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## Sassafras ceremony called off

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Wayne-Westland school officials have abruptly reversed their decision to honor community activists and state legislators who lobbied to block development of Sassafras Trails, a district-owned nature preserve.

School board President David Cox yanked plans for a March 8 ceremony, saying he fears other issues could prompt a lawsuit from Sassafras Trails activist Charles Johnson.

On Monday, school officials still hadn't sent out notices to rescind about 35 invitations mailed earlier this month to

citizen volunteers, state legislators, city leaders and local judges, asking them to attend the board ceremony.

Board member Teresa Robbins, a longtime Sassafras Trails activist who won election last year, said the snafu could have been avoided.

"I just think that there's been a terrible misunderstanding," she said. "It's really unfortunate, and it doesn't void out the fact that there were many people who worked hard to save Sassafras Trails."

Cox asked Superintendent Greg Baracy to cancel the ceremony after

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**At Sassafras:** The school board agreed in 1997 to protect about 51 acres of the nature preserve, which sprawls northeast of Palmer and Wildwood roads.

### Happy to get help



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**At home:** Linda Clein jokes with her son, Jeffrey, that he likes posing for photographs recently in Westland. A Westland Jaycees fund-raiser is planned to help with Jeffrey's expenses.

## Bowling for dollars

### Fund-raiser to help disabled boy

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When he was 3 months old, Jeffrey Clein of Westland came down with an illness that changed his life and that of his family forever.

Contracting meningococcal meningitis left him severely multiply impaired. Now at age 13, he is still confined to a wheelchair and is also on a ventilator, and his mother, Linda Clein, a single mom, needs

help paying for what she needs to transport him safely.

The Westland Jaycees are planning a fund-raiser for 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Vision Lanes, Ford Road east of Hix in Westland. The goal is to raise the money Clein needs to make Jeffrey safe in transporting him.

Clein recently bought a new van, but needs a wheelchair lift and tie downs as recommended by Jeffrey's physician to transport him safely.

The lift and equipment, plus the alterations needed for the van would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Clein can receive help of up to \$3,000 from Children's Special Healthcare Services, but being on a limited income can't afford the difference.

"It's hard enough to make ends meet," Clein said.

She has turned to local service clubs for help. So far the Westland

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## Addition to Garfield proposed

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### LIVONIA SCHOOLS

To ease overcrowding in southwest Livonia schools, school administrators as expected recommended the less-costly and noncontroversial option of moving Johnson Elementary to Lowell in 2000.

But the recommendation also came with a surprise: Superintendent Ken Watson's decision to recommend building, to the tune of about \$800,000, four

new classrooms onto Garfield Elementary, 10218 Arthur.

"This ensures that we won't have to address this issue again in the southwest," Watson said. "Next year, we'll have to address it in schools in the southeast."

The proposed four-room addition to Garfield would hike the total projected cost of a Johnson-to-Lowell move sub-

stantially. Original estimates pegged one-time costs of the move at \$100,000-500,000.

But costs are still considerably lower than the projected one-time cost of the second option considered, which was turning Lowell into a middle school at a cost of around \$4.4 million.

The surprise proposal came about to keep about 100 Garfield students from being transferred to Lowell to ease overcrowding at the cramped school.

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## Bank robbery suspect arrested in Westland bar

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An Eastpointe bank robbery suspect who claimed he was carrying a bomb was arrested Tuesday evening inside a Westland bar, authorities said.

Police officers arrested the man around 7:30 p.m. while he was having a drink inside Stryker's Bar on Ford Road east of Hix, Westland police Officer Steve Borisch said.

The bomb that the suspect claimed to have

strapped to his body was revealed as fake — made only of a laser, an empty candy box and a bogus detonator, Borisch said.

Eastpointe detectives joined the local Metro Street Enforcement Team — composed of officers from Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Inkster — after authorities learned that the suspect was hiding out in this area, Borisch said.

"We conducted a surveillance and spotted him, and we followed him to the bar," Borisch said. "He was sitting there having a drink when we went in."

The suspect put up a struggle inside Stryker's, but Wayne police Officer Terry Webb was credited with wrestling him under control.

Eastpointe authorities wanted the suspect in connection with a Friday evening bank robbery in which he gave a teller a note threatening to bomb the building unless she cooperated, Eastpointe Detective Randy Dugel said.

"The teller filled the bag up with some money, and then the suspect ran out of the bank and fled in a

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## Wayne Road project delayed

■ A Westland City Council study session took a look at upcoming major and local road projects scheduled in the city.

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Motorists bouncing along bumpy Wayne Road between Ford and Warren will likely face an even worse jaunt before they enjoy a smooth ride.

Work previously scheduled for completion this year has, instead, fallen off the county's list of road projects, Westland officials said.

"That road is already horrible," Westland City Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

County officials had planned \$500,000 in improvements along the one-mile, busy stretch of Wayne.

But Richard Dittmar, Westland public services director, said Monday during a council study session that the project has been delayed indefinitely.

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## Library launches deliveries

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Westland library officials have unveiled a new program to deliver books to residents confined to their homes.

The program, free of charge, is expected to start in early March. It will mark the first major effort to deliver services to residents since the library opened in November 1996.

"We're basically aiming this program at senior citizens," Marney Cooley, library outreach director, said.

"But I'd still be really happy to serve a student or youth — maybe someone who is temporarily homebound because of serious injuries from a car accident or other accident," she said.

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**WHAT'S NEW**

The Westland Public Library has provided an information class to the Internet. Here is by searching the subject: How to search the Internet for information. How to search for the information you want, find out what search engines are, how they work and how to select the best one for your search. Get pointers on how to evaluate the sites you retrieve.

**WEB SITE OF THE WEEK**

<http://www.kv5.com>  
The recent rediscovery of the lost tomb of the sons of Ramses II (KV5) caused a stir not only in the archaeological world but also with the general public. It is the largest tomb in the valley with more than 100 subterranean rooms. This is the Web site of the Theban Mapping Project whose original mission was to map out all the tombs in the Valley of the Kings in Thebes, Egypt. The group rediscovered the entrance using journals that were a century old and found that the two previously discovered rooms were just the beginning. The site contains a map of the King's Valley tombs with links to graphical representations of the tombs mapped so far. Included is a brief history of the tomb, who was buried there and any archaeological finds. The site has regular updates and you even get a chance to submit questions to the team who made the discovery and are working on the dig.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Book discussion group**  
Upcoming books for discussion:  
7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 - "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson  
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 - "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck  
7 p.m. Tuesday, May 18 - "The Sparrow" by Mary Doria Russell  
Group meets in Community Meeting Room A. No registration required. Please read the book prior to the discussion. Call the library to reserve a copy.

**Young Adult Activities**  
Attention, young adults: The library wants to hear what you have to say. Pick up a green "Book Bits" form in the Young Adult area and tell about the latest book you've read. The library staff will read your review and post it on the YA bulletin board.

**Programs for children**  
Session II of Toddler Tales and Just For Me Preschool Time: Weeks of March 1 through April 26.  
Registration began Feb. 1. Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27 or Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28.  
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A session of developmentally appropriate storytimes for 18- to 36-month-olds including movement, singing and stories. Registration required by phone or in person at the Children's Desk.  
**Just for Me Preschool Time**  
A session of thematic storytimes for 3- to 5-year-olds intended to be independent experiences for the child. Registration required by phone or in person at the Children's Desk.  
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**Award winners**



Honored: Derrick Roulo, 8, (left to right in front), Megan Carden, 8, Nikhil Kalothia, 9, and (behind left) David Sumlin, 8, (behind right) Megan Daniel, 8, all third-graders at Kettering Elementary, were recently chosen as winners in the MediaOne Tribute to Blacks in Arts, Entertainment and Education Contest. The third-graders from Char Ogilvie's class took first place with their essays on science, sports, music, literature and civil rights. The students won trophies, \$100 cash, a pizza party and an invitation to a ceremony.

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**PLACES & FACES**

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**Sock hop to benefit Rouge victims, families**

A '50s/'60s Sock Hop is scheduled for Saturday with proceeds to go to the families of those injured in the explosion at the Ford Rouge Plant.

Hosted by the Westland Chapter 387 Vietnam Veterans of America, 6440 Hix Road in Westland, doors will open 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, with a \$7 donation being asked at the door.

Local merchants and others have made donations that will be raffled off the night of the dance.

**Rotary toy show set for Sunday afternoon**

Bring on the toys and collectibles.

The Westland Rotary Club'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.

**Site protected**

The board agreed in 1997 to protect about 51 acres of the nature preserve, which sprawls northeast of Palmer and Wildwood roads, in return for receiving \$520,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The plan allowed for limited residential development adjacent to Sassafras Trails on the site of the former Wilson School.

Environmental attorney Ellen Kohler, in a Feb. 9 letter, alleged that school and DNR officials have failed to enforce the Sassafras Trails agreement by allowing a developer to take down portions of a fence surrounding the property.

"Without a protective fence in place, the adjacent residential development poses several threats to the natural condition of Sassafras Trails," Kohler wrote on behalf of Johnson.

Kohler's letter implored school and DNR officials to enforce the fence issue, but it made no direct

threats of a lawsuit.

But Cox said he and Baracy's administration view the latest dispute as a possible legal threat.

"We're a little concerned about where this may be going," Cox said.

Moreover, Cox said he viewed the March 8 ceremony as inappropriate due to Johnson's actions. Cox said "this is the wrong time to pat him on the back" while "we're under legal attack."

Johnson also has raised other allegations, such as whether school officials followed proper procedures in abandoning a drain near the Wilson School site.

On Tuesday, Johnson questioned why district officials would cancel plans to honor other volunteers and legislators - especially considering that he has publicly announced his intention to withdraw from Friends of Sassafras Trails to raise issues on his own.

Moreover, Johnson said, "there is nothing in that letter (from his

attorney) that indicates litigation."

**President speaks**

But Cox said the board shouldn't honor select Sassafras Trails volunteers "until these issues are ironed out."

School officials say it's regrettable that, because of Johnson, the board won't be honoring others such as the larger Friends of Sassafras Trails group, Republican state Sen. Loren Bennett and Democrat state Reps. Eileen DeHart and Thomas Kelly.

"I don't feel comfortable differentiating" among those involved in protecting the property, Cox said.

Not all Sassafras Trails supporters are as upset as Johnson about what some perceive as relatively minor issues.

"I feel that the main mission has been accomplished by saving the property and by securing the DNR grant for \$520,000," board member Robbins said.

But she and others have defended Johnson's right to pursue on his own the issues that he believes are important.

As of Monday, it didn't seem clear when board members would even formally rescind their March 8 invitations.

Robbins handled the initial invitations, and Cox said the district's administrative staff would help her rescind them.

But Robbins, upset over the entire affair, said Cox should step in.

"Since he has taken the initiative to cancel it," she said, "I'm putting it in his hands."

Robbins said she fears that the wrong message has been sent to volunteers and legislators.

"We're biting the hand that feeds us," she said, "and that's what concerns me."

**Local police plan benefit game**

The Westland Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association is selling tickets for an April fund-raiser in which members will challenge some of the Detroit Lions - not in football, but in basketball.

The game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 15 at John Glenn High School, union president James Dexter said.

A ticket-selling company known as Community Events will be calling area residents to try to sell tickets, which are \$15

a person or \$45 for a family of up to six people, he said.

Anyone wanting to attend also may call (734) 722-4653, Dexter said.

He confirmed that the union already has a contract with the Lions, "but we don't know exactly which players will be at the game."

The event will help boost the union's revenues, which Dexter said are partly used to donate to local charities and organizations.

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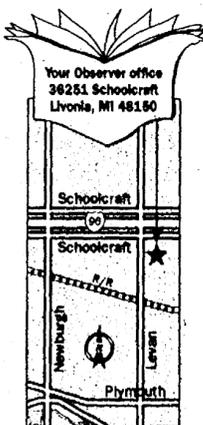
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Civilians have pledged \$600.

The Jaycees don't usually get involved in private cases, but Clein's case was different. "It just pulled at my heartstrings," Patty Ouimet, Westland Jaycees community development vice president, said. "We know it won't go to waste."

Clein is touched by the response she and Jeffrey have received so far.

"It renews my faith in people," she said. "It was very hard for me to write these letters and ask for help."

"The response we've gotten has been so wonderful," she said.

Jeffrey's health problems have been a challenge his whole life. He became ill from an airborne bacteria that could kill a baby in 10 to 12 hours, Clein said. The care he received at Children's Hospital saved his

**■ The bowling fund-raiser at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Vision Lanes for Jeffrey Clein is \$18 per person for three games.**

life, she said.

He was left with cerebral palsy, mental impairment and blindness. He also had his right arm amputated because of problems related to his illness.

The illness also left him with many ailments that still require medical intervention. Linda Clein, a teacher in the room for 2-year-olds at KinderCare in Canton, is now on a family medical leave to care for Jeffrey since he underwent spinal fusion surgery in January.

A student at Adams Middle School in the Wayne-Westland school district's special education program, Jeffrey requires

constant care. At school he receives audio stimuli, physical therapy and vision consulting, Clein said.

He's been in Wayne-Westland schools his whole life. "They do wonderful things," Clein said.

At home, Jeffrey requires help to have all his needs met from feeding to bathing to dressing.

"It takes total care to take care of him," Linda Clein said.

But Jeffrey is a happy child despite his ailments, Clein said. "He's usually very happy-go-lucky," she said.

He likes to play videos, in which he can see colors, and he likes music, his mother said.

He's also very resilient when it comes to his illness, his mother says. His health has also improved the past three years he has been on a ventilator.

"He bounces back from things really well," she said.

Meanwhile she's glad to see the community spirit is alive and well. "It's really wonderful that people are helping."

The bowling fund-raiser at Vision Lanes for Jeffrey Clein is \$18 per person for three games. Shoes are included. Donations of money or items to be raffled off or given as door prizes are also being accepted from individuals and businesses. Donations may be made the day of the event or by mail to Westland Jaycees, P.O. Box 850191, Westland, 48185. The Westland Jaycees are a service club of men and women ages 21 to 39.



**Baby photo:** A photo on the wall at the Cleins' house shows Jeffrey Clein before his illness.

STAFF PHOTO BY TON HAWLEY

## Livonia elementaries shift to new priorities

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Livonia's elementary schools face a major shift in priorities by reinstating instrumental music, beefing up physical education classes and adding a new foreign language, according to a plan proposed Monday by school administrators.

For three years, the district's main thrust in kindergarten through sixth grade has been to reduce class size. But a number of new issues surfaced this year.

"We don't have enough money to do everything," said Superintendent Ken Watson. "When we're adding 11 new teachers, we're maxing out on what we can do."

Livonia school board members now have before them an elementary restructuring plan that, if approved and plugged into the district's budgets for the next two years, will cost nearly \$2 million.

For the 1999-2000 school year, the plan includes hiring four music teachers, seven more physical education teachers and buying trombones and other musical instruments used by fifth-graders in a music program slated to be reinstated over a two-year period.

For the 2000-01 school year, the plan includes hiring 14 foreign language teachers as well as two more instrumental music teachers. By the second year, instrumental music would be available to both fifth- and sixth-graders.

A public airing of the plan, along with details of the revamped elementary school day to meet the necessary time-in-school mandated by the state, will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, at a committee meeting of the school board.

### Go-ahead given

Administrators got the go-ahead to make these program recommendations once they decided which of two routes to take to deal with overcrowded classroom conditions in south-

east Livonia. (See related story, beginning on A1.)

Administrators recommend keeping the kindergarten to grade six configuration, and reopening Lowell School as an elementary.

If the second option, putting sixth-graders into middle school, had been selected by administrators, it would have changed the way the instrumental music program was reinstated.

The possibility that instrumental music will return has elated parents who banded together last year to push for its reinstatement. The program got axed during budget cuts made in the early 1990s.

The parents put together their own report on why the program should be brought back, and gave it to a committee set up to decide how to restructure kindergarten through sixth grade.

"When we started, we were told instrumental music was not on the agenda," said Janet Kokenakes, one of the parents and wife of board member Frank Kokenakes. "To get this far is a tremendous accomplishment. We told the district what community members wanted. We left it up to the experts to figure out how to do it."

After three years of putting money into cutting elementary class size, the parents said it was time for the district to shift gears and reinstate programs that had been chopped when time were leaner.

The district now has a rainy day fund of about \$15 million.

Two other issues complicated the district's task in determining how to revamp the school day.

The first is the state's mandate that it add 51 hours to the school year.

The second sticky point was making changes in 1999-2000 allowable under the contract the district now has with its teacher union, the Livonia Education Association. The current contract expires next year; changes made in 2000-2001 would be bargained in the new contract.

Paul Derwick, director of elementary instruction, likened recommended program changes to the "return of two old friends": instrumental music and a fuller physical education program.

"If these and foreign language are fully implemented, Livonia will be in the forefront of elementary education," Derwick said.

In making the recommendations, the district dropped the more costly idea of turning Lowell into the district's fifth middle school. The estimated one-time cost of doing that was \$4.4 million.

If approved, instrumental music would run as follows:

■ Both vocal and instrumental music instruction for grades kindergarten through four.

■ Introduction to instrumental music for all fifth-graders. Twice-a-week sessions would include song flute, strings and winds.

■ Sixth-graders would get to choose between instrumental music and a sixth year of a foreign language.

The go-ahead for the foreign language program won't be given until the 2000-2001 budget is set. In that way, the district can back off if it encounters financial problems before then.

If approved, physical education would run as follows:

■ kindergarten: 60 minutes a week vs. the current 40 minutes.

■ grades one-six: 90 minutes a week vs. the current 40 minutes.

Other recommended changes include cutting morning and afternoon (but not lunchtime) recess time, and hiring grades five and six math and science teachers who have endorsements, minors or majors in those two areas.

Doing so, Watson said, would boost the quality of instruction in both math and science. It is also one of the main reasons he could choose reopening Lowell as an elementary, rather than turning it into a fifth middle school housing grades six-eight, he said.

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said Paul Derwick, director of elementary education.

If the students were transferred, Lowell's student population would jump to "well over 600," Derwick said.

"That's too large of an elementary," Derwick said.

### Spending money

Plugging around \$1.6 million every year into the budget to pay the upkeep of running a fifth middle school is another reason not to choose that option, Watson said.

If bad financial times strike once again, the district can more easily downsize programs than it can cease operating a school building, he said.

"Once you add a middle school, it's cemented in place," Watson said. "There's no fallback position for bad years. All the recommendations together (see accompanying story above) cost less than switching to a six-eight middle school."

The Johnson-to-Lowell move has faced no opposition from the Johnson community. Because of overcrowded conditions at the school, principal Andrea Oquist has said she is simply happy the district has come up with a way to help the school.

School administrators have said the school will not be torn down, and will continue to be maintained by the district.

Livonia now leases Lowell to Plymouth Canton schools. The lease expires in June 2000, and will not be renewed. Johnson's move to Lowell

take place in September 2000. Costs to do so must be included in Livonia Public Schools' 1999-2000 budget.

### Voice of opposition

At Monday's committee meeting, when Watson's recommendation was aired, the only trustee to oppose the Johnson-to-Lowell move was school trustee Ken Timmons.

Timmons said he still sees a fifth middle school, while expensive, as the best educational option for all of Livonia's students.

"(Turning Lowell into an elementary) doesn't improve instruction for all," Timmons said. "(Creating a fifth middle school) has the chance to improve instruction for all kids, instead of yanking until they get to the seventh grade."

With the district's new pursuit of math and science certification for fifth- and sixth-grade teachers, the gap between what's taught at the two school levels will narrow, Watson said.

"That's the reason I can endorse option one (turning Lowell into an elementary)," he said.

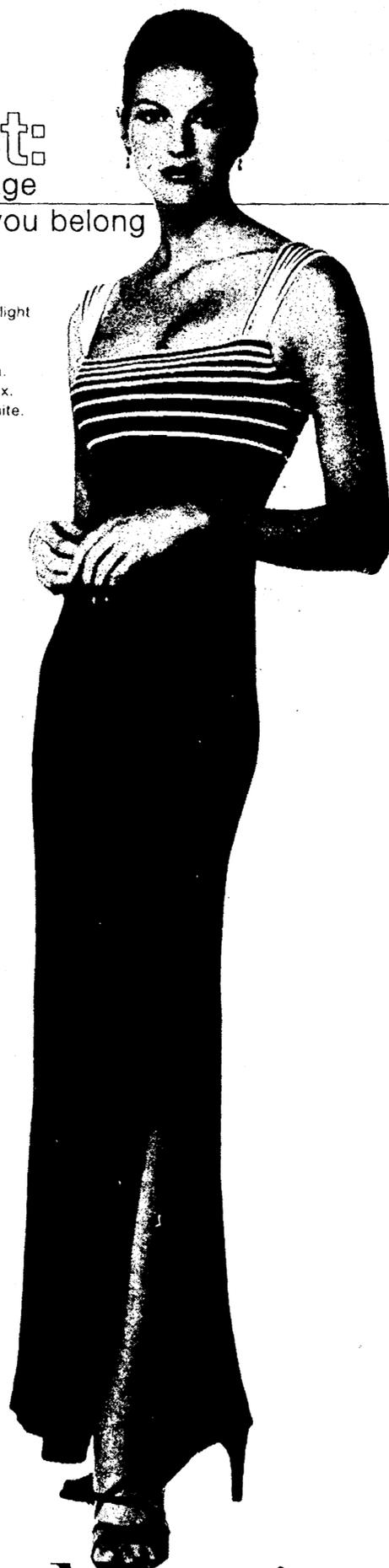
If money was no problem, Watson in the past had said he would support adopting a grades six-eight configuration and opening a fifth middle school.

Anyone with questions about the Johnson-to-Lowell move should attend the public meeting being held by the district at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, in administrative offices at 15125 Farmington

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**Kids in kitchen:** Above, Cheryl Stanley of Garden City, owner of Choice Catering in Westland, helps Diana Chokr, 8, of Westland cut an apple for apple sauce. Also peeling apples were Fatmeh Chokr, 9, (center) of Dearborn and Tara Anderson, 9 of Westland (right). At right Nick Batey, 13, (left) of Westland and Kira Hunter, 10, (right) of Westland mix the ingredients for the applesauce.



**Kids learn what's cookin'**

Cooking for Kids, a class which teaches kids some basics of cooking, is offered by Cheryl Stanley, a certified caterer and instructor, at the Bailey Center in Westland. Kids learn how to make simple meals that they can then make at home. At a recent session kids learned to make apple sauce. Classes meet on Tuesdays through March 2 for kids ages 8 and up.

**Roads** from page A1

That comes as little comfort to motorists who already complain about Wayne Road and its heavily traveled intersections with Ford and Warren. But Wayne isn't the only road to face repair delays.

A project on Van Born from Merriman to Inkster - slated to begin last year - was delayed until 1999-2000, much like repairs to Cherry Hill between Merriman and Wayne.

Dittmar said federal dollars didn't come through last year for many road projects, forcing county and city officials to peg their hopes on the future.

One county project along Hannan between Palmer and Glenwood did get completed at a cost of \$460,000, with the city paying \$115,000 of the tab.

A couple of other city projects and several subdivision streets also received repairs during 1998-99. The biggest and most ambitious plan included improvements along newly widened Newburgh from Avondale and Palmer - an \$11 million project that included a new railroad overpass to ease traffic bottlenecks.

On Monday, Dittmar unveiled a new list of county and city road projects for 1999-2000.

On the county list: ■ Cherry Hill from Merriman to Wayne is expected to receive \$1.1 million in improvements after suffering a one-year delay.

■ Van Born from Merriman to Inkster is slated for a \$5 million project, also one year late.

■ Inkster Road from Van Born to Annapolis is scheduled for a \$250,000 project, one year ahead of schedule.

■ Hines Drive from Inkster to Merriman is pegged for \$442,000 in improvements.

■ Joy Road from Farmington to Merriman is slated for a \$221,000 project.

■ Farmington between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy is scheduled for \$71,000 in repairs.

■ A section of Hix between Warren and Joy will be rebid

■ One local project for the 1999-2000 budget year includes improvements along Carlson between Ford and Marquette.

this spring for repairs after earlier costs came in too high.

On the city list for 1999-2000: ■ Palmer is scheduled for a \$150,000 resurfacing between John Hix and Hannan.

■ John Hix is slated for a \$200,000 resurfacing from Glenwood to Palmer.

Meanwhile, one local project for the 1999-2000 budget year is expected to signal long-awaited improvements along Carlson between Ford and Marquette.

The city plans to make intersection improvements at Marquette and Carlson by moving Carlson eight feet to the west, aligning it with a Wayne-Westland school lane and installing a traffic signal. The cost: \$204,000.

The plan also calls for widening Carlson near Marquette to provide more room to "stack" cars as they wait to turn onto Marquette.

Some city officials see this plan as a first step toward eventually improving the entire length of Carlson between Marquette and Ford. In part, officials want to smooth out a sharp curve in the road.

"It appears to be in the best interest of the community at large to straighten that road," LeBlanc said.

City officials conceded that they have no definite timeline for completing all Carlson improvements.

Some parents have long called for improvements to the Carlson-Marquette intersection due to what they consider dangerous situations near John Glenn High School and the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, both on the south side of Marquette.

**CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND**

Stephanie Horne, 11, of Westland has been named the Westland Observer's Carrier of the Month for February.

A seventh-grader at Emerson Middle School, she has a B average. She is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Horne and has two siblings, Ashley, 10, and Matt, 4.

Her favorite subjects are gym and science and her hobbies include volleyball, baseball and swimming. She is on the honor roll and hopes to be a foreign consul in the future.

If you want to be a Westland Observer carrier, please call 591-0500.



Stephanie Horne

**Town hall March 11**

Mayor Robert Thomas has announced that his first Westland Town Hall meeting of 1999 will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Presbyterian Village, 32001 Cherry Hill between Merriman and Venoy. Thomas and his directors listen to citizens' comments and concerns.

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At least 11 Oakland County school systems started midwinter breaks last week, while several Wayne County systems are off this week.

Unlike Christmas and Thanksgiving when business travel tends to slow down, midwinter school breaks traditionally means a crowded Metro Airport, as the level of normal business travel remains the same.

"As soon as midwinter break begins to wind down, spring break and Easter vacation start at universities, colleges and public schools," said David Katz, airport director. "We can expect busy periods off and on for the next eight weeks."

"The key advice to our customers is to call the hot line and give yourself plenty of extra time."

The parking hot line is (800) 642-1978. In the event all on-airport lots reach capacity, parking employees will direct customers to available off-airport lots.

# House OKs 'safe schools' legislation

BY TIM RICHARD  
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Local school boards would be required to expel assaultive students and inform local law enforcement authorities under a pair of hotly debated bills passed by the state House of Representatives.

The "safe schools" bills, as Republicans called them, were approved 84-22 on Feb. 17 and sent to the Senate, where passage is likely.

"Removing violent students

■ **'Studies indicate almost one in 10 students carried weapons in school during the last 30 days.'**

*Clark Bisbee*  
—state representative

restores a safe learning environment. And troubled students are given a second chance," said House Speaker Chuck Perricone,

■ **'It isn't enough to write a law that expels kids from school, if the only alternative to school is the street corner.'**

*Michael Hanley*  
—House Democratic leader

R-Kalamazoo.

The lead measure, House Bill 4240, would amend the School Code to require a school board:

■ To implement a local law enforcement agreement to report incidents that threaten school safety.

■ To implement an expulsion policy for students who assault others at school. The expulsion policy would be similar to the existing policy for students who have weapons in school.

The companion measure, House Bill 4241, would enable chartering of strict discipline public school academies. The bills are "tie-barred" — neither would take effect unless both

become law.

"Studies indicate almost one in 10 students carried weapons in school during the last 30 days," said the sponsor, freshman Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson.

Critics, mostly Democrats, said the bills would toss unruly students onto the streets. Some feared there would be no remedy if a school acted wrongly against a student.

"It isn't enough to write a law that expels kids from school, if the only alternative to school is

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# Library from page A1

Library officials are embarking on the new program with help from volunteers and staff members at the city's senior citizen Friendship Center. They will actually deliver the books.

"There's always a need to deliver books to those who are shut in," Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "It gives them something to do."

She said the program could serve potentially hundreds of disabled senior citizens.

Library officials are expected soon to have special catalogs listing thousands of materials, specifically some 2,500 large-print books and 5,000 books on cassette.

"We thought those materials would get the most use," Cooley said, but added that homebound residents also can check out regular books for delivery to their homes.

Copies of the special catalog will be available for homebound residents, "and a monthly newsletter will keep them informed of any new items added."

Friendship Center volunteers and staff members will deliver and pick up books once a week, probably on Wednesdays, Kozorosky-Wiacek said. The effort will be similar to a long-praised program that delivers meals to homebound seniors, she said.

"I think this will be a great

program," Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "It's another way to do outreach. Not only will the seniors get books, but it's a good way for us to observe them to see if they need any other kind of help. It's really a twofold kind of program."

Home-confined residents won't necessarily have to prove they need special deliveries; program officials will take their word.

"We're not asking for a doctor's certificate or anything like that. We're not expecting a lot of abuse of the program, really," Cooley said.

However, program organizers will reserve the right to discontinue service to specific people if it is learned that they don't need it, Cooley said.

The program will introduce a community outreach plan that library officials will expand eventually with services such as a "bookmobile," which will make rounds through city neighborhoods.

It isn't yet known when the bookmobile will rumble down city streets.

Residents who want to sign up for the homebound-delivery program are urged to call the library at (734) 326-6123 to obtain a registration form. Ask for homebound services when calling. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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# Westland man among lottery club winners

The 12 members of a Detroit lottery club are celebrating in a big way - they're the winners of a top Michigan Lottery prize.

The Dirty Dozen lottery club matched the first five numbers drawn in the Feb. 2 Big Game drawing, collecting the game's \$150,000 prize. That day's winning numbers were: 6, 14, 23, 31, 33 and the Big Money Ball number was 13.

Club members, who work together at Cass Metal Industries in Southfield, include Andre Trotter of Westland.

The club members range from 25 to 50 years of age and are a mixture of married and single individuals.

"One of the club members - Allen Baker - told us the day after the drawing that the club

had won," Emmett Alexander, the club's representative, said. "We didn't believe him at first. It is hard to fathom that we really won. We were all very surprised."

The winning Big Game "easy pick" ticket was purchased at Meijer, Inc. 68, 37201 Warren Road, in Westland.

Prior to turning the winning ticket in at the Lottery's headquarters in Lansing, the group locked the ticket in a safe. The club members plan to use their winnings for many different purchases, including: a down payment on a house, jewelry for a spouse, "gator shoes" and camcorders just to name a few.

The club members had only been playing the Michigan Lottery as a group for one month

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.

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**REDFORD UNION**  
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**Class of 1949**  
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A reunion is planned for October; all former RU students welcome. (734) 427-1327

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**WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES**  
**MTG. NO. 4 - 2/16/99**  
Presiding: Council President Cicirelli  
Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott  
25: Approved: minutes of regular mtg. held 2/1/99  
- Adopted Budget Amendment 99-13: CWW Youth Assistance Grant, amt \$13,016  
- Adopted Budget Amendment 99-14: Sidewalk Repairs, amt. \$245,000  
- Introduced Budget Amendment 99-15: FEMA Refund for summer 1998 storm costs, amt. \$248,099  
- Introduction Budget Amendment 99-16: For the equipment & installation of the AS400 computer for the Police Dept, amt. \$25,000  
- Approved change order #1-Gas Pump Improvement Project, to R.W. Mercer, amt. \$7,552.13  
- Approved change order #1-NorWayne Easement abandonment Phase II Project to Kerwin Construction, amt. \$5,700  
- Approved Traffic Control Sign 99-25, install 2 "stop signs on N & Southbound Randy to stop for Lonnie  
- Introduction of Ordinance 248-A-7, rezoning from single family residential to low-intensity commercial business, Lot No #11 of B D Wright's Sub  
- Adopted prepared lot split Resolution splitting Lot #11 of B D Wright's Sub  
- Adopted prepared lot split Resolution splitting Lots #33, #34, & #35, Markey's Washington Ave Sub  
- Adopted prepared lot split Resolution splitting Lots #206 & #325-#331, Birch Hill Park Sub  
- Approved request from City Attorney to go into closed study session 2/22/99 at 6:00 pm to discuss pending litigations  
26 & 27: Introduced, waived procedure & adopted Budget Amendment 99-17: EMS Billing, amt. \$30,000  
28: Approved amendment of EMS fees for Basic Life Support & Advanced Life Support  
30: Approved contract with Medaphis for EMS billing contingent upon approval from the City Attorney  
31: Granted request from A. Hleszowski transfer ownership of 1998 SDM licensed business from The Old Drive Thru Depot, Inc, 2270 S. Wayne  
32: Granted request from Regal Liquor & Food Market, Inc transfer location existing 1998 SDM-SDM licensed business from 1616-1623 Merriman to 1820 Merriman  
33: Granted request from A. Hyako to split lots #4-13, Wayne Plymouth Sub & Parcel #06-99-0022-000, W. of Newburgh Rd., S. of Marquette.  
34: Granted request of D. Swanktko rezone from Shopping Center Commercial Business to General Commercial Business, Parcel #016-99-0007-707, S. of Nankin Blvd., W. of Wayne Rd.  
35: Approved Check List #409, 579.42 & Prepaid-42,331,201.19  
Mtg. adjourned at 9:40 pm  
Minutes available in City Clerk's office  
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Council President  
**PATRICIA A. GIBBONS**  
City Clerk  
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**JOHN D. GRIDER**  
Funeral services for John Grider, 28, of Westland were Feb. 22 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Gene O'Neill.

Mr. Grider, who died Feb. 11 in his Westland residence, was born Nov. 14, 1970, in Detroit. He was a promotion specialist. Surviving are his parents, William and Joan; brother, Bill; and sisters, Renee Lenz and Joelle O'Neill.

**LULA B. MONGEAU**  
Funeral services for Lula Mongeau, 87, of Westland were Feb. 22 in St. Theodore Church with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

Mrs. Mongeau, who died Feb. 19 in Westland, was born Sept. 28, 1911, in Canada. She was a nurse. Surviving are her husband, Clarence; niece, Vicki (Harry) Gill; and many nieces and nephews in Canada.

