Dept. to CMP Distributors, total bid price \$14,482.80
-Adopted resolution authorizing City Clerk to make application to MDOT for necessary permit work within state trunk line ROW on behalf of City
-Adopted lot split resolution splitting lot #830, Supervisor's Nankin Plat #19
-Adopted lot split resolution splitting lot #916, Supervisor's Nankin Plat #19
-Adopted resolution of City for submission of Home Rental Rehabilitation Grant Applicant to MSHDA
-Approved to extend current cable television franchise with Media One for period of 6 mos.
18: Approved Traffic Control Signs 98-12, install a minimum of 2 "No Parking, Standing, Stopping" sign on each side of Ravine, S. of Joy Rd. & 98-21: amending 98-12, removing northernmost "No Stopping, Standing, Parking" sign to 8-10 ft. from driveway & add "From Here to Corner" sign to pole on Ravine for extended temporary period of 90 days
20: Granted Site Plan Approval for Millpointe of Westland Condos, between Palmer Rd. & Glenwood Rd.
21: Granted request from Kabouz & Sito, Inc. transfer ownership of 1998 SDM license from 8&V, Inc. 33810 Ford Rd.
22: Approved Appointed Officials & Mayor's Office Pay Plan from 1/1/99-12/31/2001
23: Approved Check List-\$1,042,794.72 & Prepaid-\$8,026,651.10
Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.
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Friends and extras:
Longtime friends Ann DeGhetto of Westland (who works in Plymouth), left, and Mary Falzon of South Lyon (who works in Canton) share their tales of working as "extras" in the television series, "Ally McBeal."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

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Despite being whisked away to the coast, the two women found out the hard way that the glamour of Hollywood comes with a price.

"We worked on the set from 9 in the morning to 12:30 at night," said DeGhetto. "I think we really learned a lot though, as far as how they operate and what goes into it. It's amazing how many crew members they have."

Falzon wasn't quite as excited about the long day.

"My workday ends at 5," she said. "I was tired. I wanted to go back to the hotel."

The work that the two did while a part of the "Ally McBeal" cast won't appear on a particular episode though. They said that several different scenes were cut during their day in the spotlight.

"They'll all be outdoor scenes," said DeGhetto. "I don't think they'll all be from the same show because (the cast) went through several wardrobe changes."

Of the two, DeGhetto believes that she has better chance to stay off the editing room floor.

"In one scene, I walked right in front of (the main character) Calista Flockhart," she said. "I cut right in front of her so, if that scene makes it, you'll definitely be able to see me."

Fittingly, the scenes that they worked on were to take place in the winter, and these Michiganders came prepared.

"The casting director said that we would be shooting outside," said DeGhetto. "It was supposed to be Boston and it was supposed to be cold so we were to bring two

winter coats, a hat, mittens and gloves. So, here I am, going to California and I'm not packing shorts and a bathing suit."

"We definitely had the right equipment to bring," added Falzon.

DeGhetto and Falzon, who grew up together and became good friends in high school, had one day to themselves during the trip and took full advantage of the opportunity.

"We walked along Rodeo Drive and looked in the windows," said DeGhetto. "We didn't buy anything, of course. And we went to a place called the Ivy Restaurant. Gil Bellows (who plays Billy Allen Thomas on the show) recommended it to us when we met him on the set."

"Ally McBeal" is on 9 p.m. Mondays on Fox (Channel 2 in Detroit).

Denny's manager says angry man attacked him

A Denny's restaurant manager told Westland police he was attacked by an angry man demanding to know why his daughter had been fired.

The girl hadn't even been fired, a police report indicated.

The employee of Denny's, 7725 N. Wayne, told police he was in his office counting money on the evening of Jan. 31 when his attacker walked in waving his fists.

The employee tried to block the man's punches but ended up having to defend himself by hitting the attacker and knocking him down, a police report said.

The manager's version of the incident was confirmed by another Denny's employee whom the attacker had encountered.

The manager dragged the man outside and left him there, but the man told police officers that he had been punched and kicked before he crawled out of Denny's on his own, according to a police report.

The man suffered a fractured ankle and was taken to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center-Wayne. The man admitted to

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police that he had gone to Denny's to confront the employee after drinking beer, police said.

Even so, the man told police he now wants to see the Denny's employee prosecuted, although a police report noted that it was the man's own actions that brought about his injuries.

The matter has been turned over to the city prosecutor's office for review.

Store break-in

An intruder broke into a Westland party store early Friday, stealing 50 cartons of cigarettes and hundreds of lottery tickets, a police report said.

The incident occurred shortly before 5 a.m. when an intruder smashed out the front door glass at Westland Wine & Deli on North Wayne Road.

Items missing included 50 cartons of cigarettes valued at \$1,500 and lottery tickets totaling \$100, the police report said.

No arrest has been made.

Men charged in robbery

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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Bonds were set at \$1 million cash on each of two Westland men charged in connection with a gas station robbery in which the clerk was seriously beaten.

Kevin Scott Patterson, 30, and Steven Hendrick Johnson, 32, were arraigned Friday in Garden City's 21st District Court on charges of armed robbery.

Patterson is also charged as a habitual offender, while Johnson is charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

The robbery took place about 5 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Sunoco gasoline station on Warren at Venoy in Garden City.

A Dearborn Heights man, 29, was working at the gas station when two men entered. One man beat the clerk with a blunt object, police were told.

"The clerk wrote the license plate number of their van on his hand," said Detective Sgt. Michael Lindman. "They took five or 10 packs of cigarettes. They tried to open the cash register but couldn't."

The clerk flagged down passing motorists to get assistance. Patrol officers traced the license

plate number to a home on Flamingo in Westland. A short time later, Patterson and Johnson were taken into custody at the residence where they have been living.

Searching the van, police recovered the object suspected of being used in the assault - a tire knocker, which is similar to a small metal nightstick and used by big rig drivers to check tire pressures. Officers also confiscated a quantity of hair from the home. "Both suspects had shaved their heads. We (confiscated) that on the search warrant, along with cigarettes taken in the robbery," said Lindman, noting the cigarettes are identifiable through tax identification numbers.

One suspect made a statement to officers admitting the theft of cigarettes but blaming the other man for the assault and robbery.

The clerk, who was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital after initial treatment at Garden City Hospital, was released over the weekend.

Patterson and Johnson were both being held in lieu of bond. Preliminary examinations are scheduled for Tuesday in 21st District Court.

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to the boys' home, but he predicted that his neighbors will battle Spectrum as word of the latest plan spreads.

Spectrum officials want to house boys, ages 11 to 16, who have been troubled by Attention Deficit Disorder and hyperactivity. Officials say the youngsters have had school and home problems that warrant placing them in a 24-hour supervised program.

"I just don't want them coming through my neighborhood," Kelly said.

The boys would attend an on-site school and would be supervised when they leave the facility for recreational outings to places like city parks and YMCAs, Swaninger said. Their average stay would be six months.

A Spectrum report notes that the boys may have "behavioral and impulse control problems" and may exhibit behaviors such as quarreling, fighting and refusing to obey adults.

"These children also have substantial school problems," the report said.

"I think the ADD kid just grows up and gets in a little more trouble," Csokasy said.

Spectrum officials say the program's goal is to help the boys return to their homes and neighborhoods without resuming old behavior problems. It's possible some youths could go home on weekends, Swaninger said.

Boys would be referred to Spectrum by Wayne County Community Mental Health - not from criminal courts. Most of the youths have, until now, been served on an outpatient basis, Csokasy said.

Responding to remarks that the boys aren't wanted in local neighborhoods, Csokasy said most of them already live in the western Wayne County area.

"They're already there," he

said. "We're not bringing kids in ... If these kids aren't serviced, they can get into bigger problems. They're already walking in your neighborhood."

Spectrum hasn't sealed an agreement with Wayne County Community Mental Health. Rather, company officials wanted to gauge city reaction before moving ahead.

Administration officials have agreed to discuss the proposal at length with Spectrum officials before issuing any recommendations to the city council.

Swaninger conceded that Spectrum got off to a rocky start with neighbors with the previous proposal for a girls' home. But he said he remains hopeful that the new plan will be more acceptable.

"We still would like to put some sort of residential program in there," he said, referring to the 53,000-square-foot facility that also houses Spectrum administrative offices.

Special use approval

The company needs a special use approval from the city to start the youth program.

During day hours, Spectrum would provide one staff person for every four boys, Swaninger said. The ratio would increase to about six boys for each staffer at night.

Some council members already have warned Spectrum that they wouldn't approve a program that could disrupt the neighborhood.

"That's my No. 1 concern is that there is no disruption to the neighbors up in that area," Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

Spectrum operates four other programs for troubled youths in southeast Michigan, including one Westland home near Merriman and Warren where sexually abused girls get help.

The company also has 32 adult group homes.

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they were positive, he said. "The festival dates back to 1995, and started as a three-day festival. But this year the festival was cut back to an afternoon of children's activities."

"Because of the success this year, the separate children's activities will continue if the event is held next year," Kosowski said.

Among this year's attractions were: large, inflatable slides and other playthings in the Bailey Center gymnasium; shows featuring puppets and music; a show featuring live birds, snakes and other living things; an arts and crafts show where kids could create their own keepsakes and food such as pizza and popcorn.

Carriage rides with horse-drawn carriages from the Northville Carriage Co. of South Lyon were also popular. The snow actually helped out in the popularity of the carriage rides, Kosowski said.

The mayor and council did a good job putting the festival together, he said, especially with the work of event co-chair Sharon Scott and Diane Fritz.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNegie

Tuning up: Marc Thomas tunes up his guitar with the help of 3½-year-old Alexa Andries. Thomas was preparing to start the Max the Moose show.

OBITUARIES

JAMES M. PINSONNEAULT

Funeral services for James Pinsonneault, 12, of Wayne were Feb. 9 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Donald Walker from St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

James, who died Feb. 5 in Wayne, was born July 26, 1986, in Wayne. He was a student.

Surviving are his father, Donald Grace of Westland; mother, Michelle Pinsonneault; grandparents, H. Francis and Mary Pinsonneault; grandparents, Edward and Patricia Grace; several aunts and uncles. Some members of James' family reside in Garden City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beacon Day Treatment.

VICTORIA J. JBARA

Funeral services for Victoria Jbara, 81, of Westland were Feb. 6 in St. Mary Catholic Church with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jbara, who died Feb. 4 in Wayne, was born July 17, 1917, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Anthony (Beverly); granddaughters, Tina (Michael) Pierzynski and Amber; and great-granddaughter, Madison Pierzynski.

Mrs. Jbara was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; brothers, Julius Kucharski and Peter Kucharski; and sister, Wanda McGrew.

ADELAIDE CHAPPEL

Funeral services for Adelaide Chappel, 77, of Westland were

Feb. 5 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Bernard Pilarski.

Mrs. Chappel, who died Feb. 1 in Wayne, was born Dec. 22, 1921, in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Richard Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Harold; son, David (Carrie) Chappel of Grand Ledge, Mich.; brother, Raymond (Beverly) Glad of Allen Park; sisters, Elizabeth Cabadas of Dearborn, Eva Collons of Dearborn Heights and Eleanor (Don) Woldarczyk of Detroit; two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

AQIF KADI

Funeral services for Aqif Kadi,

67, of Westland were Feb. 4 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Officiating was Iman Vebbi Ismail.

Mr. Kadi, who died Feb. 1 in Westland, was born July 15, 1931, in Albania. He was a chef and business owner. He was a member of the Albanian Islamic Center.

Surviving are his wife, Nina; son, Eddie Kadi; daughters, Susanne (Sefer) Halim of Prospect, Conn., Diane (Tom) Senedak of Youngstown, Ohio, and Meriem Kadi of Westland; brother, Luan Kadi; and sister, Hatija Kadi of Albania; and nine grandchildren.

DELORES A. PARKS

Funeral services for Delores

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Dems balk then join GOP to cut state income tax

BY TIM RICHARD
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Democrats fought awhile but in the end joined Senate Republicans in approving an across-the-board cut in Michigan's personal income tax rate.

Final tally on Feb. 3 was 36-1, with Democrat Alma Wheeler Smith of Salem the only dissenter. The package will cut the rate from 4.4 to 3.9 percent over five years. Taxpayers will see the effect in 2001 when they file returns for the year 2000.

The bills were similar but not

identical to a package passed a day earlier by the House. A conference of three senators and three representatives is expected to iron out differences.

Among sponsors of the Senate package (SB 1-6) were Republicans Loren Bennett of Canton and Bill Bullard of Milford.

Democrats offered their own version of tax cuts, raising personal exemptions, but mustered only 17 votes in favor with 20 against. Two Republicans joined 15 Democrats in the yes vote.

All area senators voted with their parties on the Democratic amendment.

Expecting taxes to be a campaign issue in 2000, senators inserted their speeches into the Senate Journal for posterity.

Alma Smith, D-Salem: "The tax cut package was akin to a very high-speed train with a gleaming cow catcher on the front that was capable of removing herds of opposition."

Ten percent of the taxpayers — the top 10 percent — would receive the tenderloin, the prime rib and the prime cut of steak. The rest of us, 90 percent, will get the ground hamburger, the rump roast and the ox tail.

"The tax cut is \$1 billion — vir-

tually 100 percent of the support for community colleges, 100 percent of the support for higher education and corrections. We will make program cuts when this economy turns."

Smith said that since 1991, tuitions have risen 50 percent at Michigan State University, 77.8 percent at the University of Michigan, 80.8 percent at Oakland University and 85 percent at Lake Superior State University.

Bill Schuette, R-Midland: "We're talking about an 11 percent across-the-board tax cut for families. Remember years ago,

Ronald Reagan would talk about a 10 percent tax cut?"

Chris Dingell, D-Trenton: "During consideration of SB 1, I went around amongst my Republican colleagues handing most of them a roll of Lifesavers, explaining that the bill would provide the worth of a roll of Lifesavers to a working family in terms of tax relief."

Democrats argued that for someone earning \$40,000 a year, the tax savings would be 50 cents a week the first year.

John Cherry, D-Clio: "I don't see it being any great surprise that a number of people on this

(Democratic) side of the aisle voted for SB 1. I'm a bit disappointed that it does so (cut taxes) in the future — we're at perhaps the height of this economic recovery right now. Additionally, I'm a bit disappointed that it's not accompanied by an increase in the personal exemption."

When fully phased in, the cuts would reduce general fund by \$1.1 billion annually. Currently, the general fund stands at \$9 billion. The income tax produces about \$5 billion of that.

Civil War group moves to Plymouth

By JULIE BROWN
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A piece of history is coming to Plymouth. The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table, which had been meeting at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, will now meet at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Meetings will be 8 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the museum, 155 S. Main at Church in Plymouth. The next will be Feb. 18.

"We are open to the public, and we welcome guests," said Liz Stringer of Farmington Hills, president of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table. The group has about 125 members, with attendance at monthly meetings averaging 70-75.

The group doesn't meet in July, August or December, she added.

"It's a natural fit," said Dan LeBlond of Plymouth Township, president of the Plymouth Historical Society. "Lincoln has come to Plymouth and now we have a Lincoln Civil War Round Table group."

He was referring to the museum's acquisition of the Lincoln collection of Weldon Petz. Petz, who frequently lectures on the Civil War and other topics, is a founding member of the round table which Stringer, also a Plymouth Historical Society member, heads.

Change of ownership at the Botsford Inn necessitated a new meeting location, she said. The Petz connection "brought the Plymouth museum to mind." Several members suggested the museum.

Meetings include a brief business session, along with a lecture on different aspects of the Civil War. "We've had impersonators come in," she said, citing an upcoming Mary Todd Lincoln portrayal. Lectures vary, so members don't hear the same thing over and over again.

The Midwest Civil War Round Table Conference will be April 23-24 at the Best Western, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills. It is hosted by several round tables in southeastern Michigan.

For information on the conference, or on the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table, call Liz Stringer at (248) 473-4118.

Bowlathon to benefit local kids

Livonia Parents of the Visually Impaired will host their second annual Bowlathon Saturday, March 6, at Woodland Lanes in Livonia, with all money raised providing programs and technological equipment for children in western Wayne County.

Local businesses, families and friends are invited to contribute \$100 to sponsor a lane or provide gift certificates.

Last year, the group raised more than \$4,000 and provided a summer day camp that taught and reinforced living and social skills that children must learn to lead an independent life. LPVI is a federal tax-exempt 501 (C)(3) organization made up entirely of volunteers. The organization serves youngsters in Livonia, South Redford, Redford Union, Plymouth-Canton, Garden City and the Wayne-Westland areas, among others.

For details, call Lucy Fritz at (248) 471-3940 or Bonnie Sheridan at (734) 459-3439.

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Parks, 66, of Wayne were Jan. 8 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Parks, who died Jan. 5 in Dearborn, was born Oct. 21, 1932, in Berkley. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Lynn; son, Lewis Schroeder of Westland; daughters, Carol and Diane; and eight grandchildren.

CORNELIA F. JENNINGS

Private services for Cornelia Jennings, 77, of Farmington Hills were Feb. 10 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Austin.

Mrs. Jennings, who died Feb. 8 in Farmington Hills, was born Aug. 19, 1921, in La Junta, Colo. She lived in Farmington Hills 55 years. She worked in sales for Federal Department Store for 10 years. She attended school in La Junta, Colo. Mrs. Jennings enjoyed gardening and reading.

Surviving are her daughters, Betty (Phil) Raymond of Westland, Carole (Roy) Tiesler of Troy and Mary (Harold) Burgin of Walled Lake; brother, Eugene Condit of La Junta, Colo.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jennings was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in 1983.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A request for approval has been presented to the Westland Planning Commission for the following items:

#516B, Site Plan Approval for Renovations and Additions to Existing Commercial Building, 35100 Central City Parkway, Parcel #15-99-0004-003, NW Corner of Wayne Road and Central City Parkway, SW-4, David B. Jamieson, (Howard Vinton).

#1917A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to Load & Lock Storage, 29810 Van Born, Parcel #83-99-0020-000, North Side of Van Born, East of Middlebelt, SW-36, Mike O'Lynnger.

#1986C, Final Plat Approval for Wildwood Manor Subdivision (54 Lots), Lots #437 thru #631 of Maplewood Estates Subdivision No. 1, East Side of Wildwood Ave., South of Avondale Ave., SE-21, Marshall Kallen.

#2005, Proposed Split of Lot #21 and 22a, Luttermoser Estates Subdivision, West side of Narise, South of Joy, NW-5, Sharon & Raymond McCoy.

#2006B, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Westland Fire Department Station #5, Parcel #068-99-0027-001, South Side of Annapolis, East of Irene, SW-36, Scott Sherman (Mayor Robert J. Thomas).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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New hospice stamp



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

At post office: Elaine Flagg, a Community Hospice volunteer from Livonia; Gladys Jolla, Westland postmaster; and Ginny Vreeland, a Community Hospice volunteer from Plymouth; and Val Shafer, window services supervisor, attend the introduction of the hospice stamp at Westland post office.

Hospice Care stamp issued by post office

The United States Postal Service Tuesday issued a new commemorative first-class 33 cent stamp in recognition of hospices.

The Hospice Care stamp design is a butterfly over a home, symbolizing life's journey to its final stage. More than 100 million of these stamps will be issued and are available at every post office in the country.

To publicize the stamp's debut, Community Hospice and Home Care Services of Westland welcomed people as they entered the Westland Post Office on Tuesday. The volunteers were wearing T-shirts bearing the likeness of the Hospice Care stamp and distributed information on hospice to anyone interested in learning about it.

"We could not be more

grateful to the United States Post Office for their generosity in dedicating talent and resources to salute all those associated with the hospice movement," said Maureen Butrico, executive director of Community Hospice and Home Care Services of Westland. "The end of human life remains one of the most sensitive subjects for discussion, but increased public education on hospice is a healthy and constructive way to let people know they do have options that give them more control over their last journey," she said.

"The USPS receives about 40,000 requests a year for themes for commemorative stamps, so this is a very selective process," Gladys Jolla, Westland postmaster, said.

WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is taking bids on Asbestos Abatement at Roosevelt/McGrath and Walker-Winter Elementary Schools.

Pre-Bid Examination	4:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 18, 1999
Bids will be due	2:00 p.m.	Tuesday, March 2, 1999
Project Dates		June 21, 1999 - July 30, 1999

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

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CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please include the date of the reunion and the first and last name of at least one contact person, and a telephone number.

BISHOP BORGESS

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for August, (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

CHERRY HILL

Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August, (734) 729-6783

DEARBORN FORDSON

Class of 1989
Aug. 14 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. (248) 366-9493, press #8

FARMINGTON

Class of 1989
Nov. 26 at the Best Western Hotel in Farmington. (248) 360-7004, press #4

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON

Class of 1978
Nov. 27 at the Best Western Hotel, Farmington Hills. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

GARDEN CITY WEST

Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for September, (517) 522-4893, (734) 213-4350 or (248) 486-5170

Class of 1979

Oct. 9 at the Holiday Inn-West, Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

HENRY FORD TRADE

Class of 1949
A reunion is planned for June, (313) 565-2392 or (734) 261-8546

JOHN GLENN

Class of 1979
Oct. 2 at the Wayne Ford Civic League in Westland. (734) 595-7892 or (734) 722-7214

Class of 1989

Oct. 9 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 360-9493, press #2

LADYWOOD

Class of 1988
March 13 at the Italian-American Club of Livonia. (313) 255-8078

LIVONIA BENTLEY

Class of 1964
July 24 at the Holiday Laurel Park, Livonia. (734) 416-5993 or Tink@mediaone.net

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the DoubleTree Suites, Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #3

MADISON

Class of 1974
A reunion is planned for April

24.