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86	Ford	Econoline Van	Blue/Silv.	1FDDE14N6GHB36940
84	Chrysler	4 Dr. LeBaron	Brown	1C3BC66DEP324165
88	Buick	2 Dr. Skylark	Gray	1G4N14UJ4UM019292
90	Ford	2 Dr. Probe	Red	1ZVPT20C1L5198149

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87	Nissan	2 Dr. Pathfinder	Blue	JN8HD16Y6HW022110
86	Olds	Cutlass StWag.	Gray	2G3AJ36XG8327113
83	Chevrolet	2 Dr. Chevette	Blue	1G1AJ08C1DY262940
87	Ford	2 Dr. Escort	Red	1FAPP25H2HW174574
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93	Pontiac	4 Dr. LeMans	Silver	KL2TN5464P304525
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89	Merc	4 Dr. Topaz	White	2MEPM36X4KB654752
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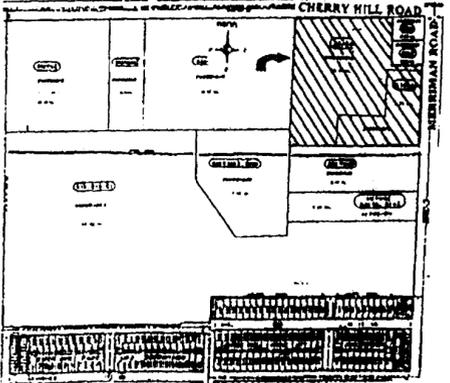
**30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION**  
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after March 25, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

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## OBITUARIES

**NOTICE**  
**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
Nominating petitions for the office of Councilman is available at the Department of City Clerk. The last day for filing nominating petitions for the office COUNCILMAN to be voted on at the City of Westland Primary Election, September 14, 1999 is **TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1999 at 4:00 P.M. D.L.S.T.** Petitions are to be filed with City Clerk at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.  
**PATRICIA A. GIBBONS**  
City Clerk

**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this body to absolutely abandon and discontinue the following:  
The sanitary and water easement located on Parcel No. 065-99-0001-012 and 065-99-0001-013 of Birch Hill Shopping Center, south side of Cherry Hill Road, west of Merriman Road, NE-22.  
  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on Monday, March 1, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., EST in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.  
**PATRICIA A. GIBBONS**  
Westland City Clerk  
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# McNamara vetoes money for auditor general, commission

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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County Executive Edward McNamara vetoed on Feb. 15 a \$445,000 budget transfer intended for Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy's office and county commission expenditures.

Instead, McNamara wanted the money spent for the county prosecutor's office to address what he called a "serious backlog" of homicide investigations.

"Objectively, you must concede that the citizens of Wayne County will appreciate a greater benefit derived from the investigation, arrest and prosecution of suspected felons as opposed to additional legislative oversight," McNamara said in his veto letter to Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit.

County commissioners did not act at

their last commission meeting on Feb. 18 to override the veto. In a related matter, commissioners referred budget adjustments of \$315,000 for the prosecuting attorney to the commission's committee-of-the-whole meeting slated for early March.

Solomon said the commission would not immediately take up the veto. Solomon said he and McNamara were discussing the fund transfer. "We have 45 days to override a veto," Solomon said.

On Feb. 4, county commissioners had approved a budget amendment to increase Dunleavy's budget by \$320,000 and increase the commission expenditures by \$125,000. The money was taken from the general fund.

Commissioners said Dunleavy was to use the money to hire an external audi-

tor. Dunleavy would not comment on the veto.

The county charter requires the auditor general to audit the financial transactions of all county agencies once every two years, or as otherwise directed by the county commission. In 1996, Wayne County voters approved a charter amendment giving the county's auditor general more auditing powers over county departments.

Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also chairs the commission's Audit Committee, did not see the veto, and therefore could not comment on it, but said the \$445,000 was to be used for the external audit. "The (1996) vote gave him that responsibility."

In his letter McNamara said his concern was one of "diminishing benefits generated by redundant audits." McNamara

wanted the commission to reconsider its current requirement for internal audits of every county department, program and agency every two years.

He also criticized commission spending.

"In March 1995, you (Solomon) announced a reorganization plan that was to reduce commission spending by \$900,603. In fact, this year's projected commission spending of \$9.3 million will be \$3.3 million more than it was before the commission approved the reorganization plan."

"The truth is that there was never a reduction in the commission's own budget and, at the end of 1995, you had to transfer savings out of the auditor general's accounts to cover a \$107,000 overrun in your own budget."

Solomon said McNamara's letter was "full of distortions" and "inappropriate." McNamara said the commission staff would have increased from 69 to 94, while Dunleavy's would have went from 11 to 21, but Solomon said that money was to fund an external audit. The commission also only has 53 employees, Solomon said.

About \$1.6 or \$1.7 million are "chargebacks" such as the lease agreement the commission has for office space at the Wayne County Building, Solomon said.

"That \$350,000 is to pay for an external audit," Solomon said. "Because of the charter amendment, we are responsible for that now." Another \$100,000 was to go to staffers for pay increases, Solomon said.

## 'Nature Tots' offered at Nankin

Preschoolers can learn more about the mysteries of nature through "Nature Tots," an interactive learning series offered through the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. The series runs from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays during the month of March, beginning March 4 and ending March 25.

"Nature Tots" uses interactive techniques such as hands-on activities, puppets, games, live

animals and outdoor exploration to teach preschoolers different topics on nature. Topics include birds, colors in nature, animal tracks, insects and reptiles including dinosaurs. Participants are encouraged to wear suitable clothing for outdoor activities, weather permitting.

The program is best suited for children ages 3 and 4 and costs \$2 per session. Advance registration is required. This program

has been made possible through financing from the parks property tax.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive, and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

## College seniors can meet with employers

Graduating seniors can meet with prospective employers at the 23rd Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

More than 150 employers are expected to attend the fair, which is co-sponsored by

Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions.

To register, students can send a resume and check for \$10 to MCJF at University Counseling and Placement Services, 1001 Faculty Adminis-

tration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202-3622.

Advance registration must be received by Friday, March 19. On-site registration is \$20. Call Nannette McCleary at (313) 577-9947 or Renee Elliott at (734) 487-4395 for information.

## House from page A5

the street corner," said House Democratic Leader Michael Hanley of Saginaw. He said the GOP bills "allow some kids to slip through the cracks and wind up on the streets" and fall short of being "a comprehensive solution."

Here's how Observer area representatives voted:  
YES - Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, Laura Toy, R-Livonia.  
NO - Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

Rep. William Callahan, D-St. Clair Shores, objected, "This bill would take away local control from districts and school boards."

Rep. Julie Dennis, D-Muskegon, called HB 4240 "woefully inadequate. It does not provide for an appeal process for a student to challenge the expulsion until 150 days have passed from the expulsion date. It removes liability from the school district in the case of an unjustly expelled student."

"It also does not provide for an adequate alternative for a student that needs 'special' attention for his/her violent behavior. Consequently, the bill will allow for the removal of violent students into

our communities without support and resources to aid such a community."

Rep. Jack Minore, D-Flint, said, "It has enormous potential for abuse in that it allows expulsion much too easily and an appeals process amendment was defeated. It virtually closes out educational opportunity for many troubled youth, essentially abdicating the state's responsibility to provide education for all students."

House Bill 4240 also would require a school board to implement a disciplinary policy for students who commit assaults at school. At a minimum, a school board would have to expel a pupil age 12 or older who commits an assault and battery.

But school districts are not required to create an alternative program to educate expelled students, according to a House staff analysis. That is left to the discretion of the school district.

Supporting the measures were the state Department of Education, the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, though principals expressed "concerns."



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<p><b>SESSION III - 1:15-2:15 p.m.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stretch Out Stress</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Energy Work and Grounding Techniques</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eat Right, Stay Healthy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics 101</p>	<p><b>WRAP UP - 2:30-3:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Creativity "No Limits" (Everyone attends)</p>

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# Another shot

## Schoolcraft still seeking funds from state for new tech center

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College may have another shot at securing some funding for a technology center project.

Schoolcraft recently vied for state Jobs Commission grant money to build the project but wasn't one of the eight finalists. The \$30 million from the commission was passed out Jan. 12 and went to schools including Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Each received \$5 million grants.

Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft College, said Schoolcraft will lobby state legislators for a chance to be included in the state's capital outlay budget. If Schoolcraft's bid is successful, then the state will put up half the funds and Schoolcraft the other half.

"We're not in the bill now, but we're working to get in the bill," McDowell said, referring to the capital outlay bill, which requires approval from both houses and a signature from Gov. John Engler.

**'I think our chances are good to be included in the capital outlay budget.'**

*Richard McDowell*  
—Schoolcraft College president

Schoolcraft has proposed an \$18 million project, which includes \$5 million for a technical training center, an expansion of the culinary arts department, the addition of two large meeting rooms in the Waterman Center and cafeteria renovations.

When the joint Senate/House capital outlay committee looks at the proposals, they typically look at state and regional benefits, McDowell said. Schoolcraft's proposal, especially the training center, will benefit the region in many ways.

"The biggest problem employers have is hiring people with good computer skills," McDowell said. With 3,000 businesses between Ann Arbor and Troy offering computer services, there is a real need for qualified

employees.

"There's just not enough people with those kind of computer skills to work in the (computer) business. There's a great need that's expanding faster than people can be trained."

This time, Schoolcraft might have a real shot, McDowell said.

"I think our chances are good to be included in the capital outlay budget," he said.

The state's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Schoolcraft had proposed to the state Jobs Commission a \$6 million 32,000 square-foot technology center addition to the Waterman Campus Center.

Other state Jobs Commission grant winners besides OCC and Henry Ford included Kalamazoo Valley Community College, \$5 million; Northwestern Michigan Community College near Traverse City, \$4.4 million; Lake Michigan College near Benton Harbor, \$4.1 million; Grand Rapids Community College, \$3 million; Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula, \$2.3 million; and Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, \$683,000.

# Senators work on package to ease purchase of homes

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### Ethics act

Freshman Rep. Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, said his panel will deliberate carefully Michigan's first governmental ethics act. Bishop chairs the House Constitutional Law and Ethics Com-

mittee.

Bishop said the committee would spell out the duties of elected officials and the consequences if they fail at their duties.

### Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

**Sam Hart of Livonia** to the new nine-member Transportation Funding Study Committee. It will recommend new road funding distribution formulas for county and state road agencies when PA 51 of 1951 expires Sept. 30, 2000. Hart is business manager of Local 324 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

**Philip Fischer of Bloomfield Village** to the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority. He is president of Philip B. Fischer Co. Inc. The authority oversees port facilities.

**John Mallia of Rochester Hills** to the State Board of Barber Examiners. Mallia is owner of the Hair Studio. His term runs to Sept. 30, 2002.

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LISTENING TO NATURE

# Frog survey will keep volunteers a-hoppin'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER  
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During these wintry days of single-digit temperatures, it's hard to imagine that spring will arrive in just a few short weeks.

But organizers of a frog and toad survey want western Wayne County residents to "think spring" and hope they volunteer to listen to the amphibians croak, a chorus that is a true harbinger of spring and a sign of males ready for breeding.

From the short, subtle chuckle of the wood frog to the loud, high-pitched peep of the spring peeper, volunteers are needed to listen to amphibian calls for a few minutes each week in the city of Novi and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Salem, Superior and Van Buren.

Depending on the species, volunteer monitors could be listening as early as March or as late as July.

"We really have very little information on locations of frog and toad species, particularly in urbanizing areas," said Lara Spears, an ecologist with Applied Science & Technology Inc. of Brighton.

ASTI was awarded a contract in 1997 with Friends of the Rouge to design and begin a survey as part of a long-term monitoring program using the volunteers to assess habitat and water quality, along with examining the wildlife populations within the Rouge River ecosystem in Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.

## Analyzing results

The survey will help track the health of the watershed, once a few surveys are completed and results can be analyzed over time.

The survey is funded through a \$25,000 federal grant from the Rouge Program Office, which is matched by the Friends of the Rouge through other grants and volunteers.

Spears and Richard Wolinski, a senior ecologist, completed the frog and toad survey last year with about 140 volunteers trained to listen for the sounds of four species over 52 square miles in the communities of Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships.

Canton, Superior and Van Buren surveys will begin this spring for the wood frog, western chorus frog, spring peeper and American toad. Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem vol-

unteers will listen for those species for a second consecutive year and the gray tree frog, northern leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog.

Monitors only need to listen to different calls in about a 1/4-quarter square mile area and do not necessarily need to identify the frog or toad, according to John Bingamon, director of public involvement projects for the Friends of the Rouge.

"The smaller area you do, the better," Bingamon said about the individual survey blocks.

This year's survey area represents the watershed that lies west of Haggerty Road. Last year's survey revealed a direct correlation between impervious surfaces — such as parking lots, streets and rooftops that empty directly into rivers and streams instead of infiltrating directly into the ground — and water quality. This year's study will examine the correlation between the amount of impervious surface and number of species.

The spring peeper was the most frequently observed frog in 172 of approximately 200 quarter mile survey blocks.

## Room to improve

"In general, the area surveyed provides good habitat quality, with 117 survey blocks having three or more species," Spears said. "That almost 30 square miles. However, at least 50 survey blocks had one or fewer species, which indicates that there is plenty of room for habitat improvement."

The state Department of Natural Resources conducts frog surveys, but Spears said volunteers for this year's survey will be covering a "much broader area." "It will identify habitats nobody knows about," Spears said.

"There are a lot of places where there is intermittent wetlands," Bingamon said. "It may be an area that is wet in the spring for a few weeks."

Volunteers do not need to live in the survey community to participate. Bingamon said the monitoring is an activity that can be enjoyed by people ranging from students in a college ecology class to families and Boy and Girl Scout troops.

"We're getting a few calls from Garden City, Redford, Livonia and Farmington," Bingamon said. "We're encouraging people to come on out."

### Counting the croaks

Rouge River Watershed

#### There's music in the air

The Rouge River watershed contains 12 frog and toad species. Collectively, frogs and toads are called "anurans," which means "without a tail." Volunteers in their first year of the survey in Canton, Superior and Van Buren townships will be listening for the following species during their respective breeding seasons:

- **Wood Frog:** Common throughout the basin, but can only be heard for a short time early in the spring, generally between March and May, in forested swamps. Its call — a short, subtle chuckle, like ducks quacking in the distance — is often overpowered by the calls of other species.
- **Western Chorus Frog:** This species has a short, ascending "cre-e-e," resembling a thumb drawn along a comb's teeth, repeated every couple of seconds. Its breeding season lasts between March and May.
- **Spring Peeper:** Common and widespread throughout the basin. Its call is a short, loud, high-pitched peep, repeated every second. Breeding season generally lasts between early April and late June.
- **American toad:** Also common in a variety of habitats in the Great Lakes basin. Its long, drawn-out high-pitched musical trill lasting up to 30 seconds, generally heard from mid-April to late June.

Volunteers in Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Salem townships will listen for these species for a second consecutive year along with the gray tree frog, northern leopard frog, green frog and bullfrog.

Source: Applied Science & Technology, Inc. of Brighton

#### Volunteer meeting places

Frog and toad surveys are going to be conducted in the city of Novi and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Superior, Salem and Van Buren. Volunteers do not need to live in those communities to monitor the frogs there — only a willingness to drive to one of the following communities.

Volunteers can attend one of the following training sessions:

- **Saturday, Feb. 27**  
10 a.m. — noon  
Van Buren Township Municipal Center  
46425 Tyler Road
- **Monday, March 1**  
7 — 9 p.m.  
Novi Civic Center  
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
- **Thursday, March 4**  
7 — 9 p.m.  
Superior Township Hall  
3040 N. Prospect
- **Saturday, March 6**  
10 a.m. — noon  
Canton Public Library  
1200 S. Canton Center Road
- **Saturday, March 13**  
10 a.m. — noon  
Salem Township Hall  
9600 Six Mile Road

For information, contact John Bingamon at (313) 792-9627

## Other Rouge activities need help

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

If walking outside and monitoring the sounds of frogs and toads isn't quite your forte, Friends of the Rouge has a slew of other activities that need volunteers.

Here is a brief description of some of the other volunteer programs:

■ **Rouge RiverWatch:** Friends of the Rouge's program helps a neighborhood or community group "adopt" its local stream, which can include conducting stream cleanups and monitoring, pollution education and prevention, enhancing habitat and other activities.

■ **Stream monitoring:** Volunteers gather data about their local stream's ecological health, which is expected to improve in areas where sanitary and storm sewers have been separated and retention basins built. Monitoring can include stream walks to track physical changes in the river, tests for water quality and studies of streambed life.

■ **Habitat enhancements:** Volunteers can improve the environment in or near water with construction of bird and bat houses, or beautify streambanks with trees, plants and trail improvements, and stabilize eroded banks with plants.

■ **Storm drain stenciling:** With volunteers placing stencils near storm drains to identify them, residents can learn about the effect of stormwater runoff. Information is left at nearby homes to explain the project and offer tips on reducing stormwater pollution.

■ **River stewards:** Volunteers donate time to educate the public on disposal options for household hazardous waste, use of pesticides and fertilizers, personal responsibility and stewardship in the Rouge watershed and other public outreach activities outlined in the city's general stormwater permit.

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 Personable, brown-eyed blonde DWCF, 50, 5'4", slender, is seeking an educated SWPM, 45-60, without children. Ad#.2323

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 Down-to-earth, Born-Again DWCF, 44, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, N/S, enjoys bicycling, Bible study, dancing, movies, music and more. She's seeking a compatible, Born-Again DWCM, 35-50. Ad#.4240

**IT HAS TO BE YOU**  
 Catholic DWF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys traveling, movies, the theater, walking, dancing and gardening, seeks a loving SWM, 59-64. Ad#.3138

**AVAILABLE**  
 Childless, Catholic SWPF, 30, 5'5", is interested in meeting a Catholic SWPM, 27-35, for quality time together. Ad#.1126

**JOIN HER...**  
 In celebrating her love for the Lord. She's a SBCF, 48, 5'5", looking for a SBCM, 45-57, who is also searching for that special someone. Ad#.7110

**DISCOVER ME**  
 Catholic SWPF, 32, 5'11", who enjoys working out, reading and traveling, would like to meet a Catholic SWPM, 30-45. Ad#.1475

**SOMEONE TO REMEMBER**  
 Leave a message for this friendly SWCF, 55, 5'8", today! In her spare time she enjoys dancing, meeting new friends and wants to hear from a compatible SWM, 50-62. Ad#.5577

**LEAVE A MESSAGE**  
 DWCF, 41, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys quiet times at home, spending time with family and friends, dancing and movies, is seeking a compatible SWCM, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2486

**THE POWER OF LOVE**  
 SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad#.7141

**BE SURE TO SMILE**  
 Spice up your life, be sure to call this friendly, sincere SWPF, 39, 5'5", who is hoping to hear from a considerate, honest SWM, age unimportant. She enjoys movies and music, dancing and spending time with friends. Ad#.7733

**ALL THAT & MORE**  
 Slender, upbeat SWF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, country music and dining out, is looking for a possible relationship with a gentle, active SWM, 42-55, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.2655

**NO COUCH POTATOES**  
 Here's a professional WWCWF, 63, that a SWCM, 58-65, will love to meet and be friends with. She loves to laugh, listen to music, travel and go to the theater. Ad#.1612

**ATTRACTIVE**  
 Outgoing DWCM, 38, 5'7", 110lbs., a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys working out, dining out, movies, reading and the outdoors, is looking for a handsome SWCM, 37-45. Ad#.5165

**GOOD LISTENER**  
 Here's a laid-back, but fun DB mom, 34, 5', who's waiting to hear from you, a SBM, 32-42, who loves children and going to church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, long conversations and dining. Ad#.1234

**GIVE LOVE A CHANCE**  
 SWF, 35, enjoys gardening, animals and spectator sports. She would like to meet a SWM, N/S, who likes meaningful conversations. Hopefully, a serious relationship will develop. Ad#.3693

**THOUGHTFUL**  
 Catholic DWF, 56, 5'2", a green-eyed blonde, seeks a loving WWWW, 51-60, N/S, who enjoys picnics in the park, travel, family barbecues, dining out, music and more. Ad#.1863

**FRIENDSHIP**  
 Catholic SWF, 31, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, is seeking a Catholic SWM, 30-38, who enjoys movies, the theater, music, biking, rollerblading and more. Ad#.1010

**KINDRED SPIRIT**  
 Outgoing, friendly DWF, 50, 5'6", medium-built, with blonde hair, who likes jazz and R&B music, concerts, dining out and quiet nights, is seeking an honest SCM, 50-64, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.4224

**SHARE MY WORLD**  
 Catholic SWF, 48, 5'3", is looking for a Catholic SWM, 40-55, without children at home, for fun and a possible relationship. She likes bowling and social events. Ad#.9642

**MEANT TO BE**  
 Sincere SWF, 49, 5'4", with green eyes, is looking to share interests and friendship with a caring, considerate SWM, 50-54. Ad#.3161

**QUIET EVENINGS**  
 Never-married SWCF, 33, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves the outdoors, concerts, movies and line dancing. She seeks a never-married SWCM, 28-36. Ad#.2933

**THE MARRYING KIND**  
 SWCF, 35, 5'9", who enjoys dining out, movies, concerts, traveling and church activities, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2436

**FAMILY-ORIENTED**  
 Catholic DWF, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out and the outdoors, seeks an honest, sincere, Catholic D/WWW, 45-55, N/S. Ad#.5689

**IS THAT YOU?**  
 Secure Catholic DWF, 48, 5'1", who enjoys long walks and weekend getaways, is seeking a warm, compassionate SWM, 46-54, who enjoys life. Ad#.2223

**DO YOU QUALIFY?**  
 Caring, petite SWF, 70, who enjoys playing cards, dancing, bowling, traveling and dining out, wants to meet a happy SWM, 68-72, N/S, to spend time with. Ad#.7127

**LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST**  
 Professional and spontaneous DWF, 41, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a SWM, 38-48, who enjoys dining out, music and movies, the outdoors and more. Ad#.2375

**TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL**  
 This Born-Again SWCF, 30, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys Bible study, is hoping to get together with a SWM, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4956

**AMAZING GRACE**  
 Pretty WWCWF, 50, 5'3", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, country drives. She seeks a tall, handsome DWCM, 45-50, 5'10"+, without kids at home. Ad#.2130

**HOPES & DREAMS**  
 Soft-spoken DWF, 21, 5'2", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys the outdoors, theater, music and more. She is looking for a romantic SWM, 20-33, who likes children. Ad#.5253

**SHARE HER DREAMS**  
 Energetic, educated DWF, 27, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bicycling, working out, swimming and horseback riding, seeks a SWCM, age unimportant. Ad#.3919

**STRESS FREE LIVING**  
 Professional SWCF, 32, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, movies, traveling, music, cooking and gardening, is seeking a SWCM, 28-39, to share life with. Ad#.7286

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**FIT AND TRIM**  
 Professional, educated SWCF, 34, 5'1", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, church functions and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, 30-45. Ad#.2164

**SIMPLY YOURS**  
 SWF, 50, 5'5", who enjoys music, the arts and more, is seeking a warm-hearted SWM, 40-60, who shares similar interests. Ad#.9114

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
 Meet this energetic, outgoing, full-figured, well-employed SBC mom, 38, 5'3", who enjoys long moonlit walks, dining out and meaningful conversation, is in search of a SBCM, 30-45, who shares similar interests and who likes children. Ad#.1437

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
 Attractive DWCF, 48, 5'3", is in search of a SWCM, 44-55, who enjoys dining out, sports and long romantic walks. Ad#.7081

**HONESTY TOPS MY LIST**  
 Reserved SWM, 39, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bike riding, dancing, dining out and the outdoors, seeks a SWCF, 32-44, for an honest relationship. Ad#.4275

**OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME**  
 Hardworking, Catholic DWM, 47, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, seeks a Catholic SWF, 35-55, for friendship first. Ad#.3524

**HONESTY COUNTS**  
 Handsome DWPCM, 44, 6'1", who enjoys youth ministry, outdoor activities, movies and more, is seeking a slender, romantic SWCF, 30-44, without children. Ad#.2843

**ENHANCE MY LIFE**  
 Tall, dark, handsome SWM, 40, 5'10", who enjoys sports and physical activities, is looking to share interests and a meaningful friendship with an outgoing, sincere, attractive SWF, age unimportant. Ad#.3931



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**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
 Professional SBM, 37, 6'2", is looking to meet a slender, attractive, outgoing SWF, for a monogamous relationship. He enjoys dining out, movies and working out. Ad#.1961

**MEANT TO BE**  
 SW PM, 39, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys traveling, meeting new people and just keeping active, would like to meet a SWF, 32-45, to share his life with. Ad#.5511

**DELIGHTFUL**  
 You might want to meet this never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir. He also enjoys kids, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a good SWCF, under 50, for possible marriage. Ad#.3580

**A GOOD GUY TO KNOW**  
 Hoping to meet you soon is this friendly DWCM, 47, 5'11", who enjoys movies, sports, good conversation and dining out. Leave him a message if you're a DWCF, with similar interests. Ad#.8709

**ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?**  
 Outgoing DBCM, 45, 6'2", would like to meet a kind SWF, 25-40, without children at home. He enjoys amusement parks, Bible studies, cooking, quiet dinners for two and conversation. Ad#.5550

**SO AMAZING**  
 A shy and reserved SWM, 38, 6'1", wants to break out of his shell. If you're a SWF, 19-39 and are athletic, value family life and want to meet a good man, you could be the one. Ad#.2530

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**CAN YOU RELATE?**  
 He's a Catholic SWM, 42, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who's educated, employed and outgoing. He enjoys music, the arts and being around family and friends. He seeks a passionate and caring SWF, 27-42, who enjoys similar interests. Ad#.4242

**SAYING MY PRAYERS**  
 Outgoing, family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 24, 5'3", never-married, who enjoys the outdoors and sports, wants to meet a compatible, Catholic SWF, 21-28. Ad#.4322

**JUST LIKE YOU**  
 Professional SBCM, 36, 5'5", 155lbs., is seeking a humorous, outgoing, never-married SCF, 27-38, N/S, childless, who loves the Lord. Ad#.7474

**MONOGAMOUS**  
 Professional, Catholic DWM, 42, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a down-to-earth, Catholic SWF, 33-48. Ad#.2753

**FRESH START**  
 Humorous SWM, 38, 6', with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, dining out, golf and more, is looking for an attractive SWF, 25-40, who has good values, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8860

**DEDICATION OF LOVE**  
 Never-married SWM, 41, 6', who enjoys dining out, movies, sports, working out and outdoor activities, is seeking a slender D/SWF, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad#.2799

**IT COULD BE YOU!**  
 SBCM, 28, 5', who enjoys dining out, sporting events and good conversation, is seeking a SBCF, 18-30, who enjoys life. Ad#.7453

**JUST YOU AND I**  
 Catholic SWM, 40, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a SWF, 29-39, to share laughter, photography, music, movies and more. Ad#.1907

**MOMS WELCOME**  
 Handsome and athletic DWM, 39, 6'1", who enjoys traveling, and more, seeks a slender SWCF, 28-44, to share life with. Ad#.2415

**SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU**  
 Down-to-earth, attractive, family-oriented DWM, 45, 6', 185lbs., is in search of a SF, age unimportant, who enjoys the outdoors, exercise, the arts and more. Ad#.1050

**LET'S MINGLE**  
 SWM, 30, 5'9", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to church and concerts, is seeking a SWF, 26-34. Ad#.9614

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
 Professional, handsome SWM, 38, 6', in search of a slender, outgoing and sincere SWF, 28-44, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.6789

**TAKE A LOOK**  
 Self-employed, professional SWM, 30, 6'1", is looking to share life with a slender, romantic SWF, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and spending time with friends. Ad#.3336

**CALL SOON**  
 Professional, upbeat SWM, 48, 5'11", N/S, enjoys keeping fit, traveling, fine dining and the theatre. He hopes to meet an attractive SWF, 38-52, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.7612

**GO OUT WITH ME**  
 Caring, affectionate and educated DWCM, 38, 6', is looking to meet a SWCF, under 38, who likes dining out, watching movies and going to plays. Ad#.1991

**LOVE & LAUGHTER**  
 Professional SWM, 28, 5'8", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, N/S, who enjoys biking, weight training, target shooting and music, seeks a Catholic SWF, 22-31, N/S, without children at home, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4475

**ALL IN TIME**  
 Outgoing, professional SWM, 34, 5'9", who enjoys outdoor activities and good conversation, is in search of a SF, under 40, who enjoys life. Ad#.1478

**NEED A COUNTRY GAL**  
 Financially secure, fun DW dad, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., whose hobbies include baseball and boating, seeks a SWF, 28-40. Ad#.7234

**WAITING IN BELLEVILLE**  
 This open-minded, exuberant 45-year-old SBCM, 5'11", 185lbs., N/S, drug-free, never-married, is in search of an attractive, sincere, slender to medium-built SCF, 21-45, for a possible serious relationship. Ad#.2730

**ENJOY LIFE WITH ME**  
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## Scholarships now available for young cancer survivors

College scholarships for young cancer survivors are now available for the fall 1999 school year.

As a special program of the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division, scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to a select and qualified group of young cancer survivors in Indiana and Michigan to help them achieve their goals of higher education.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural scholarship program, which awarded 40 scholarships to students, the American Cancer Society will be accepting scholarship applications now through April 15.

"Cancer should not stop any young adult from a chance to pursue a college degree," said Robert Wood, foundation chairman. "Through this program, we want to help young adults overcome the emotional and financial burden of cancer and go on to live a full and productive life."

**Building on the success of last year's inaugural scholarship program, which awarded 40 scholarships to students, the American Cancer Society will be accepting scholarship applications now through April 15.**

The scholarships are for undergraduate degrees at any accredited Michigan or Indiana college or university. They will be awarded based on need to qualified Michigan and Indiana residents who have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21. Applicants must also be under 21 at the time of application.

A volunteer committee with representatives from both states will award the scholarships after review of the student's financial needs, academic performance, community service and leadership qualities. The grants are for one year only but may be renewed annually based on achievement.

Applications must be submitted to the American Cancer

Society, Great Lakes Division office at 1205 E. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48906, by April 15, 1999. The application process includes submission of letters of recommendation; a 500-word essay; a copy of academic grades nine-12; SAT and/or ACT scores and financial information. To request a scholarship application packet, call the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division, at (800) 723-0360.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the American Cancer Society's College Scholarship Program, contact the American Cancer Society Foundation, Great Lakes Division office in Southfield at (248) 557-5353.

## S'craft students can apply for a variety of scholarships

Schoolcraft College is accepting applications for a variety of scholarships ranging from \$700 to \$1,000.

The Northville branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association scholarships. These nonrenewable \$1,000 scholarships were created to assist the educational goals of women attending Schoolcraft College.

Applicants must be women residents of Northville who have completed a minimum of one semester of study in any field. They must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and submit a copy of their college transcript and a 100-200 word statement on their career goals and how they are financing their education.

The application deadline is Friday, April 2.

Schoolcraft College is also accepting applications for the Excelsior Foundation Scholarship. The \$700 scholarship is for the 1999-2000 school year and is sponsored by Round Table International, a service organization.

Applicants must have completed one semester of college at the time of application and be studying special education, occupational therapy or psychol-

ogy. Interested applicants must submit a transcript of all completed college terms, letters from three persons in their community other than relatives attesting to character, personal habits and merit, a 100-200 page statement giving reasons for interest in their field of study and financial information.

Application deadline is Friday, April 16. Applications for the Excelsior and Farm & Garden scholarships are available in the Office of Financial Aid in the McDowell Center and must be returned to that office. For information, call (734)462-4433.

Schoolcraft students transferring to the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor, Dearborn or Flint campus are eligible for a

\$700 scholarship awarded by the University of Michigan Northville Alumni Club.

To qualify, a current Schoolcraft student must have a 3.0 grade point average, be accepted by the U-M and submit a statement of no more than 250 words explaining career goals and how a U-M degree will help meet those goals. Applicants also must include a copy of all college transcripts.

The application deadline is Friday, April 16. Applications are available in a counseling office in the McDowell Center and must be submitted to the Marketing & Development office by the deadline. Call (734)462-4417 for details.

## Award applications accepted

Madonna University in Livonia is accepting scholarship applications through March 1 from admitted students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Scholarship applications may be obtained at the University Financial Aid Office or by calling (734)

432-5663. Most awards stipulate that the recipient be an admitted full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, but there are some exceptions as well as additional requirements.

## Town hall meeting scheduled for Monday

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, in Canton.

The meeting will be an open forum where attendees can discuss a wide range of issues with Rivers. Rivers represents the 13th District, which includes Canton, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Westland and part of Livonia, and other Wayne County communities.

Rivers first will discuss recent actions of the 106th Congress, then open the floor to questions. The program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to raise issues, offer concerns and inform themselves about current Congressional activities.

For information, contact Carrie Auster in Rivers' district office at (734) 485-3741.

## Government contracting highlighted

Schoolcraft College is holding a dinner seminar 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, that will explain changes in the government contracting process and how it will affect businesses.

The speaker will be Col. Paul Dronka, Army commander of Defense Contract Management Command. He will explain how partnerships, corporate contracting and electronic commerce mean an expanded government market.

The seminar begins with appetizers and a networking session at 5:30 p.m. with Dronka's speech following at 6 p.m. A dinner prepared by Schoolcraft's award-winning culinary arts department will follow the speech. The seminar will end with a question and answer period.

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# Going to the dogs

## Pet superstore owner markets for charity

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You could say that Jack Berry's life has gone to the dogs ... and the cats ... and the birds ... and the fish.

And that's just fine with him. "I'm not one of those people who are obsessed with animals," said Berry, president and founder of Pet Supplies "Plus."

But on any given day, you might find Berry in his office accompanied by his faithful golden retriever, Brandy. His dog certainly was at his side when he opened his first store in Redford Township in 1988.

While Berry is known for his pet supplies supermarket, his support of animals and animal groups, particularly the Michigan Humane Society and the Michigan Animal Adoption Net-

**'Jack has been tremendous and he has helped so many homeless animals.'**

*Joanne Berry*  
—assistant to the director of  
the Michigan Humane Society

work, shares the spotlight.

"Once you are in business and you are relatively successful, you get hundreds of requests from people," Berry said. "So I decided as long as I am in the pet business, whatever effort and energy should be with pet related things."

**Above and beyond**

But Berry has done more than share his financial success with animal organizations. He's shown them how to market their

needs. About four years ago when the pet food division of Heinz Foods bought a brand named Nature's Recipe, company officials who had conducted pet telethons for a couple years went in search of their largest pet customers for help. Pet Supplies "Plus" was one of those businesses.

"They asked about the Michigan Humane Society in the Detroit area," Berry said. "They went to the humane society and laid everything out for them. But there is a cost to running a telethon."

Berry guaranteed those costs so no one would lose money. In the first year of the telethon, he committed \$100,000. In 1997, the telethon took in \$301,000 for the humane society.

With the third annual PETelethon for the Michigan Humane Society coming in March, Berry is gearing up —

once again with a financial commitment, as well as a lot of effort and marketing skills.

To bring in the stores — some are his, others are franchises — donation canisters will be available. Also posters will be near entrances of the stores so contributors can stop by with a donation and sign the poster, Berry said.

Observerland Pet Supplies "Plus" stores are in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Canton.

On the day of the telethon — noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 — the stores will donate 10 percent of sales to the Michigan Humane Society. "So that could be another \$17,000-20,000 donated," Berry added.

"Last year we raised \$351,000 for the humane society. But we were up against the J.P. McCarthy radio telethon and the NCAA tournament," Berry said.

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All in the family: Jeanette and Jack Berry and their faithful golden retriever, Brandy.

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## First Pet Supplies 'Plus' opened in Redford

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When the first Pets Supplies "Plus" store opened on Telegraph in Redford, there had to be plenty of people saying it just makes sense.

"I took my supermarket background and designed what I thought was a retail concept," said founder and president Jack Berry, a longtime Farmington resident.

"I wanted a neat, organized store combined with premium foods with supermarket-type

items," said Berry, whose headquarters are in Livonia.

Before his dive into the pet industry, Berry was a career man in supermarkets — of the human variety — including an egg distributor at one time. He also owned an advertising agency.

In his early 50s, Berry was getting ready for a change. An old friend, Harry Shallop, who owned another company, was out-of-state and came across a large pet store — and an idea was born.

"I then went out and visited every pet store in Detroit. Most

were small, smelly and dirty, and a little of this, a little of that," Berry said.

He wanted a supermarket for pet products that looked, smelled and acted like a supermarket. And just like a people supermarket, Berry decided that his clientele — pets — should be allowed to walk the aisles.

"The volume of business we obtained didn't come out of these little pet stores I looked at. Part of it was the supermarket segment of business," Berry said, adding he wanted his stores not only to offer the supermarket brands of pet supplies, but the

more expensive premium brands as well.

In fact, Berry said he is convinced that his large stores have forced pet supplies manufacturers to develop more products — and healthier products.

While location, location, location is important to any business, Berry has his own criteria:

■ Demographics. He's got to be in a location where people have pets and want to spend on their pets.

■ The need to be on a major road. The Farmington Hills store

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## Telethon from page A12

"My personal goal this year will be to achieve \$450,000."

### Local presence

And if you happen to watch the telethon on Channel 50 this year, you will indeed see Berry. Last year, he made 10 appearances on the show.

"He took his principles to the charity groups," said Joe Fucini of Pet Public Relations in West Bloomfield. "He's a very creative marketer."

To be sure, Berry also knows how to hold others accountable. For example, he contacted by letter his largest vendors asking them to make a donation for the telethon. "Most of them will participate," Berry said.

He also offering a helping hand and wallet to the humane societies in Livingston, Washtenaw and Monroe counties, as well as the Michigan Animal Adoption Network. For the adoption network, Pet Supplies "Plus" annually have daylong adoptions on a rotating basis. People who bring the dogs and cats for the adoption fair are actually the pets' foster parents so they are on hand to tell prospective owners all about the pets and their foibles.

"We've had more than 1,000 pets adopted," Berry added. "We keep the cages for the pets in our warehouses and when they are having the adoptions we send them out."

When Berry had only 20 stores in the early '90s, he worked with the Michigan Humane Society to develop the

**'(Jack Berry) took his principles to the charity groups. He's a very creative marketer.'**

*Joe Fucini*

Animal Care Fairs at the Southfield Civic Center. Again, Berry tapped into his vendors. Another success. In the first year, 20,000-30,000 visitors came to the fair. About \$500,000 has been raised for the humane society, said Joanne Berry, Michigan Humane Society assistant to the director.

"Jack has been tremendous and he has helped so many homeless animals," Joanne Berry said.

And after some prodding, Jack Berry convinced the humane society, which had to change its bylaw, to include adoptions at the fairs. Since Berry began the fairs in 1992, 800 animals have been adopted.

The plaques from animal organizations offering their thanks are testament to Berry's participation in helping animals.

"He is very generous. We are tremendously grateful to him. He underwrites our expenses. He is great. Whatever we might need, he comes through," said Joanne Berry. "Jack really wants to make a difference for animals in our communities. He wants to pass his success along to the animals."

## Child Care Challenge seeks nominations

House Republicans will honor companies that help their employees creatively meet child care needs in the ninth annual Michigan Child Care Challenge.

State Rep. Laura Toy is encouraging area businesses to enter the event by March 19. Toy, R-Livonia, said child care is a fast-rising necessity in worker benefits.

"We are seeing more families where both parents are working or a single parent is supporting the family," Toy said. "In these situations, child care is essen-

tial. Employers are starting to recognize the need and are working with families to provide affordable care."

The awards recognize Michigan employers who provide child care benefit plans and other positive alternatives. More than 350 organizations have been honored since the program began in 1989.

Nominations are accepted in five categories:

■ New Kid on the Block for companies most recently offering child care benefits,

■ Best on the Block for companies that have made special efforts to design unique child care programs,

■ Grandparent award for firms that are pioneers in offering employee child care,

■ Helping Hands for businesses that provide direct financial assistance to employees or subsidies for on-site centers,

■ Innovator for community organizations and individuals demonstrating extra effort in providing child care solutions.

There is no entry fee. Nomina-

tion forms can be obtained by calling Toy's office at (517) 373-3920.

"There is still quite a challenge out there to meet the needs of our working families," Toy said. "We must recognize and congratulate those who are leading the pack toward increased child care benefits."

Throughout the years, numerous businesses have helped sponsor the child care challenge. Businesses interested in contributing to this year's challenge can also contact Toy's office.

## African stories told tonight

Madonna University will hold African Story Kids Night in celebration of Black History Month in the Take 5 Lounge 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

Storyteller Mary Reeder from "Operation Get Down" will entertain children of all ages with costumes and hands-on participation.

The event will include the showing of the movie "African

Story Magic," storytelling and traditional African snacks. There will also be a martial arts demonstration by young people from the Alkebulan Youth Center.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are welcome. For more information, call (734) 432-5425.

## Berry from page A12

on Orchard Lake, for example, is on the side of the road that Berry considers people use to go home. And when they see they store on their way home they will remember to get the dog or cat food they need.

■ Point position or free-standing, which creates visibility for his stores.

Now Berry's chain of stores includes 144 in 17 states. Not all are owned by Berry, though.

"Friends of mine saw the suc-

cess of what I was doing and wanted to open stores. His best friend opened one, his partner's ex-wife, a nephew all jumped on the bandwagon. Another friend, attorney Harvey Solway, became the franchise attorney. Thirty more stores will open this year."

"I think the interest in pets has always been there. People actually love their pets and treat them the same as they do their children," Berry added.

## Read Observer Sports

Learn more about the **Henry Ford Academy** for students entering the ninth grade.

The Henry Ford Academy, a new innovative four-year public high school that emphasizes the application of math, science, technology and humanities, is sponsoring a series of open houses. These events will provide applications and information about a unique educational opportunity for Wayne County students entering ninth grade this fall.

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### Ravine pact

#### Here's chance to make it work

It's up to the neighbors who live near a Ravine Street school bus stop to make a recently reached compromise work.

As of Feb. 11, residents along Ravine Street in Westland have 80 days to show they can work together.

The compromise stems from a dispute that divided neighbors along this small dirt road just south of Joy in northern Westland. Parents, whose children attend the Livonia school district, had a practice of parking near a school bus stop to await the bus and make sure their children safely boarded. The parking led to complaints by corner homeowners Larry and Peggy Sullivan, who said parents driving to the bus stop created unsafe conditions. The Sullivans also reported property damage in their yard from cars parked along Ravine.

Last fall in an effort to ease traffic congestion along the road, the city erected no-parking signs. That action sparked complaints from the driving parents who said it was too unsafe for their children to walk to the school bus stop because of traffic and visibility concerns. Residents also raised concerns about the condition of Ravine Street itself, saying it is pothole-ridden and eroding.

A couple weeks ago, the city covered up the signs and gave parents an 80-day time frame to prove they can work together to keep peace

in the neighborhood.

The compromise sounds simple. The signs will come down if the neighbors can work together. They will become permanent if they can't. It may seem simple but will it be? We hope so. Here's an opportunity for Ravine residents to prove they can be neighborly.

It's been said good fences make good neighbors, and that may be true metaphorically in this case. Residents need to respect each other's space as well as looking out for their own children. Whether it's carpooling to the bus stop, parents walking with their kids rather than driving to the bus stop to ensure their safety or just arriving at the bus stop when the bus is expected and leaving as soon as the bus departs, there seem to be many ways parents and neighbors could work together.

Compromise isn't always easy. Residents along Ravine Street say they are optimistic this compromise will work and that they will make it work.

We hope they are successful. Too many neighbors have problems and disputes that divide them and often they are never resolved. It would be an effort worthy of high praise if these neighbors are successful. It would also be a good example for those children who are being driven to the bus stop to see their parents work for better neighborhood relations.

### Reading: I like it, Sam-I-am

"I would not like them here or there.  
I would not like them anywhere.  
I do not like green eggs and ham.  
I do not like them, Sam-I-am."

It may not be great literature, but anyone who has been a child or a parent since the late 1950s can recognize those lines and identify the author as Dr. Seuss.

Theodor Seuss Geisel, that he was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1904, the son of a zookeeper, that he graduated from Dartmouth College and later attended Oxford in pursuit of a doctorate in literature, then drifted to Paris and hung out with the Lost Generation writers.

They may not know that he worked in advertising for awhile, wrote for a couple of documentary films in Hollywood that won Academy Awards in the 1940s, or that, though twice-married, he had no children of his own.

But they can quote passages from "Horton Hatches the Egg," conjure up vivid images of The Grinch and tap their feet in rhythm to the simplistic meter of "One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish."

They may recognize lines from and visualize the image of "The Cat in the Hat," but not be aware that that book, published in 1957 and using only 220 words, virtually revolutionized the world of children's books, delivering, as one reviewer put it, "a karate chop on the weary little world of Dick, Jane and Spot."

While educators greeted Dr. Seuss' fractured rhymes and made-up words skeptically at first, his popularity among children and parents (his 47 books have sold more than 100 million copies in 18 languages) has changed some thinking.

That's why next Tuesday, March 2, the National Education Association, in conjunction with its Read Across America program, is urging "every child and every community in

America" to celebrate reading on the date that would have been Dr. Seuss' 95th birthday. (He died in 1991 at age 87 after a lengthy illness.)

NEA members are organizing events in schools, libraries and bookstores across the country. They liken the activities to pep rallies for football games or student plays to promote the arts. They want to send the message that reading is important and can be fun.

Why Dr. Seuss?

"People of all ages love him," according to an NEA release. "He epitomizes a love of children and learning. And the latest in reading research indicates Dr. Seuss' books, with their use of rhyme, are an effective tool for introducing children to reading."

We agree. Reading is important and it can, and should be, fun. On Tuesday, Madonna University faculty and staff will be reading Dr. Seuss books from 4-7 p.m. in the University's Take 5 Lounge and in Westland the Elliott and David Hicks Elementary schools also have activities scheduled. Redford Township District Library has a program planned for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Check out your local schools, libraries and bookstores for any other activities. Or just pull some books out of your own bookshelves and read to, or along with, your children.

And join us in saying Happy Birthday to the man who revolutionized children's literature. Better still, let him do it in his own words:

"Today you are you! That is truer than true!  
There is no one alive who is you-er than you!  
Shout loud, 'I am lucky to be what I am!  
Thank goodness I'm not just a clam or a ham  
Or a dusty old jar of sour gooseberry jam!  
I am what I am! That's a great thing to be!  
If I say so myself, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!"

### Triumphant return



**National champs:** Westland is home to the national champions in pairs figure skating, Danielle and Steve Hartsell. Above, they get help with luggage on their return to Metro Airport.

### LETTERS

#### Political ploy

I was surprised at the candor of Kay Beard's statement regarding the vote on the 18 percent raise for Wayne County commissioners (Feb. 14).

She is all but admitting that the motion to reject the raises was merely a political ploy, designed to make some commissioners look good to the taxpayers. How many people are aware that the commission is only required to meet twice a month, for a \$53,838 salary this year?

I'm sure that some of the commissioners do work outside of these meetings, but I challenge them to prove that this is anywhere near a full-time job. I also challenge those who voted against it to find a way to return it to the taxpayers of Wayne County. If you cannot simply return it to the county general fund, how about writing a monthly check to a worthy private charity?

I would be most gratified to find a politician who puts his money where his mouth is - I might even vote for him or her.

Karin Corliss  
Westland

#### 2 plus 2

Is the stock market the best place to invest for retirement?

In 1928, everyone had their money in the stock market. Two years, in 1930, everyone had their money in the banks. Two years later, in 1932, everyone had their money in their mattresses. The rush for liquidity can have the power of a force of nature.

Where is the truth? Truth is what's left standing when everything else is proven false.

Walter Warren  
Westland

#### MIOSHA gutting takes toll

John Engler has gutted MIOSHA since taking office in 1990. The agenda is directed at making MIOSHA a consultant rather than an agency that has the power to inspect, enforce, and penalize those that do not comply. Safety will be provided by "Voluntary Employer Compliance." In reality, it means "No Safety!" Job safety is a priority, and a workers right to life should not end when they punch a time clock.

We're fighting for our lives ... to the families who lost a loved one a friend, It's our heartfelt sympathy to you we send.

Your loved one went to work one day ... Now they're gone ... with God they stay.

They went to work with hopes and dreams ... Instead their lives ended in violent screams.

Safety and inspections, Business did not heed, Profits are the roots of this selfish greed.

Human life, "They" say, cannot compare, Companies continue to show us, "We Don't Care."

To John Engler I show my cold stone stare, No empathy or compassion, do you even care?

Our workers are dying for an honest day's pay, But dear Johnny keeps saying, "Get out of my way."

Indifference does not make this crime go away, It causes injury and death, which workers will pay.

Noncompliance in safety is our biggest fear, But our strong voices fall on Bureaucrat deaf ears.

We all have a right to come home each day, It's a crime that safety violations stand in the way.

The families, with tears, place a rose on the grave, How senseless, how tragic, a life we could have saved.

In memory, for those we've lost and those we fight to save.

Patrice Smith and Laurel Tondreau  
Livonia

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

Do you think public schools in general are improving or declining in quality?

We asked this question at the Westland post office.



"I don't have much experience yet. My daughter will go to school (at Westland's Patchin Elementary) in September."  
Bohnte Gralinger  
Westland



"I don't have enough data to make an opinion on that."  
David Burton  
South Lyon



"I think they're improving with all the technology we have. It's easier to learn. It's a step up."  
Matt Webb  
John Glenn graduate



"Declining."  
Katherine Horne  
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

# Abortion issue and the Holocaust have parallels

BY ERNEST MEHRL  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I think your recent newspaper article on the Holocaust question was very interesting and thought-provoking. Please let me share some of my own thoughts on this subject with you. I only wish I had all the space to do so.

Like (author) Ursula Hegi, I was born in Germany too and lived through the Hitler years from the beginning to the end. The question was asked, how could a man like Adolf Hitler become the governing head of a nation that gave birth to great thinkers, scientists, poets and composers?

Actually, the stage for his entry was already set in 1919, after Germany's defeat in World War I. The nations of the Detente had imposed harsh economic sanctions on Germany, stripping the nation of the basic needs to survive. This situation created massive unemployment, political strife, inflation of unbelievable proportion, and utter despair. A hastily formed democratic government, known as the Weimar Republic, was unable to function as it should

because it lacked the needed resources.

Hitler found fertile, political ground in this environment of hopelessness. He criss-crossed the country, gave fiery speeches, offering hope and delivery from misery and chaos. One Bible verse comes to my mind. It says "... no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an Angel of Light." (2 Cor. 11:14).

Hitler appeared to the people as an angel of light. Everybody was for him, with few exceptions. He came into power by promising work for everyone, and a swift return to prosperity by defying the economic sanctions, and he did. The people were happy; they paid little attention to the verbal attacks on the Jews. Thousands joined the party ranks. Few people suspected what Hitler's real agenda was.

Soon, the government took control of everything. The media became the official source of propaganda. Foreign news was jammed. Criticism of the government was counted as treason. The penalty was incarceration or secret execution. Germany was now totally in Hitler's grip.

**■ Certain laws have become more permissive, perhaps ambiguous, in recent years. They are no longer a true indicator of what is morally right or wrong.**

I remember the shock and bewilderment of people during the so-called Cristal Night in 1936 when innocent Jews were evicted from their homes while Sturm troopers destroyed their property. People were worried and horrified that blind hate had reached such proportion. There was no longer a recourse to change. Besides, it was the economy, stupid!

Hitler was awfully successful with territorial expansion prior to WW II. He felt strong enough to do anything, even his abominable actions that were carried out in secret. I know for a fact that about 95 percent of the people never heard of the Holocaust until the war was over. Those who knew kept their mouths shut to avoid becoming victims themselves.

We may asked ourselves: "Could a man like Hitler come to power in our

United States?" No, I do not believe he could. Our nation has powerful safeguards in the form of our Constitution, our governmental structure, free speech and the media watchdog.

I truly believe that the real threat to our freedom lies in steady decline of our moral values and in the forgetfulness of how richly our land has been blessed. We know that morality cannot be legislated. Nevertheless, moral values are of vital importance to millions of our fellow citizens.

Morality is inseparable from a good conscience that guides our minds and our actions. If one's conscience becomes seared for various reasons, his judgment of right and wrong may become blurred or indifferent. Statistics reveal that freedom is often equated with the right to conduct oneself without obligation or accountability.

Certain laws have become more permissive, perhaps ambiguous, in recent years. They are no longer a true indicator of what is morally right or wrong. I am thinking specifically of the abortion issue, which has claimed some 35 million victims so far.

I wonder if someone could tell me

**■ GUEST COLUMN**

why there should be such a difference between the stacked bodies of innocent Jews, murdered in the Holocaust, and the stacked bodies of unborn babies, many of them able to survive, but killed in OUR holocaust.

I wonder if somebody could look me in the eye and tell me that a partial birth abortion is not murder. How can anybody ram a pair of scissors into the neck of a partly born baby, which is seconds away from drawing its first breath, and insert a tube to suck out the brain? Yet, these things are done every day in our United States with permission of the Supreme Court.

I remember that the Nazis were hanged in Nuremberg for committing atrocities like that. Hitler did not want the Jews around - so he killed them. Babies are killed because they are not wanted either.

When a majority of Congress voted to abolish the partial birth abortion, our president vetoed that decision.

Ernest Mehrl is a Plymouth Township resident.

## Charter school promises haven't been kept, so bad schools should be closed

I've been telling you so. Despite the glossy promises Mackinac Center and Gov. John Engler made about charter schools, the benefits haven't appeared. To correct the governor's campaign slogan: "Promises made, promises broken."

The notion of charter schools, as developed by the Regional Laboratory for Educational Improvement of the Northeast in 1988, was to liberate good teachers and free them from the rigid dogma of school boards and educationists. There would be innovations in curriculum, more parental choice, improved learning for motivated students. Rah, rah, rah.

Two scholarly reports on Public School Academies, commissioned by the Legislature, tell us that PSAs, or "charter schools," have fallen short, for the most part. Again, I remind you that not all charter schools are bad; about one-fourth have better MEAP test scores than the traditional public schools in the surrounding community.

But failures exceed successes. Engler was cheered twice in his State of the State address when he agreed with President Clinton that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools - or shut them down." An honest governor would start shutting down many of the 137 incompetently run, unimaginative, low-performing, low-paying charter schools.

Public Sector Consultants Inc. (PSC) of Lansing and Western Michigan University reported back Feb. 18 on the first four years of the charter experiment. PSC's report made a lot of excuses for the poor performance - they had to struggle to survive - but the patterns showed through in both reports:

**■ Test scores** - "The percentage of students scoring 'satisfactory' at charter schools is lower than at a majority of local traditional public schools," said PSC. It could have bought this newspaper and saved the state \$149,999.50.

When public schools had declining test scores, their enemies shouted this over the airwaves. But when charter schools (as a group) flop, their alibi is that they are just too new and somehow attracted the bottom of the public schools' academic barrel.

**■ Parental involvement** - "Parents had - or exercised - less influence over (charter) schools in the upper grades, and communication with the home was perceived to decline in the upper grades," said WMU. So much for the big fib of "parental choice."

**■ Curriculum** - Michigan got cheated. Instead of getting charter schools that specialize in science or the performing arts, "there are limited innovations being developed and applied in the PSAs," said WMU. Many charter schools hire business management firms and revert to "canned curriculums."

**■ Dropouts** - "On the whole, the PSAs had higher dropout rates than did their host communities." In short, PSAs dumped the



TIM RICHARD

**■ But failures exceed successes. Engler was cheered twice in his State of the State address when he agreed with President Clinton that "all states and school districts must turn around their worst performing schools - or shut them down." An honest governor would start shutting down many of the 137 incompetently run, unimaginative, low-paying charter schools.**

problems back into the traditional public schools.

**■ Personnel management** - WMU found "extensive nepotism in employment of relatives" and "high rates of attrition among teachers, students and even principals," said WMU.

**■ Organization** - Instead of motivated teachers and concerned parents starting charter schools, the biggest group of applicants came from the ranks of private schools, with only a "handful" from public schools.

**■ Church and state** - Charter schools are supposed to be like public schools, with no "established" religion. Yet PSC noted that ministers often were among organizers, and WMU quoted students as saying "this is a Christian school," though leaders denied any proselytizing. Many of us still suspect charter schools are a subterfuge for fundamentalist parochialism.

**■ Minorities** - "Thus there is support for those who argue that the charter schools are skimming and increasing segregation ... there is a clear trend toward fewer and fewer minorities in the PSAs," WMU said.

**■ Finances** - Charter schools moan that they don't have capital and startup costs. Yet they get the same \$5,600 per pupil as do public schools, but they often don't offer expensive high school courses, school lunches, transportation, special education, enabling them to turn a \$1,000-per-pupil profit.

Engler should keep his promise and shut down the bad ones.

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LETTERS

**Hillary for Senate?**

One Clinton holding political office is one too many of socialist persuasion. Hillary of government medicine infamy showed the woman to be of hard core collectivist mentality. Her vilageization and globalization diatribes outline a litany of socialist goals suggesting a one-world arrangement that Gore and fellow travelers only faintly allude to. Environmental fantasies are enough to keep Gore's less than facile brain occupied, but he does know that United States unilateral obedience to lowering gas emissions would help the liberals lead to a hellish Armageddon here on earth. No, Hillary as a socialist senator would not be any less one-world oriented than she is as a first lady.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

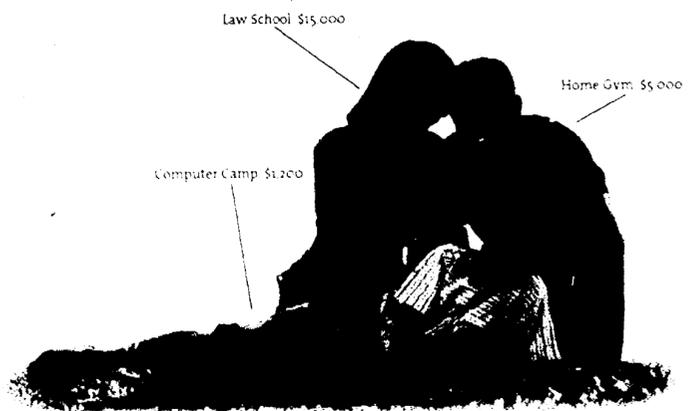
**Farewell to the circus**

It looks as though the circus in Washington is about over, the question is, what did it accomplish, if anything? Important government business has waited on the back burner while this fiasco dragged on, almost endlessly it seemed, and nothing was accomplished. The American people should be up in arms over this tremendous waste of public funds. How can we ever have faith in our public officials after this sideshow?

We don't need to bring in the clowns, they're already there. This fiasco will remain in our history for years to come.

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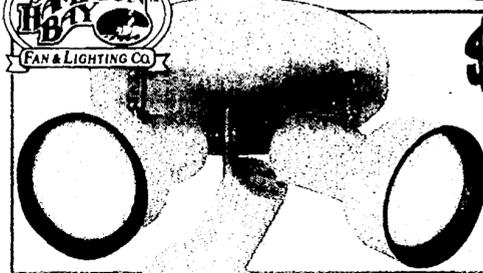
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## COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

### You can script your responses to 'child talk'

If you're a regular reader of this column, you've noticed that I've spent a lot of time talking about children and adolescents who act up and are disrespectful. This topic is dear to my heart because I have seen so many families suffer because one child is disrespectful and rude.

In hundreds of parenting workshops that I've given over the years, I've found that the most popular skit I introduce to parents is the one called SCRIPTS. The idea came to me when I realized that so many parents struggle with the words they should use when their child is belligerent, sarcastic or moody.

In fact, it has prompted me to start writing a book which I very well may title, "Scripts: What To Say When Your Child Pushes Your Buttons."

Children learn their "script" from peers, the media and sometimes even us. When responding to complaints that "The Simpsons," a '90s style television cartoon, is a bad role model, Matt Groening, the creator of the show, replied, "I now have a 7-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy, so all I can say is I apologize. Now I know what you guys were talking about."

Folks in the media business don't care that you see their shows as disrespectful to adults. You haven't seen "The Simpsons" pulled from the lineup, have you? In fact, what children say on television is often highly respected, especially when it makes their parents look bad.

#### Over the years

In Ricker and Crowder's book, "Backtalk," they comment about what has taken place over the last 25 years. They note that children's status has changed because they now have economic and verbal power which they never had before.

"Children are now considered smarter, not to mention more amusing and appealing than adults. Or, to put it even more simply, suddenly to be young is to be powerful ... the mainstream media now shows children as adorable savants who are given the last word in most verbal exchanges."

You have no doubt heard these pearls of wisdom come out of your children's mouths? "You are soooooo uncool." "You're a poopy. I hate you." "Get a life, Dad." "You can't make me." "Oh, give me a break." "Duh, mother." "You call this food?" "Whatever!" "You are so stupid."

I'm sure your list could go on and on. But these are fighting words and don't deserve to be tolerated by anyone.

My book will highlight situations that occur in most households. It will help parents with the words that convey. "Talking like that doesn't fly in this house."

#### Share your script

If you would like to share a script with me that is appropriate, controlled and respectful, e-mail me at [downsj@mail.resa.net](mailto:downsj@mail.resa.net) and I will consider using it in the book.

Please remember that scripts like, "I'll show you who's boss ... you say that one more time and I'll knock your head off" only convey to the child that I must exert my power and control by yelling, screaming and threatening.

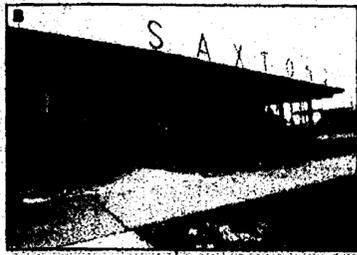
The best scripts tell the child what you won't tolerate and what the consequences are for that behavior. They are said in a disengaged businesslike voice.

In the meantime, you may want to read the book, "Backtalk." It has many good recommendations in it.

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A. The Godwin-Flora home on Warren Road near Morton Taylor Road in Canton is believed to have housed slaves seeking freedom. Staff Photo by Paul Hurschmann



B. One identified stop is a home that was located where Saxton's Garden Center now stands at 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Staff Photo by Paul Hurschmann



C. Nankin Mills in Westland is rumored to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. Staff Photo by Bryan Mitchell

D. A historical marker on Warren Road near Riverbend Apartments in Westland lists the achievements of Marcus Swift who reportedly supported abolition. Staff Photo by Elizabeth Carnegie



# ALL ABOARD

## Underground Railroad stations remain shrouded in secrecy

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The Underground Railroad was kept a secret so there's very little documentation of it in this area. But rumors, research and even stories from area homeowners have led to speculation that the railroad passed through western Wayne County.

"There's a lot of rumors where the underground railway was. It was not legal, so it was a secret," said Jo Johnson, chairwoman of Westland Historical Commission. "There's nothing we can document. We work on it, but it's very hard to document because it was secret, it was not legal. They could get in trouble if they were caught."

"We're sure there was some Underground Railroad station in this area which was then Nankin Township."

The Underground Railroad was a group of houses and churches that helped escaped slaves find freedom in the northern United States and Canada from 1830 to 1861.

One of the rumored sites is Nankin Mills on Ann Arbor Trail west of Merriman Road in Westland.

"Usually, if they had a station and it was in Westland, it was near the Rouge River," Johnson said. "They used to transport them down the river to the Detroit River and across to Canada."

"The other rumor was that Glode Chubb was a part of it. He lived originally around Warren and Hix and then he moved down to around Venoy and Michigan Avenue. Of course, down at that end of town, you have the Lower Rouge."

Chubb, a minister, and Marcus Swift were part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an organization that supported the freedom of slaves. A historical marker honoring Swift's accomplishments sits on Warren Road east of Merriman Road near the Riverbend Apartments.

Their participation is hearsay, however, Johnson explained.

#### Sporadic documentation

Documentation of Underground Railroad activity in Livonia also is sporadic.

"I'm in the process of going through a Kingsley genealogy," said Suzanne Daniel, chair of the Livonia Historical Commission. "I know I've read in one spot there was one of the girls in the family who told of remembering as a child of waking up and discovering that the parents were part of the Underground Railroad."

The Joseph Kingsley family lived near Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh Road.

"That's the only one I've had any real positive (identification)," she said. "There have been things said about some of the other houses, but we've never had anything in writing that would come close to confirming (it)."

Greenmead Historical Village houses the Society of Friends Meeting House that may have been used to help slaves seek freedom in Canada.

"The Quakers probably were involved in the underground because that was one of the things they did all over the country," Daniel said. "They were very much in favor of the slaves being set free and I'm sure they did everything they could to help bring that about."

A reddish brick home, known as the Godwin-Flora home, sits near the corner of Morton Taylor and Warren roads in Canton Township. It looks nondescript, but homeowner Jamie Flora found something that proved otherwise.

"When Jamie Flora, who owned it, did the renovation, they found a secret area in the basement; it definitely was something that was not real easy to see," said Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township trustee, planning commissioner and vice chair of the Historic District Commission of Canton. "In it they found some small artifacts, some old newspapers and there was other bits and pieces of things that led them to believe that this house may have

been a stop on the Underground Railroad because the little cubbyhole that they found would have been big enough for a couple of people to get in there and hide until they could get out again."

#### Sign of a 'station'

According to the book "Plymouth at the Time of Lincoln," two tall pine trees signified a "station." Local legend has it that the Brink farm on Ann Arbor Road near Ann Arbor Trail was a stop. Another identified stop is a home that once stood in the current location of Saxton's Garden Center at 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

McLaughlin explained that there were several signals that identified a safe house like, perhaps, a quilt hanging on the line, or a lamp in the window.

"There were even some old Negro spirituals, songs that they sang, that if you were actually decipher the code, knowing what we know now, were used to communicate directions to people to get to Canada," McLaughlin said. "Like crossing the big water or whatever, those were code words about going across to Canada."

Once the slaves reached a safe house, they were sheltered, fed and given warm clothing.

"People didn't have a lot of money and a lot extra to give, but they would probably give them something. They would rest up and things in a safe place and then they would be on their way at night," McLaughlin explained.

But still, information is sketchy. "Again, there's just not a lot known other than what's been passed down through oral history through the black families," she said. "There may have been more than one person who was housing people. They moved people around a little bit in order to keep nosy neighbors off track."

"They were hunted down with a bounty on their heads in many cases. Back then, people didn't have a lot of money and if somebody was offering money, that was a pretty big incentive to turn somebody in."

#### Traveling on the Railroad

For the many African Americans who lived in the Slave States prior to and during the American Civil War, the Underground Railroad provided them the opportunity and assistance for escaping slavery and finding freedom.

No one knows exactly when it started, but there were isolated cases of help given to runaways as early as the 1700s. And by the early 19th century, there were organized flights to freedom, with much of the early help provided by Quaker abolitionists in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

One of the most curious characteristics of the Underground Railroad was its lack of formal organization. It was locally organized and had no real center. It existed rather openly in the North and just beneath the surface of daily life in

the upper South and certain Southern cities.

Where it existed, the Underground Railroad offered local service to runaway slaves, assisting them from one point to another. Operations generally relied heavily on secret codes as railroad jargon alerted "passengers" when travel was safe. Runaways usually commuted either alone or in small groups, and were frequently assisted by African American and white "conductors" who risked their lives and property to escort refugees to freedom.

Among the "conductors" was Harriet Tubman, who escaped from the eastern shore of Maryland in 1849 and became known as "Moses" to her people when she made 19 trips to the South and helped deliver at least 300 fellow captives and loved ones to freedom.

## March is the month to celebrate parenting



Ouida Cash

BY OUIDA CASH  
GUEST COLUMNIST

While being a parent is the most-challenging and important job you'll have in your life, it doesn't come with a neatly organized job description or field manual. Parents are "on call" 24 hours a day, attending to sniffling noses, fashion crises, scrapes, bruises and broken bones, transportation, teen angst and more.

While you carry out your wildly varied job duties, you must also be flexible, loving, supportive, even-keeled, firm and patient, patient, patient! And for all this work and patience, a celebration

has been planned in your honor. Please join with me and thousands of other Michigan parents in commemorating Parenting Awareness Month.

Seven years ago the state legislature declared March as Parenting Awareness Month to celebrate people who are raising children, to show the importance of good parenting to a child's well-being, to promote parenting education, and to encourage everyone to participate in the lives of all of our children.

With March just a few days away, I ask you to reflect on your role in a child's life, find a way to celebrate your parenting successes, and reward your good parenting by taking time to learn or teach a new parenting skill.

Here are some suggestions to help you celebrate Parenting Awareness Month:

- Start a Family Fan Club - Each week, sit down with your family and have everyone write down three things he or she likes about each family member.

- For variety, select another task, such as making cards or posters together to give to a family friend or relative. End the Family Fan Club activity with

something fun, like eating pizza or going to the park.

- Read about parenting - While many of your parenting skills are experience and by following your own solid instincts, parenting resources can provide you with tips and ideas you may not have thought of.

- Read parenting books or magazines, check out a parenting Internet site, or talk to a friend about how they deal with parenting challenges.

During the month of March, professionals from Starfish Family Services will be writing each Thursday about various parenting topics in the Observer Newspapers.

- Read their articles for insight into getting kids to cooperate, raising kind and courteous kids, being an effective advocate for your child, and keeping your cool with your kids.