(810) 795-0266 or (248) 548-6044

NORTH FARMINGTON

Class of 1969
Oct. 2 at the Double Tree Suites, Southfield. (248) 360-7004, press #2

NORTHLAKE

Class of 1979
July 10 at the Italian America Club, Livonia. (800) 677-7800 or by e-mail at reunions@taylorpub.com

Class of 1974

Is planning a reunion. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

NOVI

Class of 1979
Sept. 11 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. (248) 360-7004, press #1

PLYMOUTH

Class of 1969
Aug. 6-8 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. (248) 446-1028 or Karlancast@aol.com, or (734) 420-3811 or PHS1969@aol.com

Class of 1964

A reunion is planned for June 25-27. (248) 486-7917 or (734) 994-3438

PLYMOUTH CANTON

Class of 1979
Aug. 7 at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

REDFORD THURSTON

Class of 1969
May 1 at St. Michael's Church, Redford, with a pre-reunion get-together on April 30 at Wooly Bull's in Northville. (734) 453-0157, (734) 261-4827 or (517) 548-3535

REDFORD UNION

Class of 1979
Aug. 28 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. (313) 592-8537 or (734) 416-0807

Class of 1949

Is planning a reunion for September. (313) 937-9329 or (734) 427-4208 or (248) 349-1331

Class of 1964

A reunion is planned for October; all former RU students welcome. (734) 427-1327

ROCHESTER ADAMS

Class of 1989
June 5 at the River Crest in Rochester Hills. Cost is \$60 per person.

(248) 393-1151, (248) 969-8313, (248) 852-8744 or (248) 952-0444

Class of 1979

Aug. 7 at the Somerset Inn, Troy. (248) 366-9493, press #6

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD

Class of 1979
Sept. 11 at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. (734) 432-0774 or (734) 254-9616

SOUTHGATE SCHAFER

Class of 1974
Is planning a reunion. (734) 676-7330 or (734) 676-5542

TAYLOR CENTER

Class of 1979
Nov. 27 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. (248) 360-7004, press #7

TAYLOR TRUMAN

Class of 1989
Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, Southgate. (734) 467-7694 or (734) 676-8906

Class of 1979

Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, Southgate. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

TRENTON

Class of 1989
Aug. 28 at Arnaldo's Banquet Center, Riverview. (248) 360-7004, press #6

UTICA

Class of 1989
A reunion is planned for Aug. 14. (800) 677-7800 or reunions@taylorpub.com

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

Class of 1979
A reunion is planned for July 24. (248) 363-8211 or (248) 366-3337

Class of 1969

Aug. 21 at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Novi. (248) 360-7004, press #5

WALLED LAKE WESTERN

Class of 1979
Aug. 14 at DoubleTree Guest Suites, Southfield. (248) 366-9493, press #1

WATERFORD

Class of 1979
Is planning a reunion. (248) 674-3946

WAYNE

Class of 1950
Is looking for classmates for its 50th class reunion. (734) 428-9379 or (734) 721-8036

Area businesses, residents help 'Wheels' meet goal

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Local organizers of a wheelchair drive for handicapped people around the world are overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from area residents and major corporations.

"The answer to our prayers came with two very special phone calls," said Dorothy Pitsch, Wheels for the World Detroit-area chairwoman.

One call came from Shurgard Storage with an offer to donate storage sites in Livonia; Plymouth; Southfield; Rochester/Utica; Southfield; Troy/Oakland Mall and Walled Lake. The company is giving \$80 worth of coupons for storage to anyone who donates a wheelchair at any of its locations. Also, Classic Storage has donated space in Detroit.

The second special call came from DaimlerChrysler offering the use of truck trailers to collect all of the wheelchairs donated through April. The trailers will be parked at an undecided Farmington Hills parking lot where high school students will help tag and load the shipment. A DaimlerChrysler driver will take the load to a Nashville, Tenn., prison where they will be refurbished before being shipped to a Third World country.

Pitsch has received between 35 and 45 calls daily with offers of wheelchairs and storage space for the chairs since articles in the Observer & Eccentric told about her plea for the organization.

No more storage space is needed, she added.

"Things have worked out so well that we believe that God has directed this," said Jan Glovack, a Farmington Hills resident and Wheels for the World volunteer.

"I've been to Third World countries and they don't have medical supplies," she said. "A lot of these people have never even seen a wheelchair."

Wheels for the World began in 1992 by Joni Eareckson Tada, a paraplegic who was paralyzed by a diving accident. She launched JAF (Joni and Friends) Wheels for the World, which has placed 6,000 wheelchairs worldwide. Meanwhile, Pitsch's phone

rings, sometimes until 11 p.m., with offers of donations. One call came from a Farmington Hills woman who wanted to donate her mother's wheelchair.

"She said she didn't want to just give it to a charity who would put it in a corner collecting dust," Pitsch said.

A Farmington Hills physician said the hospital he works for is holding three wheelchairs for him," Pitsch said. "He also said he posted the article in his waiting room so his patients will be aware of the need."

And a Canton man called to donate a wheelchair he found in a ditch near Smith's Creek, Mich. He tried to track down the owner, but it hadn't been reported lost or stolen. After reading about Wheels for the World, the man said, he finally discovered a way to put it to good use.

"Wheels for the World stresses the need for good quality wheelchairs," Pitsch said. "These chairs are going to Third World countries that have no means to maintain them. People who receive a donated chair will be using it for a lifetime."

Donations for shipping costs are also needed. Make checks payable to JAF Ministries Wheels for the World, in care of Dorothy Pitsch, 37283 Fox Glen, Farmington Hills, 48331. Pitsch will send the money to the JAF headquarters in California.

"We're hoping to separate money for southeastern Michigan so that it can go to shipping of these wheelchairs," Glovack said.

Anyone interested in donating wheelchairs, crutches or walkers should call Shurgard Storage in Livonia at (734) 522-7811; in Rochester/Utica at (810) 254-0740; in Southfield at (248) 357-1137; in Troy/Oakland Mall at (248) 588-0742; in Plymouth at (734) 459-2200; and in Walled Lake at (248) 669-4020.

Classic Storage in Detroit can be reached at (313) 842-6449. Those people interested in tax receipts should include their names and addresses taped to the wheelchair.

For more information, Pitsch can be reached at (248) 661-3317 and Glovack at (248) 661-0964.

BY KEN ABRAMZYK
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Area motorists will be dealing with the headaches of construction cones and traffic detours this spring as work crews begin resurfacing I-275 between M-14 and I-96 in April.

Livonia city officials have examined construction plans for the seven miles of freeway proposed by the Michigan Department of Transportation, and area residents can do the same at a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 with MDOT and Livonia City Council in the Livonia Civic Center auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, near Five Mile and Farmington roads.

The construction will inconvenience the more than 190,000 motorists who drive that section of I-275 each day and residents in nearby communities such as Plymouth, Northville and Farmington Hills, but at least they won't deal with the project over

a two-year period, as was originally planned.

"They are accelerating the timeline from two years to one year," said Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

MDOT has hired contractor John Carlo to resurface a seven-mile stretch of freeway, Kirksey said. Bridge decks over the freeway will be repaired on 6, 7 and 8 Mile roads, as will entrance and exit ramps from those roads, Kirksey said.

"Haggerty and Newburgh will be more heavily traveled as they will be alternate routes," Kirksey said. Because contractors will be working an accelerated schedule, work crews will be working at night, which could be a concern to nearby residents depending on the hours.

"I'm sure there will be some potential for aggravation," Kirksey said.

Livonia City Engineer Bob Schron said freeway "intersections" — or entrance and exit ramps — will be closed for 6

Mile, 7 Mile and 8 Mile roads, one intersection area at a time.

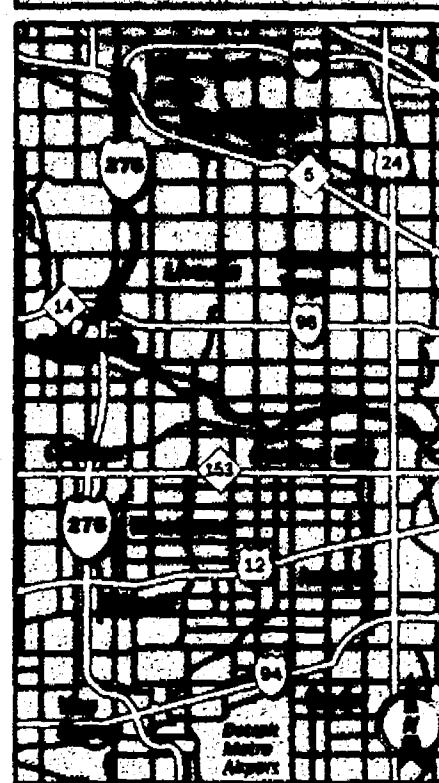
Construction season generally lasts from April through November. MDOT officials were working on the final details of the construction this week.

This construction phase comes on the heels of the two-year resurfacing project of I-275 between I-96 and I-75 in Wayne and Monroe counties, completed last year. When the work is finished, I-275 will have been resurfaced for its entire length.

"The meeting will give the people the best possible information of what this project is all about," said Jack Engebretson, Livonia's city council president. Residents can raise their concerns, and the state can address them during the meeting, Engebretson said.

"We had similar discussions with residents and businesses during the Seven Mile project," Engebretson said. "As a result of this, disruption was minimized."

Community update
I-275 will be resurfaced after two years. Construction is set to begin in April. Work will begin at 6, 7 and 8 Mile roads, one intersection area at a time.



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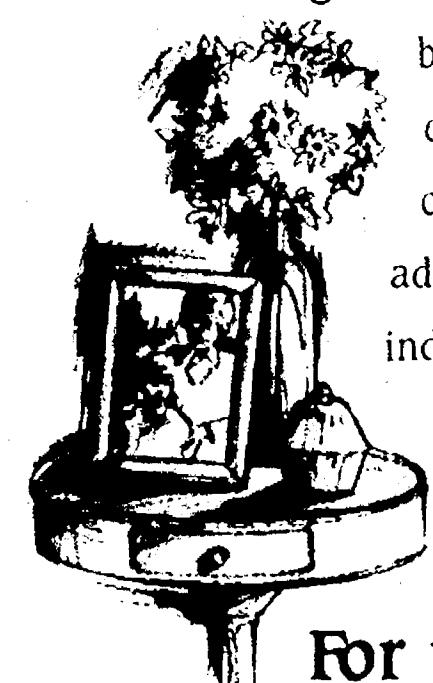
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New equipment will help county tackle big snow

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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In an effort to improve snow removal operations, Wayne County has purchased a \$90,000 Oshkosh SnoGo from Houghton County, which removes heavy snow.

The new machine can move 2,000 tons of snow an hour and blow snow up to 100 feet. Wayne County is the only road agency in southeast Michigan with the equipment.

In addition to the new equipment, county officials are meeting with local officials to discuss ways in which the county can work with local municipalities to improve service.

County representatives met Wednesday with local officials in District No. 2, which includes Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Redford. Garden City, Westland and Canton belong to District No. 3, which will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 17, with Wayne County.

Cameron Priebe, Wayne County's director of public services and assistant county executive, and Robert Mahoney, director of the Wayne County division of roads, are seeking feedback, explaining county priorities and looking for ways to provide more consistent service.

The county wants to promote direct communication between local officials and county district yards. Wayne County will add "call out only" phones in yards to free up other phone lines.

Wayne County road officials admit they could have handled certain aspects of the snow removal in western Wayne County differently in the Jan. 2 snowstorm.

But they also defended their overall job performance in battling a snowstorm that dropped 10 inches on Jan. 2, followed the next day by wind gusts of 40 mph which re-covered plowed and salted roads, then temperatures that fell in the teens



Goodbye snow: The Oshkosh SnoGo can move 2,000 tons of snow per hour. County officials say it will be particularly helpful in clearing snow from urban freeways.

and single digits, rendering salt (which crews nearly ran out of) useless.

District supervisors decided to pair trucks to work together, first on the freeways, since those roads have the most traffic. That priority change caused delays in plowing some of the county's primary roads.

"What put us back was the continuing snow," said Priebe.

"We'd get 2 inches of snow, then we would put (road crews) back on the primary roads again. We had temperatures extremely low. We worked 130 truck operators, but I don't have 130 operators to replace them."

Crews are pulled together, then they work together on other roads, as part of snow removal procedures during heavy snowfalls, said Mahoney. That meant trucks were pulled off Michigan

Avenue in Canton for 22 hours.

For District No. 3, which included Canton, that meant the snow remained on the roads.

"In District 3, we didn't do as well as we should have," Priebe said. "There were areas we should have gotten to that we didn't."

Usually the county's 725 miles of primary roads, state trunklines and freeways are the first priority. "Where the system crumbled, we pulled them off one route and put them on a different route," Mahoney said.

But Mahoney and Priebe also point to statistics that show that less than 1 percent of the Detroit-area snowfalls over the past 26 years have exceeded 9 inches over the past 26 years, based on an average of 35 snow events a year.

Mahoney said: "We're set up to melt snow. Most of the other counties were in the same shape."

The county nearly ran out of salt in the Phoenix yard in Northville Township, so salt was brought from the New Boston yard.

"Morton Salt even delivered from Canada, which I have never heard of them doing before," Mahoney said.

County commissioners approved a salt contract with Morton Salt in November, but the salt isn't stockpiled for the contract's entire amount. Instead it is delivered on an "as-needed" basis. The salt must be delivered within five days of the order or the firm is penalized 20 cents per ton on the price of salt.

"Of course, I'd rather have the salt," Priebe said of the penalty.

Mahoney and Priebe say the county roads division cannot afford to spend more on snow removal. To clear county roads within 18 hours after a similar snowstorm, they estimated Wayne County would need 115 trucks with plows, front-end loaders and graders and 115 employees to operate them at a cost of nearly \$17.5 million. That cost does not include cost of garages, mechanics salaries or driver overtime.

"The reality is we couldn't afford it and we couldn't realistically use them for the rest of the year," Priebe said.

If the \$6 million winter maintenance budget were increased, it would mean adjustments in the \$100 million road budget. That would mean less money for pothole patching, pavement repairs and traffic signals and other maintenance items in that \$46 million budget, or less than the current \$34 million construction budget, federal aid projects where the money cannot be used for snow removal or maintenance.

"Every (budget) area is a priority," said John Roach, public information manager for the Department of Public Services. "It's a tricky thing to juggle them within a budget."

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Affordable training helps firms meet quality standards

By RENEE SKOGLUND
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For area automotive manufacturing suppliers, meeting the stringent ISO/QS 9000 requirements imposed by major auto companies has been like swallowing a hefty dose of cough medicine: sometimes difficult, but good for what ails you.

The suppliers hold no grudges against Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. or Daimler-Chrysler, who began doling out prescriptions for uniform quality control over three years ago; however, they're wary of training experts who often present them with exorbitant bids.

ISO/QS 9000 certification demonstrates a supplier's capability to control the processes that determine the acceptability of the product or service being supplied. The ISO quality standards, which were adopted by the International Organization for Standardization in 1987, consist of 20 elements, including: management responsibility, design control, inspection and testing, internal quality audits, and training.

QS 9000 quality standards represent additional elements unique to Ford, GM and DaimlerChrysler.

In many cases, acquiring ISO/QS 9000 certification is a hostage situation. "You're getting the message from your cus-

tomers that you have to be ISO. These companies can charge you whatever they want because you have to be certified to remain in business," said Cláudia Mora, logistics manager for Rassini International Inc., which has administrative offices in Plymouth.

Karen Davis, president of Rich Davis Enterprises, a Dearborn-based transportation company hauls steel for companies like Steel Technologies in Canton and Hyform Products in Livonia. She took over the helm a year ago after her husband died.

Davis already was practicing several ISO procedures when Ford said her company must be ISO certified by December 1999. She contacted several training companies.

"I was in tears," she said about the quotes. "This money is not something I can say, 'You can have it.' I'm not that big of a company."

ISO/QS trainer

Todd Shamie, owner of Total Management Services Inc. in Canton and Quality Circle Network & Publication in Livonia, founded TMS in 1989 primarily to provide consultation to companies preparing for ISO 9000 certification. Last year, he developed training software for most any type of organization initiating ISO/QS 9000 and ISO 14000



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Proud workforce: John Lyon (left front) and brother Jim (right front) are proud of Lyon Manufacturing's well-trained employees. The Livonia company, family-owned since 1940, worked hard to achieve its QS-9000/ISO-9002.

Certification

Shamie now has 14 administrative staff members. He now provides a central location for ISO 9000 training and invites companies to participate. Based on 30 people to a class, the cost is approximately \$100 a head, instead of \$1,800.

Shamie said he isn't out to slay a marketplace Goliath, just

cut the giant down to size and make him competitive. "They throw the bids on the table and it's just ridiculous. Where do they come up with \$150,000?"

He recently invited several of his clients, including Davis and Mora, to meet and discuss both the benefits of ISO and QS 9000 certification as well as the difficulties of locating cost-effective

training.

Davis, who said her company's ISO certification has put her "ahead of other trucking companies," recently received a performance rating of 92.3 percent from one of her customers. She is aiming higher. "Ninety-eight or 99 percent would be OK."

Ticket shock

Shamie said Davis had received training bids as high as \$40,000 and \$60,000. Through TMS, he accomplished training for \$9,700.

Rassini International, a Tier One OEM that produces torsion bars and brake parts among other commodities for the auto industry, has four production factories in Mexico and a shipping warehouse in Eagle Pass, Texas.

Claudia Mora, logistics manager, experienced ticket shock when she shopped for an ISO trainer. "I found another company whose prices were twice as much as Todd's." Shamie charged Rassini \$24,000 for "soup-to-nuts" quality control training for two facilities.

Since becoming ISO-certified, the warehouse's performance ratings have increased. Previously, the facility experienced a 10 percent error rate on 80 loads, said Mora.

Lyon Manufacturing, Inc. in Livonia, a Tier One fastening

house, has a long track record with the auto industry. "It's been one quality control program after another," said Jim Lyon, whose grandfather founded the company in 1940. To meet GM and DaimlerChrysler requirements, Lyon instituted his own QS 9000 training in 1994. The process took him 15 months.

Lyon approached Shamie after his company achieved QS 9000 certification and was looking for a way to manage ongoing training.

He said he would have saved money had he initially contacted TMS. "Definitely. Our in-house training costs would have been reduced if we had a resource like TMS to help us with the origination of the program from the beginning."

Shamie is confident his idea of bringing divergent automotive industry suppliers together for common training will meet with success. "I would teach the same internal auditing process to a company that makes fasteners and a company that makes uniforms."

Mora agrees. "If we all come together to share the cost of training, the lower the cost."

Contact Shamie through Quality Circle Network & Publication at (877) 476-7767

S'craft business center helps areas firms get state training grants

By RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Sweet, director of Schoolcraft College Business Development Center sympathizes with automotive suppliers faced with the financial costs of becoming ISO/QS 9000 compliant. The Big Three wield a lot of power.

"This is not an easy environment for suppliers to make a buck these days," he said.

Schoolcraft's center helps funnel money from the Economic Development Job Training Program, which is administered by the Michigan Jobs Commission, to qualified employers. The dollars are out there — \$30 million was awarded in the 1998-99 grant year, said jobs commission spokeswoman Susan Shafer — but the application process is competitive.

Twenty-six community colleges throughout the state received grant money for the 1998-99 grant year. Of the 21 businesses that applied through the Schoolcraft's center last October, 11 were awarded grants totaling almost \$1.1 million.

Generating new jobs is not the only deciding factor in awarding EDJT grants, said Sweet. The state also allows better operations as an outcome, and ISO/QS 9000 training falls under this category. However, Sweet said the state encourages hiring dislocated workers, the unemployed and the low-income.

State law requires that no EDJT funds be awarded directly to businesses. Business development centers, like Schoolcraft's, earmark and manage funds for grant recipients.

Sweet said the purpose of the Michigan Jobs Commission is to let companies know funds are available. He added that it is difficult for business development centers to get the word out about

EDJT dollars. "People in the manufacturing business are so busy."

Shafer said the jobs commission has area representatives assigned to inform businesses about funding, but funds are limited and dependent on legislative appropriations.

Job training

The Economic Development Job Training Program, initially under the auspices of the Department of Education, began in 1993 with \$40 million. In 1997-98, appropriations totaled \$31 million. By 1998-99, program funds "dwindled" to \$30 million, said Shafer.

Despite its competitive grant-application process, the program

does benefit companies that potentially incur the most financial hardship in instituting quality control programs like ISO and QS 9000: Small businesses with 500 or less employees.

According to data supplied by Shafer, 72 percent of grants went to small businesses in 1995-96; 64 percent in 1996-97; and 73 percent in 1997-98. No figures are available yet for 1998-99.

The following area companies received EDJT grants through Schoolcraft Business Development Center for 1998-99:

Ace Controls, Inc. of Farmington, \$70,248; Canadian Machinery Movers of Livonia, Mortz Bros. Corp. of Farmington Hills, and Shaw Electric Co. of Livo-

nia, all three part of a 12-member construction consortium sharing \$239,415; E & E Manufacturing of Plymouth, \$52,227; General Fasteners Company of Livonia/Kalamazoo, \$106,674; Hella North America of Plymouth, \$20,919; Link Engineering Co. of Plymouth, \$69,362; and LucasVarity of Livonia, \$152,226.

In addition to EDJT grants, Shafer said \$30 million in Michigan Technology Education Center grants were awarded to eight of 26 state community colleges, including Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College. Schoolcraft College applied but did not receive a grant.

Shafer also said state-level

help for job training may soon be available through the Michigan Virtual University (formerly Michigan Virtual Automotive College.) The university will offer courses over the Internet.

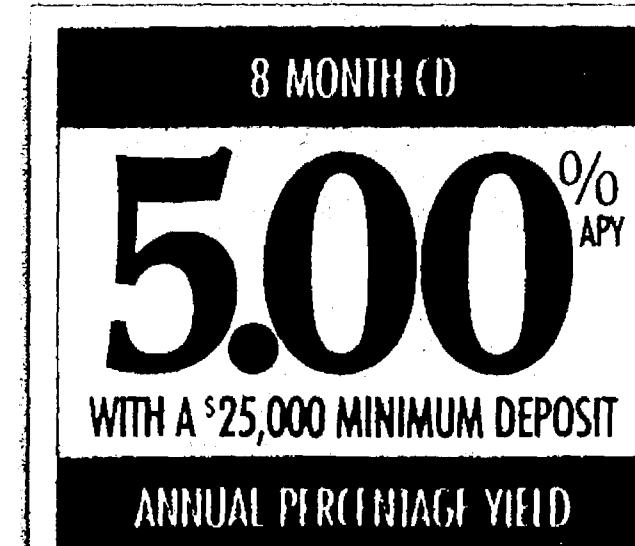
"Hopefully, things like that may drive the cost down," said Shafer.