- Treat your child and yourself - Playing with your children is just as important as teaching values or enforcing safety rules. Fun time with your child creates a warm and caring relationship. Whatever you

**'Still Roaring'**

**At Mercy High School: Becca Surowiec of Livonia, a senior at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, gets in the spirit for the school's 20th annual auction, "20 ... Still Roaring," which will be Saturday, Feb. 27. The evening starts with a 5 p.m. liturgy in the chapel, followed by nine silent auctions at 6 p.m., strolling supper, live auction and entertainment by the Mercyaire, Mercy Mimes and members of the Mercy Pep Band and String Orchestra. Tickets cost \$75 per person and are available by calling the school's special events office at (248) 476-8020, Ext. 253.**

**Suburban West BPW to meet**

The Suburban West Business and Professional Women will gather 6 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the Holiday Inn at North Laurel Park and Six Mile, Livonia.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and a presenta-

tion by Mary Lis, Dearborn BPW president, on "Women on the Move: College Is an Option." There also will be a Hearts Desire auction.

For more information, call Eunice Taylor at (734) 254-9617.

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do together, make sure it's your child's choice - whether it's a favorite game or a trip to the mall.

Also, make time for yourself and your own interests. Take care of yourself by reading a good novel, taking a long bath or going out with friend. Self-pampering may feel indulgent, but in reality it makes you a better parent.

As we celebrate Parenting Awareness Month, take time for yourself and your family and don't forget to celebrate your successes as a significant person in a child's life.

*Ouida G. Cash has committed the past 29 years to improving the lives of children and families in Michigan. She is chief executive officer of Starfish Family Services, a private, nonprofit organization with 21 programs that serve 10,000 children, individuals and families each year in southeastern Michigan.*

**Internet sites for parents**

There are a variety of Web sites on the Internet that provide resources for parents and those who work with parents. Many provide links to other sites. Here's a few you can visit:

- 50+ Great Sites for Kids and Parents - [www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/50.html](http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/50.html)
- Children's Defense Fund's Parent Resource Network - [www.childrensdefense.org/prn.html](http://www.childrensdefense.org/prn.html)
- Family Village (for families whose members have disabilities) - [www.familyvillage.wisc.edu](http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu)
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- Parents as Teachers (PAT) National Center - [www.patnc.org](http://www.patnc.org)
- National Center for Fathering - [www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com)
- Raising Today's Teens - [www.raisingtodaysteens.org](http://www.raisingtodaysteens.org)
- Facts for Families - [www.aacap.org/web/aacap/factsfam](http://www.aacap.org/web/aacap/factsfam)

**NEW VOICES**

**Kirk and Julie Albert** of Canton announce the birth of **Adam Michael** Nov. 19 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Barbara Gunther of Westland, Leo and Sandra Albert of Canton and Ed and Judy Hewrick of Livonia. Great-grandmothers are Doris Lydy of Bear Lake, Mich., and Reba Phillips of Port Huron.

**Michael William and Angela Denise Richards** of Westland announce the birth of **Michael William Richards III** Oct. 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Charles and Nancy Wells, and Louise Richards, all of Romulus, and the late Michael Richards.

**Patrick Anthony Marsden** of Biloxi, Miss., and **Amber Renee Kurtz** of Westland announce the birth of **Jacob Anthony Marsden** Oct. 20 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Roseanne Marsden of Detroit and Linda Scholl and Steve Scholl of Westland.

**Steven Rafalko and Tammy Tarrow** of Garden City announce the birth of **Chuck Allen Rafalko** Nov. 28 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has seven siblings - Heather, K.C., Ashley, Kayla, Destiny, DeVin and Eric. Grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Todd of Westland.

**John Korzek of Canton and Sheila Torres** of Westland announce the birth of **Selena Marie-Lynn Korzek** Oct. 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a step-sister, Kayley Baumia, 3. Grandparents are Rick and Diana Torres of Westland and John and Sandy Korzek of Canton.

**Dan and Gina Lackey** of Garden City announce the birth of **Caitlyn** Dec. 1 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Corey. Grandparents are Raymond and Sharon Kidd of Wayne and Rick and Sandy Lecki of Manchester, Mich.

**Craig and Melissa Plants** of Westland announce the birth of **Kayla Nicole** Oct. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rea of Altoona, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plants of Mercer, Pa.

**Mike and Michelle Campbell** announce the birth of **Cassie Marie** Nov. 22 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Dan and Lynn McKindles of Westland, Ken and Sandi Muna of Howell and Beverly and Ray Campbell of Dearborn.

**Brian Jordan and Jennifer Carroll** of Westland announce the birth of **Brianna Lee Jordan** Nov. 2 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Brant Carroll, 3. Grandparents are Denise Cox of Northville, Steven Cox of Detroit and Debra Pierce of Westland.

**Jason and Wendy Londeau** of Redford announce the birth of **Stephanie Marie** Nov. 30 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a sister, Erin Lynn. Grandparents are Robert and Martha Londeau of Redford.

**Jeffery Spurr and Colleen Aden** of Garden City announce the birth of **Brianna Jamie Spurr** Nov. 4 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are William and Joanne Spurr of Manchester, Gloria and Fred Cameron of Garden City and Harry and Barbara Johnson of Livonia.

**Michael and Carie Goodsell** of Canton announce the birth of **Noah Michael** Nov. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Larry and Sharon Goodsell of Livonia and Irvin and Charlotte Armstrong of Garden City.

**Michael Allan and Alisha Faith Loveday** of Wayne announce the birth of **Kather-**

**ine Joy** Nov. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jasper and Mary Rice, Sueallyne Loveday and Ona Loveday, all of Westland.

**John and Karen Clemmons** of Westland announce the birth of **Ryan Ashley** Nov. 28 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Howard and Joyce Taylor of Canton, Maureen and David Jeffery of Westland and Donald and Reba Clemmons of Canton. Great-grandmother is Obeth Pack of Plymouth.

**Benjamin and Jennifer Kegler-Shively** of Walled Lake announce the birth of **Kayla Brie** Nov. 15 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Kegler Sr. of Burlington, Mich., formerly of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Firth of Redford.

**Ryan and Stephenie Duncan** of Westland announce the birth of **EmmaLeigh Michelle** Dec. 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two brothers, Ryan Blake Miller and Dustin Anthony Miller. Grandparents are Ken and Donna Duncan of Inkster and Doug and Karen Freeman of Swisher, Iowa.

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**WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

**Holzerland-Pedersen**

Marilyn Crane of Livonia and O. Mark Holzerland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Ann Holzerland, to Todd Bergk Otto Pedersen, the son of Raymond and Mary Pedersen, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed at the Comerica Operations Center in Livonia in the research and adjustments department.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1991 graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in architecture. He is employed at United Parcel



Service as a driver.

An October wedding is planned at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

**Clappison-Meler**

Frank D. Clappison of Farmington announces the engagement of his daughter Gretchen Lynn, to Jason Edward Meier, the son of Jerald and Mary Meier of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Janice Clappison, is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business. She is employed at Campbell-Ewald Company as an accounting manager.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is currently attending Wayne State University's master of business administration degree program. He is employed by Federal Mogul as a corporate accounting analyst.



A July wedding is planned at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

**Visser-Ammons**

Stephen Mark Visser and Amy Beth Ammons were married Feb. 6 at St. Michael Lutheran Church by the Rev. David Woodby.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Beth Ammons of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Arlene Visser of St. Louis.

The bride is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids with a degree in elementary education.

The groom also is a graduate of Calvin College with a double major in business and chemistry.

The bride asked Kristina Tilly, Katie Vanden Bosch, Kelly Visser and Leanne Henrichs to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Michael Dam, Rusty Schulchter, Stephen Gintz and Jeffrey Ammons to



serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom before leaving on a wedding trip to Jamaica.

**Brown-Graham**

Carolyn Brown of Westland announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Christine, to Richard B. Graham Jr., the son of Richard Sr. and Sandra Graham of New Castle, Pa.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late James W. Brown Jr., is a 1986 graduate of Cherry Hill High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Host-Marriott at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Neshannock High School and a graduate of Akron University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is employed by R.A. Staffco as a manufacturer's representative.



A September wedding is planned at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dearborn.

**Gorecki-Francis**

Casimir and Stella Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Helen, to Michael David Francis, the son of Carl and Judy Francis of Owosso.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed by Anderson Consulting.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Corunna High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed by Printing Services in East Lansing.

An April wedding is planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.



**Bialobrzkeski-Barnes**

Timothy and Maria Bialobrzkeski announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Marie, to Kevin Frederick Barnes of Farmington Hills, the son of Susan Barnes of Kalamazoo.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance. She is employed by Comerica Bank as an investment fund analyst.

Her fiancé is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in materials and logistics management. He is employed by the



Ford Motor Co. as a material control supervisor.

A June wedding is planned at St. Priscilla Catholic Church.

**Lee-Bros**

Richard Lee and Aleta Lee of Evansville, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Lee, to Robert Bros, the son of John Bros of Livonia and the late Mary Ann Bros.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Indiana University and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is employed as an attorney by Teligent, a telecommunications company.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University's master's program. He is employed as an engineer by the Ford Motor Co.



A May wedding is planned.

**Tomes-Webb**

Dennis and Sandra Tomes of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Regina Sylvia, to Richard Paul Webb, the son of Paul Webb of Belleville and Barbara Cubberly of Brooklyn, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School. She is working at the family-owned business.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Belleville High School. He also is working at the bride-to-be's family's business.

An August wedding is planned at Laurel Chapel in Livonia.



**Piacentini-Kozar**

Richard and Norma Piacentini of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cher Danielle, to Matthew Robert Kozar, the son of Robert and Jeanette Kozar, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in computer graphics. She is employed by Parisian as a full-time sales associate.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

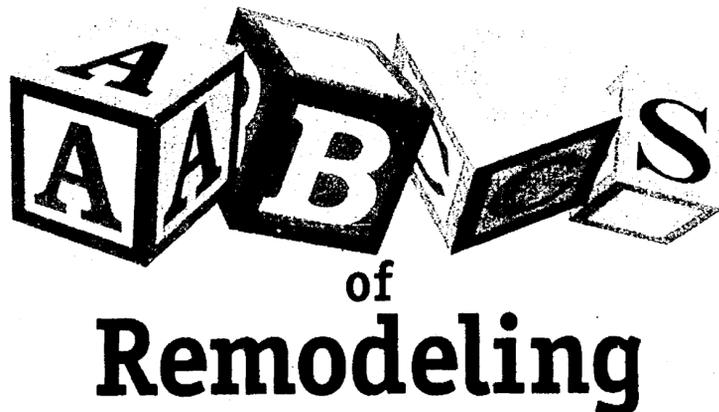


in Dearborn.

A May wedding is planned at St. Edith Church in Livonia.

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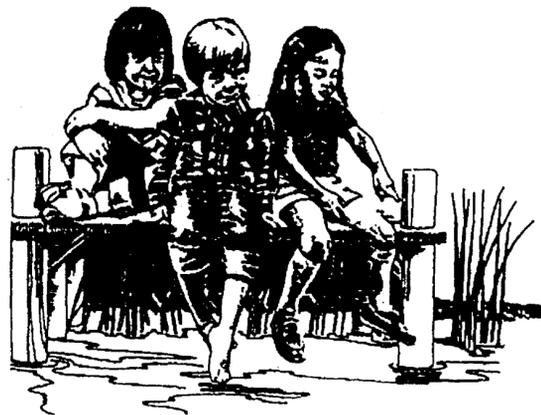
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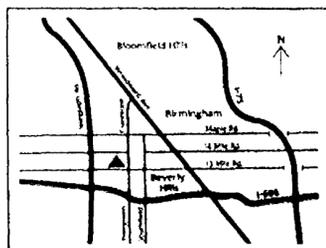
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### RAILROADIANA

Buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church at 32500 Palmer 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.

### MARATHON BINGO

Fourth District Ladies Auxiliary will have a marathon bingo noon to 6 p.m. March 13 at VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road. Snack bar will be open. Call Bessie Bell at (734) 326-3323.

### 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.

### RECOGNITION BANQUET

VFW Post 3323 and ladies auxiliary will hold their annual policeman and firefighter recognition banquet and dance at the post home, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, on April 17. Tickets are \$12.50. Public is welcome. Call (734) 728-7405.

### COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club is planning a country western jamboree with entertainment by Sherman Arnold and Interstate Band with tribute to Elvis and C.J. performing Neil Diamond for Saturday, April 17, at Local 735 UAW Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave. in Canton. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$20 a person, \$35 a couple, \$15 a retiree or senior citizen. For tickets call (734) 729-8681.

## 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 book sale during regular library hours at the library.

## WESTLAND CENTER

### WALKERS CLUB

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

## AT THE CHAMBER

**JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR**  
The third annual jobs and careers fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center.

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

## RECREATION

### RECREATION AND FUN

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

### FIGURE SKATING

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

## VOLUNTEERS

### ASSISTED LIVING

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

## SCHOOLS

### RESOURCE CENTER

The Family Resource Center is offering two upcoming parenting classes. "Smart Discipline and Combating Peer Pressure" will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School, 32150 Dorsey in Westland. Registration required by calling (734) 595-2279. "Dealing with Your Spirited Child" will be 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, April 13, 20 and 27, at Hamilton Elementary School, 1031 Schuman in Westland. Cost is \$5 a person. To register call (734) 595-2279.

### MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

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

### SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

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

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a 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) 728-3659.

### GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is

required. Call Kelli at (734) 519-7708.

### 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. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy 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, 4:50-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

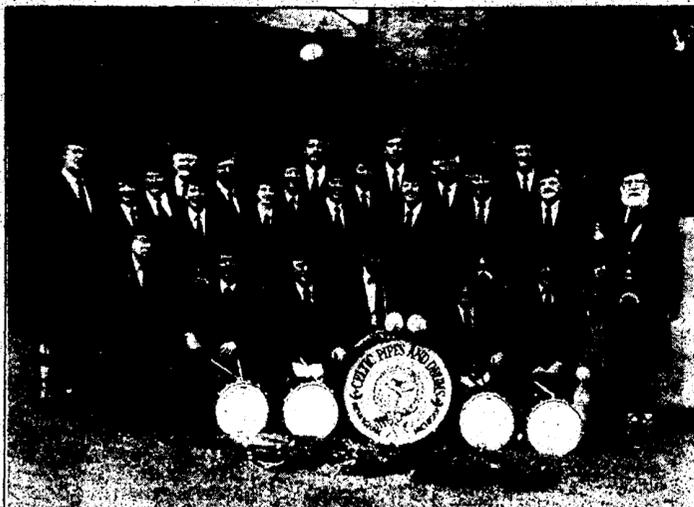
### MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

### LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, is planning its annual spring open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

## Spring ball



**Community Foundation event: The Westland Community Foundation's Third Annual Spring Ball will feature Irish entertainment including Celtic Pipes and Drums, Finvarra's Wren with Irish Dancers and dance music by Marty Viers and the Music Doctors. Dinner/dance tickets are \$100 per person which includes a raffle ticket for the ball which begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland. Call (734) 595-7727 for reservations.**

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.

## FOR SENIORS

### HEARING CHECKS

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

### GOLF CLASS

The Westland senior citizen Friendship Center will offer 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. Wednesdays, March 10 through April 28. The class will include lectures, hands-on instruction and student participation. Call (734) 722-7632. Class is limited to the first 10 members who sign up.

### TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department Friendship Center is offering three trips to Tiger games this year: Tigers vs. St. Louis Friday, June 4; Tigers vs. Yankees, Thursday, July 8; Tigers vs. Angels, Friday, Aug. 13. Cost is \$25 a person a game. Leave from the Friendship Center at 5 p.m. Games begin at 7:05 p.m. Return to the center between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sign up at the front desk. First 23 seniors to register.

### SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started. The choir meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

### EXERCISE

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

### TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration

of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

### CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinocle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

### MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

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

### WORK REFERRAL

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

### DYER CENTER

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

## CLUBS IN ACTION

### WESTLAND ROTARY

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

### SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines

International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style and has begun preparations for an annual competition in May. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

### CHADD

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

### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly: Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Suzanne at (734) 728-4377.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

### HEARING IMPAIRED

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

### SCREENINGS

Free breast and Pap screenings are available at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center, on Annapolis west of Venoy in Wayne. Appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 467-5555 for early registration.

### AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics In Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. Call (248) 647-0400.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are 8:30-9:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays at Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 6254 Inkster Road in Garden City. Call Woody, (734) 776-3415.

## CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by fax to 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

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# Dinner-dances benefit hospice care, cancer research

Looking for an evening of good food, good entertainment and a chance to have the highest bid on fabulous get-aways or sports memorabilia?

It's not too late to get tickets for Leukemia, Life, Research Inc.'s Evening of Hope "Around the World" dinner-dance and Community Hospice and Home Care Service's St. Patrick's dinner-dance and auction, both slated for Saturday, March 6.

More than 1,000 guests are expected to fill Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh, Livonia, to help LRL raise \$75,000 at its 18th annual dinner-dance.

The gala will start at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction, featuring a selection of sports memorabilia and travel and entertainment packages that will be sold to the highest bidder. The sit-down dinner will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by the always-popular dessert table and dancing.

Serving as honorary chairman for the benefit is Detroit Lions place kicker Jason Hanson, with Rich Fisher of WKBD/UPN-50 co-anchor, Lila Lazarus of WDIV-TV and Mark Hayes of WXYZ-TV serving as the masters of ceremony. Tickets for the dinner-dance

cost \$85 per person. VIP tickets (tables of 10 only) are priced at \$1,500 per table. Tickets are available by calling Eileen Surma at (313) 581-5647.

Proceeds from the event will support pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan and benefit children with cancer "around the world."

LRL got its start in 1981 when 10 people got together with the idea of making a difference. Now, the state-licensed 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is the largest single contributor to cancer research at Children's Hospital and the only orga-

nized group raising money to study pediatric cancers.

A totally volunteer fund-raising group, it has raised more than \$2 million for research through benefits like the Evening of Hope dinner-dance.

Wearing of the green isn't mandatory, but organizers are promising an evening of old-fashioned Irish fun at CHHCS's seventh annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The cocktail reception and auction preview will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by a traditional Irish dinner at 7:30 p.m.

and the entertainment, live and silent auctions and dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets cost \$50 for supporters, \$75 for sponsors, \$125 for benefactors and \$1,000 for corporate tables (10 dinner-dance tickets, bottle of champagne at the table and full page advertisement in the program).

For tickets, call (313) 581-5647. For VIP tables of 10, call (313) 884-0931.

Community Hospice and Home Care Services, with offices in Plymouth and Westland, provides services to terminally ill patients and their families in western Wayne,

southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw counties.

The dinner-dance is a major fund-raiser for the agency. It was started by members of St. Aidan's Catholic Church to honor their friend, Bill Nilan, who died in 1992. CHHCS provide care for Nilan, who died just 2 1/2 weeks after being diagnosed with brain tumors.

In past years, the benefit has raised close to \$50,000, earmarked for the agency's proposed Hospice Home, an eight-10-bed residence to care for incurably ill people who have nowhere to go or no one to care for them.

## Time is running out to stock up on Girl Scout cookies

Haven't got your Girl Scout cookies yet?

Scouts belonging to the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council are working at cookie booths now through Friday, March 12.

Cookies cost \$3 per box. This year's varieties include Thin Mint, Caramel DeLite, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Pattie, Shortbread, Lemon Pas-

stry Creme, Five World Cinnamon and Upsidedown Frosted Oatmeal.

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council serves 15,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties, and parts of Oakland and Wayne counties.

For more information, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-

SCOUT, Ext. 216.

Scouts belonging to the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are selling eight varieties of cookies - Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos, a reduced fat Apple Cinnamon Lemon Drop and Striped Chocolate Chip and Pecan - through March 28 at booths at area banks, grocery stores and other locations throughout most of Wayne and Oakland counties.

The cookies cost \$3 per box. They can be ordered by calling the Cookie Hotline at (800) 326-0309, Ext. 297.

Cookies also go on sale at the council's Girl Scout Shop on the first floor of the Fisher Building, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, on Friday, March 5, and members of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council's executive staff will sell Thin Mints, Samoas and Tagalongs as part of Corporate Cookie Days 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, March 5 and 26 and April 16.

Corporate Cookie Day sites are the American Center in Southfield, Detroit Edison, St. John's Hospital, Children's Hospital the Fisher Building, New Center One Building, Buhl Building, Cadillac Tower and 211 W. Fort, all in Detroit, Brookfield I and III in Farmington Hills and



Speaking up: Selected as 1999 Girl Scout Cookie Sale spokespersons of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are Amy Witkowski (left) and Katie Hoff, both of Livonia, and Bridget McCann of Redford. The girls have the job of giving radio, newspaper and television interviews and representing the council at Cookie Sale events.

## Resource center offers 2 programs for parents

The Family Resource Center is offering two programs for parents, beginning next week.

"How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and How To Listen So Kids Will Talk" will be offered on Monday evenings for four weeks, beginning March 1.

The program will be held 7-9 p.m. at the Family Resource Center in Lincoln Elementary School, 33800 Grand Traverse, Westland. The cost is \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. Registration is required.

The second program, "Parent Support for the ADD Child," will be offered 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Wednesdays, beginning March 3, at P.D. Graham Elementary School, 1255 S. Hix, Westland.

The 6-week program is a networking and education group for parents of school-aged children. The cost is \$5 per person and registration is required.

Child care will not be available for either program. To register, call the resource center at (734) 595-2279.

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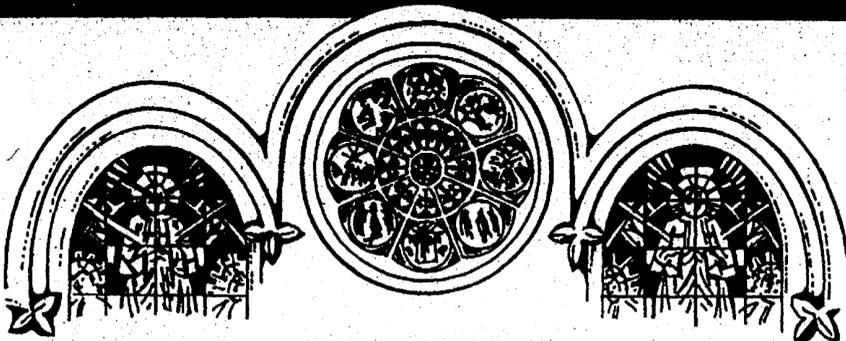
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RELIGIOUS NEWS

# Convention challenged by stewardship

Delegates to the 165th Episcopal Diocese of Michigan annual convention will be challenged to look at their personal giving as well as the stewardship of the church when they gather in Detroit this weekend.

The Right Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr., who will preside at his last diocesan convention, is leading the delegation, representing 97 churches. The convention will be held at historic St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary during 1999.

During business sessions, convention delegates will elect diocesan officers, consider six resolutions and view the wares

of 38 exhibitors. The stewardship theme will be presented in skit form by The Friends of the Groom, a Christian drama and education group.

Delegates will be asked to affirm the tithe as their personal standard of giving. Since 1982, the national Episcopal Church has affirmed the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for Christians, and prior conventions of the Diocese of Michigan have also supported the standard.

Four worship services will highlight the convention. Two 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with healing services are planned for Friday and Saturday; prayers and necrology (remembrance of those who have died)

will take place at 11:45 a.m. Friday, followed by an organ concert at 12:15 p.m. And evening prayer will end the convention at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

Wood, the ninth bishop of Michigan, announced his intention to retire at last year's convention after 10 years as bishop and called for the election of a bishop co-adjutor. The bishop co-adjutor will be elected in October and will become the 10th bishop of Michigan.

Wood was elected bishop co-adjutor in 1988. He brought more than 30 years of experience in the Episcopal church in the midwestern United States.



Rt. Rev. R. Stewart Wood Jr.

will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogi, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For information, call (734) 464-1222.

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

■ Sacred Heart Church will have a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Second-hand children's clothes, baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be \$1. For information and table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

**LENTEEN PROGRAMS**  
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Lenten dinner and program Sunday, March 7, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The potluck dinner (there is a small cost for meat, coffee and milk) will be at 6 p.m., followed by the Youth Choir cantata, "What Wondrous Love," at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

■ St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 7, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. and participants should bring their place settings and a dish to pass. The performance of "KJB and the Family Tree" by the High Hands Puppet Ministry will be at 7 p.m. Registration is required. For information, or to sign up, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?**  
An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (734) 729-4411.

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

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 3-10 years of age. Proceeds will fund repair of the church carillon. For more information, call the church at (734) 427-3660.

**LENTEEN STUDY**  
St. James Presbyterian Church will have a Lenten study, following the novel, "A Skeleton in God's Closet" by Paul L. Maier, 11:30 a.m. Sundays, following church services. A series, called "Silent Witnesses," will be the theme for Lenten services 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. St. Paul's is at 24350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

**THE GATHERING**  
Losing hope? Do you feel your life is becoming unglued? Come to the Gathering 6 p.m. Sundays at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call Sonja at (248) 474-3444.

**CONGREGATION SKATE**  
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will have an afternoon of roller or in-line skating Sunday, Feb. 28 and March 28, at the

Skating Station II, Joy Road between Haggerty and Lilliey, Canton. Skate times will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$4.50 plus \$2 skate rental. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-2424.

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE**  
Musician and singer Lynnelle Pierce will perform at the 9:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Church of the Savior, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Pierce will share portions of her "Go Light the World" concert. A voluntary collection will be taken to support her ministry. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1062.

**FRIEND SERVICE**  
A service to celebrate the gift of friendship will be presented 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Praise Chapel Church of God, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland. "Friend Day" will include special music, a "human" video performed by John Ascencio, Tom Goins, Travis Goff and Cindy Goins, production director, and a message on friendship delivered by the senior pastor, the Rev. Ron Schubert. For more information, call the church at (734) 467-4818.

**PRaise AND WORSHIP**  
Dan Bergen and his son and daughter, Nicholas and Alicia,

will minister in a program of praise and worship, featuring vocal, piano, saxophone, violin and drama, 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

Bergen has been in concert and church ministry for more than 20 years. He blends contemporary worship song with great hymns of faith to draw participants closer to the Lord. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.

**LENTEEN SERVICES**  
Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the general theme of "Only Jesus." Each service will be followed by a fellowship time and light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

**NEW BEGINNING**  
Warren Gilbert will discuss the "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at St. Matthew's Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**  
Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have their World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago, Livonia. Participants are asked to bring donations of hygiene products. Reservations for childcare can be made by calling Norma Roberts at (734) 591-2127.

**FISH FRY**  
St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and April 2, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. The menu

## St. Paul's launches new lecture series

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia is launching a new lecture series designed to present the best speakers in Christian Scholarship and those whose secular scholarship would have value to the Christian church.

The William F. Whitledge Lecture Series is named in honor of the Rev. Dr. William Whitledge who served as the pastor of St.

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Dr. Richard Osmer, the lecture series' inaugural speaker, will speak at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 7. He will also give two lecture and a workshop Sunday and Monday, March 8.

Osmer was raised in Greensboro, N.C., and attended the University of North Carolina, where he graduated magna cum laude. He also studied at the Harvard Divinity School and Yale Divinity School.

The author of numerous articles and three popular books, Osmer, as chairman of the special general assembly committee, played a central role in authoring the New Presbyterian Catechism.

The committee oversaw the writing of the catechism, the instructional device which relies

on a question and answer format. The Presbyterian church had not authored a new catechism since the 1600s when the Westminster Catechism was written.

Because space is limited, interested people should register early for the lecture. For a brochure on the event, call St. Paul's Church at (734) 422-1470.



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isfying relationship. #2536

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7",
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never married, two daughters
(4 and 9). Seeking clean
SWM, 25-35, for friendship,
possible more. Must enjoy being
around children and
animals. #2456

STOP LOOKING
Cute SWF, 28, 5'5", brown/
blue, seeks active SWM, 28-
36, who enjoys music, animals,
or possible LTR. No games,
no less or N/D/ugs. #2268

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SWM, 25-35, for friendship,
possible more. Must enjoy being
around children and
animals. #2456

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ing, fit, attractive, slim SWF,
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ate enjoys working outdoors ac-
tivities, reading, going on out-
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eling, working out, movies.
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much more. Seeking confi-
dent, average/attractive
SWPM, 25-35, with sense of
humor. #2565

BLOOMFIELD HILLS...
Visionary dreamer, optimist,
musical, sweeter shared, slim,
blue-eyed, blonde, with dis-
tinctive qualities, 5'7", educa-
ted, nifty 50s and financially
secure. Seeking active, gen-
tleman who loves sweet and
warm, 40-60. #2069

FIRE, RADIANCE, LIFE
Visionary dreamer, optimist,
musical, sweeter shared, slim,
blue-eyed, blonde, with dis-
tinctive qualities, 5'7", educa-
ted, nifty 50s and financially
secure. Seeking active, gen-
tleman who loves sweet and
warm, 40-60. #2069

SEEKING TALL MAN
SWF, 5'6", 125lbs,
blonde/blue, nice figure,
seeks funny, down-to-earth
man, 36-42, strong physique,
who can compete in little tips
and downs. #2500

I HATE PICKLES!
SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue,
enjoys music, movies, just
having fun. Seeking honest,
smart male, 23-30, for casual
dining, possibly more. Must
possess nice smile and
friendly eyes. #2690

LET'S START
WITH COFFEE
Widowed WF, 60, 5'1",
blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker,
francially/emotionally secure,
enjoys dancing, theater,
golf, playing cards. Seeking
honest man, 56-64, with good
sense of humor, to share the
good years with. #2500

HONOR AND CHERISH
Never married, attractive, tall,
sincere, honest, Christian
SWPM, enjoys hiking, travel,
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Seeking attractive, slender,
committed, never married
SWF, 30-40, for friendship,
dating, possible LTR. #2539

GOOD THINGS/SMALL
PACKAGES
Well-packaged, emotionally
spiritually and intellectually
petite DPF, charismatic,
adventurous, passionate
about life, likes the sublime to
outrageous. Seeking a SM
for a monogamous relation-
ship. #1997

LOOKING FOR
COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest,
easygoing, very affectionate
DWF, 47, 5'8", brown hair, with
sense of humor, likes the sim-
ple things in life. For friendship,
possible LTR. #2811

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
OBCF, 44, looks 28, green
eyes, enjoys walking, reading,
going to plays, dancing and
basketball. Seeking financially
secure SDBM, under 50, 6+.
Must have God first. Children
ok. #2779

DOCTOR WANTED
Very pretty SWF, mental
health care technician, youth-
ful 48, 5'8", slightly over-
weight, blonde/blue, seeks
attractive SW medical doctor,
40-60, for companionship.
Troy area. #2720

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, easygoing, humor-
ous DWF, 52, 5'5", medium
build, Auburn/green, enjoys
nature, hiking, travel, travel,
travel, cooking. Seeking
honest, caring, kind SWM, 50-60,
who is over the past, ready for
possible LTR. #2415

INTERESTED IN ART?
Pretty SWF, early 40s, seeks
sincere, sensitive, art-minded
SWM, 40-50, for possible
relationship. #2632

IRRESISTIBLE
Intinguing, pretty, passionate
DWF, 44, seeks handsome,
smart, funny, romantic SWM,
38+, N/S, for great one-on-
one relationship. Are you
ready? This could be it! No
games, please. #2633

LOOKING FOR YOU
Easygoing, out-there DWF,
43, 5'10", N/S, N/D/ugs,
enjoys swimming, walking,
bowling, cards, pets, travel.
Seeking honest, loyal
SWM, N/S, N/D/ugs, South
Lyon area. #1713

INCURABLE ROMANTIC
Energetic, perky, kind-hearted
DWC, 43, 5'2", 125lbs,
brown/brown, financially/emoti-
onally secure, enjoys walk-
ing, tennis, cooking, dining
out, movies, seeks SWPM,
late 30s to 40s, for best friend
first. LTR. #2263

PRETTY BLONDE LADY
Refined, giving, loving, educa-
ted, European-born young
60s, 5'5", good figure,
S/DWF, 20-40, for possible
relationship. Kds ok. All calls
returned. #2781

LOVE IN THE NEW YEAR
Attractive, financially/emoti-
onally secure DWF, young 50,
5'4", brown/blue, N/S, enjoys
movies, dining, sports, travel
and romance. Seeking hand-
some, sincere, caring, finan-
cially secure, compassionate
SWM, 45-55, for friendship,
leading to LTR. #2083

COWBOY WANTED
DWF, wants a financially
secure cowboy, 40-50, over
5'9", weight unimportant,
smoker, social drinker. Must
be a two-stepper. #2053

TEDDY BEAR WANTED
SWF, blonde/green 5'6", medi-
cal professional, looking for
teddy bear 45+, with good com-
munication skills who is an ath-
letic event watcher, enjoys win-
ter sports. Good sense of
humor a must. #2821

ITALIAN PRINCE
Fun-loving SWF, 32, 5'8",
brown/yellow, athletic, romanti-
c, energetic, professional,
charismatic, 20-30, 10'4", for possible
serious relationship. #2482

SOFT CHOCOLATE
Handsome SWM, 33, enjoys
suspenseful movies, music,
sports, classic cars. Seeking
kind-hearted, full-figured SWF
for possible relationship. #2967

UNCLAIMED TREASURE
Compassionate, fun-loving,
unique SWF, 31, hand-
some SWPM, 40-45, dark
blonde/large blue, seeks attrac-
tive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S,
with similar qualities, who's seri-
ously interested in a relation-
ship. See you soon. #2954

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
N/S, social drinker,
seeks fit S/DWF, 30-40, who
enjoys outdoors, golf, hunting,
fishing, for possible relation-
ship. #2876

QUIET AND HANDY
Very fit, slim, affectionate
SWM, N/S, social drinker,
bodybuilder, seeks thin, pre-
ty, feminine SWF, 40s to 50s,
into exercising, the sun, and
more. #2963

SEARCHING
Humorous, yet intellectual,
outgoing, active SWM, 40,
5'10", 190lbs, enjoys outdoor
activities, reading, writing,
theater, and movies. Seeking
friendly, outgoing S/DWF, 35-
45, N/S, petite, slim, romanti-
cally minded, for possible relation-
ship. #2974

HANDSOME & BALD
Hard-working SWM, 38, 5'8",
160lbs, homeowner, seeks
S/DWF, 20-40, for possible
relationship. Kds ok. All calls
returned. #2781

LOOKING
FOR BRIGHT EYES
Very caring, attractive, out-
going, young SWM, 46, with a
variety of interests, loves to be
romantic and cook. Seeking
same in petite SWF, 25-35,
with similar interests. #2963

FROM THIS MOMENT ON
Honest, loyal and romantic
DWM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social
drinker, financially/emotionally
stable, sense of humor,
enjoys nature, vacations, love
and you. Seeking female for
possible relationship. Dear-
born Heights. #2781

FREE SPIRIT
Handsome SWM with heart-
and-soul in 60s, spirit in 30s)
seeks beautiful, free-spirited
woman for true friendship,
romance, spiritual enlighten-
ment. #2870

FOR GOOD TIMES
SWM, 40, 5'7", good sense of
humor, likes dining out, cooking,
flying, tennis. Seeking SWF,
slim/medium build, N/S, great
sense of humor, who's ready for
good times. Possible relation-
ship. Don't be shy! #2872