For additional information about eligibility requirements and award criteria for Economic Development Job Training Program grants contact Schoolcraft College Business Development Center at (734) 462-4438. Contact the Michigan Jobs Commission at (517) 373-9808 or visit its Web site at <http://www.state.mi.us/mjc>.

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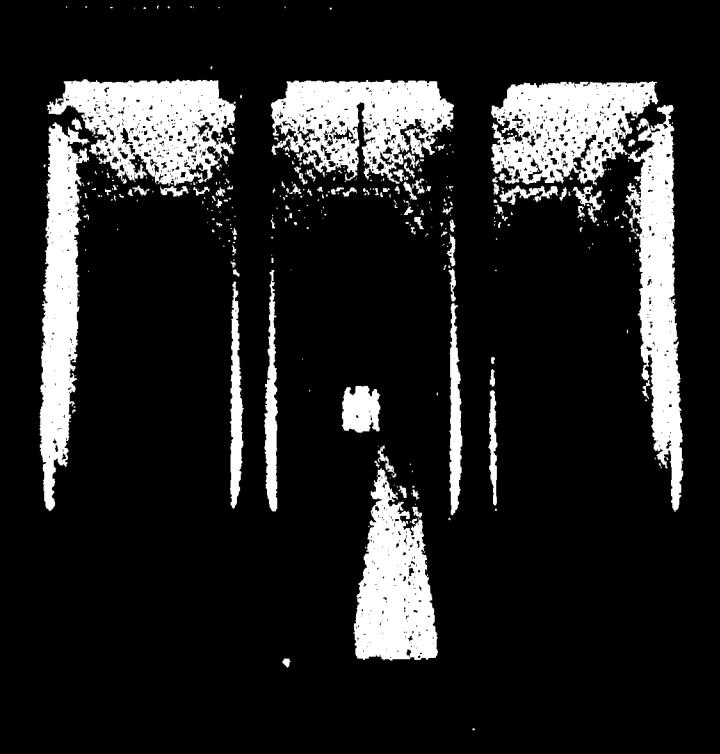
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Opportunity

Time to study rec center idea

The exorbitant cost of the land the city was eyeing for a proposed recreation center has put the project on hold — and that may be for the best for now.

Last year, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas proposed building a new state-of-the-art recreation complex to take the place of the city's current recreation center, the Bailey Center. He wants to use money gleaned from a special taxing district to build the center without raising tax bills.

The city has been looking at land near the library, north of Ford Road near Central City Parkway, for the rec complex, but the owner of the property is asking more than the city is willing to pay — a glitch which put the project on hold last week.

However, we think the city should take this opportunity to step back and take a closer look at the whole plan.

While a recently released survey says that a majority of Westland residents support a new recreation center, the survey's tone has been questioned. Some have said the survey's questions were worded in such a way as to elicit a positive response.

The survey also said that many people would be willing to pay to use a new recreation facility. But we're wondering if that will hold true if the center ends up needing more taxpayer support to stay open.

How many people would like to pay a user fee to use the center on top of potentially having part of their tax bill go to keep the center open? Some officials are saying that won't happen — but never say never — that's always

a possibility.

Canton Township's Summit on the Park is often held up as the ideal for Westland, but the Summit includes banquet facilities which would seem to add to its money-making potential.

Meanwhile, Westland faces much opposition to the idea of including banquet facilities that would compete with at least three local banquet facilities.

Since the new recreation center has been put on hold, Thomas has suggested that renovating or replacing the Bailey Center on its current site could be one option.

Maybe that needs another look. But, meanwhile, the survey cited a number of problems with the Bailey Center, which seemed to include safety issues such as smoke detectors.

If that is the case, why haven't those issues been looked at before now? For our own piece of mind, we hope the Bailey Center's deficiencies have been exaggerated to convince people of the need for a new center, rather than raising the issue of the city ignoring real safety issues.

Of course, all of this comes down to money. If building a new center on the Bailey site — or near it — isn't affordable because it's outside of the special taxing district, then maybe there are other ways the city can upgrade its recreation services.

There are always ideas out there. Here's a chance to rethink things and make sure they're the best plans for the city. We think this setback can only help the city in getting the most for its money.

MEAP plan deserves praise

Suburban school people — which includes parents as well as teachers and principals — should be praising Gov. John Engler's proposed Michigan Merit Award plan, announced Jan. 28 in his State of the State address.



John Engler

The MEAP exams are designed to test thinking and problem-solving skills, not just rote memory. They test the kinds of skills industry needs in a global economy. Indeed, it was industrial human resources people who prodded the state, during Gov. James Blanchard's years, to go this route.

Eleventh-graders who pass their state MEAP proficiency exams would receive \$2,500 apiece for study at their Michigan college of choice. Seventh- and eighth-graders who pass their MEAP exams would get \$500 apiece — a total of \$3,000 to help defray the rising cost of higher education.

Too many kids have been skipping the rigorous exams in reading, writing, math and science. Too many parents have been spoiling their kids by letting them skip the exams. Under Engler's plan, kids still could skip the tests, but it could cost them \$3,000 in college money. Not many parents, however wealthy, will let a kid toss away a sure \$3,000.

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And the merit awards have drawn praise from the Democratic side of the aisle. Democrats liken it to President Clinton's "Hope" scholarships. It's heartwarming to see the two

parties close to agreement on the use of monetary carrots to improve test scores. And it's good that Engler recommended using tobacco industry settlement money to set up a trust fund whose earnings would support the program.

We raise, however, two caveats about Engler's merit award.

Kids attending private, parochial or "home" schools would be eligible to take the MEAP tests and win the awards. That's fine. But would nonpublic schools be willing to publish their test results by submitting them to the state Department of Education? Nonpublic schools have an unfortunate habit of being tight-lipped about their test scores. They should be required to break that bad habit.

Engler said the scholarship money could be spent "at a Michigan school of your choice," not at a state university or community college. There's no need for the state to subsidize private universities, colleges or trade schools, directly or indirectly.

Engler's MEAP scholarship plan rewards hard work. His plan deserves careful consideration. It's good for education and good for Michigan.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
How many more weeks of bad weather do you think we'll have?

We asked this question at the Westland Kroger on Ford.



"I'd say two."

Barbara Plotts



"Four."

Carol Arbour



"About eight weeks. I don't trust Michigan."

Jodie Brown



"At least four."

Walter Moore

In training



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Workout: Working on a leg machine, Danielle Hartsell of Westland works with trainer Jim Farrell in training for skating competitions. Since Skate America in October, the world-class skater and her brother have been learning a new long program they are skating in the 1999 State Farm U.S. Championships, this week in Salt Lake City, Utah.

LETTERS

Neighborhood hero

Sometimes, a dog running loose can be a predator. This is one reason why we have the dogcatcher. But, sensitivity training may be in line for dogcatchers whose dealings are primarily with dogs. "Old Fido" may get better treatment when he's picked up. But what about the frustrated dogcatcher whose near misses have him down and out as he bears the constant badgering from angry neighborhood residents? After all, he wants respect.

My experience deals directly with our dogcatcher. He is hopeful he will one day catch my dog, "Chico." Chico is a squirmy, dodging, fast little dog that has eluded capture for two years. My poor dogcatcher! Break after break he's given me concerning my masterful escape artist. Like him, I am too frustrated and can lose a clear train of thought.

Then the day arrives, the dogcatcher confronts the frustrated dog owner. Has Chico misbehaved all week? Has the dogcatcher succeeded in his weekly commitments?

Today the heads butted, with my not being sensitive to his endless run-ins with Chico, and he wondering why I'm screaming at him has conjured unlawful conduct on my part.

There's something to learn here, responsibility lies on behalf of the dog owner. No matter how miserable old Fido is making you, remember someone else has to worry whether or not your loose dog is a predator. Our community and most importantly our children depend on this responsibility and when it's neglected the dogcatcher comes to the rescue. He is a community hero.

Joe Higgs Jr.
Westland

at Christmas time. The Westland Jaycees run more than 60 great projects a year so you can see the projects listed are just a handful.

The Westland Jaycees conduct meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Bova VFW hall at 6440 Hix in Westland. The hall is on Hix just south of Warren Road. If you would like any information on our organization, please feel free to attend one of our meetings or call our Westland Jaycee hotline at (734) 480-4984.

Patricia Ouimet
Westland Jaycees

20th century food

The American fast-food diet is killing us. It's larded with fat and laced with unhealthy amounts of salt and processed sugar. But, how did we get into this mess? Consider:

Back in the 1890s, our Victorian ancestors were nervous. And, they had a lot to be nervous about. Industrialization and urbanization were turning us from an agrarian nation of farmers into an industrial nation of factory workers.

Farm families knew, more or less, where their next meal was coming from. It was going to come from their field, barn yard or garden. But, urban factory workers weren't so lucky.

Urban dwellers had to buy their food. The meat was sometimes bad, and the old cracker barrel often had a surprise at the bottom — a family of mice.

Demand for sanitary, ready-to-eat food grew apace. New companies sprang up promoting the sanitary, health-giving qualities of their products.

Nabisco in Chicago and Kellogg and Post in Battle Creek all began as "health food" companies. And, Coca-Cola and Dr Pepper were originally sold in drugstores as nerve tonics along with a drink called Moxie Nerve Food. Eventually, drugstores began dispensing these nerve tonics and elixirs to their customers by the glass — and the drugstore soda fountain was born.

It would be nice if our major junk food companies and franchise restaurants would remember the health food origins from which they sprang. Furthermore, the public should demand that they be held accountable just like tobacco companies.

After all, our grandparents did manage to get the mice out of the cracker barrel.

Walter Warren
Westland

Learn about Jaycees

I am the community development vice president for the Westland Jaycees. The Westland Jaycees is a leadership training organization for people ages 21 to 39. Much of the leadership training we provide is accomplished through planning and participation in community service and fund-raising activities.

Every year, we run projects such as our Easter egg hunt, Muscular Dystrophy Association softball and bowling and back-to-school shopping, which provides school clothes to children from a local abuse shelter. Other projects we run are holiday food baskets and adopt-a-family which provides food, clothes and toys to underprivileged Westland children

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POINTS OF VIEW

Haunting Holocaust question: Could it happen here?

Could it happen here?

That was one of many questions raised during our Contemporary Books discussion late last month in the Plymouth District Library. We'd read Ursula Hegi's "Stones From the River," an account of a dwarf in Germany and her town before, during and immediately after World War II.

We like to think an Adolf Hitler and the Nazis couldn't possibly come to power in our United States. One man at the discussion raised the issue of our government's abominable treatment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Many were placed in camps on the West Coast, their homes and businesses taken from them.

That's deplorable, but still doesn't seem to compare with the actions of Nazis in systematically killing millions of Jews and others during their era in power. Of course, our government's bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki still generate controversy more than 50 years later.

The book we read for the library discussion, written by a woman raised in Germany and now living in the U.S., raises the question of just how such an atrocity as the Holocaust could happen. We discussed the views of "revisionist" historians in Germany, who seek to rewrite the story of their country's genocide.

I'd like to think Americans are more independent, not necessarily better, but less given to group-think.



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■ Our group members also wondered aloud what, if anything, we would have done to help Jews and others.

Still, I know many of us enjoy our creature comforts, and I wonder how we would react if we thought our way of life was threatened.

Our group members also wondered aloud what, if anything, we would have done to help Jews and others if we had lived in the Europe of the Nazi regime. It's tough to know how we'd react, without living through that era. I like to think I would have helped, but confess it would have worried me to place my family in danger.

What can we do to help here and now? The celebrations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life were encouraging; it was good to see so many, black and white, remember King's message

of peace and equality. Surely, we can all strive to treat each other well, to obey the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Originally, I hadn't wanted to read Ursula Hegi's book. I didn't really care for the idea of reading about Nazis during the Christmas season. I'm glad I did pick up, and finish, the lengthy book. I learned about evil, about how evil men can come to power, and maybe even a little about how to overcome that evil.

All in all, a pretty good trade-off.

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Federalist Society makes its presence known on state courts

There's a new and potent force in Michigan's judiciary — the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Its name almost never appears in the popular press. So what is it?

I first heard about the Federalist Society while interviewing Supreme Court Justice Clifford Taylor. Since then, I've learned that Justices Maura Corrigan, Robert Young and Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver are members. So are most of Gov. John Engler's appointees to the Court of Appeals and Wayne County bench. Man, that's clout.

Federalist Society chapters, I find from the Web sites, are organized at law schools, including the University of Michigan's and Harvard's. FS calls itself "conservative and libertarian." I have some doubts about "conservative."

Central thesis is that judges too often make the law, intruding upon the policy-making powers of legislative bodies. The FS's mantra is from No. 78 of The Federalist Papers by Alexander Hamilton: "The Courts

must declare the sense of the law; and if they should be disposed to exercise WILL instead of JUDGMENT, the consequences would be the substitution of their pleasure for that of the legislative body."

FS bypasses another Hamilton quote from No. 78: "No legislative act, therefore, contrary to the Constitution, can be valid."

High guru appears to be U.S. Justice Antonin Scalia, whose name will forever stick in my mind because he voted to uphold a Texas law requiring the teaching of fundamentalist creationism on a par with evolution.

Allowing a legislature to ram religion into a science class is hardly "conservative."

The Chicago-Kent College of Law chapter says: "Law schools and the legal profession are currently strongly dominated by a form of orthodox liberal ideology which advocates a centralized and uniform society ... by and large they are taught simultaneously with (and indeed as if they were) the law."

The U-M chapter has sponsored



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debates on the death penalty, civil rights law, affirmative action and other legal topics.

It's commonplace to say the Michigan Supreme Court is 5-2 Republican after the 1998 election and the resignation of one Democrat. Actually, the lineup is four FS, one Republican (James Brickley) and two Democrats (Marilyn Kelly and Michael Cavanagh).

The new court could affect your life.

■ In 1998 the high court decided 4-3 that an Adrian teacher should get an extra year of seniority for the time she drew worker's compensation pay

after breaking a leg. State law says seniority accumulates for longevity pay, overtime, vacation, holidays, and sick leave — but never mentions worker's comp.

Kelly's ruling took what she called an "expansive" view and said worker's comp is the same as sick pay.

Taylor, my FS contact, practically blew his stack in his dissent: "The Legislature comprehensively defined the scope of what is, and what is not, compensation. We do not have the authority to expand, or contract, its definitions." He branded it judge-made law.

A 1999 court would have ruled against the teacher.

■ In the 1998 Jackson landlord case, Kelly wrote a 4-2 opinion saying two unmarried couples' civil rights were violated when they were refused an apartment. The landlord cited an 1846 law making it a misdemeanor for an unwed couple "who shall lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit ..." Kelly sniffed that the law was "antiquated and rarely enforced."

Dissenting, Justice Patricia Boyle,

joined by FS member Weaver, said the Legislature never repealed the 1846 law, and the fact it has not been successfully prosecuted doesn't make it void.

As a Court of Appeals judge, Taylor had ruled for the landlord. I'm impressed by Taylor's analysis — in these two cases. But when FS members like Scalia bluster "judge-made law," I have to ask:

Wasn't the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 decision against school segregation judge-made law?

Wasn't the Miranda case on use of confessions judge-made law?

Wasn't the Gideon case, in which the court said Florida had to provide an indigent an attorney when he faced a prison term, judge-made law?

Judge-made law may be bad, but it's not all bad.

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GOP leads way in job training

There's nothing like a good detailed discussion of workforce training, administered through regional workforce boards, mixed in with a little school to work transition policy to glaze over the eyes of even the most dedicated policy wonk.

That's too bad.

The current shortage of qualified workers is already viewed by business folks as Michigan's biggest economic problem. Employers can't find qualified, skilled workers. And when they do, they're likely to be stolen away by another company in short order. As anybody reading the signs in the McDonald's store knows, unskilled hamburger flippers now get upwards of \$9 per hour.

It's going to get worse.

Don Grimes, an economist who studies the workings of the Michigan economy at the University of Michigan, says job growth "essentially comes to a halt" in 2010, when the baby boomers start retiring. Problem is that there simply aren't enough members of the "baby bust" generation to replace the boomers. "I think people have to look in terms of long-term labor shortages," says Grimes.

Maybe that's why a passage in Gov. Engler's State of the State speech received such overwhelming attention from the news media. Engler proposes to split the Michigan Jobs Commission in two: the Department of Career Development, a new cabinet-level department devoted to workforce issues and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a semipublic economic development corporation. Most reporters yawned when the Career Development department came up.

I didn't. I served as the chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Commission while Jim Blanchard was governor, at one point gaining the dubious distinction of being the nation's longest-serving job training commissioner, so I've got some background to understand what Engler has in mind.

According to Doug Rothwell, the able and energetic guy who's been running the Jobs Commission for the last six years and who is the architect of the proposal, the basic idea is to shift the focus from job training and job placement to long-term career development. By developing a set of skills that are marketable and transferable from job to job, a worker can forge an entire career rather than simply taking a job.

Over the past 25 years, thinking about the labor force has changed dramatically. Policy-makers used to worry about how to get poor and unskilled people into government-subsidized dead-end jobs. They now talk about lifelong



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learning as an essential skill that enables workers to design careers that take them from the time they leave school to retirement.

According to Rothwell, the Jobs Commission had become so big and complicated it risked losing sight of its two distinct missions: worker careers and economic development. A new Department of Career Development will be able to focus coherently on that one topic.

The new department will work closely with "one stop" regional workforce boards that are designed to consolidate countless bureaucratic worker training programs and bring local employers to the table. The department will also try to exploit the potential of the Michigan Virtual University by delivering training through the Internet and other high tech devices.

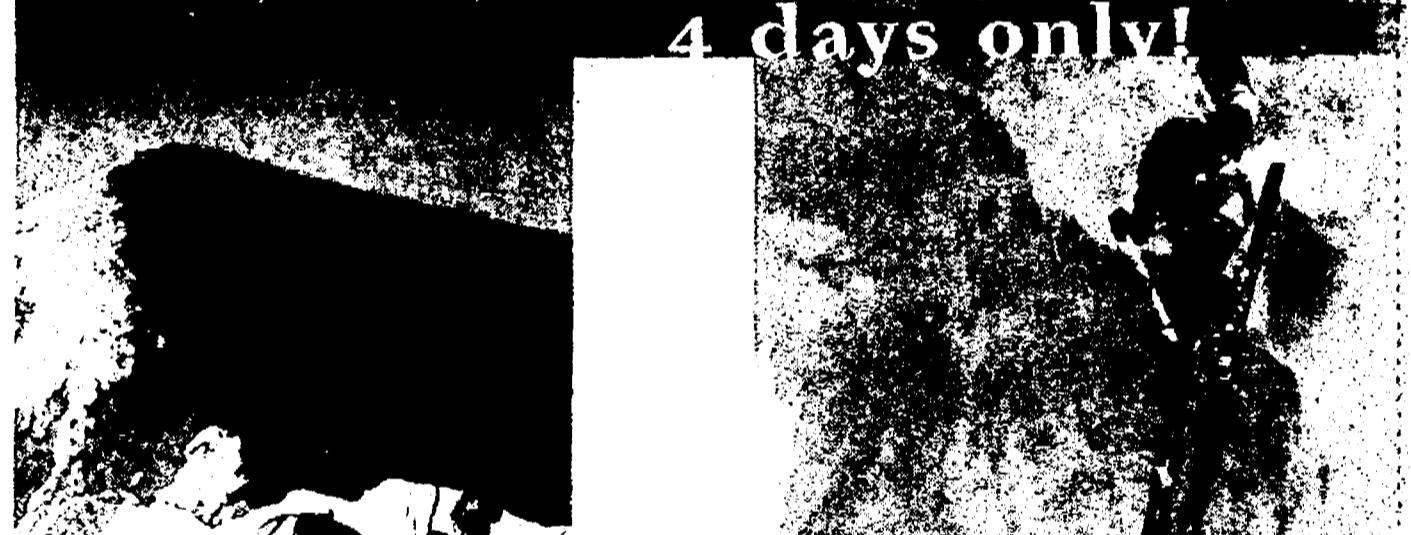
All in all, Rothwell and Engler deserve lots of credit for figuring out a way to reorganize a sprawling bureaucracy so as to focus sharply on what needs to be done to help Michigan workers gain careers and Michigan employers to find qualified workers.

Despite sad bureaucratic history, I hope the reorganization works. After all, history will show that during the Engler administration, worker training was originally in the Department of Education, then was moved to the Department of Labor. Then Engler shut down the Labor department and shifted worker training to the Jobs Commission. Now it goes to yet another state department.

But I quibble.

For full-blown assignment of discredit, look to Michigan's Democrats, ostensibly the party concerned with working folks, who have largely ignored job training and career development. Once again, Engler and his folks have beaten them to the punch.