ASSERTIVE
SWPM, 39, enjoys dining,
dancing, movies, theater,
seeks feminine, passionate
SWF, 25-45, for fun and
adventure. #2823

SINGLE IN WEST SIDE
Attractive DWM, 46, 6'1",
185lbs, brown/blue, N/S, light
drinker, enjoys dancing,
movies, music, 60s. Seeking
attractive, slender, honest
SWF, 38-50, who's emotion-
ally ready for LTR. #9724

CANTON
WESTLAND AREA
Cute, educated DWM, 46,
6'3", 190lbs, fit, enjoys travel,
art, fun, adventure, family.
Seeking active, sincere SWF,
35-45, for friendship, possible
LTR. #2593

TALL, HANDSOME KNIGHT
SWM, 40, 6'3", 190lbs, caring,
sensitive, affectionate, sensual,
athletic, very intelligent, seeks
princess, 30-45, for romance
and relationship. Must have
compassionate, understanding
heart and are physically fit. Let's
talk soon. #2772

TALK TO MY DAD
Warm, kind, sensitive down-
to-earth DWM, 40, 5'9",
brown/hazel, custodial parent
of two, social drinker, enjoys
cooking, Cedar Point, camp-
ing, socializing. Seeking
DWF, with kids, for compan-
ionship, serious relationship.
West Bloomfield. #2272

HUMOROUS
Fun-loving SWM, 42, 5'2",
195lbs, blonde/hazel, good lis-
tener, likes kids, travel, water
sports, rock music. Seeks WF,
30-45, for relationship. #2637

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Open-minded, warm-hearted,
full-time father of a beautiful
little girl, seeks warm-hearted
female, 30s, with a smile to
fit our day, to share lakes,
travel, snowmobiling, and
workouts. Nov. #2360

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SWF, 25-45, for fun and
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heart and are physically fit. Let's
talk soon. #2772

OLD-FASHIONED...
down-to-earth, secure, wid-
owed BCM, 47, 6'4", 220lbs,
father of twins, likes movies,
walking, martial arts, cooking.
Seeking an attractive, young
female, 35-40, for possible LTR.
Must have God first. #2442

HANDSOME & OUTGOING
Outgoing, charming, funny,
very attractive SPM, 24, 5'10",
160lbs, seeks fun-loving
female in Canton area. #2417

SEARCHING FOR THE ONE
Good-looking, honest, intelli-
gent SWCM, 44, 5'10",
165lbs, blonde/blue, N/S,
never married, with good
sense of humor. Appreciates:
class/style, walks, fire sides,
music, and small towns. For
LTR. No games. #2357

GOD, NATURE
AND MY HARTLEY
Care to join me? Attractive, fit,
fun, emotionally/financially
secure DWM, 44, seeks attrac-
tive, fit S/DF, 35-50, for friend-
ship first and hopefully more.
Belief in God a must. #2353

IT'S IN HIS KISS
Nice-looking, intelligent, pas-
sionate, very financially secure
DWM, 40, 5'9", 165lbs, seeks
slender, sensitive woman, who
enjoys spirited conversation,
casinos, ocean sunbathes.
Smoker ok. #2352

CAUTION:
DON'T MISS OUT!
WM, 51, secure, honest, 6',
gray/blue, fit, seeks an honest
female, 38-50, for a LTR.
#1163

RED OR WHITE?
Dashing out executive, 45,
wants to send countless roses
and kooky composites to a
blonde, trim, happy lady with no
dependents and lots of
laughs. #2722

READY TO GO
Sweet, sensitive SWM, 30s,
looking for a lovely female to
spend time with and to
share. #2634

FIRST TIME AD
SM, 42, 5'11", 245lbs+,
blonde/blue, mustache, seeks
a woman, 28-42, 100-160lbs,
who looks good in jeans or a
dress and is honest. Meet me
halfway. #2359

COMPANION NEEDED
Kind-hearted DWM, 42, 5'9",
145lbs, likes hockey, run-
ning, race cars, music, family
yard sales, looking for active
lady who needs adventure,
loving care. #2355

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DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs,
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music, travel, dining and
romantic, quiet times. New
area. #1695

SEEKS PRINCESS
Start my days, fit my nights
SWM, father of one, seeks
active in shape S/F, 30s, to
share laughter with. Must be
honest, warm hearted and love
chicken. Nov. area. #2904

PILOT SEEKS COPLOT
Well-rounded, high-achieving
handsome, family-oriented
adventurous romantic PM, 34,
5'10", enjoys all seasons out-
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ligent special person. #2907

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Seniors

SINGLE SENIOR
DWF, 63 years-young, 5'6",
blonde/gray, N/S, N/D,
almost retired, loves travel,
fine dining, theater, music.
Seeking intelligent SWM, 60-
65, N/S, with variety of inter-
ests, sense of humor, possi-
ble relationship. #2968

CHECK ME OUT
Outgoing SWM, 62, 5'8",
180lbs, seeks lady that can
travel up north and likes IR
camping and boating. Light
smoker/drinker. #2905

TAKE A CHANCE
French, widowed female
teaches at home 3 days a
week, seeks kind, widowed or
DWM, with good moral char-
acter, who likes to dine out, go
dancing, for friendship, possi-
ble relationship. #2000

LONELY SENIOR
DWM, 68, seeks widowed or
divorced WF for companion-
ship. Enjoy dining out, movies,
plays, concerts. Prefer
Oakland County. #2542

ENJOYS LIFE
SWF, 61, 5'2", blonde, some-
what retired, loves to dance, travel
movies, dining theater, cards.
Seeking SWM, 60-70. Must
dance. Have variety of interests,
sense of humor. No N/S. #2506

GOOD-LOOKING...
SE, 67, 5'4", 115lbs, social
drinker, would like to meet SM
for dining out, movies, some
gambling, and quiet times at
home. #2358

## NFL draft guru gives Brzezinski top rating

Fuel for thought while doing a little internet browsing.

The Sporting News' NFL Draft Watch by Dan Pompei lists former Redford Catholic Central standout Doug Brzezinski of Boston College as the top guard prospect.

Here's the skinny on the 6-foot-4, 305-pound Livonia native:

"A throwback. Hard-nosed blocker with a mean, aggressive streak. Short-area guy who doesn't have great feet. Good size."



BRAD EMONS

Michigan State is riding high in hockey and men's basketball having wrapped up conference titles over the weekend. The hockey team got a stellar performance again from sophomore goal-

tender Joe Blackburn of Livonia Churchill.

The basketball team, of course, has Wayne Memorial's Lorenzo Guess.

But the Spartans also won their first Big Ten men's indoor track title since 1972 over the weekend in Madison, Wis., thanks in part to the efforts of pole vaulter and heptathlete Paul Terek (Livonia Franklin).

The Spartans scored a team-high 107 with Illinois second with 89.

Terek finished second in the pole vault at 17 feet, 3 inches. Ben Jensen, who won the heptathlon, was first at 17-3. Terek added a third in the heptathlon (school record 5,462 points).

Washington State University sophomore pole vaulter Jeannette Martus (Churchill), a transfer from MSU, just set the Cougars' women's school record with an leap of 11-9 1/2 (set Feb. 5-6 at the Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.).

Martus, who was ninth at last summer's Junior Nationals, matched her personal best as a freshman at MSU.

Allison Campbell, Michigan's 1998 Miss Soccer from Livonia Stevenson, had an outstanding freshman year at the University of Tennessee — 17 goals and 12 assists in 20 games. She was named second-team All-Southeastern Conference and third team All-Central Regional by the members of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Schoolcraft's Kevin Melson, scoring 21 points and grabbing 11 rebounds Saturday, hit the game-winning layup with 1.2 seconds left to give host Wright State a 71-69 win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee before 8,205 fans in Dayton.

The 6-foot-6 Melson is averaging nearly 15 points and a team-high six rebounds per game for the 9-17 Raiders.

Something you may have already read.

Honors keep piling up for Wayne State University senior forward Tony Goins, who led the Tartars to a 22-4 overall record, top 10 national ranking and a 16-3 record and the South Division title in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Goins was named GLIAC Player of the Year and Canton Township's Ron Hammye, the Tartars' head coach, Coach of the Year.

The 6-6 Goins, who prepped at Westland John Glenn, is the Tartars' all-time career scoring leader with 1,809 points. He also leads Wayne State in points for the season (614), scoring average (19.8 per game), rebounds (5.9 per game) and blocks (22).

The Tartars begin their quest for their third GLIAC title at 8 p.m. tonight against Saginaw Valley State at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek. Saginaw Valley features former Wayne High standout Richard Rashad, who played on a pair of the Zebras' Final Four teams.

Things you may not have heard or seen.

The combined record of the three Livonia basketball teams — Stevenson (5-12), Churchill (4-13) and Franklin (1-15) — adds up to 10-40, or a total of four wins in the Western Lakes Activities Association in 33 tries.

Wonder if anybody on the Livonia

Please see EMONS COLUMN, C6

## Central spoils Patriots' title bid

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Central's volleyball team is on a mission.

Part of the mission was accomplished Monday night with a methodical 15-11, 15-6 victory over gallant Livonia Franklin in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game.

"My kids are on a roll," Coach Mike Lindstrom of Walled Lake Central said, "and they're feeling good about what they're doing."

"They (Franklin) had a little ceremony for their two graduating seniors and it was nice."

"We've got seven seniors. And they've made up their minds that this is their year. They worked hard."

The victory left the Vikings 10-0 in WLA regular season play, 39-8 overall heading into tournament action.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

"We didn't play as well and as consistently as we have in the past," Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel said. "But Walled Lake Central gets credit for that."

"We both seemed to struggle with our serve. But they capitalized on our mistakes and we weren't able to capitalize on theirs."

Franklin finished its first season with Diegel at the controls with a 9-2 WLA mark in a 29-11-1 season.

Central pulled away from a 6-5 tie in the second game, scoring three straight points. Franklin pulled to within 8-6 but Becca Saldana served a pair of aces in a four-point run during which Amanda Mendenhall had two kills — one while flat on her feet.

Mendenhall's service ace wrapped

up the match.

"We knew it was going to be hard," Lindstrom said. "We watched their Salem match and they lost the first game in that one."

"We told our kids not to let up after the first game; that those Franklin kids keep coming at you."

Saldana missed just one of 52 sets and had 28 assists. She was 10-for-10 serving.

Mendenhall paced the taller Vikings with 15 kills, being successful on 19-of-24 attacks. Leah Douglas had eight kills, missing on only two of 14 attempts, and also had four blocks and nine digs.

Amanda Yaklin had 10 digs for Walled Lake Central was 9-for-11 on service. Douglas went 10-for-11 serving.

"The second match, with the exception of service, we played better volleyball," Lindstrom said. "I've got a

lot of respect for Franklin. Mary Helen is doing a good job."

Andrea Kmet had nine kills for Franklin in 22 attacks and also went 11-for-13 in serve-receive. Tera Morrill had seven kills in 18 attacks, served three aces and was perfect in serve-receive.

Alexis Bowman went 11-for-12 in digs while Lindsay Duprey was 7-for-8 in service receptions.

Nicole Boyd had three kills in 12 attacks while Lyndsay Sopko had 44 sets and 18 assists.

"I couldn't be happier or prouder," Diegel said. "We worked through our growing pains and we played hard in every match."

"It's a tribute to our team to be 9-2. This is a very difficult conference."

"Each player came up big several times. That shows a lot for a young team."

## Lutheran Westland stops Clarenceville

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Joan Ollinger could feel a sense of urgency entering Tuesday's Metro Conference volleyball test with first place Livonia Clarenceville.

"They knew this was an important match," said the Lutheran Westland girls volleyball coach. "Especially after the losses to (Lutheran) East and Kingswood. Those were two matches they felt they should have won."

On paper, maybe this was one the Lady Warriors shouldn't have won.

But Lutheran Westland played spoiler, handing Clarenceville its first conference defeat of the season in eight matches, 15-7, 10-15, 15-11.

The two teams could very well face off again Saturday in another pivotal matchup when the Metro Conference Tournament is hosted by Macomb Lutheran North.

"We have to learn the difference between being confident and cocky," said Clarenceville coach Alisha Love, who lost top front row player Kristina Skrela to a knee injury early in the opening game. "I'd rather go in with a clean slate at 8-0, but maybe it's better to have a loss because we've become too comfortable and dependent on certain players."

The two teams couldn't be more different.

Lutheran Westland relies on serving, blocking and big hitting from its tall quartet of 5-foot-8 Stephanie Lynch, 5-11 Rebekah Hoffmeier, 5-11 Sarah Marody and 5-10 Anna Schwecke.

Clarenceville counters with a smaller, quicker lineup predicated on defense led by senior Danielle Sledz and junior setter Nicole Kasperian.

With the 5-9 Skrela sidelined much of the match, the Trojans had no player taller than 5-5.

"In the past Clarenceville has had a good offensive team," Ollinger said. "But I know they lost most of their

offensive players. We did a lot of defensive work this week."

In the first game, Clarenceville jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but Lutheran Westland scored 15 of the next 18 points to take a 1-0 advantage.

In the second game, Clarenceville erased a 7-0 deficit with a nine-point run and continued to dig balls off the floor and keep the Lady Warriors off-balance.

The result was a 15-10 victory to even the count at 1-1.

"Jenny Kennedy came in and gave us some good serving and defense," Love said. "And Nicole (Kasperian) doesn't normally get to play a lot of defense, but she played like a maniac."

"And Rachael Koerneke played good aggressive defense."

Clarenceville had leads of 4-0 and 11-9 in the third and decisive game, but Lutheran Westland stormed back behind the play of Lynch, who finished the match with an ace, her sixth of the night.

"She has a nice, hard-low serve which is really difficult to receive," Ollinger said of Lynch.

For the match, Lynch finished with four kills and three blocks. Marody added six blocks and six kills, while Schwecke finished with four aces and four kills. Hoffmeier and 5-10 Hana Hughes each had two blocks.

The Warriors also got solid play from passers Karie Azzopardi (10 good sets) and Katie Heiden.

"Don't take anything away from them and give them the credit, but we did not give them anything to block," said Love, whose team is 30-12-3 overall. "There were a couple of rotations where we didn't have an attack at all without our primary hitter. Sledz led Clarenceville with five kills, 21 digs and one ace. Sophomore Ashley Pearson contributed 16 digs and two kills. Kasperian added four aces, eight assists and two kills. Vera Skrela finished with a four kills."

Lutheran Westland, which finished



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Netscape: Lutheran Westland's Anna Schwecke (left) tries to block Livonia Clarenceville's Danielle Sledz during Tuesday's Metro Conference encounter.

6-2 in the Metro, now could be a favorite to win the tournament title on Saturday.

"We're really going to have to work hard to keep our place," Ollinger said. "It's there for us if they want to. We're

a good team when we have good chemistry, communication and good passes. It all depends if our heads are together.

"They're good athletes and I'm looking for good things to come."

See volleyball roundup on page C3

## District at Edgar Arena pits top teams

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### PREP HOCKEY

A champion in the Class A hockey district No. 7 at Livonia's Eddis Edgar Arena won't be crowned until next Wednesday, but it's tempting to have the awards ceremony after the final horn tonight.

The district opens at 8:30 tonight with a marquee matchup: the state's No. 1 ranked team, Redford Catholic Central, against the next-highest ranked team in the district, No. 5 Livonia Stevenson.

The winner, some suggest, is the "unofficial" champion or at least the overwhelming favorite to win the five-team district and advance to the regionals.

But it might not be so cut and dry.

Redford Unified, 19-3-2 overall and tied with Clarkston at No. 10 in Class A, will play the CC-Stevenson winner at 5:30 p.m. Friday in a district semifinal. Waiting on the other side of the bracket could be red-hot Livonia

Churchill, which meets Livonia Franklin in the other district semifinal at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

The Chargers, 13-7-4 overall, ended the regular season on a five-game winning streak and have perhaps the state's top sophomore goaltender, Ryan McBroom.

That's why nothing's conceded until the real championship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. As they say, it's one game at a time.

"I think we're as ready as we're going to be," said CC coach Gordie St. John, whose team won a Michigan Metro Hockey League championship and is 22-1-1 overall. "Stevenson is a very strong team, talented, and will give us all we can handle. It's got a rivalry to it. It's two schools out of the same area. The team that makes the fewest mistakes will win."

St. John calls the district one of the best in the state. RU finished second

behind Stevenson in the Suburban High School Prep Hockey League standings and also shares ice time with CC at Redford Arena.

Those variables make Stevenson and CC rivals of RU, according to St. John. Churchill, meanwhile, could be the wild card the way it's played lately in front of McBroom.

"No matter who RU plays (CC or Stevenson) it will be a very intense game," St. John said. "And McBroom can win it by himself. You never can discount a guy who is real good between the pipes. That Churchill team is on fire."

Stevenson coach Mike Harris said Monday he's glad the Spartans drew CC in the opener, because he "wants to see how good we are. They're the number one team and that's what we hope to have: quality competition. I know we're going to get that. (But) I think we're better."

The Spartans won the SHSPHL and finished the regular season 19-2-2 overall after Tuesday's 5-3 win over

Birmingham Brother Rice.

CC has won two state titles in St. John's five years as coach but the Spartans have three of the top four point getters in the SHSPHL, led by John May with 21 goals and 21 assists in 14 games. Tim Allen (13-17) and Mark Nebus (12-18) have 30 points each.

David Moss (18-15) and Todd Bentley (15-18) lead CC in Metro play with 33 points each. Senior Keith Rowe has 29 (10-19).

"This time of year, just drop the puck," Harris added. "It's two great teams playing. No. 1 against 5, and we're underdogs, have nothing to lose."

"It's going to come down to goaltending and who wants it more. I don't have a top line, I have 20 guys that love the game and are ready to play."

Each team has used a two goaltender rotation in recent weeks and hasn't decided on a starter as of Monday. The Spartans have used Kevin

Please see DISTRICT HOCKEY, C2

# Chargers dump Troy, 6-2

Livonia Churchill capped the regular season with five straight wins including a 6-2 prep hockey triumph Saturday against host Troy Unified.

The Chargers enter Friday's Class A district clash with a 13-7-4 overall record.

Churchill led 1-0 after one period on Aaron Jakubowski's on a rebound from Chris Galatis.

The Charger then took a 4-1 lead after two periods.

Adam Krug scored from Cook at 3:52; Jason Turri from Tom Sherman at 5:58; Galatis on a redirect from Chuck Leight at 12:26.

Dave Bull got Troy on board at 7:16.

Churchill added two more on the board in the third — Cook on a rebound from Sherman and Derek Martin at 4:26, and Sherman from Nathan Jakubowski at 10:52.

Todd Reibling scored on an unassisted breakaway for Troy at 6:44.

Ryan McBroom was in goal for the Chargers.

"This was our fifth straight win and our fifth straight game with only four penalties or less," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said.

**• STEVENSON 5, BROTHER RICE 3:** Livonia Stevenson outshot Brother Rice, 32-10, but it took a spectacular four-goal night by Mark Nebus to overcome the Warriors.

The Spartans held a 3-2 lead after the first period, with Nebus scoring twice and assisting on John May's goal, and outscored the Warriors, 2-1, in the second period. The third period was scoreless.

Ryan Sink assisted on Nebus' first tally while May and Mike Nebus assisted on his second. Both Nebus brothers assisted on May's goal.

Brendon Peters scored for Brother Rice to cut the margin to 3-1, with assists by Erik Meier and Sean Clark. The margin was 3-2 when Clark scored, assisted by Meier.

## PREP HOCKEY WRAP

Stevenson hiked its lead to 4-2 when Nebus completed his hat trick to open the second period scoring. Jason Gildersteeve and Jon Katulski drew the assists.

Brother Rice countered with a Jason Tooles goal off an assist by Jim Healy.

Nebus notched his fourth goal to round out the scoring. Willie Wilson and Dan Cieslak assisted on the score.

Harris had Kevin Marlowe in goal for the first two periods and he faced half the Warriors' shots. Chris McComb worked the third period and faced the other five shots.

Stevenson finished the regular season with a 19-2-2 record.

**• REDFORD CC 6, F.H. CENTRAL 2:** Redford Catholic Central wrapped its regular season with a win Monday over previously-undefeated Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at Redford Arena.

The Shamrocks, 22-1-1 overall, outscored Central, 6-1 in the second period after a 1-1 tie through the first 15 minutes.

Sophomore Ben Dunne played the first 2½ periods in net, surrendering three goals. Andrew McCoy played the remaining minutes.

Senior Keith Rowe scored two goals and Todd Bentley, Pat O'Dea, Brad Holland, David Moss, Joe Hillbrand and Joe Moreau scored one goal each.

Nathan LeWarne, Ryan Yost, Holland and Rick Buttery had two assists apiece. Brandon Kaleniecki, Moss, Jim Spiewak, Moreau, Rowe, Chris Morelli, Dunne and Erik Hawkins contributed one each.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 2-1, in a non-league game at Redford Arena.

CC scored two goals in the second period after a scoreless first period. Dunne gave up one goal in the third.

Holland opened the scoring, assisted by Bentley and Moss. Kaleniecki scored the second goal, assisted by Yost.

FINAL SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
South Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Livonia Stevenson	15	0	0	30
Redford Unified	13	2	1	27
Dearborn Unified	10	4	2	22
Livonia Churchill	9	6	1	19
Northville	6	8	1	13
W.L. Western	5	10	1	11
W.L. Central	4	12	0	8
Livonia Franklin	3	12	1	7
Farmington Unified	2	13	1	7

**OVERALL RECORDS:** Livonia Stevenson, 19-2-2; Redford Unified, 19-3-2; Dearborn Unified, 15-5-3; Livonia Churchill, 13-7-4; Northville, 10-10-3; Walled Lake Western, 8-14-2; Livonia Franklin, 6-17-1; Walled Lake Central, 7-14-2; Farmington Unified, 5-17-1.

**LEAGUE SCORING LEADERS**  
 1. John May (Stevenson), 21 goals/21 assists/42 points; 2. Brent Hojnicki (Dearborn), 17-15/32; 3. (tie) Tim Allen (Stevenson), 13-17/30; Mark Nebus (Stevenson), 12-18/30; 5. (tie) Dave Sellin (Redford), 13-14/27; 7. Tony Sola (Franklin), 15-11/26; 8. (tie) Dan Cieslak (Stevenson), 19-6/25; Joel Halliday (Redford), 15-10/25; Derek Lipps (Dearborn), 14-11/25; 11. Ryan Sinks (Stevenson), 10-15/25; 12. Sean Nappo (Northville), 11-13/24; 13. Jaon Moul (Redford), 6-17/23; 14. J.J. Price (Redford), 7-15/22; 15. Chris Williams (Stevenson), 5-15/20; 16. Dan Cook (Churchill), 9-10/19; 17. Rob Ryan (Northville), 10-8/18; 18. Mike Zienterski (Stevenson) 4-13/17; 19. (tie) Mike Murphy (Western), 9-7/16; Marc Olin (Northville), 8-8/16.

**LEAGUE GOALTENDING LEADERS**  
 1. Chris McCómb (Stevenson), 7 games played/0.86 goals against average; 2. Kevin Marlowe (Stevenson), 8/1.00; 3. Ryan McBroom (Churchill), 12.67/2.13; 4. Eric Pagel (Redford), 10.33/2.42; 5. Josh Block (Northville), 8.5/2.47; 6. Brad Spencer (Dearborn), 11.1/2.61; 7. Joe Roe (Redford), 5.67/3.7; 8. Chris Garbutt (Franklin), 9.7/3.81; 9. Rex Trott (Western), 12.86/4.04; 10. Mike Vittore (Central), 12.95/4.4.

# Whalers in 1st

Tied for first.

That must sound pretty good to the Plymouth Whalers, especially in a season like this, in which three teams have pretty much dominated the Ontario Hockey League — so much so that a single loss can be devastating.

Two weeks ago, they went into a weekend series against London and Oshawa with nine losses in 53 games. By the end of the weekend, however, they had 11 defeats and were in third place in the overall OHL points race.

But it's difficult to stay perfect. Ottawa, which had been atop the OHL points ladder since Christmas, has stumbled a bit; now the 67s are two points behind (having played one less game) Plymouth and Barrie, which both have 91 points.

That two-loss weekend didn't bother the Whalers for long. After crushing the Toronto St. Michaels Majors 7-0 Thursday, they stopped Erie 5-1 Saturday in Erie and the London Knights 4-2 Sunday at Compuware Arena.

The weekend wins boosted Plymouth's record to 44-11-3; Erie is 25-27-4 through the weekend, and London is 28-28-3.

The win over the Knights was particularly sweet, after they had blasted Plymouth 6-2 in London the previous Friday. David Legwand was the Whalers' catalyst, scoring two goals and assisting on the other two.

The game was tied at 2-2 through two periods, but Eric Gooldy scored 47 seconds into the final period to put Plymouth ahead. Jason Ward got the clincher at 9:54 of the period.

Legwand had an unassisted goal in the first period and scored with assists from Ward and Gooldy at 17:48 of the second. Ward had two assists in the game.

Robert Holsinger turned away 22 shots to earn the win. Gene Chiarello made 37 saves for the Knights. Rico Fata and Jay Legault each had a goal and an assist for London.

In Saturday's game at Erie, Plymouth rode a 3-0 first period to victory. Jared Newman, Damian Surma and Ward all scored in less than a two-minute span as the Whalers pounded Otters' goalie Corey Batten with 22 shots, while Erie had just three.

The Otters' Paul Harvey narrowed the gap to 3-1 at 11:09 of the second period, but goals by Plymouth's James Ramsay and Harold Druken finished the period — and the Otters.

Druken and Newman both had a goal and an assist, and Adam Colagiaco had two assists for the Whalers. Batten faced 47 shots in the game, making 42 saves; Rob Zepp made 18 saves for Plymouth.

This weekend, the Whalers have home games against Kitchener at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Windsor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS				
East Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Ottawa 67s	43	11	3	89
Belleville Bulls	34	18	6	74
Peterborough Petes	35	21	1	71
Oshawa Generals	31	23	4	66
Kingston Frontenacs	17	38	3	37
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	43	10	5	91
Sudbury Wolves	21	30	7	49
North Bay Centennials	19	33	6	44
Toronto St. M. Majors	17	34	5	39
Miss. Ice Dogs	2	49	3	7
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	44	11	3	91
Sarnia Sting	31	21	5	67
SSM Greyhounds	30	22	5	65
London Knights	28	28	3	59
Windsor Spitfires	18	33	6	42
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	36	19	2	74
Owen Sound Platers	33	21	5	71
Erie Otters	25	27	4	54
Kitchener Rangers	18	34	5	41
Brampton Battalion	7	49	3	17

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Marlowe and Chris McComb while the Shamrocks have gone with Andrew McCoy and Ben Dunne the last several weeks after using Dunne almost exclusively earlier.

RU coach Pete Mazzoni is happy with a first-round bye but knows Stevenson, which has beaten the Panthers twice already, and CC are huge tests.

"I'm happy CC and Stevenson have to play each other first," Mazzoni said. "One will have to

knock the other out."

RU has a balanced lineup that includes senior defenseman Dave Sellin and forwards Joel Halliday and Jason Moul.

"Most coaches would be happy to have those three on their team," Mazzoni said. "We're going to have to play our best game. The kids feel real comfortable and confident about playing our 'A' game to beat whoever."

Churchill lost both games with Stevenson in the regular season

and is 4-1-3, in non-league games, including a win over Trenton.

Franklin, 7-14-2, is a heavy underdog, especially with the Chargers playing so well of late.

"With the state playoffs on the horizon the Churchill team is starting to play with a greater sense of urgency than maybe what you've seen us playing during the league schedule," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We're playing our best hockey

and they're having fun coming to the rink. We're starting to jell. Everybody is working hard. We use non-league games as a marker. I'm happy with what I've seen in those games."

Mazzoni is also leary of Churchill, which lost twice to RU.

"Churchill has really been improving the last couple weeks, played a tough non-conference schedule and McBroom is an outstanding goaltender," Mazzoni said. "If they win their game (against Franklin) whoever they play (in the finals) I wouldn't be surprised if they won."

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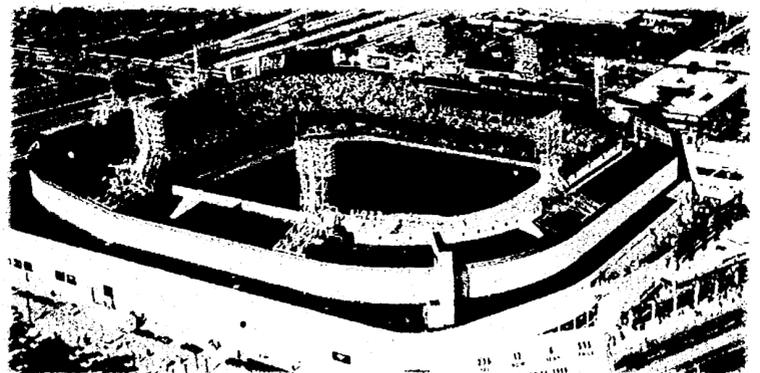
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**WEEK AHEAD**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Thursday, Feb. 25  
 (6:00 p.m. Playoffs at Dearborn)  
 Cabrini vs. Southfield, 6 p.m.  
 Brother Rice vs. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 26  
 Franklin at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
 Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
 Ann Arbor at Thornton, 7 p.m.  
 Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.  
 Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.  
 Luth. W. at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
 Huron Valley at Harper Woods, 8 p.m.  
 (Western Lakes Playoffs - 2nd Round)  
 Northville at W.L. Westwood, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
 Harrison at Ft. Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 27  
 Borgess at Muskegon Hts., 6 p.m.  
 Sunday, Feb. 28  
 (CISL Finals at US's Outlets Mall)  
 C-D Division final, noon  
 East-West final, 2 p.m.  
 Central-AA final, 4 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**DISTRICT TOURNAMENT FINALS**  
**CLASS A**  
 at LIVONIA'S IDEAR ARINA  
 Thursday, Feb. 25: (A) Livonia Stevenson vs. (B) Redford Catholic Central, 8:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Feb. 26: Livonia Churchill vs. Livonia Franklin, 5:30 p.m.; Redford United vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 3: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Trenton regional final Saturday, March 6 at Kennedy Arena vs. Trenton district champion.)  
**at PLYMOUTH'S COMPUWARE ARINA**  
 Friday, Feb. 26: (A) Bloomfield Hills Lusher vs. (B) West Bloomfield, 5 p.m.; (C) Southfield Unified vs. (D) Birmingham Unified, 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 27: Farmington Unified vs. Birmingham Brother Rice, 11 a.m.; A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 1:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, March 2: Championship final, 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the University of Detroit Jesuit regional final Saturday March 6 at City Sports Arena in Detroit vs. Grosse Pointe South district champion.)  
**ORTLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
 Saturday, Feb. 27  
 Ply. Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7 a.m.  
 Sunday, Feb. 28  
 Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
 Thursday, Feb. 25  
 Huron Valley at Det. Urban, 6 p.m.  
 Saturday, Feb. 27  
 Ypsilanti Invitational, 8 a.m.  
 UM-Dearborn Tourney, 8:30 a.m.  
 WLAA Tourney at Northville, 9 a.m.  
 Metro Tourney at Luth. North, 9 a.m.  
 TBA — time to be announced.

**INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP**

**CC, Stevenson qualify bundle**

Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson were the dominant schools in last Saturday's Division I individual district wrestling tournament at Troy High School.

CC, boasting three district champions, will send nine back this Saturday for the Troy regional. Stevenson, also getting three firsts, will have an eight-member contingent.

The district featured 14 schools from three different counties. The top four finishers in each weight division advance to the regional.

At 103 pounds, Stevenson took one-two as Josh Gunterman won by injury default in the finals over Joe Moreau (shoulder).

Gunterman, 4-0 on the day, defeated CC's Chris O'Hara in the semifinals, 9-0, while Moreau downed Eric Stratemiel of Troy Athens, 9-1.

Stevenson's Dustin Obeid took the 125-pound title by pinning Justin Dutkiewicz of Hazel Park in 3:44.

Brian Barker (160) also took first with a 9-1 decision against Reuben Goodman of Berkley.

Stevenson's Imad Kharbush (130) pulled an 8-7 upset against Western Lakes Activities Association champion Scott Aubrey of Walled Lake Central before losing to Mario Bastiane of Troy Athens in the finals, 9-3.

Stevenson also got two through at 171 pounds.

Mike Radley reached the final before losing to Chris Alagan of Sterling Heights, 17-11. Teammate John MacFarland added a fourth.

Stevenson's final qualifier was Zack Yafai at 119.

CC was led by heavyweight Casey Rogowski, who pinned Michigan State football signee Joe Tate of Southfield-Lathrup in 3:08. Rogowski, the defending state heavyweight champion, has been undefeated over the past two years.

Mitch Hancock (152) pinned Kevin Harrington of Birmingham Brother Rice in

3:32 to earn first. CC's other first was by 215-pounder Brocc Naysmith, who won by injury default against Jack Gitler of Berkley.

At 189 pounds, John Abshire advanced, but was edged in the finals to E.J. Nemer "Kais of Sterling Heights, 10-9.

CC's third-place finishers included O'Hara, Sean Bell (140) and Ryan Zajdel. Bell defeated Mike Stauch of Warren Mott, 13-2, while Zajdel decided Mike Soave of Hazel Park, 7-1.

Freshman Jay Abshire (130) and Jeff Wheeler (135) also advanced.

**Carter, LaPointe 1-2 at S. Lyon**

Livonia Churchill's one-two punch of Mike Carter (145) and Brandon LaPointe (152) made it through at the tough South Lyon individual district.

Carter, unbeaten on the season, went 3-0 on the day capped by a pin in just 25 seconds of Mike Chandler of South Lyon in the finals.

LaPointe came within a point of taking his class, falling to top seed Chris Schuyler in the championship bout, 3-2. LaPointe went 3-1 on the day.

**Clarenceville trio advances**

Livonia Clarenceville is sending three wrestlers to the Division IV individual regional Saturday at Bellevue High School near Battle Creek.

Seniors Dave Lemmon and Walter Ragland and junior Kalan McPherson qualified with top four finishes at the Manchester district.

Ragland was second at 189, while Lemmon (130) and McPherson (215) each finished third.

Among the teams at the district were Hudson, Dundee and Addison, ranked Nos. 1, 2 and 4, respectively in Division IV.

"I think all three have a real good shot to make it to state because our district was so tough," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "My guys have wrestled the best competition out there, nothing but Division I

and II schools all year long and that makes a big difference. The reason I beefed up our schedule is so we can have guys to pull through."

Ragland pinned his first two opponents before being pinned by Hudson's Rich Frees, who took fourth in last year's state meet, in the finals. It took Frees 4:09 to pin Ragland, whose record is now 43-9. He has more than 100 wins in his career.