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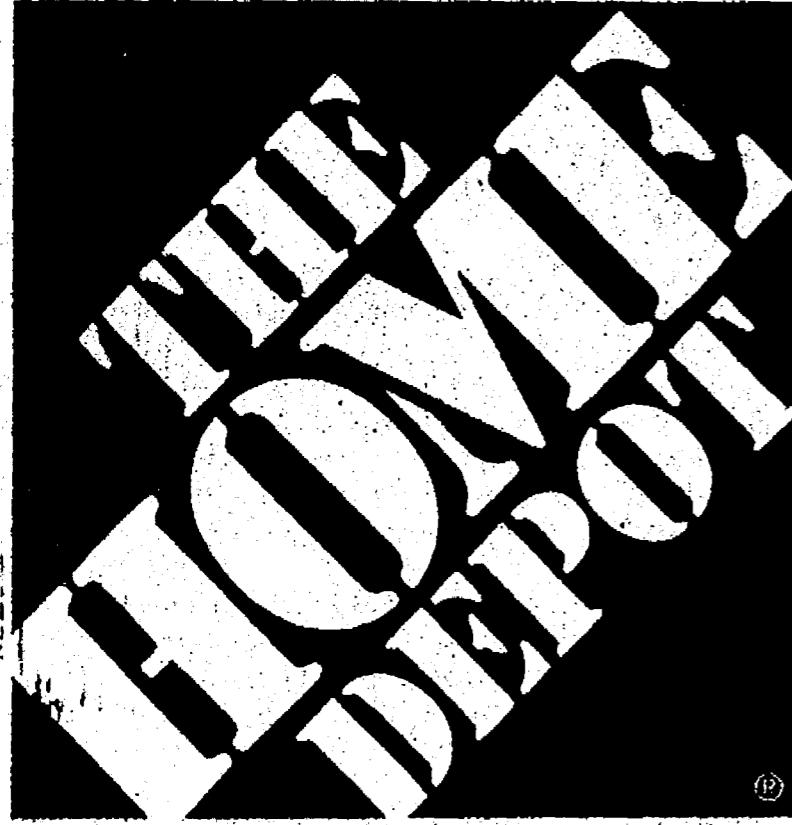
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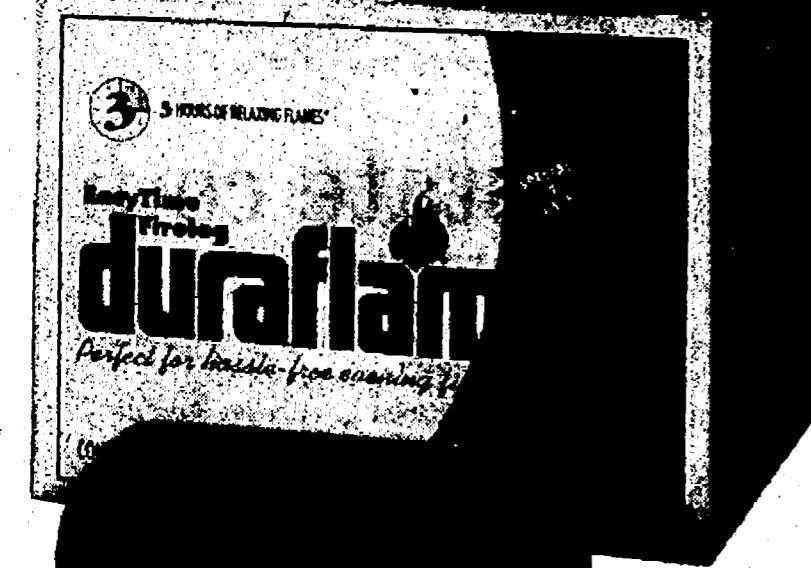
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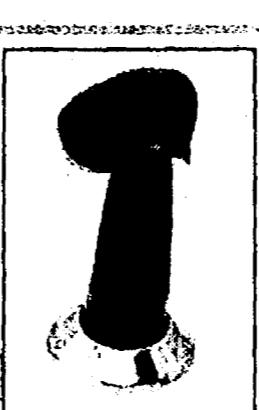
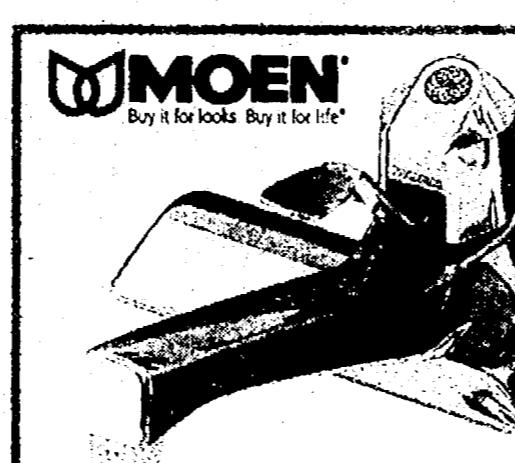
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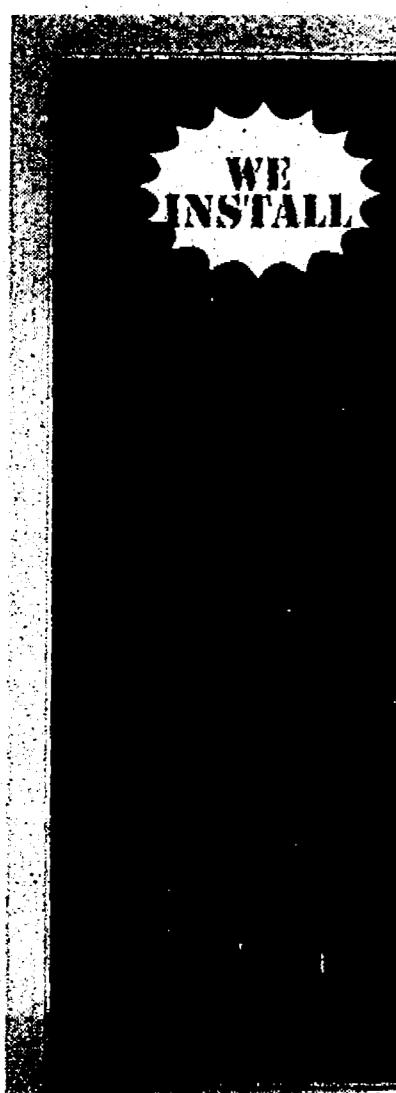
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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Parents do have influence over children

Mrs. Simmons asked her 14-year-old daughter, Linda, to wash a few dishes. Linda muttered in a nasty tone that she'd do it later. Earlier, she had slipped home after staying out all night without permission.

"Mrs. Simmons was sick of fearing that any time she asked her daughter to do anything, she would be met with defiance and subjected to a barrage of curses and threats."

Linda had expected everything to be on her terms both at home and at school. At school, she had vandalized property, verbally abused teachers, and recognized no obligation to anyone. When she was accused of wrongdoing, she'd complain about others creating problems."

This true story was taken from Stanton Samenow's book, "Before It's Too Late." Was this child a product of poor parenting or a neurological anomaly?

If you were to read Judith Harris' best seller titled, "The Nurture Assumption: Why Children Turn Out the Way They Do: Parents Matter Less Than You Think and Peers Matter More," you would believe that par-

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Club gathers sweats for First Step

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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"Adding salt to the wounds of rape survivors, police confiscate the victims' clothing upon admission to a hospital. Many of the survivors are discharged wearing nothing but a hospital gown."

After hearing that, Mark Ott and the rest of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club set out on a mission last year to collect sweat suits for First Step in Plymouth so that rape survivors wouldn't have to wear paper gowns again.

"About a year ago, Judy Ellis (First Step's executive director) came to our club and did a presentation about First Step," said Ott, a Canton resident and vice president of the club. "After that, we tried to look for something as a group that would make an impact and help them out a little bit. When we heard how the sweat suits are used, it struck a nerve with everybody."

After a successful collection last year, the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is doing it again throughout February.

The sweat suits will be donated to First Step which will in turn give them to volunteers to keep in their cars.

"The volunteers grab them and take them with them to the hospital," Ott said. "That's why they have to be new. It's not a used clothing drive."

The club is looking for sweat suits for men, women and children in all sizes.

"What will happen is if a woman is taken to the hospital she could have her children with her, or it could be an assault on a young child. That could happen just as easily," Ott said.

Eight locations throughout Plymouth and Canton are collecting the sweat suits:

- The Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.
- Papa Romano's Pizza, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.
- Dunkin' Donuts/Amoco, 39600 E.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUBERMAN

Helping out: Judy Ellis, First Step's executive director, shows off the first of 100 pairs of sweat suits members of the Plymouth-Canton area Kiwanis hope to collect for the agency. On hand were Mark Ott (left), the Plymouth-Canton Breakfast Kiwanis Club vice president, Char Briggs, secretary, Charlene Miller and Tina Cardon, both of the Kiwanis Evening Club, and Janet Ott of the breakfast club.

Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township.

- Help-You-Sell, 7242 Haggerty, Canton.
- U.S. post office, 860 Penniman, Plymouth.
- Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Can-

ton.

- Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.
- Ka De's Hair Cutting Co., 42013 Ford Road, Canton.

First Step recently moved its corporate offices to 44567 Pine Tree Drive,

Plymouth. For more information about the organization, call (734) 416-1111. Its 24-hour emergency line is (888) 453-5900.

Last year, the Plymouth-Canton

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It's that time again!



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Yum, yum: Give 3-year-old Taylor Kaye a choice of cookies and she goes right for the peanut butter cookies, one of the eight types of cookies Scouts of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are selling through March 28.

Scouts ready to sell cookies

Have a craving for a Samoa, Thin Mint or Do-Si-Do? How about licking the peanut butter off a Tagalog?

If you've got that craving, the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council has the answer - the 1999 Girl Scout cookie sale.

Girl Scouts throughout Wayne and Oakland counties are taking orders for eight varieties of cookies now through March 28.

And booth sales at area banks, grocery stores and other locations throughout most of Wayne and Oakland counties will take place Feb. 27 through March 28.

Little Brownie Bakers of Louisville, Ky., have come up with the eight selections this year. Favorites like Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos are back along with new additions - a reduced fat Apple Cinnamon cookie, sugar-free Lemon Drop and chocolate chip.

The cookies cost \$3 per box. They can be ordered from area scouts or on the council's Web site, <http://www.mmgsc.org>.

For help locating a cookie booth in the service areas, call the Cookie Hotline at (313) 964-4475, Ext. 297, or (800) 328-0309, Ext. 297.

Convenient packaging is offered for orders placed on the Web site, using Visa or MasterCard. Cookies are available by the case - four boxes per

case, and the price per case is \$16, including shipping and handling.

Available now are the Chocolate Lover's Case (two boxes of Thin Mints, one box of Samoas and one box of Tagalongs), Dieter's Delight Case (two boxes of Trefoils and two boxes of reduced fat Apple Cinnamon) and the Traditionalist's Case (one box of Thin Mints, one box of Trefoils, one box of Do-Si-Dos and one box of Samoas.)

A Custom Case (choose any four of varieties to make up your case) will be available after March 1.

Proceeds benefit a variety of programs for 41,000 girls in Wayne and Oakland counties.

The cookie sale keeps Girl Scouting affordable for girls and volunteers and subsidizes nearly all local Girl Scout activities.

The sale's proceeds account for about half of a council's operating budget. The money raised helps in maintaining scout camps and other program sites, providing professional training to Girl Scout troop leaders and funding membership extension efforts that enable the council to reach girls from societal groups that are underserved.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council has completed the first portion of its cookie sale and will tackle booth sales Feb. 13-March 12.

This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road January 18, 1999

The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of January 18, 1999; the full text is on file in the Office of the Superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Nay convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: None.

Team Effort Award: Trustee Patrick Nalley presented the Team Effort Award to Custodial Staff, Transportation Staff, Building Maintenance Staff, Fleet Maintenance Staff, and the Grounds Maintenance Staff for their tremendous efforts during the record snowfall that kept the schools operating while under adverse conditions.

President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Audience Communications: Janet Kokenakes, 18576 Mayfield, and Bridget Case, 19012 Norwich, presented to President Nay the report of the *Let the Children Play Committee* and asked that all Board members review the contents.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Kokenakes and Nalley that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the following consent agenda items as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular meeting of December 14, 1998.

IVB Minutes of the Closed Session of December 14, 1998. IVC Minutes of the Closed Session of January 4, 1999. VLA Move that general fund check nos. 308662 through 310348 in the amount of \$6,641,468.18 be approved for payment. Also, move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$4,737,205.14 be approved. Also, move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1849 through 1952 in the amount of \$13,788.42 be approved for payment. VLB Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of replacement vehicles from the low bidder as shown on the attached document. VLC Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District authorize the purchase of 18 boilers and 1 pool heater from Harrison Piping & Supply for the low bid amount of \$183,373.

VLD Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District approve the purchase of copier paper from Unisource Company for a total price of \$33,404.80. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Grant PTA: Motion by Lessard and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the generous offer of the Grant School PTA to donate 21 sound amplification systems valued at \$14,036 for classroom usage. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation-Frost School Improvement Plan: John Markiewicz, principal of Frost Middle School, presented a video of the Frost School Improvement Plan which was implemented by staff, students, and community members.

Bentley Fitness Center Agreement: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the Bentley Fitness Center cooperative agreement with the YMCA and St. Mary Hospital. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Watters and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to: Kimberly Dubablon, Maries Eppler, and David Gossala. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Teacher Tenure Motion: Motion by Kokenakes and Nalley that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure status to: Kimberly Kozaan, effective 3/8/99; Mary Sands, effective 3/9/99; and Julie Tafelaki, effective 3/1/99. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Leave of Absence: Motion by Lessard and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the request for a leave of absence for Lisa Ziedas, effective 1/4/99. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: The Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District unanimously adopted the attached resolutions of appreciation for the services rendered by: Cherilynn Frost, Arlene Jensen, and Marguerite Klein.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson explained the process the school district follows during inclement weather; invited the public to watch Channel 15 on January 26 for the results of the Southwestern Enrollment Report at 6:30 p.m.; expressed appreciation to the PLAID group for organizing the 4th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance at Franklin High School; learned that 14 students from the Livonia Career/Technical Center received formal instruction and on-the-job bricklaying skills from the Masonry Institute of Michigan-business partnership at work; reported that on January 12, we had visitors from Belarus, which is a site near the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster, to observe our Visually Impaired program in inclusive school settings; reported that on January 20, Dickinson Center will host the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund meeting that will include four State Board of Education members and employees of the Department of Education; reported that Dickinson Center will be the host of a Visually Impaired Technology Fair on January 29 and 30 with exhibitors from throughout the county, as well as, local optometrists and ophthalmologists; reported that two state licensing consultants visited Perrinville Center for eight hours and they were extremely complimentary regarding both the building and the program; stated that there was a parent seminar on January 27 at Dickinson Center from 8:30 p.m. titled, "Kids in the Sun, Parents in the Dark"; reported that the Pantemis Show at Stevenson donated \$500 to the American Red Cross and the Hurricane Mitch Relief; reported the U.S. News & World Report identified Churchill High School as an outstanding school from the 1,000 public, parochial, and independent high schools studied in six major metro areas throughout the United States; reported that the Livonia Public Schools' reading program was the featured cover story in the January NEA Today which documents the efforts of the district to target and improve reading abilities of all students; and introduced the video highlighting music programs from the Frost Winter Band Concert, the Stevenson Choir Concert, and the Churchill Chorale's performance of *Scrooge*.

Second Reading Board Policy IID(1): Motion by Watters and Kokenakes that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and adopt revised Board policy language for Board Policy IID(1)-Title 1 Program/Parent Involvement. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board discussed the DARE graduations; the presentation by the Frost staff; the Team Effort Award recipients; the Garfield PTA gift; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day held at Franklin; the report from the *Let the Children Play Committee*; and thanked the camera crew-Mary Pat Bennett and Carl Prokopchak for their excellent volunteering.

Rescue to Closed Session: Motion by Timmons and Morgan that the meeting be recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussing property issues. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay recessed the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Lessard and Watters that the regular meeting of January 18, 1999 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

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tic emotions, emotional vulnerability and relationship pressure," said Carter, whose latest book is "Getting to Commitment: Overcoming the 8 Greatest Obstacles to Lasting Connection" (M.Evans & Co.), also with Sokol.

"We can't change that, but we can change how we handle ourselves and our partners when the pressure is on. In matters of the heart, slow but steady wins the race," he said.

Carter has spent more than a decade observing relationships

patterns and behaviors during Cupid's holiday and uses the children's fable of "The Tortoise and the Hare" to fashion some solid grown-up advice:

Not Smart: The Hare gets lost in a whirlwind of her own Valentine's Day fantasies.

Smart: The slower Tortoise keeps at least one foot firmly attached to the floor - even on Valentine's Day.

Not Smart: The Hare is anxious to "close the deal" in time for Valentine's Day and may issue unreasonable ultimatums.

Smart: The slower Tortoise knows that pushing for more on Valentine's Day pushes most men away.

Not Smart: The Hare is quick to blame her partner for Valentine's Day disappointments.

Smart: The slower Tortoise takes responsibility for the role she plays in any Valentine's Day drama.

Not Smart: The Hare is quick to judge potential Valentines and uses stereotypes and labels.

Smart: The slower Tortoise takes the time to experience every man as an individual.

Not Smart: The Hare abandons self-protective instincts, chasing a Valentine's Day love.

Smart: The slower Tortoise knows that she must take good care of her own heart in order to find a loving partner.

Not Smart: The Hare gets upset if she hasn't found the perfect Valentine partner this year.

Smart: The slower Tortoise focuses on all of the love she does have right now and knows that her patience will bring her to a loving partner.

Carter and Sokol have been writing together about relationship issues since 1986. Their first book, "Men Who Can't Love" (M.Evans & Co.), introduced the term "commitment-phobia" into the American vocabulary. "Getting to Commitment" is the long-awaited follow-up to the relationship classic.

Carter and Sokol are considered to be the leading authorities

on the topic of commitment fear. Their books are known for their no-nonsense approach to challenging relationship issues and for their in-depth, honest, personal interviews that shape and support the work.

"People want love and commitment in their lives," Carter said. "This is something I hear every day, even from people with tremendous fear. But everyone is frustrated and confused. The desire is there, but they don't know how to move forward."

"Commitment is not a simple thing. It is challenging, it is hard work, and it can be very frightening."

Commitment is supposed to be a little scary, he said. It is a "huge" life passage where so much is being given up and gained at the very same time.

The fear is healthy and normal,

but what people do with that fear is the real issue.

According to Carter, it is the "negative stuff" from the past that often stops people from

moving forward in the present. Every time they try to connect, all of their history of both successful and failed connections is stirred. It can paralyze them, even if they have no conscious memory of it.

"Commitment is all about connection, making a deep and powerful emotional connection over time with someone you care about," he said. "But so many people struggle with deep connection. They may feel connected by pure attraction, or by having sex, but they don't let themselves get emotionally invested."

"They don't reveal themselves and they don't take risks - not consistently and regularly. This makes it much easier for them to suddenly leave. When you are truly connected it isn't easy to leave."

And, Carter says, people shouldn't give up.

"The fear of commitment doesn't have to be a life sentence unless that is what you want it to be," he said.

Madonna offers gerontology workshop

Interested in cultivating their lives and making their elder years a time of meaning, joy, wisdom and connection to God?

Madonna University will offer a Spiritual Eldering Workshop, "From Age-ing to Sage-ing," 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia.

The workshop is based on the work of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi who developed Spiritual Eldering, a pro-

cess that can lessen the difficulties of aging, promote intergenerational healing and achieve spiritual empowerment on a personal and communal level.

Participants will gain insight into the role of spirituality in the later years as it relates to life review and life repair, conscious living and dying and leaving a legacy.

They also develop skills for both supporting and facilitating spiritual elderring in older adults.

Madonna faculty members Anita Herman and Paula Cooney will conduct the workshop.

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Herman, professor and chair of Madonna's gerontology department, has made numerous presentations on issues related to the aging process.

Cooney, adjunct professor in gerontology, is administrator of Maryhaven, a Ryan Senior Residence in Southgate. She has served as an Immaculate Heart of Mary Provincial, a retreat

director and as a team member for senior religious, focusing on spirituality and aging.

The workshop has been approved by the Michigan Nursing Home Administrator's Board for six hours of continuing education credit. The fee is \$65 and covers all conference materials, refreshment breaks and lunch.

Space is limited and the deadline for registering is Monday, Feb. 15. To register or for more information, call (734) 432-5532.

Sensors

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enting skills do not make any difference in how your children turn out.

No difference

She says in her book, "Virtually nothing parents do or say - no kind words or hugs, slaps or tirades, neither permissiveness nor authoritarianism, neither encouragement nor scorn - make a smidgen of difference to what kind of adult the child becomes."

Would this suggest that Mrs. Simmons' daughter Linda learned defiant surly behaviors from her peers?

Frank Farley, president of a division of the American Psycho-

logical Association, asked: "Consider what might happen if parents believe this stuff. Will it free some parents to mistreat their kids since it doesn't matter? Will it tell parents who are tired after a long day that they needn't bother even paying attention to the kids since 'It doesn't matter'?"

Before you dismiss Harris' book as loony, consider your own children. Look at how kids who come from the same egg and sperm pool can be so different. Have you even met fraternal twins with alike personalities?

Next consider the colicky or sickly baby. Sometimes, they

influence parenting styles. After all it's easier to be more loving toward a smiling, snuggling baby.

Finally, your children's friends can have influence over your kids. Depending on your child's confidence, peers can cajole or coerce your child to do any number of things. Teaching them to stand up to strong adversity will help them to be firm about your family's value system.

Preventive strategies

Getting back to the story of Linda Simmons. Stamenow recommends two preventive strategies for parents:

■ If your child begins to exhibit self-serving uncompromising, coercive and deceptive behaviors, don't deny they're going on. Confront them and get help for the child.

He suggests that, "Unfortunately, many parents engage in such strong denial that they do not perceive a need to consult anyone until their youngster is

knee-deep in criminal behavior."

■ He recommends being firm and consistent with this kind of child. "These children exploit to the hilt the parent who fails to be firm. From an early age, they perceive leniency as a sign that the parent is weak and exploitable. Even a strong parent's resoluteness gets tested to the limit by these youngsters."

Whether we believe that DNA, peers or parents have the greatest influence over our children, we do have a responsibility to love them, train them and discipline them. It's an awesome task that each of us should take very seriously. After all, they will be our keepers when we are older and less independent.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Sweats

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Kiwanis Breakfast Club collected 75 sweat suits. This year, it is shooting for 100-150 sweat suits. Ellis added that the purchase of the sweat suits is tax-deductible.

"This is the single greatest effort to secure those ongoing needs of the sweat suits," Ellis explained. "People don't realize that if you're a victim of sexual assault or a violent crime, your clothes are confiscated as evidence. When people go to the hospital, they are sent home in a

paper gown unless somebody thought to bring them something. This gives them something warm, something comfortable for them to leave in."

"Some groups also put together hygiene kits so that they can clean up and freshen up before they leave the hospital. There isn't funds in the budget to buy things like that. This is something that we really, really appreciate and really, really rely on."

Cookies

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DeLite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Lemon Pastry Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upside-down Frosted Oatmeal.

A box of cookies costs \$3.

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 snack. Tickets are \$6. Call (734) 278-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds for the building fund.

SURPLUS FOOD

Westland will be distributing surplus food at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, and Friday, Feb. 19. Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities on Thursday. All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities on Friday. Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Distribution for February includes green beans, corn, apple juice and peaches. Call the Dorsey Center hotline at (734) 595-0366. The program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services.

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, obsoletes, antiques, Beanie Babies and Furby's.

RAILROADMANA

Buy and swap toys and trains 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 5-11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12, tables at the door, if available, are \$20. Admission is \$2 a person or \$4 a family.

BOOK SIGNING

A book signing of "And ... Howe" by Gordie and Colleen Howe is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. All proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association.

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) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends

Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

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 Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

AT THE CHAMBER

JOB 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) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

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 6:30 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) 421-8196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemeyer 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) 728-3569.

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 meet 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) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 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 Lea'ette 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 co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734)

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County Connection Chorus



Getting ready: County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a group of women singing a cappella music, is preparing for its annual regional competition held in Cleveland this spring. The chorus won third place small chorus last May. Members of the chorus come from six Michigan counties to rehearse on Tuesday's in Ypsilanti. Westland residents, Kathy VanderWeele and Barb Williams, have been involved with Sweet Adelines for years. VanderWeele serves as director and Williams is involved in committees such as costume and makeup. For more information, call (734) 697-4611.

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

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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

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.

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazercise 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 Jazercise 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

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 6:75 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the MedMax 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.

BINGO

DEM'S BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to the Farmer Jack Supermarket in Wayne. Call 421-1517.

MORE DEM'S BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. Call 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH

Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open at 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball program. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

FOR SENIORS

WORK REFERRAL

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. Breakey 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.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Pindus-Sullivan

Antoinette VanGorder of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Amy Victoria Pindus, to Michael Burke Sullivan, the son of Patrick and Ellen Sullivan of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She works at AEI Custom Brokerage in Southfield. She plans to study business.

Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He will earn a bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University in May.

A March wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

**Gladstone-Poger**

Sarah Esther Poger and Mitchell Benjamin Gladstone were married in Evanston, Ill.

The bride is the daughter of Leonard and Judy Poger of Westland. The groom is the son of Arthur and Maxine Gladstone of Lake Forest, Ill.

The bride asked Rebecca Strauss to serve as matron of honor, with Alyssa Gladstone and Michelle Bloshteyn as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Ronald Baum to serve as best man, with Michael Smith and Herschel Poger as groomsman.

Also participating was Sophie Barkman, grandmother of the bride.

Following a honeymoon to Key

**Jarvis-Brink**

Ray and Linda Jarvis of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie, to Joshua Paul Brink, the son of Cathy and Don Brugnone of Dexter and 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 fiance 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.

McFall-Browning

Carl and Sally McFall of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh, to Michael Wayne Browning, the son of Andrew and Rita Browning of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by Gerald Thomas of Southfield as an administrative assistant.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He will graduate from Eastern Michigan University this summer with a bachelor of science degree in education. He

**Azzopardi-Heuschelle**

Francis and Florence Azzopardi of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Diana Marie, to Erich Paul Heuschelle, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Heuschelle of Saginaw.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Ladysmith High School, 1991 graduate of Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1994 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law with a juris doctor degree. She is employed by the Thomas More Center for Law and Justice as an attorney.

Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of McArthur High School in Saginaw and a 1990 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by DaimlerChrysler as



a suspension engineer.

A June wedding is planned at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford.

FEB. 13
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
HEALTH FAIR FOR THE
"American Heart
Awareness" Week
CENTER MALL
10:00 A.M. - 2 P.M.

New Odyssey Band -
Performing on stage in front of Crowley's
3 men and 30 instruments
4:00 P.M. and 7:30 PM

FEB. 26, 27 & 28
SPORTS CARD, MEMORABILIA AND
COLLECTIBLES SHOW
featuring Sports Trade Cards, Comics,
Beanie Babies, Magic, Racing, Autograph
Memorabilia, Coins and Stamps

AUTOGRAPHS

FRI. 6 p.m.-8 p.m.	Former Detroit Lions Star Greg Landry
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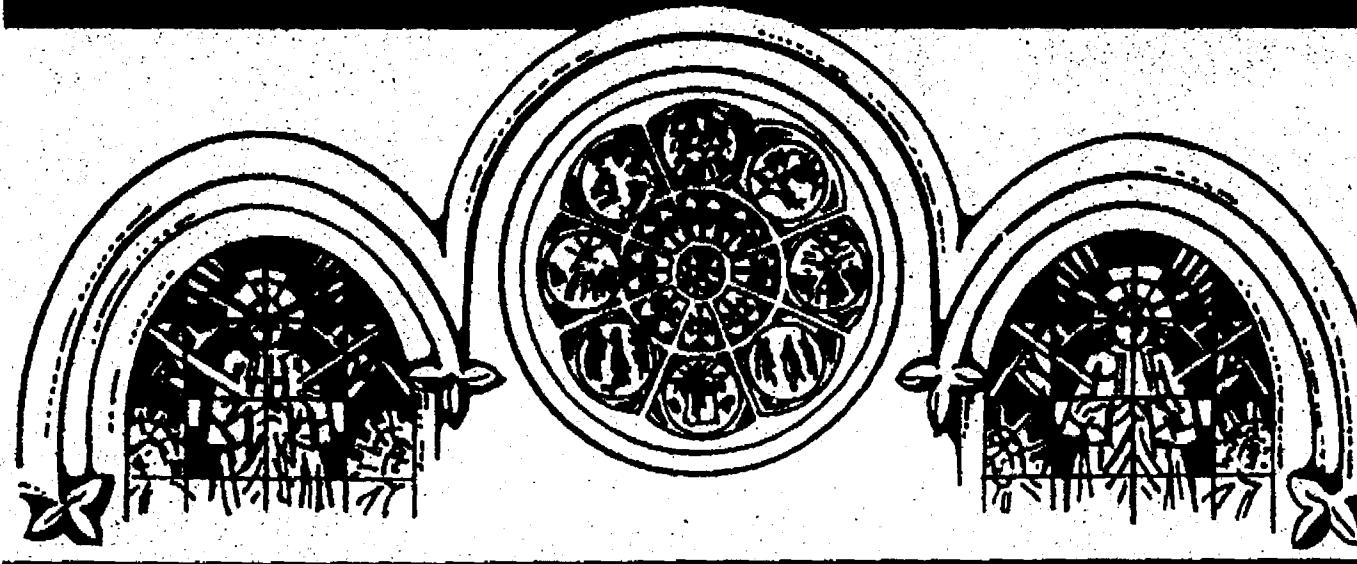
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Area ministers participate in pilgrimage to Holy Land

Two area ministers are among 12 Michigan pastors who are making a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land, sponsored by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, a Christian order of York Rite of Freemasonry.

The Rev. Charles Wik of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton and the Rev. Chuck Sonquist of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia are a part of the group. Both men are sponsored by the Northville Commandery No. 39.

The group left from Detroit Metropolitan Airport on Feb. 2. They will return on Saturday, Feb. 13.

They are following an itinerary specifically designed for Christian ministers and visit such biblical sites as the birthplace of Jesus, Mountain of Beatitudes where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount, the Garden of Gethsemane and numerous other historical memorials.

To walk, stand and reflect on the experiences of Jesus and his disciples from a first-person perspective changes everything," said Sonquist.

Sonquist has ministered in Michigan since 1987 when he moved here from Iowa. He served in Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy before becoming pastor of St. Matthew's.

He holds degrees from Cornell University in Ithaca, Southern Methodist University and the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.

He also has done postgraduate and continuing education programs through the University of

Bern, Switzerland, Professional Development Program and Institute of Worshipful Work.

"I foresee this trip to Israel as another amazing opportunity for spiritual growth," said Wik. "And I'm very indebted to the Knights Templar for their generous investment in my future ministry."

Wik grew up in the Detroit area and attended Farmington First United Methodist Church. He did his seminary education at Chandler School of Theology and Emory University in Atlanta.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

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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. Registration cost is \$10 per workbook. For more information, 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 \$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

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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) 522-8463.

WOMEN AGLOW

The Westland/Canton Chapter of Women's Aglow International will have Sally Rousseau 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 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 DJ 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's hotline at (734) 480-7830.

SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS

Children ages 5-12 are invited to enjoy a morning of fun-filled Bible quizzing, songs, stories, crafts, games and lunch, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13,

at the church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, west of Sheldon, Canton. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-5350.

SIGNIFICANT SUNDAY

Unity of Livonia will hold special Significant Sunday services to honor those people who have made a difference in people's lives at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Feb. 14, at the church, 28680 Five Mile, Livonia. Special music, refreshments and sharing will be a part of the program.

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TLC STORYTIME

For children and their parents, there will be a TLC Storytime 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 ages 3-10. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-2290.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West will have a dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Haggerty Road south of Plymouth Road, 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. Pre-registration and payment is required. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3326 or Nita at (734) 261-9123.

LENTEN RETREAT

Madonna University will hold a Lenten retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the campus Residence Hall and Chapel, Levan north of Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The Rev. Frank Grispino will be the facilitator.

Activities will include prayer, confessions, small group shar-

ing/quiet reflection, reconciliation and a Liturgy.

The retreat costs \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. For reservations or more information, call Deacon Gene Desjarlais in the campus ministry office at (734) 482-5419.

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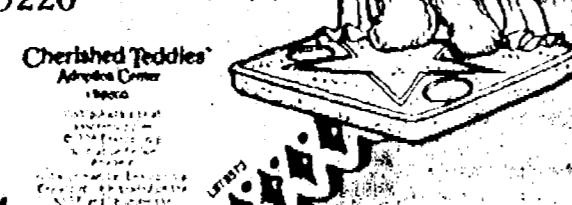
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Domino's distance runs

Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor will run a series of races Saturday, April 11 starting with the U-M Mitral Mile at 8:30 a.m., the 20-kilometer distance classic and U-M Heart Care Healthy Heart 5K run and walk at 9 a.m.

Entries are available at local running stores or by calling 734-332-3981 or 662-1000. Entries are also available off the web at www.athleticventures.com.

There will also be an accompanying Health Expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10 and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at Domino's Farms.

Saturday's sports symposium will include discussion on training, motivation, psychology, physiology, alternative medicine (acupuncture, herbs, vitamins, magnets and massage).

Over 50 exhibitors will be on hand along with a portable climbing wall.

Crusader AAU spikers

Registration for the Crusader Juniors AAU Volleyball program will be Sunday, March 14 and 21 at Madonna University Activities Building.

Registration day will consist of a variety of physical tests, volleyball skills training and evaluation for team assignments for the following age groups — 12s and 14s, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; 16s, 4-6 p.m. and 18s (6:30-8:30 p.m.).

Program fees are \$250 (12s), \$325 (14s) and \$400 (16s and 18s). Fees will cover AAU registration, uniform expenses, facility rental, equipment, travel and tournament entry costs. There is an additional \$300 cost for Elite team players who will compete in the AAU state tourney and USA Nationals in Chicago.

For more information, call Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612 or (248) 478-7107.

Madonna will also run a series of summer volleyball camps on July 5-8, elite and general players; July 11-14, setters and youth; July 18-21, hitters (a.m. and p.m.) and defensive specialists.

For more information, call (734) 432-5612 or (248) 478-7107.

Women's golf league

New members are wanted for the Livonia Women's Golf League, which runs Friday mornings at Whispering Willows.

All levels are welcome. You must be a Livonia resident or business owner. League play begins in May.

For more information, call Sally at (734) 464-7271 or Bernie at (734) 425-1575 by March 15 to reserve a spot.

Fishing trivia contest

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, 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. 15.

On St. Patrick's Day, 1996, Dennis Nevins shattered the state record when he landed a brook trout in excess of nine pounds while ice fishing in Clear Lake in the Upper Peninsula. By how much did Nevins' fish break the old record of 6-pounds, 12 ounces?

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb. 15.

RU pitching clinic

A pitching clinic for baseball players (grades 5-8) will be Saturday, Feb. 27 and March 6, at Redford Union High School.

Parents and coaches are welcome to come and observe the clinic, conducted by the school's varsity coaches Rick Berryman and Shawn McGowan.

There are two sessions each day — 10 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for each session or \$13 for a single session.

For more information, call (313) 592-3383 or (734) 455-8623.

East Kentwood rules SC tourney

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BY BRAD EMONS
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Five times a bridesmaid at the Schoolcraft College Invitational girls volleyball tournament, East Kentwood finally stepped up to the altar and got the ring Saturday with a 4-16, 15-2, 15-10 victory over Walled Lake Central in the championship final.

Ranked third in Class A, East Kentwood reached the title match with a 15-9, 16-14 victory over defending state champion Temperance Bedford, which had captured the SC title five of the past six years.

The 32-team field featured four of the state's top six ranked teams in Class A. All four advanced to the semifinals at SC.

Shannon Doyle, East Kentwood's only senior, had 11 kills and 12 digs in the final. The outside-hitter, bound for Kent State, was named tournament MVP.

Junior setter Kele Eveland, also named to the All-Tournament squad, racked up 38 assist-to-kills. Front row specialist Susan Poll, a 6-foot-1 middle blocker, led with 12 kills against Central.

"This was the first time we've won it," said East Kentwood coach Roxane Steenhuisen, whose team is 46-13 overall. "It was a fun day. We got on the floor and dug a lot of balls."

"Poll had an outstanding day. She's an emotional leader. She competes hard. She's like the energizer bunny."

While coaching at Grand Rapids South Christian, Steenhuisen also suffered through the frustration of losing 25-23 in a rally-scored third game few years back to Plymouth Salem in an SC elimination match.

That's what made winning Schoolcraft so gratifying.

Salem, meanwhile, reached the semifinals, only to lose to Walled Lake Central for the second time this season, 15-9, 16-14.

"I knew it would be a tight one and we knew it would be a war," Central coach Mike Lindstrom said. "We had the same kind of match in January."

Salem's Angie Sillmon, named to the All-Tourney team along with teammate Amanda Suder, was on target most of the day with a total of 54 kills.

"We had trouble stopping her," Lindstrom said. "But we had a good idea on how to play them."

Please see SC INVITATIONAL, C4



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Over the top: Franklin's Kerstin Marshall (left photo) makes the block, while Ladywood's Jenny Young (top photo) smashes the ball during Saturday's Schoolcraft College Invitational girls volleyball tournament.

26th annual SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Feb. 6 at Schoolcraft & Northville

Championship final: East Kentwood defeated Walled Lake Central, 4-15, 15-2, 15-10.

Semifinals: E. Kentwood def. Temperance Bedford, 15-9, 16-14; W.L. Central def. Plymouth Salem, 16-14, 15-12.

Quarterfinals: E. Kentwood def. Livonia Franklin, 15-3, 15-3; W.L. Central def. Livonia Churchill, 15-6, 15-8; Bedford def. Birmingham Seaholm, 15-7, 15-11; Salem def. Dearborn, 15-8, 15-7.

Sweet 16: E. Kentwood def. Midland, 13-15, 15-9, 15-7; W.L. Central def. Farmington Hills Harrison, 15-1, 15-0; Bedford def. Fenton, 15-1, 15-10; Salem def. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 15-2, 15-6; Franklin def. Livonia Ladywood, 15-5, 7-15, 15-13.

Seaholm def. Birmingham Marian, 15-9, 9-15, 15-3; Dearborn def. Redford Thurston, 15-13, 7-15, 15-7; Churchill def. Walled Lake Western, 15-9, 15-4.

POOL PLAY MATCH RECORDS

AT SCHOOLCRAFT

(A) Court I: 1. East Kentwood, 3-0; 2. Redford Thurston, 2-1; 3. Grand Blanc, 1-2; 4. North Farmington, 0-3.

(B) Court II: 1. Livonia Franklin, 3-0; 2. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 2-1; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 1-2; 4. Ferndale, 0-3.

(C) Court III: 1. Dearborn, 3-0; 2. Birmingham Marian, 2-1; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1-2; 4. Redford Union, 0-3.

(D) Court IV: 1. Temperance Bedford, 3-0; 2. Walled Lake Western, 2-1; 3. Ypsilanti, 1-2; 4. Flint Powers Catholic, 0-3.

(F) Court V: 1. Livonia Churchill, 3-0; 2. Midland, 2-1; 3. Carleton Airport, 1-2; 4. Livonia Clarenceville, 0-3.

(G) Court VI: 1. Plymouth Salem, 3-0; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 2-1; 3. Novi, 1-2; 4. Garden City, 0-3.

AT NORTHVILLE

Poole G: 1. Birmingham Seaholm, 3-0; 2. Farmington Hills Harrison, 2-1; 3. Northville, 1-2; 4. Harper Woods, 0-3.

Poole H: 1. Walled Lake Central, 3-0; 2. Fenton, 2-1; 3. Westland John Glenn, 1-2; 4. Harper Woods, 0-3.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Shannon Doyle (MVP), East Kentwood; Kele Eveland, E. Kentwood; Becca Saldana and Amanda Mendenhall, Walled Lake Central; Angie Sillmon and Amanda Suder, Plymouth Salem; Jenny Young, Livonia Ladywood; Shayna Munson and Sara Oleczuk, Temperance Bedford.

Wayne wins thriller



Finger roll: Wayne Memorial's Jamar Davis (left) gets off a shot just in front of Garden City's Justin Ockerman during Tuesday's game. The host Zebras squeaked out a 60-59 win over GC. For a complete roundup of area games, see Page C2.

Dearborn drops Glenn in cage shootout, 90-80

BY BRAD EMONS
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Perhaps it was a prelude to the Daytona 500. Or maybe it was a warmup for the track season.

Zipping up and down the floor with reckless abandon, Dearborn High emerged with a 90-80 non-league boys basketball victory Tuesday at Westland John Glenn.

That's right, 170 points generated by the two teams.

The difference?

Dearborn made more free throws (22 of 30) and executed better than Glenn in the decisive fourth quarter. The Pioneers, now 13-2 overall, committed just three turnovers in each half.

Glenn's demise was foul shooting (nine of 19) to go along with 15 turnovers.

The Rockets shot well enough from the floor — 33 of 57 for 57.8 percent — to win the game.

But did anybody mention defense yet?

"We like to run like they do," Dearborn coach Dave Mifsud said. "And their guards are every bit as quick. They're athletic and really talented."

Mifsud pulled his team out of full-court press midway through the third quarter to tone down the speed of the game.

"We went a little too long with our press and too many bad things were happening," Mifsud said. "We slowed them down and were able to get better shots. Then our scoring picked up."

Dearborn jumped out to a 26-20 first-quarter lead, but Glenn answered with a 22-14 second-period run to lead 42-39 at halftime.

The Rockets led by seven points on two different occasions in third quarter.

But the Pioneers trailed by only one,

62-61, at the end of three quarters thanks to a triple by Colin O'Donnell.

The Dearborn guard then trilled a pair of 'threes' to start the fourth period and the Pioneers would never look back.

Glenn trailed by just three, 77-74, with 1:42 left on a basket by Ty Haygood, but Dearborn answered by making 10 of 12 free throws down the stretch and capped by an O'Donnell three-pointer at the buzzer.

Senior guard Colin Wilkinson led the Pioneers with 23 points, while running mate C.J. Kreger, who plays point-guard, added a career-high 19. O'Donnell had 17 and Ryan Golem netted 10.

"Colin (O'Donnell) is shooting close to 50 percent from the three-point line and if he gets the opportunity, he'll score," Mifsud said. "He gave us a lift tonight and a ton of momentum."

"And C.J. played well offensively. If you guard him too tight, he'll go by you. He usually gets his 12 to 13 points, but tonight he picked it up for us."

Glenn, which dropped to 8-5 overall, had four of its five starters score in double figures led by junior guard Eric Jones' 21.

Stephen Woods added 15, while Haygood and Bill Foder chipped in with 13 and 12, respectively. Point-guard Reggie Spearmon had nine.

"We hustled with them and I thought we handled their pressure, if only we had made those lousy free throws, many of them front ends of one-and-one," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said.

But it was the guard play of Kreger, Wilkinson and O'Donnell that tipped the scales in Dearborn's favor.

"Kreger protected the ball real nice and number 12 (O'Donnell) came out in the second half and hit two big 'threes,'" Schuette said. "They hit their shots. They have three or four guys who can really put the ball in the basket."

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne squeaks past Ockerman, Cougars

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

What's the difference between a 500-pound gorilla and Garden City sophomore center Justin Ockerman?

Not much. Both can do just about anything they want.

Ockerman gave a hint Tuesday night of what he's going to mean to the Cougars over the next two seasons but it wasn't quite enough as Wayne Memorial pulled out a 60-59 non-league victory.

"He makes a big difference," Coach Wayne Henry said after his Zebras snuck off the floor with their fifth win in 14 tries thanks to a free throw by Shane Nowak with no time showing on the clock.

"Wherever he is, you're aware of him. One thing that's helped them is that he's been practicing with them all season."

Ockerman is listed at 6-foot-8, which means he lost two inches in the process of transferring from Redford Catholic Central to Garden City this season. At least he didn't lose any weight. He's still 240.

He scored 13 points but blocked a couple of shots, altered several others and had at least five rebounds. He didn't start but he played most of the second half.