Ragland pinned Morenci's Todd Tripp in 2:59 and Addison's Adam Stiers in 4:58 en route to the finals.

Lemmon started with a pin of Pittsford's Adam Miller in 2 minutes, 44 seconds. He lost to Napoleon's Derek Spiess, 11-4, but defeated Hudson's Cory Butts and Eriemason's Jon Brusseau, by identical scores of 5-2 to secure third place.

He'll take a 48-4 record into regionals. McPherson won his first match against Napoleon's Mike Sowle, 7-5, before dropping a 7-3 decision to Blissfield's James Thomas. He secured a trip to the regionals with a 9-6 win over Addison's Sam Hoskins and a 19-3 technical fall decision over Sowle.

McPherson's record is only 18-5 but that's because he didn't join the Trojans until around the holidays after moving with his family here from Indiana.

"He's been wrestling extremely well," Skinner said. "He's starting to peak at a good time. He wrestled in Indiana, came in right before Christmas break and worked his way right in. Our original 215 pounder got hurt, he filled his spot and kept it ever since."

Wayne Memorial also had two qualifiers — Nate Wensko finished second at 135, while Jon Gregg finished third at 119. Westland John Glenn's Pete Langer was third at 160 pounds.

**Bedford district tournament**

Livonia Franklin's Steve Myslinski (189) and Ryan Shiplett (140) both advanced by taking fourths.

Wayne Memorial also had two qualifiers — Nate Wensko finished second at 135, while Jon Gregg finished third at 119.

Westland John Glenn's Pete Langer was third at 160 pounds.

**INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS**  
 DIVISION I  
 February 26-28  
 Feb. 26 at South Lyon  
 (Top 4 qualify for regionals)  
**Heavyweights:** Ted Gonsky (Northville) defeated Scott Fischer (Livonia), 4-2; consolation final: Charles Harbin (Plymouth) defeated W.L. McClung (Ann Arbor), 2-2.  
**189 pounds:** Tim Bragg (Walled Lake-Lathrup) dec. Dan Chacon (Ann Arbor), 3-2; consolation: Elliott Sears (South Lyon) dec. Chris Kharbush (Livonia), 8-4.  
**135:** John Mervyn (Livonia) dec. Ryan Chrusse (Livonia), 10-4; consolation: Cory Kramer (Livonia) dec. Ron Thompson (Livonia), 10-4.  
**125:** Dustin Obeid (Stevenson) dec. Eric Jones (Livonia), 3-0; consolation: Kevin Artzack (Northville) dec. Rob Ann (Livonia), 4-2.  
**119:** Reggie Terrance (Northville) won by major dec. over Jacob Paterneau (Walled Lake Western), 11-0; consolation: Andy Golden (S. Lyon) won by major dec. over Lucas Stump (Livonia), 13-4.  
**103:** Anark Saran (Northville) dec. Matt Olson (Livonia), 3-0; consolation: Ryan Chamberlain (Livonia) won by injury default over Scott Westfall (Livonia).  
**99:** Paul Bordenkic (Brighton) won by major dec. over Matt Quinn (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 12-4; consolation: Rick Stamm (Livonia) dec. Tom Stanley (Highland-Milford), 11-5.  
**91:** Kevin Neundorff (Livonia) won by injury default over Keith Wood (Brighton); consolation: Chad Neuman (Northville) won by injury default over Dan Scappaticci (Northville).  
**87:** Mike Carter (Livonia Churchill) p. Mike Chandler (S. Lyon), 0-25; consolation: Sean Turner (Livonia) dec. Kevin Stone (Plymouth Canton), 9-3.  
**81:** Chris Schuyler (Livonia) dec. Brandon LaPointe (Livonia Churchill), 3-2; consolation: Justin Lambert (Livonia) dec. Matt Barrett (Livonia), 2-1.  
**75:** Colin Krone (Livonia) dec. Matt Stone (Brighton), 8-4; consolation: Brian Clark (S. Lyon) dec. Robert Domsick (Livonia), 4-2.  
**71:** Norm Wroblewski (W.L. Western) won by major dec. over Chris Kirby (Livonia), 16-2; consolation: Ryan McCracken (Northville) dec. Adam Borah (Livonia), 4-1.  
**67:** Ryan Gies (Northville) dec. Bob Everett (Livonia), 7-5; consolation: Aron Guerrero (Livonia) p. Matt Firby (S. Lyon), 2-59.  
**63:** Nick Vanover (Livonia) dec. Chris Clisnam (Livonia), 8-5; consolation: Pat Quincey (Livonia) p. Tim Zematia (S. Lyon), 4-30.

**Spartans get tuned up for WLAA tournament**

The next point of attack is the Western Lakes Activities Association girls volleyball tournament.

Livonia Stevenson wrapped up its WLAA regular season Monday with a 15-5, 15-10 drilling of Farmington. It now points to the WLAA tournament Saturday.

Stephanie Dulz led the attack for the Spartans with 12 kills. Kate LaBlanc was right behind with seven as Stevenson finished the regular season 29-13-2 overall and 8-3 in WLAA action.

Kelley Hutchins had 20 assists, Kristi Copi served two aces and had two kills. Carly Wadsworth had two kills and a service ace while Cassie Ehlernd had two kills.

**Churchill tops Western**

Livonia Churchill wrapped up its WLAA season Monday with a 15-7, 15-10 victory Monday over host Walled Lake Western as Amy Cadovich and Luba Steca each recorded six kills.

Sarah Hennessey and Fernanda Leite each added five blocks.

Shannon Munn paced the defense with 10 digs and setter Kristin Leszczynski made only two errors.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Huron Valley prevails**

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran defeated visiting Saline Christian, 15-13, 15-10, Tuesday night in a non-league match.

Jessica Whitaker led the way with four kills and two aces as the Hawks raised their record to 10-9 overall.

**Warriors clip Inter-City**

Anna Schwecke served five straight points to win the second game an added five more in the decisive third, leading Lutheran High Westland to a 14-16, 15-10, 15-10 victory over host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Karie Azzopardi added four service points in the opening and served well in the final game for the Warriors, who also received strong serving from Stephanie Lynch.

Bekah Hoffmeier scored the final two points of the match with a block and a kill. Teammate Sarah Marody was also effective up front.

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## COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## McKelvey's triples spur SC

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Derek McKelvey took a liking to his first appearance in the Concordia College gymnasium.

The 6-foot-3 sharpshooter nailed seven 3-pointers en route to a game-high 27 points to lead Schoolcraft College past Henry Ford, 95-84, in the quarterfinals of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association men's basketball playoffs on Wednesday.

The game was moved to Concordia when SC was forced to abandon its home court in favor of the Catholic League playoffs.

SC, now 23-4 overall, meets Western Conference champion Grand Rapids JC, 20-2, in the MCCA semifinals, 5:15 p.m. Friday at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

Meanwhile, Grand Rapids beat Glen Oaks, 63-55, on Wednesday.

McKelvey, a guard from Adrian, has been on target as SC makes its post-season push.

"These were good shooting rims — soft — they give you the bounce," said McKelvey, who nearly matched his career high of eight triples of a year ago.

## MEN'S TOURNEY

"Earlier in the year I was looking mostly to get 'threes,' but now I'm driving more to the basket and things are opening up. I'm learning not to be so greedy."

McKelvey had plenty of help, too, as four other teammates scored in double figures as the Ocelots beat the stingy Hawks for the third time this season.

Point-guard Dave McGlown added 15 points, while Dashawn Williams finished with 14 along with some key second-half rebounds. Chris Colley chipped in with 13, while Lamar Bigby added 10 of his 12 in the second half as SC erased a 42-40 halftime deficit.

"It's tough to beat a team like Henry Ford three times because they're a good basketball team," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "They have good athletes who can put the ball in the basket. Actually they have three or four and that's tough to beat."

With just under nine minutes to go, Henry Ford was down one and had a chance to take the lead, but couldn't get over the hump.

"Our kids stepped up mentally," Briggs said. "And when Derek is making his shots, that means things will open up for Lamar and Dashawn to go the basket."

"Right now we're playing well as a team and I think we're over some of the distractions that hit us the last month."

Henry Ford, which fell to 18-9 overall, was led by Tim Frye's 22 points. Cliff Stewart and Tom Bellino added 18 and 17, respectively. Rob Collins had 15.

"Honestly, we played well enough to win with the exception of four or five key possessions," said Henry Ford coach Gary Nustad, a former Garden City West High standout. "What concerned me is that we made some bad decisions in critical situations and we had some defensive breakdowns as well."

Those lapses occurred when McKelvey, who has signed with Tennessee-Martin, got open for his patented three-pointer.

"We let McKelvey get loose and we knew we couldn't do that," Nustad said. "You've got to get physical with him and knock him around a little bit. We handled him in stretches, but not enough. He's a pure shooter."

## Ocelots escape; MU wins

## WOMEN'S TOURNEY

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team pulled one out of the hat Wednesday in the quarterfinals of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's basketball playoffs.

The Lady Ocelots, riding a 20-game winning streak, erased a 71-65 deficit in the final 2:14 to beat Oakland CC, 73-72, at Concordia College.

Farmington High's Kim Washnock split a pair of free throws with 1.4 seconds left to seal the victory.

SC (25-3) advances to the MCCA semifinals 5:15 p.m. Friday at Glen Oaks in Centreville against Lansing (16-12), which advanced with a 51-30 quarterfinal victory over Lake Michigan.

Samantha Theisen led the Ocelots, now winners of a school-record 21-straight games, with 21 points. Antone Watson and Jackie Kocis added 13 apiece. Washnock contributed 10.

OCC falls to 17-11.

**MADONNA 76, SIENA HEIGHTS 67:** In an opening-round Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament game, Madonna outscored host Siena Heights 8-2 in the final 2:26 to pull away to the victory Wednesday.

The sixth-seeded Lady Crusaders, now 17-13 overall, advance to play top-seeded Spring Arbor (27-4 overall) in Spring Arbor at 1 p.m. Saturday. Siena Heights, the third-seeded team in the WHAC Tournament, finishes

with a 16-15 overall mark.

Superior shooting and rebounding were key factors in Madonna's win. The Crusaders converted 26-of-54 floor shots (48.1 percent) and 3-of-8 three-pointers (37.5 percent), and were 21-of-24 from the free-throw line (87.5 percent). The Saints made 27-of-73 shots from the field (37 percent) and only 3-of-17 triples (17.6 percent). They were 10-of-18 from the stripe (55.6 percent).

Katie Cushman and Chris Dietrich spearheaded Madonna's late surge. A Cushman three-pointer with 4:20 left had pushed the Crusaders' lead to 68-63, but Siena Heights' Dana Falke answered four seconds later to narrow the gap to three. Dietrich then scored (assist from Cushman) and was fouled with 2:26 remaining; she converted her free throw, and Madonna's lead was five once again.

Cushman hit four-straight free throws after that to ice the victory. Cushman finished with 12 points and six assists; Dietrich netted eight points and four assists.

A balanced attack also proved pivotal for the Crusaders. Kathy Panganis led with 17 points, 15 rebounds and four assists; Kristi Florenz (from Plymouth Canton) added 14 points, six boards, three assists and two steals; and Jennifer Jacek scored 12 points (on 6-of-7 shooting).

The Saints were led by Falke with 23 points.

## Cushman sparks Crusaders

Katie Cushman enjoyed her best offensive production in a month and Madonna University withstood a late Siena Heights charge to post an 80-78 victory Saturday at Madonna in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular-season finale for both teams.

The Lady Crusaders took a 16-13 overall record and a 5-9 mark in the conference into the opening round of the WHAC Tournament last night at Siena Heights. The Saints were 16-14 overall, 9-5 in the WHAC.

Madonna, making 6-of-11 three-pointers (54.5 percent) in the first half while limiting Siena Heights to 11-of-29 shooting from the floor (37.9 percent), had a 45-34 halftime lead — thanks in part to Cushman's three-pointer at the buzzer. The Saints kept battling back in the second half, closing to within two on two free throws by Netarsha Napier with 10:33 left and eventually going in front 75-74 on a Leslie Keane basket with 1:44 left.

But that, for all intents and purposes, ended their rally. Madonna got baskets by Melissa Poma and Chris Dietrich and two free throws from Cushman to go back in front; a triple at the buzzer by Ehrika Kaweck supplied Siena Heights with its final points.

Cushman finished with a game-high 25 points for the Crusaders; she also had four assists and

three steals. Dietrich added 15 points (11 in the first half) and four assists, and Kathy Panganis contributed 11 points, 12 boards, five assists and two steals.

The Saints were led by Bevin Malley's 20 points and eight boards. Napier added 14 points and five assists. Jamie Hallenbeck scored 11 points and Kaweck scored 10.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 96, WAYNE COUNTY CC 50:** Samantha Theisen poured in 21 first-half points, including three three-pointers, en route to a 32-point performance in Saturday's regular-season finale for Schoolcraft College at Wayne County CC.

The Lady Ocelots entered the Michigan Community College Athletic Association state tournament as the No. 1 seed from the Eastern Conference, with a 20-game win streak and a perfect 16-0 conference mark (24-3 overall). Wayne CCC is 6-19 overall, 4-12 in the conference.

Theisen's point explosion helped SC put this game away early. The Ocelots led 49-28 at halftime, then outscored the Wildcats 47-22 in the second half, with Stacy Cavin scoring 12 points, Theisen getting 11 and Antone Watson 10 over the final 20 minutes.

Watson added 16, Cavin with 14 and Kim Washnock (from Farmington HS) with 10. Jackie Kocis and Jenni Talbot added nine points apiece.

Nicolia Holston scored 14 for Wayne County.

## S'craft wins regular season finale

When Schoolcraft College and Wayne County CC clashed at Schoolcraft College Jan. 25, it was nothing more than good fortune that saved the Ocelots from defeat as they pulled out a come-from-behind two-point triumph.

On Saturday, the two Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference rivals met again, this time at Wayne CCC.

SC bolted to a 52-31 lead by halftime and cruised past the outmanned Wildcats, 97-71.

Wayne falls to 9-18 overall, 8-8 in the conference.

Accurate shooting was the key factor in SC's victory. The Ocelots converted 34-of-54 floor shots (63 percent), including 10-of-18 three-pointers (56 percent), compared to Wayne's 29-of-68 shooting (42.6 percent) and 4-of-14 on threes (28 percent). Twelve players scored for the Ocelots, paced by Lamar Bigby's 19 points and Dashawn Williams (18 and eight rebounds). Derek McKelvey added 15. Mario

Montgomery contributed six assists.

Wayne was led by Bennie Theriot, with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

**SIENA HEIGHTS 99, MADONNA 63:** The final game of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season was a forgettable one for Madonna University.

On Saturday at Siena Heights, the Crusaders fell behind 52-29 by halftime and never did get on any kind of track. The loss means Madonna enters tonight's 7:30 p.m. WHAC Tournament game at second-seeded Siena Heights as the No. 7 seed; the Crusaders are 8-22 overall, 4-10 in the conference. The Saints are 25-5 overall, 11-3 in the WHAC.

Mike Massey, a freshman guard who was named to the all-WHAC team, led Madonna with 22 points; he also had seven rebounds and two steals. Jason Skoczylas added 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Mike Maryanski netted 10 points and six boards.

The Saints were led by senior forward Dan McKian (from Plymouth Salem) with 18 points, five boards and three blocked shots. Mike Brown and Don Marcero added 13 points apiece, and Jeff Gullekson had 12 points and 10 rebounds.



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# Wayne cagers stun Dearborn

It was a basketball game, but it was also a parade.

A parade to the free throw line in the final few minutes of Tuesday night's 68-55 Wayne Memorial victory over host Dearborn.

The Zebras pulled away from the Pioneers in the fourth quarter with a sleep-inducing 27 free throw attempts.

Visiting Wayne Memorial made 20 of those 27 free throws in the final period and 25-of-35 in the game to raise its record to 7-11. Dearborn is now 14-4 following the Michigan Mega Conference crossover game.

Wayne took a 15-9 lead after one period but Dearborn battled back for a 25-22 halftime lead. The Zebras took the lead with a 15-10 third period.

"It was close until about the last three minutes," Coach Chuck Henry of the Zebras said. "After that it was a foul-fest."

Jamar Davis led all scorers with 26 points for Wayne with Nathan Wade getting 15.

Colin Wilkinson scored 17 to pace Dearborn while Ryan Golem added 10.

The Pioneers only shot 14 free throws in their own gym, making half.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 71, URBAN 67:** A strong first half carried Lutheran High School-Westland past Detroit Urban Lutheran.

The Warriors jumped out to a 24-13 lead after one quarter and were up 39-20, halfway through Tuesday night's non-conference victory.

Lutheran Westland is now 12-5 this season while Urban Lutheran fell to 8-9.

Junior guard Charlie Hpeit slashed his way for 24 points while forward Tom Habitz contributed 16 and Ryan Ollinger added nine.

Host Urban Lutheran got 18 points from Alan Tinsley, a senior guard.

**LUTHERAN NORTH 59, CLARENCEVILLE 45:** Poor shooting doomed the Trojans.

Livonia Christian's Mike Reed just 29-of-58 shots Tuesday night in failing to beat Macomb/Lutheran North.

Sophomore center Scott Wain scored 14 points to lead the Trojans and junior forward Rick Surack contributed 10. David Schwab scored 23 points for Lutheran North to lead all scorers with John Blanchard getting 12.

Lutheran North (9-8) upped its Metro Conference mark to 8-5 while Clarenceville (6-11) dropped to 5-8.

**MACOMB CHRISTIAN 59, HURON VALLEY 49:** The Hawks haven't gotten many breaks this year, and when they do it's a finger or a foot.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran played with a short bench Tuesday night and lost a key player with a possible broken hand in succumbing to Macomb Christian.

Joe Nechtardt led Macomb with 24 and Jeff Holland added 13 while Huron Valley got a nice output from Rene Armat, who had 18.

Steven Davidson suffered a hand injury, which will be examined to determine if there's a break, just before the half so Huron Valley was forced to start the second half with just one player on its bench.

Coach Bill Ohlsson noted two of his players were sick and could not play while another failed to show up.

Huron Valley started out aggressively and took a 12-2 lead that was 14-4 after one period. But the Hawks stumbled against Macomb Christian's press in the second quarter and was outscored, 20-3.

Macomb won the third period, 16-7, before Huron Valley came back to win a 19-10 fourth period. Armat scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half.

Macomb (4-12) is now 2-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference while Huron Valley is 2-14, 0-8.

**REDFORD CC 66, AQUINAS 50:** Redford Catholic Central (13-4 overall) opened the Catholic League A-B Division playoffs on Saturday with a victory over Southgate Aquinas at Schoolcraft College.

CC outscored Aquinas 18-10 in the fourth quarter to build on a 42-40 lead through three.

Junior guard Rob Sparks led the Shamrocks with 21 points and senior forward Dave Lusky contributed 12. Senior guard Nick Moore added nine.

Aquinas, which fell to 10-7 overall, was led by junior forward Joe Burke with 14 points, while Kevin Williams and Sam Hunter added 11 and 10, respectively.

# Eaglets shuts down Moore, CC

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Orchard Lake St. Mary's sophomore guard Grant Mason just got over a cold, and for Nick Moore's sake, it's a good thing.

Moore, Redford Catholic Central's senior guard, would have been sure to catch it the way Mason guarded him in Wednesday's Catholic League A-B Division boys basketball semifinal at Schoolcraft College.

Moore didn't score until 4:53 remained in the second quarter and by then the Eaglets already had a commanding 36-20 lead.

St. Mary's combined pressure defense and outstanding shooting to go on a dizzying 25-3 run in the first half en route to an 86-73 victory.

Mason scored eight points, including a pair of three-point baskets during an 18-3 run to end the first quarter, but his ball-hawking defense drew the most praise.

Moore, a Toledo signee, scored 20 points in the Shamrocks' 59-56 win over the Eaglets in December. He was held to 14 this time, 12 after halftime, on six of 18 shooting.

"All week the coaches drilled to me that he's the head because he's so smart," Mason said. "I planned to get out there and take the head off their team. If I could deny him the ball and keep him out of the offense we had a good chance."

## PREP HOOPS

The win sends the Eaglets, 15-3 overall, into the championship game at 4 p.m. Sunday at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

St. Mary's made 11 of 20 shots in the first quarter and when it missed it seemed like the Eaglets were grabbing the rebounds for an easy put-back.

St. Mary's outrebounded CC 17-6 in the first quarter and 39-33 for the game. CC had 15 turnovers to St. Mary's 11.

Junior guard Jonte Jones led the Eaglets with 26 points and Maurice Searight, another junior guard, added 21. Jermaine Gonzales, still another junior, contributed 13 points.

"I don't think they ran like that the first time, or we just got back faster then," Moore said.

Senior guard Dan Jess came off the bench to score 19 for CC,

including three three-point baskets. Junior guard Rob Sparks had 15, senior forward Dave Lusky had 13 and junior forward Matt Lorida 10.

CC trailed 46-27 at halftime and 67-49 through three quarters before making a run. The Shamrocks started the fourth on a 10-2 spurt to cut the lead to 69-59 and then forced St. Mary's into consecutive five-second calls.

But St. Mary's regained momentum with a 9-4 run to go ahead 78-63 with about two minutes left. The loss ended a seven-game winning streak by the Shamrocks, who are 13-5 overall.

"They beat us down the floor the first half pretty good and doubled Nick, kept the ball out of his hands," CC coach Rick Corvatti said. "Early on they got a lot of baskets and that compounded things. Transition is our game, too. We have three guys who can shoot the three and tried to get them to spots."

## WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on two proposed ordinances as follows:

An ordinance to establish an enhanced access to public records policy; and to provide a method of determining reasonable fees (99-68-002); and

An ordinance to establish policies related to the readiness of Wayne County government to year 2000 conversions (99-68-003).

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1999, 10:00 a.m.  
Wayne County Building  
500 Randolph, Commission Chambers  
Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above items may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### FISHING TRIVIA CONTEST

Here's your last chance to win tickets to the 11th annual Greater Detroit Sportfishing and Travel Expo through our fishing trivia contest. Since the show runs March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, this will be the final trivia question.

One winner will be randomly selected from all the correct answers we receive. All entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 1. Check next week's Observer & Eccentric for a list of all the winners.

An area lake features about 420 square miles of surface area and an average depth of just 13.3 feet. This lake offers outstanding walleye and yellow perch fishing opportunities and is nationally renowned for its muskie and smallmouth bass fisheries. This lake is comprised mostly of Canadian waters and is often referred to as "the sixth Great Lake." Name the lake.

Send in the correct answer to: Fishing Trivia Contest, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Remember, all entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 1.

Ben Schroeder (Webster) won the boys in grades 5-6 with 67 points. Drew Wolford (St. Genevieve) was second with 51.

Jeff Monthei (Garfield) defeated Brett Wolford (St. Genevieve) for the boys in grades 3-4 title, 58-53.

### ALL-WHAC SELECTIONS

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference has made its picks in both men's and women's basketball, and Madonna University is represented in most of the categories.

In men's basketball, freshman guard Mike Massey — who has set a team record for points in a season (569 and counting) — has been selected to the 10-member all-WHAC team. Massey, a Walled Lake Western graduate, is averaging 19 points a game for the Crusaders. He also shared conference newcomer-of-the-year honors with Courtney Norman of Aquinas College.

Chad Putnam, a junior forward for Madonna from Redford Thurston, was named to the all-academic squad. Putnam has a 3.68 grade-point average, majoring in social studies. Also chosen

to the all-academic team was Dan McKian, a senior forward at Siena Heights and a Plymouth Salem graduate who has a 3.25 GPA with a business major.

On the WHAC women's team, both Kathy Panganis and Chris Dietrich were all-WHAC team selections. Panganis, a sophomore forward from Allen Park, is averaging 14.9 points and 6.4 rebounds a game; Dietrich, a junior guard from Newport, is averaging 15.8 points and 4.4 boards.

Two Crusaders were named to the all-WHAC academic squad: Katie Cushman, a junior guard from Flushing who has a 3.73 grade-point average with a major in criminal justice, and Jennifer Jacek, a junior forward from Livonia (Divine Child HS), carries a 3.28 GPA with a major in secondary education.

### SCHOOLCRAFT FUNDRAISER

Here's a way to get all the pizza and salad you can handle and help the Schoolcraft College Athletic Scholarship Fund at the same time.

An all-you-can-eat pizza and salad special is being sponsored

on Monday by Buddy's Pizza, located on Plymouth Road west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Cost is \$10, with a portion going to the Schoolcraft Athletic Scholarship Fund.

The special meal-deal lasts all day.

### ADULT HOOP LEAGUES

Basketball leagues for adult women and adult men are now being formed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

The women's league will play on Thursdays from April 22 through June 10. Cost is \$280 per team, with referees fees extra; non-residents are \$15 more per person.

The men's league will play on Tuesdays, starting April 20 through June 8. Cost is \$280 per team, with referee fees additional. Non-residents are \$15 more per person.

Registration for both is March 15-31 at the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 303 W. Main in Northville. Call (248) 349-0203 for further information.

### LIVONIA HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

Robyn Whalen (Grant Elementary) and Lauren Trosell (Roosevelt Elementary) were repeat champions in the 15th annual Hoop Shoot Contest held Feb. 9 at Frost Middle School.

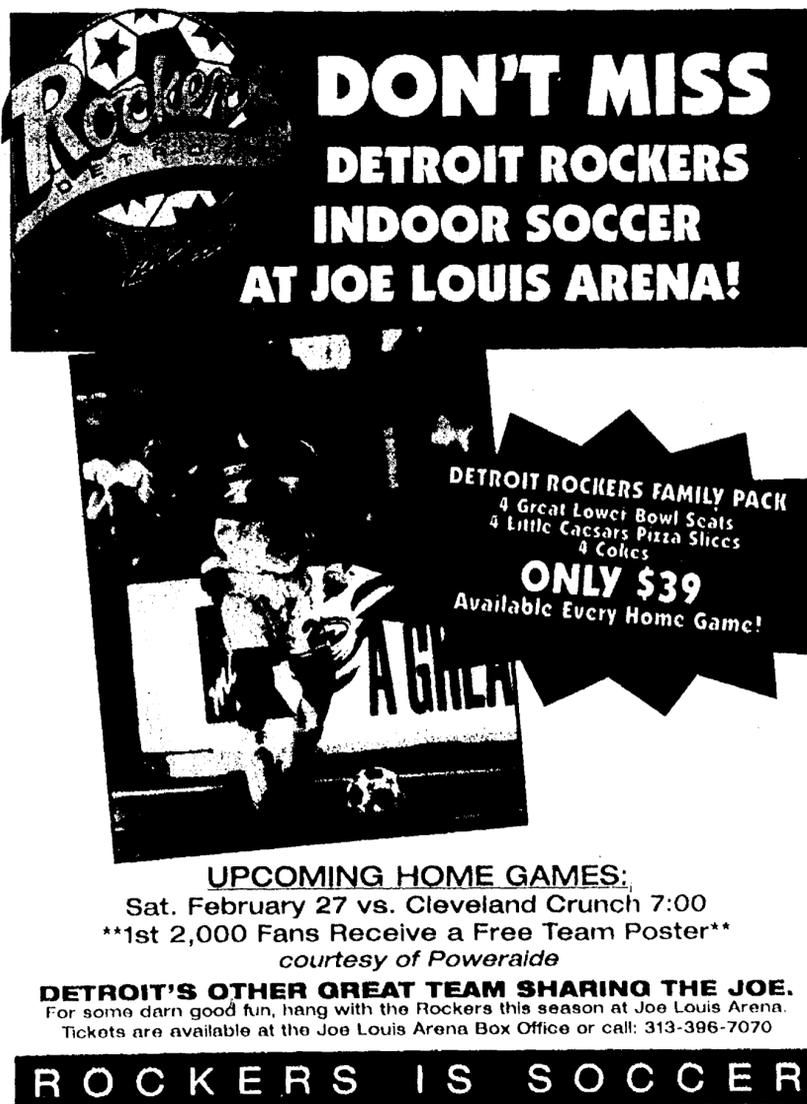
A total of 95 boys and girls participated in the contest sponsored by the Livonia Junior Athletic League and Livonia Parks and Recreation.

Whalen won the girls title for grades 3-4 with 45 points. Amanda Allie of Tyler was second with 39.

Trosell was the girls (grades 5-6) winner with 55 points. Carly Muncy of Nankin Mills took second with 43.

In the girls (grades 7-9), Lisa Anton of St. Paul's Lutheran School edged Kathleen O'Connor of Frost Middle School, 42-41.

Steven Robinson (Frost) captured the boys in grades 7-9 crown with an 80-73 margin over Nick Warra (Emerson).



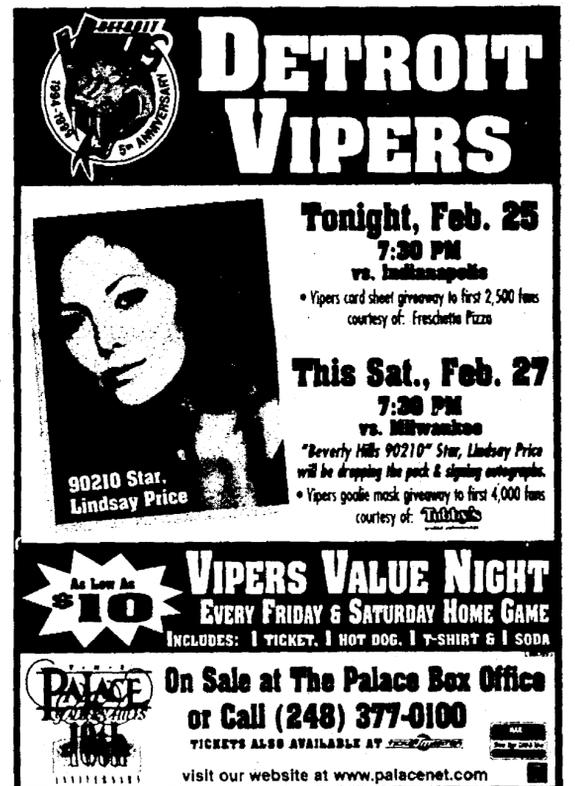
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# White adds to list of Madonna recruits

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It wasn't going to be easy and Al White knew it when he accepted the job as Madonna University softball coach. Jerry Abraham resigned his position at the end of September in order to concentrate more fully on his Madonna volleyball coaching job. But, as will happen, recruiting broke down a bit with Abraham's resignation — even though White did a lot of recruiting as Abraham's assistant coach. But there were holes left in the lineup, including at a particularly key position:

Pitcher. When White assumed command in early October, he knew the problem confronting him. They had one pitcher on the roster, and that was a freshman — Melissa Bako, of Garden City. Not a good situation, especially since Bako had been recruited mainly as an outfielder. "That's a lot of pressure to put on a freshman to begin with," said White.

Fortunately, Madonna's fortunes changed. "Three months ago, we didn't have any pitching," White said. "Now I think we'll be all right."

That's because White did some first-rate recruiting on a player

## SOFTBALL

already in the fold: Janell Leschinger, a senior who was wavering on whether to play or not.

An Alpena HS graduate now living in Plymouth, Leschinger had her student teaching to be concerned with, plus she and Abraham had had a falling out last season, which led to her leaving the team. "She didn't think she could fit it into her schedule," said White of his initial conversations with Leschinger regarding her return to the team. "We talked about it, and she said, 'Maybe next year.'"

"I told her we would be bringing in a lot of new players next year, and maybe we wouldn't need her as much. She told me she wanted to think about it — she wanted to come back, but she just wasn't sure about her schedule." Leschinger worked it out, however, which was a great relief for White. Although not Madonna's top pitcher, she performed ably over the last two years. Leschinger was 4-2 last season with a 2.61 earned run average in 45<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> innings and two shutouts, allowing 43 hits and 15 walks; as a sophomore, she finished 5-3 with a team-best 2.58 ERA in

62<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> innings, giving up 67 hits and 18 walks.

"She keeps the ball low," said White. "She's our No. 1 — we're counting on her. She's a pitcher with experience."

But White has some others, too, which means Bako can play center field and get 5-10 starts on the mound, as originally planned. Joining his current team are Tanya Liske, another Alpena HS grad who spent the last two years pitching at Alpena CC, and Janelle Schmidt, a freshman from Dunsville, Ont., who was originally recruited by Abraham.

Both should help, and both (together with Bako) should gain valuable experience backing up Leschinger.

Another late addition is Macomb CC transfer Kelly Zurawski, a Roseville HS graduate who will fill a need at second base. "She's a good, sound ball player with excellent fundamentals," said White. "As an infielder, she knows where to be — and she's a pretty good hitter, too."

What White won't have on this team is depth. He has just 12 players on the roster.

Which explains why he's been busy signing players for the 2000 season. His 1999 campaign starts in two weeks; it would be a whole lot easier if next year's players were available to him

now. "They all have great potential," said White. "And as I said, if they hit they'll play somewhere."

Three of the six recruits are catchers: Candice Little of Taylor Truman, Karmen Hatcher of Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Pam Kowinski of Southgate Aquinas.

White figures one, perhaps two, will get playing time behind the plate for Madonna. The others will probably play outfield or first base.

One player that has great potential is third baseman Meghan Quinn, from Hartland. Others signees are Erika Keys, an outfielder from Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central, and Jeanna Turcheck, a pitcher/second baseman from Taylor Truman.

"They all have all-around, ball-playing skills," said White. "They've all played summer ball, and most of them have the ability to play other positions."

What's missing, and what White is still searching for, is a top-notch pitcher. The prospects he has coming in have potential, but need development. If Madonna is to make a return trip to the NAA Tournament, a first-rate pitcher is a must.

That could come later, through the junior college ranks.

## Dearborn Ice Skating Center to host large precision field

Precision skating teams from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario will converge Saturday on the Dearborn Ice Skating Center for regional competition. The DISC is located on Ford Road, just east of Greenfield.

The event is expected to draw nearly 100 divisional teams and 2,000 fans.

The Dearborn Skating Club, featuring several local skaters, sent six teams (100 skaters) recently to the U.S. Figure Skating Association Midwest event in Huntsville, Ala.

Three teams qualified for the nationals including the Juvenile,

Novice and Senior division. The Novice team finished second overall.

Other Novice teams headed to Tampa next month include the Detroit Skating Club of Bloomfield Hills, Plymouth Skating Club and the Fraser Skating Club. Thirteen teams will vie for the crown.

Meanwhile, the Senior squad automatically qualified after competing in Italy the same weekend as Huntsville. The Senior event will be televised on ESPN.

The Juvenile team (ages 7-12) took fifth in Huntsville.

## BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

<p>Following is a list of Best Observers and swimmers from the 1998-99 season. Changes in swimmer information to Dan O'Brien by e-mail to (734) 953-7278 or calling (734) 953-2141.</p> <p><b>500 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY</b> (state est: 3:08.00)</p> <p>North Farmington 1:42.15 Plymouth Salem 1:44.28 Livonia Stevenson 1:44.30 Plymouth Canton 1:48.80 Redford Catholic Central 1:47.35</p> <p><b>500 FREESTYLE</b> (state est: 1:00.00)</p> <p>Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:45.36 Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:48.51 Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.75 Matt Castles (Salem) 1:51.97 Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49 Don LaClair (Canton) 1:53.11 Brandon Digle (N. Farmington) 1:53.63 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:53.78 Bill Randall (Churchill) 1:53.94</p> <p><b>200 INDIVIDUAL MEEPLY</b> (state est: 2:05.00)</p> <p>Keith Falk (Stevenson) 2:00.50 Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 2:00.95 Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:07.30 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.38 Paul Perez (Salem) 2:08.58 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.82 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.06 Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:11.63 Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:11.83 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:12.05</p> <p><b>100 FREESTYLE</b> (state est: 22.00)</p> <p>Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.68 Andrew Locke (Salem) 22.19 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 22.65 Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.73 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80 Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 22.81 Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 22.86 Don LaClair (Canton) 23.09 Mark Wachaberg (N. Farmington) 23.18 Bill Randall (Churchill) 23.55</p> <p><b>DIVING</b></p> <p>Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 261.75 Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20 Greg Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30 Mike Martin (Redford CC) 230.50 Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65 Greg Kubicki (Salem) 180.95 Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00 Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 173.90 Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10 John Chase (Salem) 168.95</p> <p><b>100 BUTTERFLY</b> (state est: 54.00)</p> <p>Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55 Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 55.45 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68 Paul Perez (Salem) 56.13</p>	<p>Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.50 Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 57.45 Mark Wachaberg (N. Farmington) 57.84 Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 59.10 Mike Malik (Stevenson) 59.25</p> <p><b>100 FREESTYLE</b> (state est: 49.00)</p> <p>Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 48.17 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92 Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 48.97 Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 49.08 Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81 Andrew Locke (Salem) 49.95 Don LaClair (Canton) 50.59 Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 50.94 Mark Wachaberg (N. Farmington) 51.04 Bill Randall (Churchill) 51.36</p> <p><b>500 FREESTYLE</b> (state est: 4:57.00)</p> <p>Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:51.40 Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.24 Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47 Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81 Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:08.48 Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.06 Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.90 Ed Leskau (Redford CC) 5:12.90 Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 5:18.05 Loch Rycroft (N. Farmington) 5:19.23</p> <p><b>200 FREESTYLE RELAY</b> (state est: 1:31.00)</p> <p>North Farmington 1:29.69 Plymouth Salem 1:31.93 Plymouth Canton 1:33.38 Livonia Stevenson 1:33.78 Redford Catholic Central 1:35.35</p> <p><b>100 BACKSTROKE</b> (state est: 54.00)</p> <p>Joe Bubitz (Stevenson) 55.66 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 57.15 Darin Hopper (Farmington) 57.39 Aaron Reeder (Canton) 58.06 James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 58.77 Matt Castles (Salem) 59.48 Justin Allen (Canton) 59.62 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 59.69 Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:00.05</p> <p><b>100 BREASTSTROKE</b> (state est: 1:03.10)</p> <p>Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68 Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.78 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.97 Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.13 David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58 Josh Markou (Redford CC) 1:06.01 Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:06.91 Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:07.27 Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:07.30 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:07.90</p> <p><b>400 FREESTYLE RELAY</b> (state est: 2:23.00)</p> <p>North Farmington 3:21.17 Livonia Stevenson 3:22.30 Plymouth Salem 3:24.04 Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16 Plymouth Canton 3:29.29</p>
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school board cares other than Ken Timmons? I've said it before and I'll say it again. The middle school athletic program sorely needs to be reviewed, not only in basketball, but in all sports. We have to take a look at the availability of facilities during non-school hours; letting our middle school students compete outside Livonia (how about working out an agreement with Wayne-Westland, which recently jump-started its middle school program?); and a commitment to being more competitive in the

WLAA. Penn State coach Jerry Dunn made a call to Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs inquiring about former Livonia Franklin basketball standout Matt Bauman, who spent his first year at U-D Mercy. The 6-8 Bauman then transferred to SC, played 10 games before quitting the team just before Christmas. Remember, March Madness starts Monday, March 8, while the first official practice for spring sports is Monday, March 15.

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COLLEGE SOCCER

# Total Soccer gets Gators, NC women for tourney

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NCAA women's soccer champion Florida and 13-time national champ and 1998 runner-up North Carolina will be the headliners for the Collegiate Cup, March 27-28, at the Total Soccer indoor facility in Wixom.

Twelve women's teams will compete on two full-size indoor fields from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 28. The format is 11-on-11 with each game lasting one hour (two 30-minute halves).

Eight men's teams, including nationally-ranked Butler, will vie for honors from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

Admission each day is \$16 or \$32 for both days.

"It will be pretty electric, you don't get groups like this to play in one day," said Tom Coyne, who is helping coordinate the event. "Thirty-one games in two days — there's no place else you can see this kind of soccer if you're a soccer nut."

The NCAA allows five out-of-season competition dates. Each team will bring their full squads with the exception of some seniors.

Besides Florida, coached by Becky Burleigh, and North Carolina, guided by Anson Dorrance, the women's field will also include Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Oakland University, Eastern Michigan, Dayton, Ohio University and Northern Illinois.

The men's field includes two pools of four.

In addition to Butler, the field includes Oakland, EMU, WMU, Ashland, Bowling Green, University of Michigan club and Madonna University.

"Butler was ranked 14th and took Indiana (the national champion) to two overtimes and lost," Coyne said.

Tickets will go on sale at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Total Soccer, which located off the I-96 Exit, 1 1/2 miles north on Wixom Road.

For more information, call (248) 669-9817.

HIGH SCHOOL SKIING

# CC's Gable proves able in league slalom

Redford Catholic Central sophomore Matt Gable might have been hard to recognize on the hill while Slalom skiing last Thursday — until he reached the bottom and his typically-sparking time was reported.

Wearing a purple wig, sun glasses and red bow tie, Gable looked more like Beetlejuice than himself as he prepared for the Slalom in the Southeastern Michigan Ski League Championships at Pine Knob.

Gable wore the outfit, an old Halloween costume owned by his father, just to keep himself and his teammates loose. His time of 36.79 seconds gave him first place and was probably enough for his peers to say "Oh, that must be Gable."

His finish, along with teammate Scott Zaleski's time of 39.67 for ninth gave the Shamrocks a second-place overall finish in the slalom event.

The afternoon was a different story, however, as the Shamrocks finished seventh in the Giant Slalom and took fifth overall in the point standings with 186 points.

Clarkston was first (114), followed by Rochester Adams (132), Milford Lakeland (143) and Birmingham Brother Rice (154).

"They were flying in the morning," Tom Gable, the CC coach, said. "We just skied phenomenally in the morning, up to their potential. We just didn't hold it together in the afternoon. The competition was tough and we didn't keep up the momentum we had built."

The Farmington Hills Mercy girls, also coached by Tom Gable, slumped to 10th place in the overall standings with 283 points.

The elder Gable said his son's outfit was a nice break from the

pressure of league meets. Matt Gable shed the outfit for the Giant Slalom race, where wind resistance is more of a concern.

Matt Gable finished second in the Giant Slalom behind U-D Jesuit's Doug Spolyar (39.03). Gable's time was 39.04. The next best finish for CC came from Zaleski, who was 33rd (41.38).

"Ski racing has to be fun — when it gets to the point where it's nothing but hard work, it's no fun," the coach said. "His outfit really got the guys loose. Even all the coaches, who sometimes you might think are real serious, smiled at it."

Matt Gable qualified for the Slalom race at the Class A state meet, held Monday at Boyne Mountain. The only CC individual qualifier did not finish in the top 10.

Mercy's Krysten Salla and Renee Burek qualified in the

Slalom in the girls race, also held Monday at Boyne Mountain, but did not make the top 10.

Salla and Burek were uncharacteristically slow at the league meet, helping explain Mercy's finish. Salla was 24th in the giant slalom (45.29) and Burek 27th (45.72). In the Slalom, Salla was 19th (46.71) and Burek 28th (47.49).

"The ladies (Burek and Salla) did not ski up to their potential at the league meet but both are top 15 if they ski well," he said. "They're good skiers but just haven't put the steam on."

Five of the six CC starters will return next year, leaving Tom Gable optimistic about a chance to qualify for the state meet.

Zaleski and Mark Guraky are juniors and a pair of sophomores, Eric Sullivan and John Goebel, gained valuable experi-

ence this year.

"The sixth spot could be open," Tom Gable said. "The team will be stronger. We're out at the top with Matt and Zaleski. It's depth I need on programs from Sullivan and Goebel is pivotal."

Salla and Burek graduate from Mercy and the top returnee will be sophomore Nikke Anderson.

"Burek and Salla are the last of the girls from our real strong championship teams," Tom Gable said. "The girls will be a big question mark. Anderson will be a junior and she's a strong skier, with a couple top 10 finishes this year. We're just looking for support for her."

Sophomores Laura Burek and Marcy Godlew and junior Amy McDuffee will be counted on next season, Tom Gable said.

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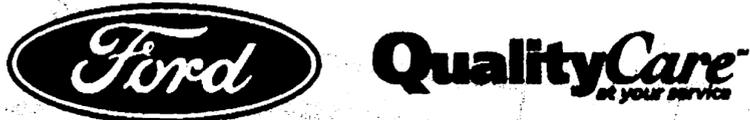
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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Diane Keaton (left) and Juliette Lewis star in "The Other Sister," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

### SATURDAY



Mosaic Youth Theatre presents "heartBEAT" 8 p.m. at the Anderson Theatre in the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 students and senior citizens. Call (313) 982-6001.

### SUNDAY



Blair Shannon presents a combination of humor and vocal impressions 7:30 p.m. at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak. Tickets \$6, call (248) 542-9900.

## HOT TICKET



Cirque Ingenieux continues through Sunday, Feb. 28 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$25-\$38.50, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.

## Petula Clark enjoys being on

# 'Sunset Boulevard'



On Sunset Boulevard: Petula Clark and Lewis Cleale as Norma Desmond and Joe Gillis in a scene from "Sunset Boulevard."

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
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It's a battle to stay healthy on tour, but Petula Clark is a soldier who hasn't missed a show yet.

"We're having a great time, like everyone we've had the flu, coughs and colds. I had a little bout of it," said Clark who plays Norma Desmond in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard," coming to the Detroit Opera House, March 2-21.

It was a role she accepted reluctantly when asked by producer Trevor Nunn in London.

"I didn't think I was right for the part," said Clark in a telephone interview from the Cleveland Ritz-Carlton. "I got talked into it by Trevor. 'But of course, you're absolutely right for the part,' he said. The next thing I knew I was rehearsing for the damn thing."

"Sunset Boulevard" is based on Billy Wilder's 1950 film by the same name. It's a love story set in Hollywood and tells the story of a down and out young screenwriter Joe Gillis, played by Lewis Cleale, and his meeting with Norma Desmond, a legendary silent screen star.

"They didn't want me to see the movie, in a way I was rather pleased," said Clark. "They wanted me to do it my way, and I didn't know what my way was. They said I'd bring humor and vulnerability to the part. It helped a bit, just

**"Sunset Boulevard"**  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 2 through Sunday, March 21. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday.  
**WHERE:** Detroit Opera House  
**TICKETS:** \$32.50-\$65, available at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets call (248) 645-6666. For information call (313) 872-1000.

doing it by instinct my way."

Her first performance as Norma Desmond was in September 1995. She stayed with the London production until it closed on April 5, 1997.

"I disliked her intensely when I started playing her," said Clark about Norma Desmond. "When I got used to being her, I began to understand her, then I began to love her. When the show ended in London, I missed this friend I made."

Clark will be touring with the cast of "Sunset Boulevard," as part of a 47-city tour in the U.S. until December. "I'm from England you know, and I enjoy traveling around the States," she said.

A show biz veteran who started her career at the age of 10 when she appeared on the BBC and did shows for the troops during World War II at Army camps, Clark is a trooper. She admits that Webber's musicals can be challenging both as an actress and a singer. In

"Sunset Boulevard," the focus of the production is on Norma Desmond.

"You just have to take care of yourself," she said. "It's a great role to play. It's a journey you have to take every night. As soon as I have my make-up on and hear the music, I'm ready for that long, difficult journey. I'm prepared for it."

She's enjoying playing opposite Lewis Cleale. "He's an amazing actor, and an amazingly clever singer," she said.

She compared working with Cleale to playing tennis with a good tennis player. "It keeps you on your toes," she said. "It helps you perform better."

Long before we started humming the words to "Downtown," the song that made her a household name, Clark was already an established actress and singer.

She made her first film at age 12, "A Medal for the General," and appeared in more than two dozen films in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Her first big hit was "With All My Heart," in the 1950s. In the late 1960s she appeared in Francis Ford Coppola's screen version of "Finians Rainbow," opposite the late Fred Astaire, and starred with Peter O'Toole in "Goodbye Mr. Chips."

Stage credits include "The Sound of Music," "Candida" and "Blood Brothers." She composed the music and starred in "Someone

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Looking for Aretha: Keith Richards met members of the media with a rousing "Yeah" after descending from a Northwest Airlines jet on Saturday at Oakland County International Airport. Singer Aretha Franklin was the first person for whom he asked.

## 'Stones' roll into Detroit

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
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As the Rolling Stones' luxury Northwest Airlines jet landed at Oakland County International Airport, guitarist Keith Richards had one request for Detroit-area media.

"Is Aretha (Franklin) here? I want some home cookin,'" he said after greeting the media with a rousing "Yeah! Detroit, it's good to be back here."

Richards' flamboyant exit - with voodoo walking stick in hand and fishing lure-like accessories dangling from his hair - from the airplane at 7:20 p.m. Saturday was a way to divert attention from singer

— Keith Richards

Mick Jagger who walked immediately to a nearby limo.

The band was in town to play The Palace of Auburn Hills on Monday. Richards and guitarist Ron Wood said they're happy to return to the "club" atmosphere of arenas.

"God's not in the band anymore. You don't have to worry about the weather. You don't have to worry about the elements," Richards said of the nights spent playing outdoor stadiums.

"It's great getting nearer to the fans and especially because of the smaller stage," Wood added as drummer Charlie Watts snuck up behind him grinning like a Cheshire cat. When asked if he misses having the freedom to roam around a large stage, Wood explained, "It keeps us under control."

The Stones didn't have any big plans for the two days leading up to its concert. Wood, mimicking a boxer, said he was happy just sitting in his hotel room and watching the Felix Trinidad and Pernell Whitaker fight on HBO.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Actresses recall experiences for riveting drama

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Tom Ziegler's play about two women struggling to unravel their own truths about life and death really hit home for Elizabeth Bradford. Tears glistening in her eyes, Bradford talked about the role she plays in "Grace & Glorie," the upcoming Trinity House Theatre production. Two weeks after rehearsals began, Bradford's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Bradford plays Glorie, a 30-something woman who's left a career as a high-powered New York executive to become a hospice volunteer. She befriends Grace, a woman dying of cancer in the backwoods of Virginia.

"It's both hard and cathartic, as Glo-

**"Grace & Glorie"**  
**WHEN:** Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 28 with a special preview Wednesday, March 3. Curtain times 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.  
**WHERE:** Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia.  
**TICKETS:** \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Call (734) 464-6302.

rie deals with Grace dying and the death of her own son, to see how someone else deals with it," said Bradford of Plymouth. "Grace ends up showing her there are joys in life, and loss is a part of living."

Trudy Mason got a bonus when she double cast the roles of Glorie and

Grace because she didn't want to risk losing one of the play's two characters to a snow storm or sickness - four actresses with life experiences similar to the characters they're playing. Each bring their own interpretations to the roles.

"It's a universal theme," said Mason. "We all have to deal with life and death. The characters are from different places and different lives. Glorie has a lot to learn from the older lady. Yet there's this thread they discover, they're all human."

Mason's 35 years in theater readied her to direct this play. From acting in "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at Meadow Brook Theatre to singing gospel in a

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Grace & Glorie: Elizabeth Lee (left) and Laura Gumina play two women from vastly different backgrounds who are struggling with life and death matters.

# Music masters help out a friend

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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The guest list is impressive — guitar masters Chet Atkins, Earl Klugh and Larry Carlton, bluegrass sensation Alison Krauss, jazz saxman Kirk Whalum, trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and blues legend Gary Burton.

Now Darryl Dybka just needs to find the right distributor for his "Curiosity Dance" CD.

Darryl Dybka? The composer-pianist may not be well known to the general public but his long years as a sideman have earned the Redford native the respect of his fellow musicians.

A 1971 graduate of Redford Thurston High School, Dybka's soft jazz stylings belie his beginnings as a touring musician with Frank Zappa.

"It was a real short tour, but I learned a lot," the quiet-spoken musician said. "It was exciting to go into a sports arena and everyone screaming. I wasn't used to that."

His next gig was closer in spirit to his musical tastes when he joined Detroit jazz guitarist Earl Klugh for six years, including a



performance at Carnegie Hall.

"He came to hear me play at a club in Rochester and he told me to call him back in a couple weeks, so I did," Dybka said.

On the album notes, Dybka thanks Klugh for "all the fun times out on tour and in the studio. ... What a great pleasure it is for me to hear you play your guitar so beautifully on your compositions."

It was Klugh who helped Dybka move to his next long-term association.

"Earl knew I wanted to write music," Dybka said. "Chet Atkins was looking for someone who wrote tunes. Chet heard some of my songs and said he really liked one and said 'I could use a guy like you in my band if you ever moved to Nashville.' So I

moved here in 1985."

Dybka toured with Atkins from 1992 to 1994 and co-produced three of his records. In 1992 he won a Grammy certificate for co-producing the Chet Atkins-Jerry Reed "Sneakin' Around" album.

"The reason he wanted to use me as a composer was to give him a jazzier sound, he was looking to get into new music," Dybka said.

Atkins recorded several of Dybka's compositions and co-wrote several songs with him.

Dybka obviously admires his mentors, Klugh and Atkins.

"I think they're similar, not in what they play but in their appreciation of the guitar and music in general," he said. "They have strong love for their instrument."

Dybka's own musical tastes are rooted in modern jazz.

"I love and listen to a lot of Herbie Hancock, Keith Jarrett, Miles Davis. I like Weather Report," he said.

Dybka said working with Gary Burton, who has recently reteamed with Chick Corea for several sold-out concerts, was as if he were visiting the Beatles.

Allison Krauss joined on through her brother Viktor, who

plays bass on the album.

"I wanted someone to do a little scatting, not jazz scatting but non-verbal singing to get across an emotion," Dybka said. "I was thrilled about her, she sings beautifully."

He said beauty was a major focus of his music.

"I enjoy more complex harmonies than just simple music," he said.

Dybka's music is multi-layered but soft, almost delicate. His work with Atkins on "Jimmy" shows some of the guitarist's country influence.

When asked for his favorite cuts, Dybka chooses his solo work on "Amber Sunshine" and the complex "Five Balloons" with Larry Carlton and flute and sax playing by Denis Solee.

The music is reminiscent of CDs produced by the Windham Hill and Concord labels and Dybka said those are two companies he will be approaching, but he is more interested in his composing and performing.

He's working on another CD even as he tries to peddle "Curiosity Dance."

"I'm having to depend on other people, I don't want to spend a career being a record guy," he said.



DALE PEGO

On Stage: Zachary Boose (left) of Royal Oak stars as File, Amanda Poland as Lizzie and Dean Martell of Livonia as Starbuck in "The Rainmaker."

## Local thespians light up the stage

There's "No Business Like Show Business" for talented local and actors and actresses who participate in community theater.

Local thespians are featured in the following upcoming productions.

Zachary Boose of Royal Oak and Dean Martell of Livonia star in the Grosse Pointe Theatre production of "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash. Opening 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the Fries Auditorium of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, the show continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Saturday, March 27. Tickets are \$13, call (313) 881-4004.

Not to be confused with the recent film by the same title, "The Rainmaker" is the classic American play which also became the 1956 film, starring Katherine Hepburn and Burt Lancaster.

It is the story of Lizzie, the only woman in her family, who believes she is plain and will become an old maid. In this romance, set against the backdrop of the drought-ridden Southwest, the charismatic rainmaker Starbuck helps Lizzie to realize that she has a beauty all

her own. Sarah Hope Hedeon of Livonia is directing "Quilters" by Barbara Damashek and Molly Newman to be presented March 12-14, March 19-21 and March 26-27 at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit (west of Southfield Road, south of McNichols). Call (313) 531-0431 for ticket information.

Hedeon performed "Quilters" five years ago at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. A musical, "Quilters" celebrates life in pioneer America in the late 1800s. Seven women depict the true stories of over 150 characters.

Stagecrafters is presenting the comedy "Light Up the Sky," by Moss Hart, March 12-28 at the historic Baldwin Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$10-\$12, call (248) 541-6430. A special dinner package is available from Illusions Bar & Grill in downtown Royal Oak, call (248) 586-1313.

The production features Rosemary Gass of Southfield, Maureen Cook of Beverly Hills, Mark and Linda Hammell of Lathrup Village, Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak, Brigid Michael of Walled Lake, and Tom Krell of Royal Oak. Jay Kaplan of Lathrup Village directs.

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Like You," an original stage musical set in the aftermath of the American Civil War. She also co-wrote the book with Fay Weldon.

Show business is the only business she knows, and if she had the opportunity to do anything else, it "would be something wonderful," she said. Hesitating a few seconds, she says, "I'd like to work with refugees. I've been out with the U.N. and would like to go out there in the field instead of just raising money. I'd like to do something worthwhile. Sometimes you think show business is not worthwhile, but then you'll get a letter from someone who says they probably wouldn't be alive if it wasn't for your music.

Maybe we are doing something worthwhile, but we don't think of it that way at the time."

She's working on a one woman show with a team from Cirque Soleil. "It's a concert with attitudes and special effects," she said. "It's very special. There will be visual and sound effects."

Still, it's hard to picture Clark as anywhere but "Downtown, where all the lights are bright..."

Did she know it would be a hit? "I knew it was a good song," she said. "But people are the ones who tell you what's a hit. It's like a recipe. You can have all the right ingredients, but there's something that makes it work."

## Actresses from page E1

CBS commercial, Mason has honed her skills behind as well as in front of the footlights. As a director, she's managed to draw thunderous applause for Jackson Productions' "The Fantasticks" and Trinity House Theatre's "Jugger's Rain" and "The Boys Next Door." She expects "Grace & Glorie" to do the same because it deals with the topical issues of life support and right to die.

"This play is well-written and beautifully crafted," said Mason. "The dialogue weaves in and out. This Appalachian lady is surrounded by quilts in her cabin and the play is like that patchwork. It's a very truthful play and it's very hopeful. It appears Grace has nothing left. At the end, that's not the case. Our lives are more than our apparent or

seeming wealth."

### Preparing to die

Although Dorothy Dunne enjoys doing light comedy, she looks forward to playing a character like Grace, the 90-year-old woman is forced to sell her family orchard to developers. Grace is preparing to die. Dunne watched her own mother go through the process.

"It is a part which connects me to my mother who died in 1981," said Dunne of Livonia. "She was very strong-willed. Nothing held her back. She raised seven children and at the end went through a radical mastectomy. I can feel Grace's pain. My challenge is the serenity and acceptance that Grace has with her life."

Even though Laura Gumina is the exact opposite of Grace — an unsophisticated, uneducated, shoot-from-the-hip woman with a fighting spirit — the hardest part of playing her was learning how to knit. Gumina used her more than 25 years of theatrical experience to create the pain in Grace's voice and eyes.

"You're given the words by the playwright, but the actor has to take those words and breathe life into them," said Gumina, a Redford resident who's taught theater at Southfield Public Schools, Cranbrook Middle School and the Roeper Schools in Bloomfield Hills, and Trinity House's summer youth drama program. "My parents have died. I've suffered a lot of loss, so I felt experienced. Everything Grace stood for is in rubble so she has to ask herself what was her life been for."

Elizabeth Lee draws on the emotions she felt when her grandmother was dying of pancreatic cancer. Lee plays the younger woman watching Grace die.

"It's getting in touch with going through that loss," said Lee, a Hazel Park resident who grew up in Birmingham. "You have to let yourself revive emotions that socially we repress. It really makes me reflect on living

life right now, cherishing the relationships I have."

### Technical challenges

"Grace & Glorie" did have its challenges though for set designer Gary Grace of Plymouth. Technically, the play tested the abilities of Grace to produce a pump with running water, a wood stove and fire, and to fit all of it along with Grace's bed onto the tiny Trinity House stage. Sound and special effects were a challenge for Mason and Mark Hammell of Sound Ideas because Grace's cabin is in the midst of a construction site.

"Sound was a big challenge because it's the third character," said Mason. "The dynamite explosions and falling trees occur constantly and interrupt Grace's conversations with Glorie."

Joe Garreffa, a graduate of the Detroit High School for the Performing Arts and assistant director, loves the play despite its challenges.

"It's beautifully written," Joe Garreffa, who acted in Trinity House's "Sister Camille's Kaleidoscopic Cabaret" in November. "The interconnection of the characters. It's a study of life and death and acceptance of both of those."

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**Thriller:** David Ellenstein and Denise Michelle Young in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Scotland Road."

## 'Scotland Road' sinks with its cleverness

"Scotland Road," Tuesday-Saturday, through Sunday, March 7, Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills; (248) 377-3300.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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From now on, any future discussions about the Titanic as a source of inspiration for a book, movie or play should be referred to "Scotland Road."

If ever a tale put to rest the notion that the sinking of the unsinkable ocean liner was a timeless story, "Scotland Road" is it.

In the end, the play sinks from an all-too-clever premise and the bloated promise of suspense. ("Scotland Road," by the way, is a reference to the halfway passage taken by third-class passengers to the top deck on the doomed ship.)

Despite some fine moments of acting, the cast and Meadow Brook director Geoffrey Sherman do not pull off the difficult task of delving into the popular mythology of the Titanic.

Instead, audiences are presented with a neat plot idea that author Jeffrey Hatcher stretched into a one-act play, set in the present.

The premise of "Scotland Road" is torn from the tabloids. A woman, who is found floating in the Atlantic, claims to be a survivor of the Titanic. Discard reason and the obvious absurdity. At least that's the course of the supposed grandson of a victim of the Titanic, the tycoon John Jacob Astor.

In a sterile gas station turned private sanitarium along the coast of Maine, Astor has confined the lost woman in order to discover whether she is telling the truth. A grueling interrogation conducted by Astor and an

accommodating psychologist is intended to reveal the woman's true identity and motivation.

Along the way, Astor is slowly convinced that maybe the woman is who she says she is. The twist is that Astor isn't who he says he is.

The success of this kind of dramatic sleight-of-hand, however, depends on whether audiences can empathize with the play's characters.

But initially, the play fails to draw any deep emotional connection to the audience. The story is told through vignettes, flashes of the interrogation and audio interludes of rushing water as the emotionally cool woman sits in an authentic early century deck chair.

Fortunately, Astor played by David Ellenstein begins to thaw as he reveals his need to discover how his supposed great-grandfather died.

Ellenstein hits the mark as he becomes more vulnerable, and the audience learns of his character's bizarre obsession with the Titanic tale.

Ironically, the woman who was discovered on an iceberg, played by Denise Michelle Young, slowly thaws and offers the most chilling and convincing accounts of the last moments afloat the Titanic.

It's a tale of heroism, cowardice and injustice. Of course, it's a story of which audiences have shown an insatiable appetite.

The strongest moments in "Scotland Road" are the insightful examinations of how the Titanic story has been clinically dissected by the mass media.

But ultimately, the play's unsatisfying climax renders any insight as a mere afterthought. "Scotland Road" never sees the iceberg ahead.

## 'The Sound of Music' will stir souls

Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6; and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Water Tower Theatre on the grounds of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital (south of Seven Mile Road, west of I-275) in Northville. Call (248) 349-7110 for ticket information.

BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

From the beautiful opening prelude of nuns from the Nonnberg Abbey to the ending crescendo of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," the music in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Sound of Music" will stir your soul and warm your heart. Even if you think you've seen "The Sound of Music" too many times, the strong cast and Lisa Andres' clever and skillful direction, infuse the delightful show with new energy, and give PTG its season's must see production.

Set in Austria in 1938, "The Sound of Music" is the story of Maria, a young novice who is sent to be a governess for Captain von Trapp's seven children.

She uses music to unlock their hearts and changes all of their lives forever.

Jenni Clark of Royal Oak as Maria, sang beautifully and was full of vibrant energy. Both the impetuosity and warmth she invested in Maria, as well as her chemistry with the youngsters in the cast, created a heartwarming character. No even a lighting snafu, which left her in the dark for the balance of "I Have Confidence," caused her to miss a note.

The von Trapp children are a talented troupe from their impish antics in "The Lonely Goatherd" to the hauntingly beautiful tones of the title song. Each child developed their distinct personality traits, from Caitlin Donovan's inquisitive Brigitta to Brooke Andres' blossoming Liesel. Donovan is a resident of Farmington Hills, and Andres of Livonia.

The other cast members include Jeff Ott as Friedrich, Emily Tar as Louisa, Paul Luoma of Farmington Hills as Kurt, Sarah Wiercioch as Marta, and Molly Donovan as Gretl.

Brooke's scenes with Jeremy Hargis as Rolf, the enamored telegram delivery boy, delivered a touch of innocence and magic. From Liesel's laughing entrance while perched on the handlebars of Rolf's bike, to the shy, yet flirtatious chemistry of the romantically choreographed and innocently sung, "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," there is young love in the air.

Nathan Kaufman as Captain von Trapp sang well, and captured the Captain's military reserve without sacrificing his warm affection for his children, and Maria. His voice, however, faded out at times, and some of his lines were lost to the house.

Tani Mough as Baroness Schraeder, captured the upper-class mannerisms and vocal inflections of her character. She's also vocally talented. Mough lacked, however, the elegant visage and couture one associates with a wealthy and sophisticated baroness of the 1930s, with her evening gown being the single exception.

Joe Donovan appeared as the clever and scheming Max Detweiler. Jeanette Sowman as

the Mother Abbess thrilled the house with her soaring rendition of "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." Corinne Fine made the most of the comic relief she provided as Frau Schmidt.

The set, an engineering marvel of versatility, was dominated by the majestic backdrop of the Austrian Alps. Scene changes were swift and seamless with the startlingly effective use of a huge, rapidly unfurled Nazi banner as the scene segued from the Villa von Trapp to the stage of the Salzburg Festival.

The von Trapp family costumes, especially those of the children, were exquisite, reaching the epitome of elegance during the wedding scene, during which Maria carried lilies. The tuxedo clad men among the party guests though were ill-matched by some of the Polyester-garbed ladies whose evening gowns seemed an afterthought.

Ursula, a von Trapp servant, would not have been so poorly dressed while serving elegant party guests.

## Rivera mural is proud symbol of Detroit

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

When you visualize the Detroit area, what icons come to mind? The Renaissance Center? The Motown Museum? The Spirit of Detroit sculpture? Maybe you picture something that's either dead or dying - like The Hudson's Building or Tiger Stadium. I've seen such monuments as the Joe Louis fist and forearm sculpture (or yikes) the big tire along I-94 used as a snapshot when our city is in the national spotlight.

If asked to choose a single image that captures the story of the Detroit area in a beautiful and moving way, I'd pick Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry" murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts. That's why I'm eagerly awaiting the world premiere of a new Meadow Brook Theatre production running March 10 through April 4, and a special March 21 benefit performance in support of Detroit Public Television's Backstage Pass series.

A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts, a drama from the theatre's playwright-in-residence Karim Alrawi, is based on the true life relationship between Edsel Ford, son of auto baron Henry Ford,

and Diego Rivera, one of the greatest muralists of the twentieth century.

It was Edsel who commissioned the controversial Rivera to create the murals for the walls of the prestigious art museum, over the objections of his father. Given the turbulence of the Great Depression and the union movement of the 1930s, the murals depicted autoworkers struggling for dignity in an industrial environment. Imagine the lively discussions they triggered in the boardrooms and around the Ford family dinner table. Ultimately, Edsel's gift is a shining example of how the Ford Motor Co. built its legacy of outstanding contributions to the arts.

In an edition which premieres on Channel 56 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, February 28, Backstage Pass

takes you on location to the Detroit Institute of Arts to celebrate Rivera's achievement, and visits Meadow Brook Theatre for a behind-the-scenes look at the production.

I hope you'll join me, Karim Alrawi, and the cast of A Gift of Glory for the benefit performance at Oakland University's Wilson Hall on March 21.

Ticket information is available by calling 248-377-3300.

Still smitten by the Valentine's Day performance by Maxim Vengerov in Ann Arbor is Madonna University's Dave Wagner, who also serves as Backstage Pass classical music host.

Vengerov not only has great technique, but also the musician-ship to go with it and a wonderful, charming personality, which

is a rare combination," he says.

The local visit by the 24-year-old Siberian violinist was a highlight of this year's classical offerings, as you'll discover by seeing him perform in a Backstage Pass rebroadcast Friday, Feb. 26, at midnight.

Speaking of highlights, how about the exciting announcement that The Three Tenors will perform at the soon to be obsolete Tiger Stadium this summer? Staging such a high-profile event surely will boost the area's reputation as a center for the performing arts. It's also another reminder that such things as a sports stadium, a record company, a retail store, and a hometown brewery can go the way of the Edsel motor car, but the arts, if supported, endure.