Garden City, 7-7, was led by junior guard Brian Harnos, who

had 15 points. Starting center Geoff Beckerleg scored 11, all in the first half.

The Zebras trailed, 51-43 with 4:51 to play after the Cougars scored the first 11 points of the fourth quarter. But Jamar Davis made two free throws and the Wayne pressure defense produced a half-dozen turnovers down the stretch to pull out the win.

"We played our hearts out for 10-12 minutes, well enough to win the game," Coach Greg Williamson of Garden City said. "Then we threw it all away in the last minute and a half."

It was 54-46 with 3:06 left but consecutive threes by Justin Goins, who scored 19 points, and Davis, who had a game-high 21, got the margin down to a workable 54-52 with 2:12 to play.

"Two threes in 20 seconds let them cut the margin from eight to three," Williamson said. "And we couldn't get the ball to front court. That's all we had to do."

A Davis triple from the left wing with 47 seconds left gave Wayne a 59-58 lead but Harnos hit a free throw to tie the score with 38 seconds to play.

"We were able to hold the ball (for a last shot) at the end," Henry said. "Our kids did a good job against their pressure."

Garden City was whistled for an intentional foul on a baseline drive with two seconds to play but Wayne missed both free

throws. It maintained possession and Nowak was fouled attempting a triple from the baseline. His first free throw went in, and because there was no time left, the game ended. He finished with 10 points.

"Maybe we didn't deserve it," Henry said, "but we were fortunate to get a second reprieve at the end."

Wayne looked to be running away with the decision when it took a 34-27 lead at the start of the second half. It was 39-32 and 41-34 when Garden City found Ockerman for two baskets and a pair of free throws that trimmed the margin to 43-40 entering the final period.

The last hoop illustrated what Ockerman can mean to an offense. A high feed came slightly off track to the big guy but he leaned back, leaped, grabbed the ball with one hand and gently banked it off the backboard into the basket before he landed out of bounds.

The Cougars minimized the Zebras' quickness edge by using a zone when he was in the game during the second half, at times double-teaming out of it.

"Any time you've got a 6-foot-10 guy in there," Henry said, "it allows you to some trapping and extra things you couldn't do without him."

"One time one of our guys went in for a layup and he just swatted it away."

Beckerleg did an excellent job of adjusting to Ockerman's presence and wound up with a couple of assists. Garden City got at least three easy layups from other players because their man was over double- or triple-teaming Ockerman.

Wayne's experience exerting pressure and handling pressure down the stretch made the difference, though.

Cougar upsets Zebras

Stevenson edges Liggett

Lutheran North edges Franklin

Stevenson edges Liggett

Lutheran North

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP**OCC stuns S'craft, 117-97**

BY C.J. RISAK
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Bigby's back. Unfortunately for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team, it made no difference.

At least not in Monday's game against visiting Oakland Community College. After winning 16 straight games and their first six encounters in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, the Ocelots have lost three times in five games.

Lamar Bigby, SC's leading scorer at 16 points a game, missed the Schoolcraft's last three games, including a critical loss to Flint Mott. Two games were due to an eligibility issue and the other a violation of team rules.

He was cleared to play against OCC Monday afternoon. But Bigby wasn't enough to derail the hot-shooting Raiders, who came into the game with a losing record both overall and in conference play but still routed OCC, 117-97.

They showed no respect for the nationally-ranked Ocelots. OCC started fast and never relented, rolling to a 59-45 lead by halftime and increasing that to 30 points with three minutes left.

First-year Raiders' coach Dymetrius Ware wouldn't take credit for the lopsided win. "I wasn't shooting it," he replied when an onlooker complimented him on his coaching. "I just watched, like you did."

SC coach Carlos Briggs was forced to watch, too, and it wasn't pretty. "It was ugly," was Briggs'

game appraisal. "We were selfish, and (OCC) played like a team."

Most of the damage was inflicted by the Raiders' backcourt. Point guard Montez Briggs lit up the Ocelots for 46 points, converting 13-of-21 shots (62 percent) from the floor (including 6-of-9 three-pointers) and all 14 of his free throws. Briggs also had eight rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Edward Wallace, a Livonia Franklin High graduate, was also on fire. He poured in 26 points, hitting 7-of-14 from the field (50 percent) and 4-of-7 triples (57 percent), many of those from extremely long range. Wallace was 8-for-8 from the line.

OCC was 32-of-38 from the stripe (84.2 percent) compared to SC's 23-of-39 (59 percent). The Raiders made 13-of-22 threes (59 percent), including 9-of-12 in the first half (75 percent); SC was 8-of-26 on triples (31 percent).

The loss dropped SC to 18-3 overall, 8-3 in the conference. OCC evened its record at 11-11 overall, 6-6 in the conference.

"You're supposed to win when you play like that," SC's Briggs said of OCC's performance. "By the same token, we have had a lot of distractions, what with Lamar's situation. But we've talked to them about it. They know other teams are going to come in here and get after Schoolcraft."

There were other indications that the Ocelots were not ready for Monday's game. OCC had a wide edge in rebounding — 45-27, including a 14-9 advantage on the offensive boards. And although Bigby did score 17 points, six of those came in the

final minute on dunks after the outcome had long been decided.

Other Ocelots expected to provide the bulk of the offense were even less productive: Derek McElveen scored just four points, Dashawn Williams had 11 and starting point guard David McGlown was limited to eight, although he did dish out nine assists.

Quentin Mitchell came off the bench to lead SC with 18 points. Reggie Kirkland and Mario Montgomery added 11 points apiece (Montgomery also had five assists), and Mike Murray netted 10.

OCC also got 11 points from Randy Kelly, 10 points from Brad Burlingame (from Walled Lake Central) and seven points and 11 boards from Aaron Kemp. Albert Jones (from Westland John Glenn) contributed eight points, eight rebounds (six of them offensive) and four assists.

If there was a play that sealed SC's fate, it came midway through the second half. Three-pointers by Bigby and Mitchell had trimmed the Raider lead to 79-63; momentum was switching. Then it seemed the Ocelots had forced a turnover when the ball was batted away from OCC's Kelly; but Kelly outbattled three SC players for the loose ball and dished it to Briggs, who nailed a three-pointer.

A Schoolcraft turnover followed, with Wallace drilling a 30-footer to increase the Raider lead to 22 with nine minutes left.

Instead of a fast-break basket that would have narrowed the deficit to 14, the Ocelots twice lost possession — and momentum.

SWIMMING

BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Feb. 10
L.M. East vs. Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13
Marine Valley vs. Pontiac
at Marshall Mill, 7 p.m.
Canton Aquatics vs. Novi, 7 p.m.
Dearborn vs. Chippewa, 7 p.m.
Northville vs. Chippewa, 7 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Novi, 7 p.m.
Farmington Hills vs. Novi, 7 p.m.
West Bloomfield vs. Novi, 7 p.m.
Wixom vs. W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Benton vs. W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Wayne vs. Williamston, 7 p.m.
Canton City vs. Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Chenequa vs. Thompson, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte vs. Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Bergen vs. U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha St. Francis, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.

ONTARIO REGIONAL LEAGUE

Ponies, Feb. 13

Whalers vs. London, 7:30 p.m.

Sailors, 7:30 p.m.

Ply. Whalers vs. Galters

at Computer Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Thursday, Feb. 12

Red. Unified vs. Northville

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Ply. Pines, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Milford

Churchill vs. W.L. Central

at Edsel Ford, 4 & 6 p.m.

(Fallon Classico at E. Kentwood)

Stevenson vs. E. Kentwood, 6:30 p.m.

P.H. Northern vs. G.P. South, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Falcon Classic, noon & 2 p.m.

Red. Unified at Allen Park, 8 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Brother Rice

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Franklin vs. Dearborn

at Adair Arenas, 8 p.m.

Churchill at Clarkston, 8:20 p.m.

MIEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 13

Delta at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Oakland CC at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 13

CCC-High. Lakes at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.

Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m.

Delta at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 12

Huron Valley at Warren Zee, 6 p.m.

Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 6:30 p.m.

Luth. W. vs. Luth. North, 7 p.m.

PCA at St. Field Christian, 7 p.m.

Ply. Pines, 7:30 p.m.

Canton Aquatics at Temple, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Bedford Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Pigeon Lake Invitational, TBA

USA Volleyball Tourney, TBA

TBA — time to be announced.

Concordia got 25 points and 10 boards from Mike Mead.

on a basket by Massey with eight seconds left.

Massey and Maryanski took command after that, combining for eight of Madonna's first nine points in the second OT as the Crusaders jumped out to a 75-66 lead. The Cards never got closer than five.

Chad Putnam, a junior forward from Redford Thurston, came off the bench to score 21 points for Madonna on 6-of-7 floor shooting (including 3-for-3 on threes). Massey had four rebounds and four assists to go with his 20 points, and Maryanski totaled 11 rebounds and three blocked shots. Jason Skoczylas had 17 points and three assists.

Concordia got 25 points and 10 boards from Mike Mead.

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Spartans splash CC minus team leader**BOYS SWIMMING**

Rodemeyer teamed to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:38.64). The 100 breaststroke was won by Van Tiem (1:05.58).

In four of the individual events one by the Spartans, they also had the second-place swimmer.

Among the second-place swimmers for the Spartans were Justin Ketterer, in the 200 freestyle (1:56.21) and 500 freestyle (5:09.06); Mike Nemer, individual medley (2:12.71) and 100 breaststroke (1:06.06).

The win improved the Spartans to 7-3 in dual meets.

"One-two is 10 points and we had almost every fifth place too," Buckler said.

CC's wins came from Ryan Meekins in the 50 freestyle (22.81) and Greg Braziunas in the diving with 218.35 points. Meekins also swam on the Shamrocks' winning 400 freestyle relay (3:24.16).

"We thought it would be a close meet, had the capabilities of being a good meet. We swam a little better, they were a little off and it became a runaway. CC is a very good swim team and Danny (Knipper) is a good coach."

In other meets Tuesday:

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL 103
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 80**

Feb. 9 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: John Glenn (Garrett Stone, Scott Clausen, Dan Fowler, Cory Marschall), 1:56.19; 200 freestyle: Bill Randall (LC), 1:54.64; 200 individual: Dan Zoumbaris (WJG), 2:22.11; 50 freestyle: James McPartlin (WJG), 23.60; diving: Chris McFarland (WJG), 205.05; 100 butterfly: Aaron Miles (LC), 1:03.76; 100 freestyle: McPartlin (WJG), 50.21; 500 freestyle: Stone (WJG), 5:30.33; 200 freestyle relay: Churchill (Kyle Grant, Joe Cavasin, Dan Rosta, Randall), 1:38.47; 100 backstroke: Grant (LC), 1:04.60; 100 breaststroke: Clausen (WJG), 1:10.63; 400 freestyle relay: Churchill (Cavasin, Nathan Ford, Grant, Randall), 3:44.51.

Churchill's dual meet record: 4-4 overall, 2-4 WLAA.

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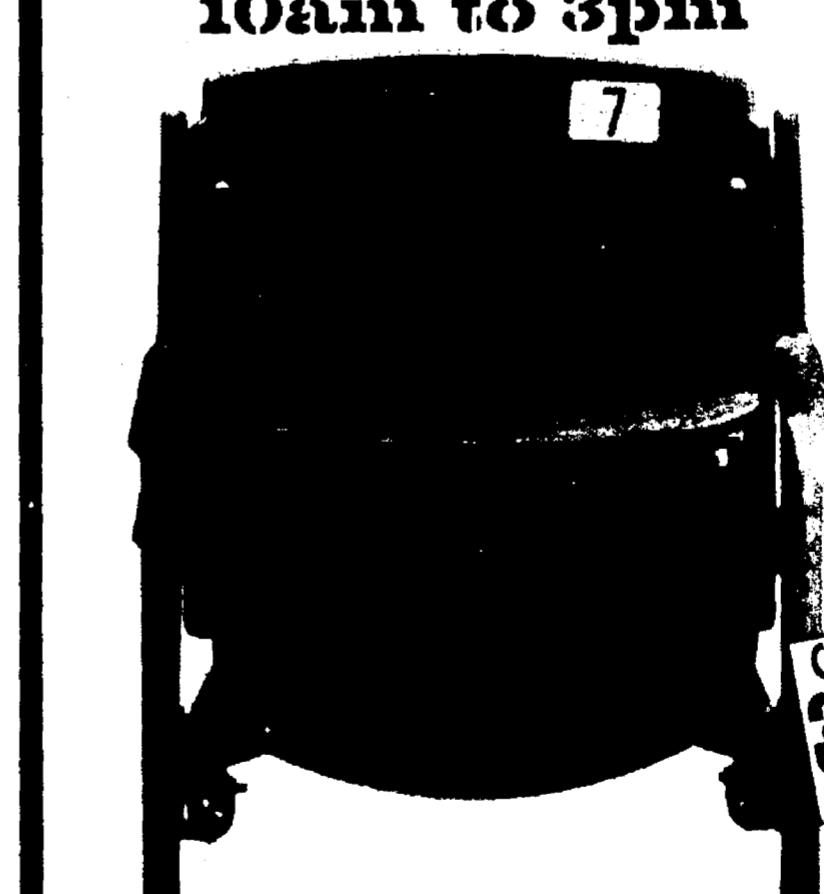
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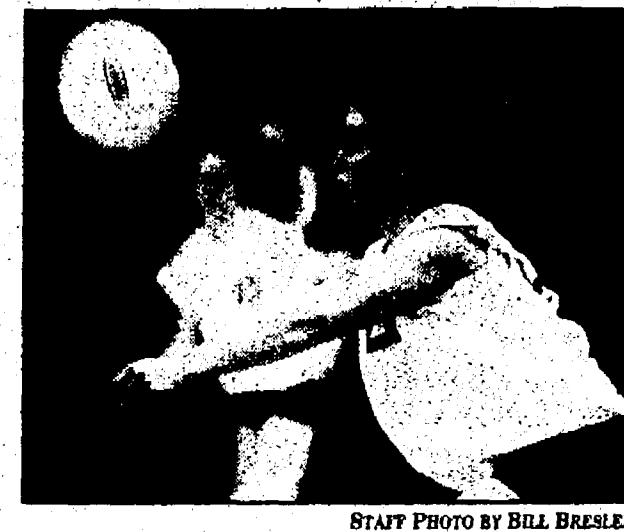


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VOLLEYBALL WRAP

In Saturday's Schoolcraft College Invitational, Franklin reached the quarterfinals before losing to eventual champion East Kentwood.

Morrill and Nicole Boyd each hit at a .350 clip for the Patriots on the day. Kmet recorded a .315 percentage. Sopko averaged seven assists per game.

Wayne Memorial topples Cougars

Senior middle hitter Kristin Kreher had 17 kills Monday, propelling host Wayne Memorial (11-16, 2-5) to a Mega Conference White Division triumph over Garden City.

Senior outside hitter Rachel Raines added six kills and eight aces, while sophomore setter Amy Paling contributed 28 assists.

Senior outside hitter Julie Gunther also contributed defensively and had two kills.

"We've been having a lot of trouble as far as chemistry, but last night there was a lot of progress made all around," Wayne coach Laura Fisher said. "Garden City has a great setter (Crystal Young). She gave us most of our problems, but defensively we played well."

In Saturday's Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, Wayne finished third in its pool, losing to Pioneer and Chelsea, while defeating Taylor Truman.

Raines and Paling were standouts on the day for Wayne, according to Fisher.

Huron Valley beats Fairlane

In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match Tuesday at Livonia St. Paul's, host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (8-4, 6-1) trimmed Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian as junior Jessica Whitaker had three aces and one kill.

Junior setter Stacie Graves served seven straight points in the second game and also added a kill.

Sophomore Rachel Zahn led the Hawks with a pair of kills.

Glenn notches 1st WLAA win

Westland John Glenn notched its first WLAA volleyball victory in six tries this season with a 4-15, 15-12, 15-4 victory Monday night at Farmington.

Sophomore outside hitter Lacey Catarino, junior middle hitter Nicole Panyard and junior middle hitter Jamie McLeod each had six kills for the Rockets.

McLeod also had four blocks and nine digs. Outside hitter Kristen Krohn had eight digs and served five aces while defensive specialist Amanda Bell had eight digs.

Churchill corrals Mustangs

Livonia Churchill ran its overall record to 17-9-2 overall and 4-3 in the WLAA with a 15-12, 15-5 win Monday against visiting Northville.

Courtney Lim served six points in the opening game for the victorious Chargers.

Top hitters included Luba Steca, six kills; Shannon Munn and Lauren Ruprecht, five kills each; and Fernanda Leite, four kills. Ruprecht also contributed four blocks.

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Senior Leah Douglas was Central's top hitter on the day with 58 kills. She also had 35 blocks.

Setter Becca Saldana, who has made a verbal commitment to Oakland University, came up with 125 assists. The 6-foot senior also recorded 17 aces and 24 blocks.

Amanda Mendenhall, a 5-10 senior, added 48 kills.

Both Saldana and Mendenhall were named All-Tourney.

Amanda Yaklin (28 digs), who served 10 points in one game against Salem, and Erin Rishell, "who was all over the place," according to Lindstrom, paced the defense.

Sarah Schreiber, Kalie Miller, Amy Emerine, Colleen Saldana and Kalie Miller also provided steady play for the Lady Vikings.

"It was a long day and I think we just ran out of gas," Lindstrom said. "We'd like to play them again."

"Our concentration broke after the first game. We had been serving pretty hard, but after the second game when they took it to us, we never really recovered. It carried over to the third game."

Salem's standouts on the day included Suder, a junior, who finished with 37 kills, 43 digs and 15 aces, and setter Laine Sterling, who had 121 assists

and 43 digs. Andrea Pruett contributed 29 kills.

"I was also pleased with the contribution from Erica Stein, that was an unexpected plus," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "She didn't get a lot of touches, but she opens a lot of things up for us. If not for her setting, we wouldn't have caught up after being down 11-2 (against Central) to actually leading 14-13 (in the second game). She did some nice things out there along with Angie."

"And Jill Dombrowski (16 kills) did a nice job of running the slide play."

Following Schoolcraft action,

the No. 6 Rocks are 30-6 overall while No. 5 Central is 28-4.

If there were any tournaments: surprises, it occurred in Pool F where Livonia Stevenson, one of the upper echelon teams in the Western Lakes, finished behind both Dearborn and Birmingham Marian.

Another mild surprise was Livonia Franklin, which won Pool B with a perfect 3-0 record and then upset last year's runner-up Livonia Ladywood in the Sweet 16, 15-5, 7-15, 15-13.

But unfortunately for the Patriots, they lost to eventual champion East Kentwood in the quarterfinals, 3-15, 3-15.



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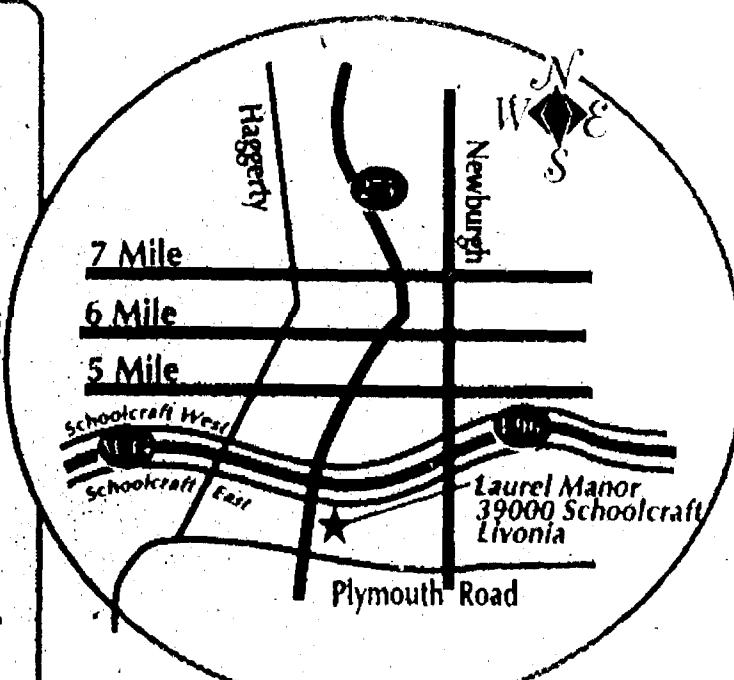
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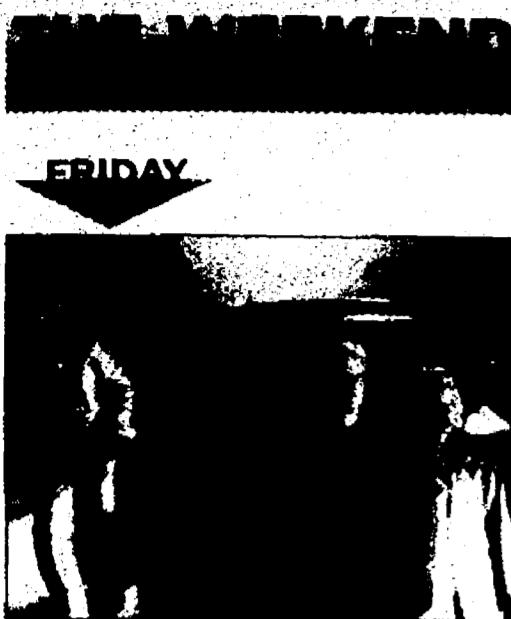
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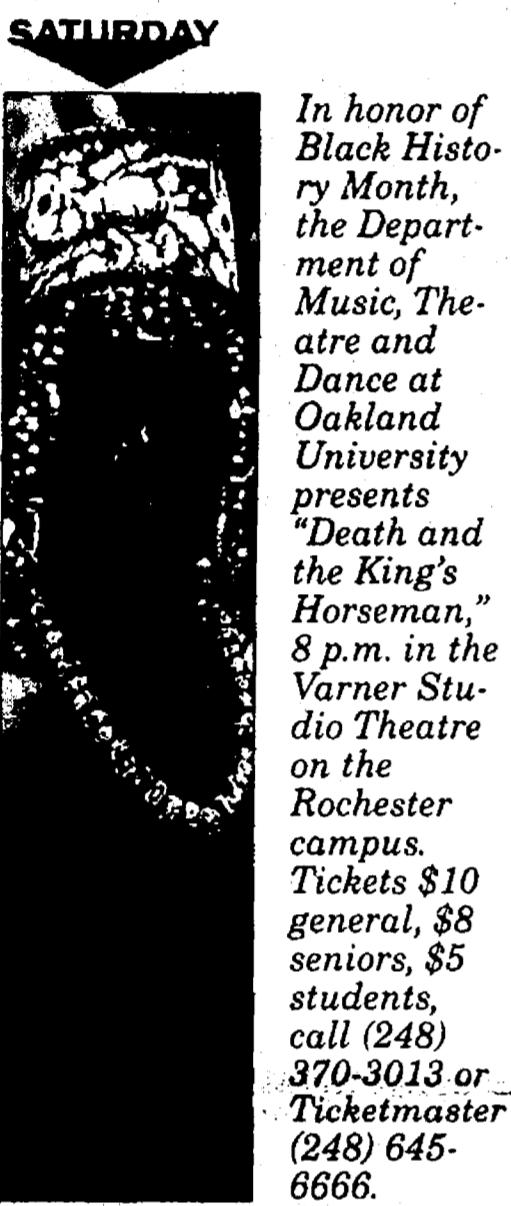
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Thursday, February 11, 1999



FRIDAY
Christopher Lloyd (left), Jeff Daniels (center) and Daryl Hannah star in "My Favorite Martian" opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.



SATURDAY
In honor of Black History Month, the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at Oakland University presents "Death and the King's Horseman," 8 p.m. in the Varner Studio Theatre on the Rochester campus. Tickets \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students, call (248) 370-3013 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.



SUNDAY
"Classics on the Lake" features the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Bassoon Quartet, 3 p.m. in the shrine-chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. Tickets \$15 and \$25, call (248) 683-1750.



Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn explores America's musical roots weekends during Black History Month. In addition to musical performances, visitors will have a chance to make traditional kufi hats, watch dramatic presentations and African-American family cooking demonstrations. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.



Thriller: David Ellenstein (left to right), Susan Marie Arnold and Denise Michelle Young in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Scotland Road."

On Stage

"SCOTLAND ROAD"

WHEN: Previews 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 11-12. Opens 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and continues through Sunday, March 7. Performance times vary, call for information.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University.

TICKETS: \$24 to \$35, call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

"NEVER THE SINNER"

WHEN: Previews through Sunday, Feb. 14. Opens 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, continues through Sunday, March 7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

WHERE: Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple and Drake Roads) West Bloomfield.

TICKETS: \$13 to \$23, with discounts for seniors and students. Call (248) 788-2900.

HIGHLIGHT: Community Forum to discuss some of the issues raised in "Never the Sinner" after 7:30 p.m. Thursday performances on Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4, and after 2 p.m. Sunday performances on Feb. 21, Feb. 28 and March 7.

BY KEELY WYONIK
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Interrogation, intrigue, suspense, drama, describe two productions opening this week at Meadow Brook Theatre, and by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre.

Meadow Brook presents the Michigan premiere of "Scotland Road," by Jeffrey Hatcher, through March 7.

Jewish Ensemble Theatre explores capital punishment, the media and judicial system in "Never the Sinner," by John Logan, which continues through March 7.

Both plays are edge-of-the-seat dramas where the audience isn't quite sure what will happen next.

David Ellenstein portrays John, the great grandson of John Jacob Astor, the richest man in the world when he perished with the Titanic in 1912.

Ellenstein's wife, Denise Michelle Young, plays a young woman found in the present day clinging to an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean. She says only one word, "Titanic," and claims to be a survivor. She is wet, cold, and wearing clothes from 1912.

Astor intercepts the woman, who is on her way to a hospital in Boston, and questions her story.

"I am obsessed with every detail about the Titanic and pre-

serving its pristine memory," said Ellenstein about his character. "The woman thinks she's in 1912."

Astor takes the woman to a clinic and interrogates her, with help from Halberich, a female clinician portrayed by Susan Arnold, in an attempt to prove the woman is a fraud.

"It's not a play about the Titanic," said Ellenstein. "It's about loneliness, desperation, reincarnation. What it means to be alive at a certain time, or are we part of a collective unconscious?"

Ellenstein described "Scotland Road" as a taut drama, that has a lot of twists and turns, "It's questions more than it answers," he said. "There's some humor, and it's fun trying to figure out what is going on. You're left guessing for a long time."

Young's character is silent during the first part of the play. "She refuses to speak," explained Young. "She's someone who was on the Titanic. It's part science fiction, part Twilight Zone. Much of the play is a mystery."

"Scotland Yard" takes place over a number of days. Astor tries to interrogate the woman, but she doesn't respond. "It's interesting how the relationships play out," said Young. "I really liked the part. She's an interesting, strong character. As things unfold it becomes more confus-

Please see JET, E2



Sounddance: This work features Glen Ramsey, Frederic Gafner, Jennifer Weaver and Michael Cole and was originally performed in 1975.

Cutting edge dance company challenges rules

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Banu Ogan was a biology student at the University of North Carolina when she was called by the lord of the dance, Merce Cunningham.

"I had been in ballet dance and I was missing it, so I took a modern dance class. My teacher worshipped Merce and showed this videotape. ... I just fell in love with his ideas. The technique I thought was quite amazing."

Ogan gave up biology for dance and after graduation she went to New York where she eventually joined the Merce Cunningham Dance Company.

The company, now in a weeklong residence at the University of Michigan, will give performances Friday and Saturday at Ann Arbor's Power Center.

Cunningham, 79, is a legendary figure in modern dance, credited with changing the rules of dance as a dancer, beginning with Martha Graham in the early '40s, and as a choreographer who merged modern dance with new music and design.

"He broke away from traditional dance," Ogan said. "Dance had been narrative and he made it just pure movement. He separated music from dance and decor and then all the elements come together on opening night."

For Cunningham, dance was no longer tied to a literary concept or even to the rhythms and melodies of a com-

Please see DANCE, E2

WHAT: Merce Cunningham Dance Company

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12; 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13.

FRIDAY PROGRAM: Rondo, Pond Way, Scenario

SATURDAY PROGRAM: MinEvent, Ground Level Overlay, Sounddance

WHERE: Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Benefit certain to make 'news'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Depending on the audience's response at this Sunday's Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra concert, one local news anchor may never again be considered as "just a broadcast journalist."

Preceding the concert of "light and warm" classical music, honorary host Devin Scillian will serenade patrons with "Too Long in the Rain," a country style song written by the WDIV-TV news anchor.

News anchor turned crooner? Well, it might sound a bit surprising, but it's hardly a novel performance for Scillian, who has compiled a couple of commercial cassettes of his own

Please see BENEFIT, E3

WHAT: "Think Spring," the Annual Valentine Day Benefit Dinner & Concert for the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 14 - dinner at 5 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Temple Beth El, 14 Mile & Telegraph Roads, Bloomfield Hills

TICKETS: Concert - \$20/adult & \$15/students; dinner - \$50/person; (248) 645-2276

Please see BENEFIT, E3



Guest artist: Violist Hart Holloman performs with the Wayne State Singers in Sunday's benefit concert.

Families enjoy 'Sound of Music'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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The set was half-finished behind Brooke Andres, and the rest of the actors playing the Von Trapp children during a rehearsal for "The Sound of Music," but that didn't seem to matter. They sang "These are a Few of My Favorite Things" as if it were opening night.

Like the Von Trapps, the Plymouth Theatre Guild prides itself on being a family affair. Brooke, who plays Liesl, is just one member of the Andres family involved with the production. Mom

Please see SOUND, E3

"The Sound of Music"

WHAT: The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents the Rodgers & Hammerstein production about the Von Trapp Family Singers.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6, and 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

WHERE: Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile, (between Haggerty and Northville Roads) on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

TICKETS: \$12 of the door, \$11 in advance, \$8 for students age 18 and under when purchased at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-7110.



Confidence: Cast members rehearse a scene from the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Sound of Music."

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ing. Once she speaks, she's says a mouthful, and you don't know what's going to happen."

Describing the play, Young says it's about being lonely, and people who aren't happy and are searching for something.

Both actors, Ellenstein and Young found each other when Ellenstein directed her in a show.

Together for nine years, married for 4 1/2, they make their home in Los Angeles. Both have performed at Meadow Brook Theatre before.

"We like it here," said Young.

"We've made a lot of friends," adds Ellenstein.

Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre is directing this production. "We met in Portland, Ore., and have done three shows together," said Ellenstein. "It's always great to work with him."

A courtroom is the scene of the drama played out in JET's production of "Never the Sinner."

It's a story about the first "Crime of the Century" — two teens who kill a 14-year-old boy for the thrill of it. Clarence Dar-

row, 74, defends 18-year-old Nathan Leopold, Jr., and his friend Richard Loeb, 19, in this play which takes place in Chicago during the summer of 1924.

Both boys are good looking, from affluent families and well educated. When she first read the play last spring, Evelyn Orbach, artistic director of JET, put it in her reject pile.

"It is such a negative thing," she said: "To see two young, affluent men who have everything going for them. But then I started to see all these things in the news about violent, seemingly meaningless deaths

involving young people — someone shooting up a school, kids killing their parents, and then I began thinking about it."

Besides being a great drama, Orbach thought "Never the Sinner" raised some important issues that should be discussed in the community.

"After striking the last blow," Loeb explodes into giggles. Keep calm old Buddy," he tells his friend Leopold. "It's just like swatting a fly."

The boys killed 14-year-old Bobby Franks believing they committed the perfect crime.

"They were toying with philosophy and believed they were supermen," said Orbach.

The case also represents a landmark decision about capital punishment, and looks at how the media sways public opinion.

"What's terrible is they're (Leopold and Loeb) appealing and that's appalling," said Orbach. "Girls sent them love letters."

JET is hosting community forums that will focus on some of the issues raised in "Never the Sinner," at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre after Thursday evening.

performances and Sunday matinees.

Discussions will be facilitated by psychologists, media, legal, and social services professionals. "We're trying to get people who are really concerned about these issues," said Orbach. Clementine Barfield of So Sad, Save our Sons and Daughters, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, Feb. 25. She will be bringing along three or four teenagers.

This group was formed to help families deal with the loss of a child through violence.

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poser. The composer wrote the music, the designer designed the sets and the choreographer mapped out dance movements

without consulting each other. On opening night there was a clash or a convergence of ideas.

Over the years Cunningham

has worked with composers such as John Cage, David Tudor and Brian Eno and contemporary artists such as Robert Rauschen-

berg, Frank Stella, Jasper Johns and Roy Lichtenstein. He's also experimented in film and video.

"His approach is more intellectual than emotional," Ogan said.

That intellectual approach has kept Cunningham on the cutting edge of dance and using technology to advance his choreography. With the help of scientist and choreographer Theola Schiphorst, Cunningham has been using a computer, Life-Forms, to help design his dances since the late 1980s.

"He uses it for ideas," Ogan said. "I think of it as this little guy. ... He'll see what he can do and try to give it to us to see if we can do that. Of course on the computer there's no gravity. The little guy can go up and make five moves in the air. We come up with what we're able to do."

As a dancer, Cunningham often seemed to defy gravity, space and time and he tries to pass along some of that pure motion to his company of young dancers. Ogan said the choreographer builds his dances an element at a time beginning with the feet, then the torso and finally the arms. She said sometimes it seems stiff and formatted. But between the necessary time cues, Cunningham builds in moments for free movement.

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said "Rondo" is divided into two sections. In the first section company members never know what they're going to dance. Everyone learns all the solo and multiple parts.

"The order changes every night on who does which dance. You don't know what you're doing until that night. The B section is mayhem. The feel of the piece changes completely," she said.

At 29, Ogan is finding that dance can be wearying but rewarding.

A performance last June at the Paris Opera on a stage with a five degree rake was exhausting but "the highlight of my career."

Just as the music, sets and choreography come together, so, too, do the dancers who give themselves to Cunningham's vision of pure movement.

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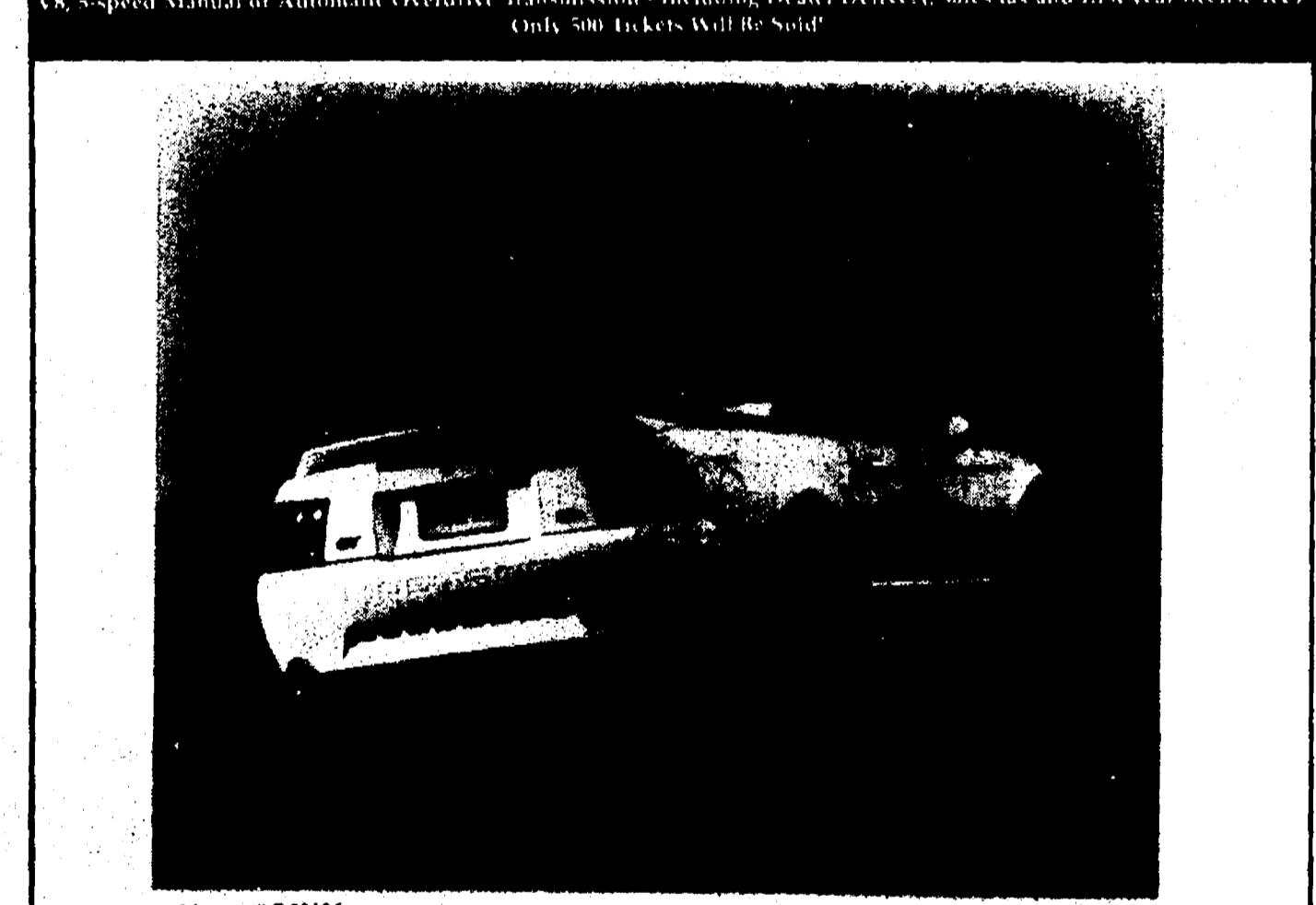
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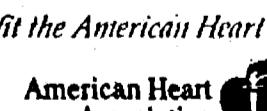
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St. Dunstan's puts heart into musical revue

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents "Heart and Music: Broadway's Best in Song" — a musical revue fund-raiser to benefit lighting equipment improvements for the Cranbrook outdoor Greek Theatre. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 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.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

In this season of romance, there is a love song for everyone's musical taste at St. Dun-

stan's Theatre Guild's cabaret "Heart & Music, Broadway's Best in Song." So delightful are these group of seven dancing singers, this musical revue should be called St. Dunstan's Best in Song.

Jamie Richards directs this distinctive affair (and stars in it) with flair. Numbers are woven together through the common Valentine theme accented by John Mattiello's carefully planned choreography and the stylish costume changes from Steven Petix and Body Works, Inc. A blackened stage highlights artistic and colorful slides featuring the names of each Broadway musical as the singers

feature the show's hits. No commentary is needed to disrupt the smooth flow of the mood swings.

The selections are mostly from the contemporary musicals including — "A Chorus Line," "Big," "Godspell," and "Rent" — with a little Bob Fosse (to show off Mattiello's fine choreography) and some Stephen Sondheim in between.

Marlene Loucks on the keyboard, Carl Stewart on drums, and Eleanor Strubel on bass meshed all of these love songs into a medley.

Given the energetic style of this group of singers, they sparkled in the music from "Rent," and in the grouped Fosse

numbers, "All That Jazz," "Me and My Baby," and "Razzle Dazzle." Without the heavy amplification, the music from "Rent" was melodic and appreciable.

Always, when so many songs are presented in an evening, the musical range is demanding. Each singer in this cast had an impressive personal style featured to advantage by the carefully chosen memorable repertoire. No one who sees the show will forget Joey Johnson's version of "Love Changes Everything" from Andrew Lloyd Webber. Johnson is in his range in this ballad tune and puts his heart into the music to make it a highlight. He also scored strong-

ly for his rendition of "Bring Him Home" from "Les Misérables," even taking the finale in lovely falsetto.

Peggy Lee has personality in her voice. Her jazzy rhythm and timing was perfect for the show stopping "24 Hours of Lovin'" and her vocal agility was wonderful for the embellishments in "Day by Day." Particularly versatile in her acting and singing was Kendall Doman changing herself from the brainless Audrey in "Somewhere That's Green" ("Little Shop of Horrors") to a sophisticated love duet with Scott MacDonald in "Unworthy Of Your Love."

MacDonald not only accompanied Joey's solo "One Song Glory" ("Rent") on the guitar but had the vocal depth to sing a powerful "Stars" from Les Misérables.

Two moving performances came from Kim Brown who sang heart throbbing "I dreamed a dream" ("Les Misérables") and "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" ("Evita"). Teaming up beautifully was Jeff Drewne and Krystyn Irvine in a natural "Last Night of the World" ("Miss Saigon"). Drewne also teamed up well with Jamie Richards in a clearly articulated "All for the Best" ("Godspell"). Nicki Stacey also articulated well in her narrative numbers like "Stop Time."

With a show like this, with all of its musical and artistic appeal, there really was no good time to end the evening of show stoppers.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a free-lance writer who specializes in theater.

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music.

While a melancholic country song is quite a melodic distance from the traditional classical concert offerings, the BBSO hopes Scillian's name recognition will help to attract patrons to the dinner reception and silent auction prior to the benefit concert at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

"Most people who come to our concerts support the other arts as well," said Carla Lamphere, BBSO executive director.

The key, according to Lam-

phere, is to broaden audiences for the BBSO by bringing in new musicians and musical styles.

Part of the appeal for Sunday's concert, said Lamphere, is the collaboration between violist Hart Hollman, the principle chair with the BBSO, and music students from Wayne State.

"We're trying to cultivate music appreciation throughout the community," said Lamphere.

To demonstrate their commitment, the BBSO is sponsoring a Young Artist Competition, to be held April 26-27. The competi-

tion will begin 4 p.m. each day at Lahser High School in Bloomfield Hills.

BBSO is in the fourth of a six-concert season that stretches to mid May. For the past six years, the 200-member orchestra has been named best community orchestra at the Motor City Music Awards.

Typically, about 60 musicians perform at each concert. All members have professional experience. Many members also play for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and in Michigan Opera Theatre productions.

The annual benefit is the largest fund-raiser of the year for the BBSO.

The program includes Vaughan Williams' "Flos Campi" (The Flowers of the Field), Mendelssohn's "Incidental Music to 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,'" excerpts from the ballet "Gayne" by Khachaturian, and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture."

The concert is underwritten by Bloomfield Plaza, Pontiac & GMC, Kent and Yvonne Shafer, and Raymond and Lynn Wert II.

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Lisa is directing, dad Don designed the sets, and brothers Nicholas and Austin are altar boys.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild recently reduced its membership fee to \$1 a year to attract more help in putting on its productions. The Andreeses were one of the families who responded to the call.

"The Sound of Music" brings back fond memories for Lisa and Don who played parts in the dramatic musical two weeks after returning from their honeymoon. High school sweethearts, the two first met in Drama Club in 1975 at Churchill High School in Livonia. They attended the revised version of "The Sound of Music" on Broadway last October.

"We try to keep it fresh," said Andres, a 15-year veteran of directing. "I'm putting some of the changes from the Broadway version into it. We're trying to make it a lot more like the movie starring Julie Andrews. If they come to see it they'll be the first to see the revised version if they can't afford to see it on Broadway."

Don and Lisa have worked on dozens of theater productions over the years. Whenever Lisa directs a production, Don designs and builds the sets.

"This is a challenge because there's no fly space to drop sets to change scenes and there are no wings, so I had to figure out a way with a track system to move sets in and out," said Don. "Instead of black outs, we'll change the scenes while the production is running. It's going to be a great show. It's a great group of people."

Continuing the family tradition, Brooke began early to polish her dance steps at Miss Bunny's and Miss Harriet's dance schools in Livonia. After graduating from the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School where she is studying theater, Brooke hopes to attend Yale before trying to make it on Broadway. Next to meeting the actress who plays Maria in the revised Broadway production of "The Sound of Music," the biggest thrill of Brooke's life was auditioning for the Broadway play "Parade" last May.

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Since age three when she was in the chorus of "Wizard of Oz," Brooke has wanted to be an actress. After plenty of hard work, Brooke's dreams have been coming true. The 15-year old was in the children's choir of "Music Man" at the Fisher Theater. She also sang in the chorus of "La Bohème" for the Michigan Opera Theatre's grand opening of its refurbished Detroit Opera House.

The Donovans met Don and

Lisa 17 years ago while acting in the Players Guild of Dearborn's "Gypsy." Now, Kim and Joe and their four children are rehearsing for one production or another all year long.

"This is our third time doing 'The Sound of Music,'" said Kim of Farmington Hills. "I love it because it's a love story and children have such a wonderful part in it. We find theater to be a nice fun family hobby and a lot of shows kids can be in the chorus."

Singing the high notes can be a little tricky for Paul Luoma, Jr. because his voice is changing but acting the part of Kurt Von Trapp is a piece of cake. The 13-year old said being relaxed and having fun eliminates any tension he might feel on the set his father Paul, Sr., helped build.

"It's been a great experience to meet new people and make new friends," said Luoma, Sr. of Farmington Hills. So far, Kristen Curle is the only member of her family in the Plymouth Theatre Guild. As producer, Curle makes sure that lighting, property and sound crews are all on cue. "The camaraderie is special," said Curle. "Twelve weeks before a show opens you start with 30 strangers. By closing night, you tell each other favorite stories. I'm always amazed at how people become a family."

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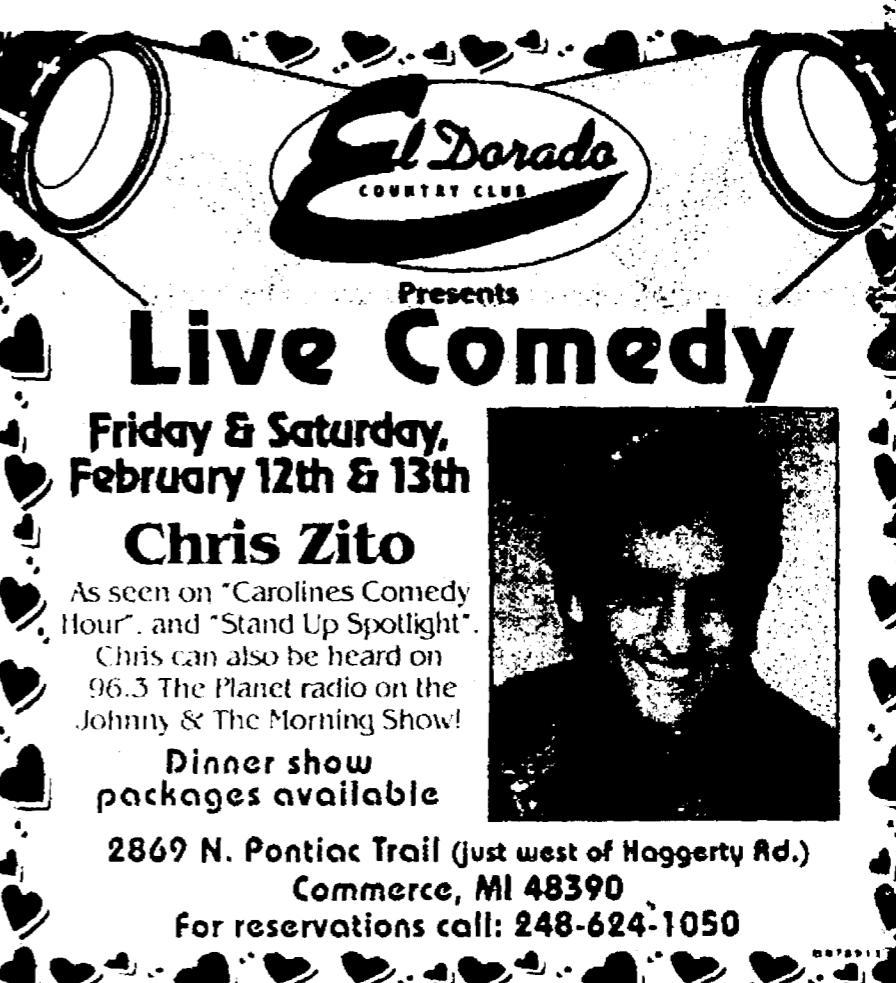
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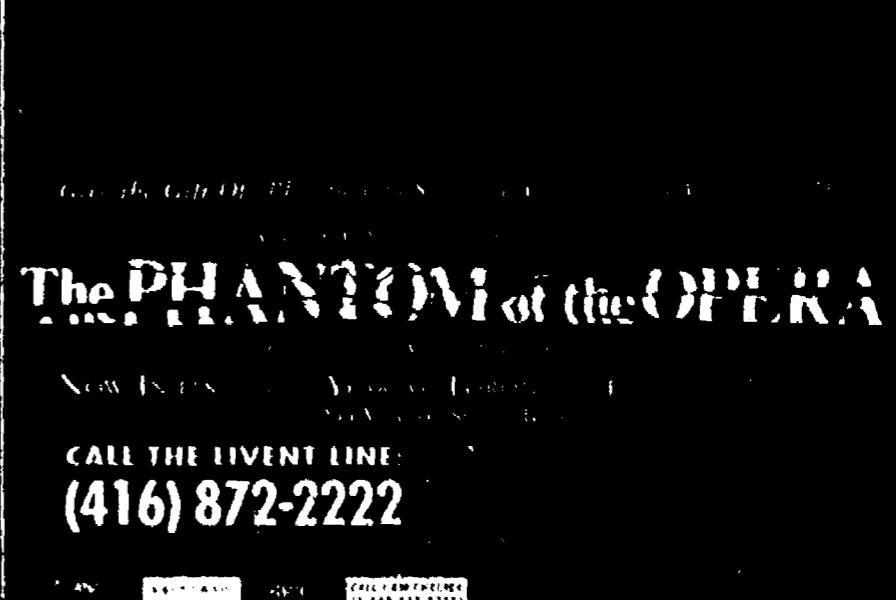
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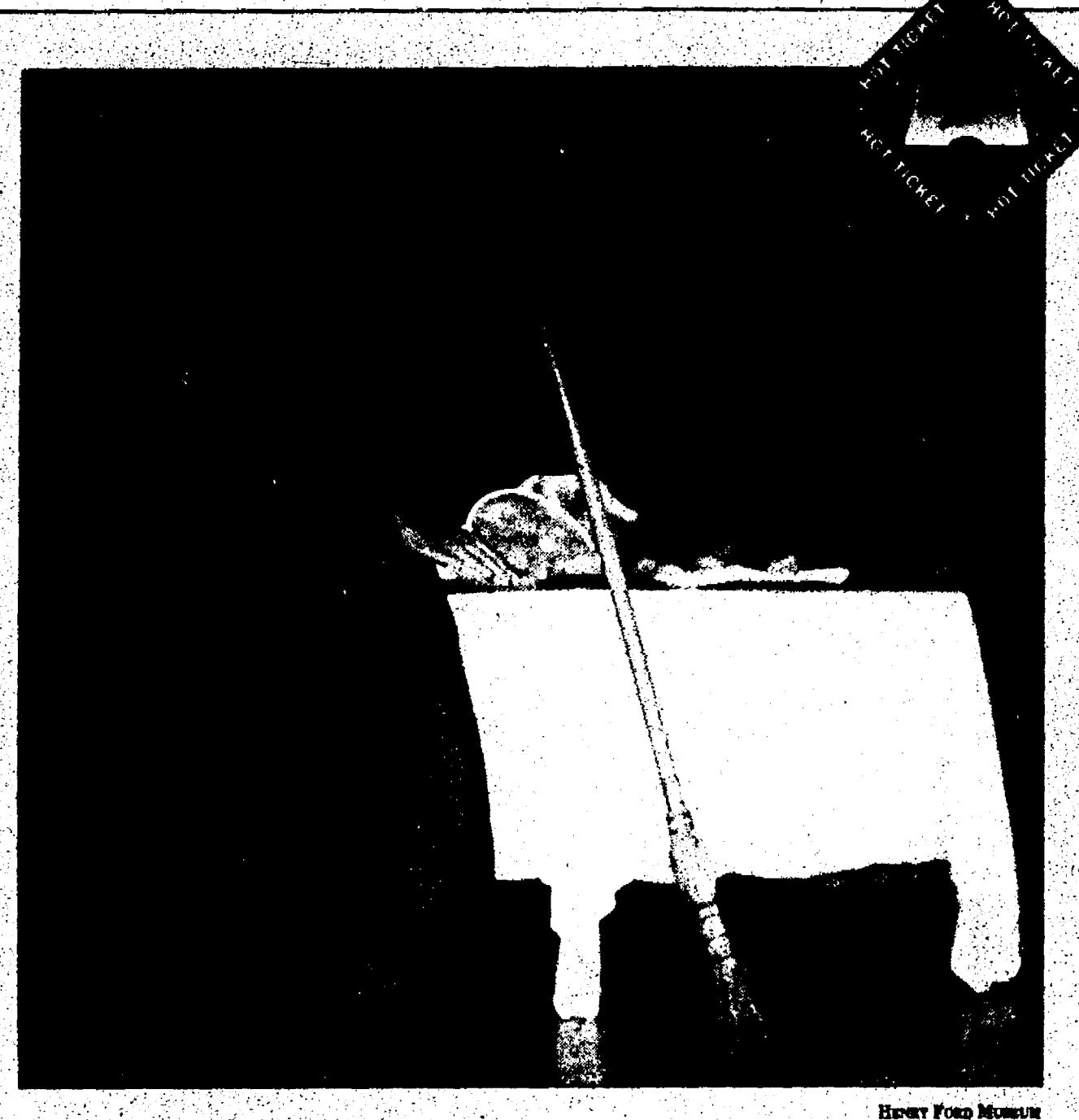


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Two shows for Valentine's Day Sunday, Feb. 14, a singfest with David Owens and his barbershop quartet at 4 p.m., and love songs and poetry with Joanna Hastings and Friends at 8 p.m., at the concert house, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$7, \$5 students for each show. (734) 769-2999 or [kchc.net](http://www.kchc.net)

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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

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Johnny Trudell Quintet performs 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Special Valentine's Day menu, call (734) 522-5600

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Works by the composer and others including James Lentini and James Hartway, guest pianists Flavio Vareni and Erika Schroth in "Pathway to Electronics," 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, in Varner Recital Hall on Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 students. (248) 370-3013

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Rich Guterl teaches the basics of improvisation, 3-6 p.m. Feb. 20 to April 17, at the Performance Network, 111 W. Huron, Ann Arbor. \$20; also Improv Headstart classes for kids ages 12-16, teaches fundamentals of teamwork while improvising in group situations, 3-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Second City-Detroit. \$150. (313) 984-5821

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GREGORY ISAACS

9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$20 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

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)

TERRENCE SIMINER

With Dave Alvin and The Guilty Men, and The Riptones, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (cajun/Zydeco)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

OFF-THE-WALL COFFEE HOUSE

Featuring Matt Watroba, Neil Woodward and Gary Weisenburg, 8:10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at St. William Parish Hall, downtown Walling Lake behind the Dairy Queen, \$10, \$20 family, \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421

GARNET ROGERS

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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RAY MANZAREK AND MICHAEL McCLEURE

Spoken word performance, 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, rescheduled for Sunday, April 11, Magic Bag, 2290 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$13 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

POETRY IN MOTION

Featuring Ella, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

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Featuring Carla Harryman, Ted Pearson and Aurora Harris, read 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit, Free. (313) 577-7713/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

COUNTRY CLASS

Country/Western Dance, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, \$7. (734) 425-2207

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"Furious," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 19-20, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$16, \$24, \$28 and \$32. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

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7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren, \$7, \$6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$35 and \$27.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451

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Chris Zito, Friday Saturday, Feb. 13; Norm Stultz, Friday Saturday, Feb. 19-20, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

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Mike Green, Joey Bielska and Bam Bam, Thursday Saturday, Feb. 11-13 (\$12); Vic Dibitetto, John McDonnell and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday Saturday, Feb. 18-20, \$12, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Wednesdays Thursdays, 8 p.m.

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MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Wayne Cotter, 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); Jim Hamm, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

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, "Hear Our Voice" lectures 1-3 p.m. Saturday Feb. 13 (Early America Revisited with professor Ivan Van Sertima) and Feb. 27 (The Hero with an African Face: Mythic Wisdom of Traditional Africa with Dr. Clyde W. Ford), 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

DAVE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY MEN

With The Riptones, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$10 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock).

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9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

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9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road,

Wednesday-Thursday (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

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Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend, a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with 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 AND TOURS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

"Weird Science: A Confusion of Art and Science," at the museum, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," Remembering Downtown Hudson's at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby).

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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from rollercoasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" 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 at \$4. (313) 577-8400

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair to go back on view Thursday, Feb. 11 after a week of conservation efforts, also a life mask made 60 days before his assassination;

"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. 13-14. Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27-28. 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. 15 and 22, historical films noon Saturdays, Feb. 13, 20 and 27, lecture series 3 p.m.

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EXTREME FEST 1999

With Cauldron, Cringe, Conception, The Down Boyz, Rotation, Burner, Scrap, Soulforge, Overthrow, Boondoggle and Vagrant, 3:10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, all ages. (810) 913-1921 (rock/rap)

FACE

With Fathers of the Id and The Crawling King Snakes, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

FACE ALVIN AND THE GUILTY MEN

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BLACK BEAUTY

With Thornetta Davis, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rock)

BLACK CROWES

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BLACK SABBATH

With Pantera and the Deftones, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Feb. 14-15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Champion Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$39.50 reserved and general admission floor. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palaceonet.com> (rock)

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Romantic comedy 'Simply Irresistible'

If movies were culinary treats, you would not find "Simply Irresistible" in any meat-and-potatoes category. It is no loaf of bread. It is no jug of wine. It is not even a box of chocolates. Instead, it is a big, airy mouthful of cotton candy, sort of pretty to look at and distractingly enough while it lasts, but ultimately not delivering much more than air and sweetness.

Still, there's something to be said for spun sugar, and a piece of fluff can hit the spot now and then. Especially if you're living on love, and looking for a cute "date movie" around Valentine's Day, you might find that "Simply Irresistible" will suit your taste

and please your palate, down to the last, loopy love scene.

Sarah Michelle Gellar (of TV's "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer") plays Amanda Shelton, owner of a small Manhattan restaurant that's about to bite the dust. There are two good reasons for this: (1) The landlord has just raised the rent on the place, and (2) Amanda can't cook.

One day, while shopping for the restaurant at an outdoor market, she meets Tom Bartlett (Sean Patrick Flanery), a young hotshot who's about to open a cushy new dining spot inside Fifth Avenue's Henri Bendel. The two exchange meaningful glances and some flirtations

chitchat before going their own, very separate ways.

But what neither of them knows is that their meeting has been arranged purposefully by somebody calling himself O'Reilly, who's posing as a crab vendor at the market. Also what they don't know is that this O'Reilly guy (Christopher Durang) is a big, angelic Cupid, and one of the crustaceans he sells to Amanda is his crafty aide.

Soon – this time posing as a New York cabbie – O'Reilly gets the couple together again. The scene is Amanda's restaurant, Southern Cross (named for the heavenly constellation?). Amanda is in the kitchen with her

sous chef, Nolan (Larry Gilliard Jr.), and Tom is seated at a table with his snobby date, eagerly awaiting the Crab Napoleon he has ordered.

The only problem: Amanda has no idea how to prepare Crab Napoleon, and neither does Nolan.

But all that, as if by magic, is about to change. In fact, her whole life, as if by magic, is about to change.

Voila! She's concocted the perfect Crab Napoleon. We don't know exactly how, and neither does she or anybody else. But this is romantic comedy, so don't think about it too much. Her new talent seems to have something to do with the aforementioned crab, who is now in the restaurant's kitchen, hiding out beneath a lettuce leaf.

In any case, the Crab Napoleon, looking luscious as love itself and festive as Christmas (if nothing else, this movie will make you ravenous) is served to the anticipatory Tom. He is, of course, done for at first magical bite. (With each apparently succulent mouthful, Flanery does a not-bad, lower-keyed version of Meg Ryan's memorable restaurant scene in "When Harry Met Sally".)

Before long, Amanda and Tom are so strongly smitten that many of their surroundings turn into a land of "dreamy dreams," just like in the movies. They could be Fred and Ginger, whirling and twirling across a mirror-lined, zebra-striped stage. They could be Scarlett and



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Rhett, disappearing into movieland fog. Once, when they kiss, their feet actually leave the ground and their heads bump at the ceiling, as Amanda tries a line from a Disney movie to break the spell. It's all a little bizarre, and it's certainly extremely silly. But it sort of moves along, anyway (despite some lines that fall flat now and then) in that boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl, boy-gets-girl way, until it all culminates in a feast for the gods, only it's served to mere mortals on opening night at the new Henri Bendel restaurant.

Amanda is at the helm in the kitchen, her trusty sous chef (and that persistent crustacean) by her side. Her Prince Charming is waiting in the wings, vio-

lins and vanilla orchids are the order of the day, there's a charming bit with a paper airplane and, oh my, ain't love grand, even when it goes all gushy and gooey.

Gellar makes a bewitching Amanda. Flanery comes across as a bit of a dork now and then, and it's not always possible to tell if it's his character or that we're seeing. Dylan Baker is a delightfully uptight Jonathan Bendel, who's efficiently seduced by Tom's assistant (Patricia Clarkson), wielding a couple of heavenly caramel eclairs.

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La Difference finds roots in classic French cooking

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You don't need to know a word of French to catch the basic meaning of La Difference. In English, it's difference. Yet, in French, this difference carries a sense of divergence — to go or move in a different direction.

Newly opened La Difference in West Bloomfield, does just that.

With respect to cuisine, it's rooted in classic French cooking, displayed with American flare in a warm, comfortable white-tablecloth atmosphere with upscale service. For the sake of simplicity, let's call it southern French, Provencal style.

Decor fits there too. Walls are Provencal yellow with bright artwork and there's a mural with a Mediterranean feel. Eighty-six diners are seated comfortably at tables or well-appointed, cozy booths.

With a closer look for other eye stimulation, you notice a copper sink with proper utensils for ritual hand washing. A more careful inspection of the menu reveals only vegetable, pasta and fish dishes. This is the divergent element. The menu at La Difference, while French in design, adheres to all kosher dietary conditions.

La Difference had a soft opening at the end of December and has been discovered principally by word of mouth. It is the unique creation of Southfield resident Paul Kohn, who for 20 years, has owned and operated Quality Kosher Catering, based in congregation Shaarey Zedek,

La Difference
Where: 7295 Orchard Lake Road (just north of Northwestern Highway), West Bloomfield (248) 932-8935.
Hours: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., beginning in early March. Phone to be advised of date. Dinner Sunday-Thursday 4:10 p.m. Closed Friday. Saturday opening is one hour after sunset until mid-March.
Menu: Southern French emphasis with California fresh influences, adhering to all kosher dietary requirements.
Cost: Entrees including choice of soup or salad \$10-28.
Reservations: Advised.
Credit cards: all majors accepted.

Southfield.

"Over the past two decades, I became friends with my clients," Kohn said. "They wanted to have kosher dining in other than a catered environment. People with dietary restrictions, whether that be vegetarian or kosher, should not have to compromise. La Difference is an introduction to kosher cooking without all the traditions that back it up."

But you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy La Difference. It's a creative dining experience in more than one way. For example, there's always a unique, crunchy plate garnish, such as deep-fried yucca root chips and crisped Michigan beet chips.

Why crunchy elements?

Because owner Paul Kohn likes crunchy. In addition to divergence (that concept again) they "add form and definition to other foods on the plate," Kohn pointed out.

Fish is delivered three times each week exclusively from M.F. Foley Company in Boston. Kohn believes Foley's seafood is higher in the important Omega-3 than that provided by any local purveyor.

A liquor license has been applied for and when granted, Kohn promises the best selection of mevushal kosher wines available.

Turning ingredients into succulent and savory portions is executive chef John Schmidt, former sous chef for Quality Kosher Catering. He collaborated with Chef Michael Miller of Quality Kosher Catering and was inspired by Schoolcraft Culinary department's Chef Dan Hugelier in focusing menu selections.

Among notable appetizers is housemade North Atlantic Smoked Salmon that's fruit wood, cold-smoked and presented on a crisp potato latke with caviar and sour cream, garnished with fried capers. House Chowder, a rich fume of selected fish, potatoes and vegetables and Traditional Mushroom Barley Soup are the regularly-featured. Soup du jour is usually a cream soup such as Roasted Butternut Squash with ginger and red pepper coulis.

Developing as the most-requested entree is Lake Superior Whitefish in various presentations.



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Gracious host: Paul Kohn introduces diners to kosher fare, rooted in classic French cooking, displayed with American flare, at La Difference.

tions. "It's our ultimate comfort food," Kohn noted. A close second is Macadamia Crusted Chilean Sea Bass, toasted macadamia nuts crusting a fresh fillet served on smashed potatoes with fresh vegetables.

Leave room for desserts prepared by Pastry Chef Karen Pearson. A listing on the menu does not tell the whole story. Components offer not only fabulous taste, but extraordinary eye appeal — a perfect ending to an embracing experience.

La Difference has a children's menu, \$6, with four kid appealing items. If you'd like to bring your kids along, but would rather dine without them, My Place is a baby sitting service, located next door at \$4.75 per hour. La Difference offers a \$2 coupon to defray the cost.

Backing up fine service and running the front of the house as general manager is John Wood, a veteran of the area restaurant scene, having worked 20 years in the Machus organization.

La Difference and divergence may denote moving in a different direction, but this movement has the intelligent focus of people-centered, inspired dining in a gracious, welcoming atmosphere.

WHAT'S COOKING

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