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### THEATER

#### DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, runs March 2-21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, Detroit. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

#### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martial of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

#### FOX THEATRE

"Cats," 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, March 2-4, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 433-1515

#### JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Never the Sinner," John Logan's dramatization of the Leopold and Loeb story of the 1924 thrill killing of 14-year-old Bobby Franks, through March 7, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Mori Crim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. Call for details. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. (248) 788-2900

#### MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"Scotland Road," Jeffrey Hatcher's thriller about a woman found floating in the Atlantic in 1998 claiming to be a Titanic survivor, through March 7, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. (248) 377-3300

#### PLANET ANT THEATRE

"Garage," a hilarious musical comedy written by and starring Detroit Second City mainstage alumni Joshua Funk and Nancy Hayden, chronicles three decades in the life of an ill-fated band formed in the 1970s in a Hamtramck garage, continues through February, 8 p.m. and midnight Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$10. (313) 365-4948 or <http://www.planetant.com>

### COLLEGE

#### WSU BONSTELLE

"Our Country's Good," a hilarious and harrowing play illustrating how theater has the potential to change people's lives when a colony of convicts attempt to do comedy, opens March 5 and runs through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at 3424 Woodward, Detroit. \$8-10. (313) 577-2960

#### WSU HILBERRY THEATRE

Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities," runs in rotating repertory to March 4, Moss Hart's riotous comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, at the theater, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$17. (313) 577-2972

#### WSU STUDIO THEATRE

Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," a compelling tale of human individuality in a conformist society, set in a small village in Africa in 1974 and based on a real-life South African artist, opens Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 7 at the theater downstairs from the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave. at Hancock, Detroit. \$6-8. (313) 577-2972

### COMMUNITY THEATER

#### AVON PLAYERS

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 5-7, 12-14 and 18-20, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 1185 Trinken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$13. (248) 608-9077

#### COMIC OPERA GUILD

"Kismet," a musical Arabian Nights, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27, and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$13 seniors, \$7 students. (734) 973-3264

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"The Fantasticks" by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, in the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$14. (248) 553-2955

#### HARTLAND PLAYERS

"Faithful," the adult comic/thriller by Chazz Palminteri, Feb. 26-27 and March 6-7, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 seniors; reserved seating. (810) 220-3521

#### NOVI THEATRES

"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5, 12-13, and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

#### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 26-28, and Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road,



**Special event: The multi-color extravaganza of Cirque Ingenieux has a P.T. Barnum influence. — Cirque Ingenieux continues through Sunday, Feb. 28 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25-\$38.50, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 983-6611 for more information.**

Northville. \$11 in advance at The Penniman Deli, 820 Penniman St., Plymouth, Gardenview's, 202 W. Main St., Northville, and Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty Road North, Canton; \$12 at the door. Discounts for groups of 15 or more. (248) 349-7110

#### RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Beau Jest," a comedy involving a young Jewish woman who hires an actor to pretend to be her Jewish doctor boyfriend in order to please her parents, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

#### TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, an adult production suitable for families, 8 p.m. Saturdays, March 6 and 13 and Friday, March 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. \$12 at the door, \$10 advance. (313) 535-8962

#### TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"Grace & Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-75), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

#### ZEITGEIST

"Glengarry Glen Ross," David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, February 26-27, at Zrgeist, 2861 Michigan Avenue, one mile from Tiger Stadium, Detroit. \$10, includes refreshments. (313) 965-9192

### DINNER THEATER

#### BACI ABRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

#### DAVE AND BUSTER'S

"Contract: Death," a comedic mystery in which the lead character attends a business convention along with unhappy wife, jilted mistress and business rival, 8 p.m. Saturdays through March 13, at the D & B entertainment center, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95. Not recommended for children under age 18. (810) 930-1515

### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

**PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**  
The children's musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays Feb. 27 to Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. Saturdays (lunch at noon) and 2 p.m. Sundays (lunch at 1 p.m.), at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mt. Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. \$7.50, includes lunch and

show. (810) 662-8118

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### ASTROLOGY/PSYCHIC FAIR

Astrologers, card readers, palmistry, psychics, lectures, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, Rochester and 12 Mile roads. \$5. (248) 528-2610

#### COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SHOW

Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and until 6 p.m. Feb. 28, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

#### DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY TAMBU-RITZANS

A concert by the musicians, dancers and vocalists portraying the cultures of Eastern Europe, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Lakeview High School Auditorium, 21100 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. \$18, \$15. (248) 645-6666

#### "FUN & FINE DINING"

The Farmington Single Professionals meet 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Sweet Lorraine's, 29101 Greenfield Road, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 851-9909 or <http://www.fsp.org>

#### GREATER DETROIT SPORTFISHING AND TRAVEL EXPO

4-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$7.50, \$3.50 for children ages 12 and younger. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

#### GREAT MICHIGAN GOLF SHOW

2-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Pontiac Silverdome, 1200 Featherstone Road. \$8, \$5 teens, \$3 ages 6-12, \$1 off seniors. (248) 456-1600

#### RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW AND SALE

Fifty dealers display train items to swap and buy, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at St. Martha's Parish Hall, 18100 Oakwood Blvd, across the street from Oakwood Hospital, south of Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$2, \$5 family, \$10 early birds, with proceeds to St. Martha's ushers for church improvements and the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society for its restoration program for passenger cars. The Bluewater chapter will show videos of their steam trip May 22-23 to Clare. (313) 277-2419

#### UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

"Northville's Connection on the Underground Railroad" presented by Julie Fountain and her guitar, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., south of Main Street, west of Center (Sheldon) Street. Free. (248) 349-3020

#### WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR

"Population in the 21st Century: How Can We Avoid the Potential Crisis?" explores the ramifications of the ever-growing problem of overpopulation as well as some possible solutions, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Cranbrook Schools, Lerchen Hall (Performing Arts Center), 550 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. Free. (248) 645-3084/(248) 645-3142

#### WWF'S MONDAY NIGHT RAW

March 5 is the deadline to exchange Jan. 2 WWF tickets for "Raw is War" at 8 p.m. Monday, April 12, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. The Jan. 2, "WWF Live" event at Joe Louis Arena was canceled due to a severe winter storm. All exchanges must be made by March 5 in-person at Joe Louis Arena box office or by mail to: Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Box Office/WWF Exchange. Refunds will be available at point-of-purchase. Tickets charged by phone through Ticketmaster will be refunded by mail only. Tickets for the April 12 Monday Night RAW will go on sale soon to the public. (313)983-6606/(248)645-6666.

### FAMILY EVENTS

#### CIRQUE INGENIEUX

Through Sunday, Feb. 28, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666

#### DISNEY ON ICE - "THE LITTLE MERMAID"

Various times, Tuesday-Sunday, March 2-7, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. \$12.50, \$15.50, \$17.50, \$30. (248) 645-6666/(313) 983-6606 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or <http://www.olympiaentertainment.com>

#### MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Observe tree tapping, learn about cooking techniques of Native American and history and science behind maple syrup production, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 27-28, all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 29 followed by a 90-minute program, at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Call toll free (877) GO-Cranbrook

#### THE MUSIC LADY

Presents a unique and exciting blend of music and songs combining charming arrangements of old favorites on her guitar, she brings her dog puppet Zambonia and all the rhythm instruments she can find, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road. \$4. (734) 466-2410

### BENEFITS

#### "CELEBRATING LIFE"

A Broadway-style musical presentation featuring Petula Clark and other cast members of "Sunset Boulevard," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$72, \$36, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition. Broadway Cares: Equity Fights AIDS, and Steppin' Out. (248) 594-6522

#### GILDA'S CLUB BENEFIT

Featuring performances by Mudpuppy and Jill Jack, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (variety)

#### MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD

Hosts a silent toy auction to benefit Childrens Hospital of Detroit, an exhibit will showcase guild members handmade curio cabinets, hutches, grandfather clocks and other items, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, between Schoolcraft (I-96) and Five Mile. Free. (313) 346-3671

#### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE & AUCTION

6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, cocktail reception, dinner, live entertainment and auction, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Merriman Road, Livonia. \$125, \$75, \$50, \$1,000 for table of 10. Proceeds to benefit Community Hospice & Home care Services. (734) 522-4244

#### "IT'S THE TOPS!"

A re-creation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Ciger Store Indians, and rockabilly DJ Del Villarreal, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, between Washtenaw and Packard roads, Ann Arbor. \$125 includes 20 coupons to select food and beverages and games of chance, and \$75 tax-deductible donation; \$7 cover charge to dance, watch movies, buy tickets for games, ice cream and popcorn. (734) 647-2278 or <http://www.mlive.com/aasf>

### CLASSICAL

#### LIONA BOYD

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, 121 University Ave., W. Windsor. \$25 adults, \$22.50 seniors and students. (519) 253-8065 or <http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol>

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

With Ya-Hui Wang, conductor, performing works of Bernstein, Copland and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at the box office. (313) 833-3700 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier and violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28; With Tortelier and British pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, \$40-\$60 box seats. Rush tickets for students and senior citizens aged 60 or older (with proper identification) are available at a 50 percent discount at the box office window 90 minutes before each classical concert. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroit-symphony.com>

#### LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Features guest pianist 14-year old Joshua Cullen performing George Gershwin's "Concerto in F," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$15, \$8 children age 12 and under. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

#### YUKI AND TOMOKO MACK

Pianists, presented by the Greater Orion Performing Arts Council, perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (248) 693-5436

#### JASON VIEUX

The classical guitarist performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$15. (248) 975-8797

### ORGAN

#### MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY

Winter Movie Series continues with "Hello, Dolly" featuring Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (organ overtures start 30 minutes earlier, guest organists evening Lance Luce, matinee Gus Borman), at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River, Detroit. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407

### POPS/SWING

#### SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 459-4190 (swing)

#### STARLIGHT DRIFTERS

10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, during the Rockers game, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 983-6606 (western swing)

#### H-V-I ORCHESTRA

9-11:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. (313) 259-1374; 7-9:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-7758

### AUDITIONS

#### AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for five females, 2 male youths and an ensemble of storytellers of all ages for "Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel and Noah's Ark, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tineken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0792

#### HARTLAND PLAYERS

Open auditions for the comedy "A Thousand Clowns," 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 and 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at the

Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. Script available at Cromaine District Library. (810) 220-3521

#### HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Auditions for 16 women, including 6 African-American women, and 21 men, including 4 African-Americans, for three different shows, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 and 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the Anderson Center Theater, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. To schedule an appointment, call (313) 982-6044

#### JAZZ AND SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE OF DETROIT

Auditions for modern and jazz dancers age 18 and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, between Curtis and McNichols, Detroit. (313) 862-0966/(313) 342-1000

#### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9, readings will be done from the script, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads. For performances May 7-9, 13-16. (248) 669-0436/(734) 525-1206/(248) 349-7110 or visit <http://www.causeway.com/pg/>

#### RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Auditions for six men and 11 women for Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, callbooks March 2, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. For performances April 30 to May 23. (734) 591-3405

#### SHOWBIZ EXPO

Accepting applications from boys and girls ages 3-18 for Michigan's 12th annual Showbiz Entertainment and Photogenic Expo, March 20-21, portions of all proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. (248) 650-1741/(810) 977-2741

#### STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for eight men, seven women and a large ensemble chorus for the musical "Crazy for You" with music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, registration begins one hour earlier, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances May 14-16, 20-23, 28-30 and June 4-6. (248) 541-4832

#### THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

Accepting submissions for original one-acts by local artists in play/script format running 15-45 minutes each, deadline March 1, send four copies to the Theatre Guild, c/o Sean Kelley, P.O. Box 51574, Livonia, Mich., 48150. (313) 531-0554

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**PAUL KELLER/GARY KOCHER QUARTET**  
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

**KUZ**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ("out-jazz")

**SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE**  
7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519

**LARVAL**  
With Groop Doggill and 50 Tons of Black Terror, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (avant jazz/rock)

**HAROLD MCKINNEY AND WENDELL HARRISON**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

**MATT MICHAELS**  
With Larry Nozoro (sax) and Johnny Trudell (trumpet) Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. \$5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

**M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)**  
8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 3-6, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

**SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO**  
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

**CECIL PAYNE**  
Baritone sax player performs with Marcus Belgrave, trumpet, Marcus Belgrave Jr., bass, George Davidson, drums, and Gary Schunk, piano, 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27 (\$20). The aforementioned band along with Beans Bowles, Richard Lazon, Larry Nozoro and Ben Pruitt also perform during the "Sunday Baritone Sax Summit," 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 (\$20), both at SereNgeti Ballroom, 2957 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 832-3010

**CHARLES SCALES DUO**  
8 p.m. Mondays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

**GWEN AND CHARLES SCALES**  
8 p.m. Tuesdays in March, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

**STRAIGHT AHEAD TRIO**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

**URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON**  
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

**WORLD MUSIC**

**BLACKTHORN**  
3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. \$8. (248) 424-9041 (Irish)

**KODO**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$26, \$30, \$32 and \$36. All ages. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org> (Japanese drum)

**LUCIANO**  
With Mikey General and Dean Fraser, all backed by The Firehouse Crew, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

**SUPER STEEL BAND**  
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 203-0005

**FOLK/BLUEGRASS**

**JIM PERKINS**  
9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (734) 650-5060 (acoustic folk)

**THE RENO BROTHERS**  
With The Special Consensus, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 (bluegrass)

**MICHAEL SMITH**  
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**SONIA DADA**  
8 p.m. Thursday, March 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451

**POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD**

**"POETRY IN MOTION"**  
Featuring J.C. Hyatt, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

**STORYTELLING WEEKEND**  
With Roslyn Bresnick Perry, Nana Lwanga, David Holt, Jerry Fearst and

others, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 evenings, \$6 afternoon. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

**THE WRITER'S VOICE**  
Featuring fiction writers Wendell Mayo and Wayne State University's Christopher T. Leland reading 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 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**

**CONTRA DANCE**  
Experienced dancers, minimal walk-throughs, Peter Baker calls to music by Contrapunters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

**"COUNTRY CLASS"**  
Country Western dance 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2207

**POLKA DANCE**  
Presented by Polka Booster Club of America with music by Polka Towners Chapter II from Bay City, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Pvt. Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Hgts. \$9. (313) 561-8389/(248) 471-2963

**SINGLE MINGLE DANCE**  
Metropolitan Single Professionals and Farmington Single Professionals host a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, in the Main Ballroom of the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel, Novi Road at I-96. \$7. 4+ members. (248) 851-9909 or <http://www.fsp.org>

**COMEDY**

**"COMEDY GUYS FOR KIDS"**  
With WLPT-FM's Johnny in the Morning, Jeff Dunham, John Caponera, Russ Ammaguucci and Chris Zito, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$14.96, net revenue benefits the Children's Center in Detroit. (248) 645-6666 or <http://www.planet963.com>

**EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB**  
Joe Dunkle, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the club, 2869 N. Pontiac Trail, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

**THE GAYLORDS**  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., at Farmington Road, Farmington. \$20. (248) 473-7777

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
Darwin Hines, Kevin Zeoli and Rich Higginsbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 25-27 (\$12). At the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT FAISANO'S**  
Vic DiBietto, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (\$12, \$27.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Victoria Jackson's show Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-28, has been cancelled due to movie deal. (313) 584-8885

**MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE**  
Blake Clark, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 (\$12); Mike "Chainsaw" Hessman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 (\$8), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 5 (\$10), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 6 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

**MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**  
Blair Shannon and Gary George, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 25-28; Paul Kozak and Spike Rizzo, Wednesday-Sunday, March 3-7, and a special kids matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$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>

**CHRIS ROCK**  
8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50 and \$45. All ages. (248) 433-1515

**SECOND CITY**  
"Dancers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

**MUSEUMS AND TOURS**

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
Weird Science: A Conflation of Art and Science, featuring four artists' projects representing an ongoing exploration of a specific area of science, some incorporate specimens from Cranbrook Institute of Science, an Eastern Box turtle, satellite broadcasting prototypes, and a chicken coop

(through April 3, lectures by the artists Feb. 25, March 11, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays, until 9 p.m. Thursdays. \$5, \$3 students/children/seniors. (248) 645-3323 or <http://www.cranbrook.edu/museum>

**DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
Church Tour Monday, March 1 (313) 833-1405; "Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

**HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE**  
Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair is back on view 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-Americans to world music week-ends in February, Will Davidson (spirituals) noon and 2 p.m. Feb. 27-28, 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 5 free. (313) 271-1620

**MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**  
In celebration of Black History Month, the museum presents a historical film noon Saturday, Feb. 27, "Hear Our Voice" lecture 1-3 p.m. Saturday, 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 E. Warren, at Brush, Detroit. Activities free with museum admission \$5, \$3 ages 17 and under. (313) 494-5800

**POPULAR MUSIC**

**AHADA**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BLACK BEAUTY**  
With Thoretta Davis, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

**"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"**  
Featuring Sarah Abramowitz, Away, Polecat and The Kind, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

**BLUE CAT**  
With Ken Murphy, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**BLUE SUIT**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

**CALAMITY JANE**  
With The Prime Ministers, formerly known as Sensitive Clown, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (pop rock)

**DEEP SPACE SIX**  
With Baked Potato, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (jam rock/funk)

**JIMMY DILLON**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

**ELECTRIC BOOGALOO**  
With Baked Potato and John Norman, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

**ELIZA**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop rock)

**PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Muldoon's, 3982 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-2707 (9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (blues)

**GDSMACK**  
With Gonspon and Pushinsky, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, St. Andrew's

Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

**GORE GORE GIRLS**  
With The Numbers, formerly known as Big Block, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**QRR**  
9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

**HARBINGER'S MILE**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 652-0558 or <http://www.harbingersmile.com> (acoustic roots rock)

**ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART**  
With Rollie Tussing, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (blues)

**THE HOPE ORCHESTRA**  
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Borders Books, 17141 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. Free. All ages. (313) 885-1188 or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch> (rock)

**HOWLING DIABLOS**  
With Fathers of the Id, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk/rock)

**CHUCK HUGHES**  
Ebeling Hughes member performs 10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, Garden Bowl in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (rock)

**JILL JACK**  
With Thoretta Davis and Harbinger's Mile, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (variety)

**JUMPCATS**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

**BILL KAHLER**  
7 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Feb. 25, Boulders, 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Free. All ages. (734) 459-4190 (singer)

**MIKE KING BAND**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (rock)

**KUNG FU DIESEL**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Karl's Cabin, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rockabilly)

**LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917 (blues)

**JOHN D. LAMB**  
With Sal D'Agnillo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

**JONNY LANG**  
With Chris Whitley, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$23.50 in advance, \$25 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or <http://www.961melt.com> (blues/rock)

**LOVE AND ROCKETS**  
With Orty, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$18.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

**STONEZ MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS**  
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**MSBR**  
With Princess Dragon Mom and Government Alpha, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (experimental rock)

**MUDHONEY**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (alternative rock)

**MUDPUPPY**  
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

**SHAWN MULLINS**  
With Khaled, 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 (pop)

**MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

**STEVE NARDELLA**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (rockabilly)

**PEDRO THE LION**  
With Ventr, 100 and Murrill's Forest, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19

and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

**ROBERT PENN**  
9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-0917 (blues)

**QUEEN BEE**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

**REFERMEN**  
10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (blues)

**ROCKELL**  
11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, La Boom Teen Nightclub, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$10. All ages. (248) 926-1000 (R&B)

**ROXANNE**  
9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic rock)

**SAX APPEAL**  
8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 25 and March 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**KRISTIN SAYER**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, C.K. Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 5 Hole in Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 471-3388 (rock)

**SEPULTURA**  
With Spine Shank and One Minute Silence, 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

**BRAD SHEPKIN AND THE COM-MUTERS**  
With Immigrant Suns, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700

**"SNOCORE TOUR"**  
With Everclear, Soul Coughing, Black-Eyed Peas and DJ Spooky, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock/rap)

**STEVE SOMERS BAND WITH VALERIE BARRYMORE**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213; 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

**RINGO STARR AND HIS ALL-STARR BAND**  
Featuring Todd Rundgren, Gary Brooker, Jack Bruce, Simon Kirke and Timmy Cappello, 8 p.m. Monday, March 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$32.50 and \$22.50 reserved, and \$10 general admission. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

# 'Blast from the Past' offers time-warped laughs

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Take "Pleasantville" and turn it around. That's pretty much "Blast From the Past." And that's fine by me.

In "Pleasantville," two teens from today are sucked into their TV. Emerging in a black and white 1950s sitcom world, they put some 1990s naughtiness into the picture, coloring the citizens with individuality, for better or worse.

"Blast From the Past" gives us a new Adam, Adam Webber (Brendan Fraser). Born in a bomb shelter and raised on "Honeymooners" films and Perry Como records, he ventures to the

surface at age 35. He's never seen the ocean, never seen the sky, never seen a person of color. But he's got immaculate sitcom manners, speaks fluent everything and is just in time for the swing dance revival. In other words, he's perfect for post-apocalypse Los Angeles.

That, at least, is what he believes he's found. During the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, his kooky inventor father (Christopher Walken) and pregnant mother (Sissy Spacek) took cover in their elaborate fallout shelter. Did we say elaborate? It's an entire eight-room underground facsimile of their San Fernando Valley tract house, complete with a hydroponic garden, air system

and enough supplies for 35 years — the length of time dad figures the fallout will last if the Comies drop the big one.

When an Air Force jet crashes into their house they're sure that's exactly what's happened, and now it's up to them to start civilization over once the contamination clears. When the time comes, they send Adam up to replenish their supplies and hopefully meet a nice girl from Pasadena who doesn't glow in the dark.

Funny stuff, and "Blast" stays funny throughout; it doesn't shift gears like "Pleasantville" does and moralize about how awful we are. When dad scouts around

were survivors; the fallout created a subspecies of mutants," well hey, we knew that about L.A. already.

Walken and Spacek are a riot. Oscar winners for their dramatic roles ("The Deer Hunter" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," respectively), they seem grateful for the chance to do shtick. As Calvin Webber, Walken's not a mad scientist; he's a Cal Tech professor who knows the end is near and wants no part of it. He builds his own Garden of Eden and is perfectly content to wait it out down there. Not so his obedient wife Helen. Spacek grows weary of being Harriet to his Ozzie. Around the 10th year, she begins to get into the cooking sherry.

Fraser ("George of the Jungle") is the perfect innocent. He sees nothing wrong with wearing the jacket his mom knitted from the bedspread. And he's more than willing to barter his dad's priceless Rogers Hornsby baseball card for a ride to the nearest Holiday Inn. There are lots of bits like that; no big classic moments, but plenty of time-warped laughs from screenwriters Bill Kelly and Hugh Wilson, who also directed.

Alicia Silverstone is miscast as a street-wise Eve — that's right, Eve. She's certainly cute enough to take back down to the shelter to meet the folks, but she still looks like the "Clueless" Califor-



Romantic comedy: Ryan Sparks (left to right), Sissy Spacek and Christopher Walken in "Blast From the Past."

nia teenager, not someone who's been around the freeway a few times. As her gay confidante Troy, Dave Foley (TV's "NewsRadio") steals his few scenes; watch for him in future works. And there are some wonderful individual reactions by the actors playing a bus driver, a bellboy, a butcher and especially a black lady mail person.

The problem with "Blast" is we're supposed to believe that Calvin spent years getting his shelter ready. The pipes are laid, the appliances are in, the radiation sensors are calibrated and it's stocked with more food than a Farmer Jack, but they leave the only radio behind? Kinda contaminates the whole thing.

## GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

### National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

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Auburn Hills 1-14  
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# Love and Rockets seeks out grass roots



CHRISTINA FUOCO

"Grassroots operation" is a phrase generally associated with up and coming bands. But that is exactly what Love and Rockets' bassist/co-lyricist David J. is dubbing his band's tour.

In order to promote "Lift," Love and Rockets' 1998 album released on Red Ant Entertainment, the English alternative rock legends are funding their own 30-city tour.

"They didn't put any money up at all," David J. said about Red Ant. "We're just on a bus. This is the first time we're gonna be on a bus with a crew since the early '80s. We usually fly. It's a real guerrilla operation."

"We actually have field representatives recruited through the internet who are fans going out promoting the gigs. It's a real grassroots operation which is a very cool thing in a way. It's through necessity."

Love and Rockets is paying the reps with tickets and backstage passes for the shows. David J. along with drummer/percussionist Kevin Haskins and lead singer/guitarist/co-lyricist Daniel Ash is playing Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac on Tuesday, March 2.

Unlike the band's set during "Ignition" dance night at the State Theatre in early December,



So alive: Love and Rockets - from left, drummer/percussionist Kevin Haskins, lead singer/guitarist/co-lyricist Daniel Ash and bassist/co-lyricist David J. - perform Tuesday, March 2, with special guests Orgy at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Love and Rockets will play older material at Clutch Cargo's. Love and Rockets made a conscious decision to skip hits like "So Alive" and "No New Tale to Tell" to avoid the "retro" tag.

"We didn't want to be perceived as being an old act. And we just thought it was coura-

geous to do that. It's kind of in the spirit of the group to push the envelope a bit," he said.

That applies to "Lift," an album that taps more into electronic than guitars.

"We always just make the music that we really feel. We

don't really contrive it. It's what comes out. It comes from a deep place. We've listened to electronic music since the early '70s, really. It's always been a really big influence right back to Bauhaus," he said about the band of which he, Ash and Haskins are members.

On "Holy Fool," the single from the record, Love and Rockets teams up with members of the electronic pop band Luscious Jackson, a pairing conceived by producer Doug Deangelis.

"We met them in the studio in that session. It was his idea. He just gave them a call and they came straight down and did the session. It's quite interesting, the process. What we did, it was all recorded as far as our parts are concerned. We mixed down all the vocals so what they heard was the instrumental. So they didn't have any idea of where our vocals came in," he explained.

"Then we just said you come up with your own vocal idea and just lay it down. Jill (Cunniff of Luscious Jackson) just came up with that refrain instantly. She went in and recorded it and we put up all of our vocals and it just worked so well. Where she sang her bit it fell in the right spaces by chance."

"That's pretty typical of the way we work. We like to employ chance because chance creates magic."

As for live shows, spontaneity creates the magic.

"Spontaneous events do occur. We allow ourselves passages that aren't planned, improvised passages to allow that spirit in. We always have done it but it's against a very worked-out backdrop. We work on the structure of the songs. You've got to have that anchor in order to take flight."

The release of "Lift" came on the heels of a sold-out Bauhaus reunion tour which hit Detroit's State Theatre in August. The Bauhaus and Love and Rockets tours are contradictions. Bauhaus hasn't released new material in years, while Love and Rockets is promoting a new record.

Leaving Bauhaus lead singer Peter Murphy behind to concentrate on Love and Rockets was "very strange."

"I found myself looking around for Mr. Murphy on a number of occasions. I missed his presence there, on-stage and off. It was a different focus but the music was strong enough for it to pull through and for it to work. It's just putting on a different hat."

Love and Rockets and special guest Orgy perform Tuesday, March 2, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$18.50 in advance. For more information, call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> or

<http://www.loveandrockets.com>.  
Veterans vs. newcomers

Opening for Love and Rockets is Orgy, which has found success with a cover of "Blue Monday" by Bauhaus peers New Order. Orgy is one of the few bands in music that was signed to a deal before playing a live show.

Orgy recorded a demo tape which quickly made its way to the rock band Korn. Within six months of forming, Orgy was the first band signed to Korn's Elementree Records, a Reprise Records-distributed label.

"The whole Korn thing came into the picture, the offer was so good I thought, 'screw it. Why should we bother going out and playing LA when we can go in, right now and start making the record?'" said guitarist/key-boardist Amir Derakh.

"None of us wanted to play in L.A. It's not really all that productive, honestly. All of us had been in bands, all of us had played, all of us had done that. So the live aspect wasn't something that was foreign to us."

The music industry isn't foreign to members of Orgy either. Derakh is an engineer who worked on eels' "Beautiful Freak" and Spineshank's "Strictly Diesel" albums. Singer Jay, Gordon produced and Derakh engineered Coal Chamber's self-titled album.

It was all the studio work that influenced the recording of its debut album "Candyass."

"We sort of have an odd way of recording and writing. We're so used to being in the studio that most of our work is done in the studio. We write anywhere and use just about anything to come up with a song," Derakh explained.

"Candyass" was recorded in a cabin in Tahoe and Orgy's A&R man is happy with the result.

"It's something fresh and new - that's what turns me on. I think they'll appeal to a lot of kids, a lot of different people. They're fashionable pretty-dudes, so all the chicks will dig 'em. And they're real heavy, so, hopefully a lot of our friends will like them too," said Korn singer Jonathan Davis.

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# Harbinger's Mile makes fine debut album

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"Hallowed Boulevard," the debut album from Harbinger's Mile, could rival any major label release. With stellar production, immaculately written lyrics, melodies that would make Toad the Wet Sprocket jealous, and a potential hit (the melancholy "13 Cigarettes"), "Hallowed Boulevard" is a winner.

Sounding like an eternal perfectionist, singer/guitarist Mike Rut, a 1983 graduate of Southfield Christian High School, finds it necessary to make excuses for the record. "Peace Pipe," an acoustic number that closes out the album, makes him wince.

"It's not my favorite recorded song. The instrumentation on it isn't right. When we were going to record that song, we wanted to put on an accordion and pedal steel guitar. But the drums and the guitar didn't seem to sync up very well. In order to salvage what we had, and to stay within the time constraints of being in the studio, we ended up making it semi-acoustic."

"When we play it live, it sounds a whole lot better," he said reassuringly.

### Defunct relationships

Rut, who grew up in Plymouth, Farmington Hills and Canton, and Francis, a 1990 Troy High School graduate, duo met through now-former girlfriends on a camping trip. When the

relationships ended Rut and Francis moved in together and started writing music. Both of them had previous musical experience - Rut as a member of Billy Sunday and Francis as the road manager/guitar tech for Red C. Susan Calloway's former band.

"The two of us were living in this place, a house on 16 Mile, and it was \$400 a month including utilities. It had broken windows, plumbing problems. It was a hell hole. That's where we began writing together," said Francis, who like Rut is now happily married.

Weaving smartly written lyrics with acoustic guitars, the duo formed the base for Harbinger's Mile. Although the desire to form a band was there, Rut and Francis set out as a duo.

"The only thing that ever really took off for us was the acoustic thing. It was the easiest thing for us to do. We could do lots of shows. We didn't have to teach people the songs we were writing. We could write a song together and later that night go perform it. It was pretty low maintenance," Francis explained.

When Francis and Rut headed into Mocombo Media studio in Grosse Pointe Park, owner/producer Ron Pangborn, drummer for the Chisel Bros., changed that. Pangborn recruited area musicians to help with "Hallowed Boulevard."

"The only thing he ever knew about us was the songs that we performed acoustically. He

believed we could put this together in a band environment and make something happen. He worked alongside of us in the capacity of producer to fully realize that," Rut explained.

To do that, Pangborn hit the skins, Jim Rawlings played mandolin and slide guitar, Alex Duncan played organ and John Dunn was the bassist.

Rawlings is still with Rut and Francis, joining bassist Raquel Salasay and drummer Dave Masen for live shows.

Although Rut is uneasy about aspects of "Hallowed Boulevard," he said that the album deftly shows his and Francis' songwriting abilities. Like the name, Harbinger's Mile, their lyrics are thought provoking.

"Lyrically, we try and be provocative in thought and try and give images. We were sort of mulling over a couple different ideas and we thought Harbinger's Mile (offered) pictures without

explanation. Our lyrics tend to be that way too," he said.

Harbinger's Mile, in a band format, opens for Jill Jack and Thornetta Davis at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge is \$6 for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

Harbinger's Mile also plays acoustic shows at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Borders Books and Music, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 652-0558; at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham, (248) 644-1515; and at 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Borders Books and Music, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, Utica, (810) 726-8555.

For more information, visit <http://www.harbingersmile.com> or e-mail the band at [harbingersmile@juno.com](mailto:harbingersmile@juno.com).

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# Cozy La Bistecca Italian Grille captures bygone era

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Piedmontese Beef is the star at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Endorsed by the American Heart Association, this low-fat beef is lean and tender.

Piedmontese Beef is a breed of cattle that was originally raised in the foothills of the Alps in the Piedmont region of Italy. It is now available in the United States and called "Better Beef," because it is naturally lower in fat and cholesterol than traditional cuts of beef. La Bistecca offers it exclusively.

But beef isn't the only thing to love at La Bistecca, which is owned and operated by the Costanza family, who also own Station 885 in Plymouth and Portofino on the River in Wyandotte.

Cozy La Bistecca captures an era gone by with heavy emphasis on comfort. It's a place you can dress up to go to and enjoy a night out. It's elegant, but not stuffy. A coat and tie are not required.

The interior is beige with soft grays, dark wood, soft lighting and Italian imported accents. You can hear Frank Sinatra singing in the background, and there's even a portrait of "Old Blue Eyes" hanging over the piano bar. The portrait and two colorful paintings in the dining room were painted by Joyce's sister Cheryl Mann.

"We wanted it to have a retro feel like a post-war supper club," said Joyce Costanza about the restaurant. "When my wife and I dined out we had to travel to find a similar atmosphere," added her husband Jerry. "We wanted to bring something to

**La Bistecca Italian Grille**  
**Where:** 39405 Plymouth Road (at Eckles Road) Plymouth, (734) 254-0400  
**Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch), 4-10 p.m. (dinner) Monday-Friday; 5-10 p.m. (dinner) Saturday; lounge open until midnight.  
**Reservations:** Recommended, but not necessary.  
**Credit cards:** All majors accepted.  
**Menu:** Italian steakhouse with chicken, pasta and seafood dishes.  
**Cost:** Lunches range from \$6.95 to \$16.95; dinners \$18.95 to \$31.95.  
**Carry-out:** Available for all menu items  
**Entertainment:** Piano bar, 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.  
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**Seats:** 100

this area where people can go and get pampered."

The Costanzas raised their family in Livonia and later moved to Canton Township. Sons Jerry Jr. and Robert work at the restaurant.

"We figured that if we're getting into a steakhouse it should be a healthy experience," said Jerry. "This will be the meat of the future, because of the quality, nutrients, and value," added Robert.

Beef is a highlight, but the menu is diverse. Lukasik tries to accommodate special requests. "If someone comes in and wants grilled chicken with vegetables we can do it," said Lukasik. "At lunch we cater to customer time needs, and combine elegant dining with an efficient manner," said Jerry Jr.

Chef Eriq Lukasik takes pride in details such as roasting his own peppers, and using fresh herbs. "I have a great respect for the food," he said. The bread is homemade.

Start with Gamberi con Asparago — Scampi and asparagus in a lemon-garlic sauté finished with fresh herbs and capers, or the traditional Antipasto Assortito — Prosciutto di Parma, Oldani Salami and classic Italian cheeses, paired with an array of Italian appetizers.

The lunch menu offers homemade Minestrone, a variety of salads and sandwiches in addition to the house special — Filetto di Manzo alla Padella, grilled premium filet mignon finished with a vintage sauce, Italian sausage, chicken and pasta dishes.

For dinner, choose from the filet, Rib Eye, New York Strip or Porterhouse. Other choices include Grilled Provimi Veal Chop, lamb chops, pork chops, fresh fish, chicken and pasta. Entrees are beautifully garnished with flavor enhancing sauces and vegetables such as caramelized onions and served with vegetable and potato. Salads are extra.



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At your service: Jerry Costanza (bottom left), general manager Ray Borden (left to right, back row), Jerry Jr., Chef Eriq Lukasik, Robert, and Joyce at La Bistecca Italian Grille in Plymouth. Lukasik presents the house specialty, Piedmontese beef.

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Jerry Costanza  
Restaurant owner

quality.

Smoking is only allowed in the lounge. Ask to see the cigar menu. Premium whiskeys, cognac, martinis and coffee drinks are also available.

"One of the keys to our success is having a family member here

at all times, and putting an emphasis on family dining," said Jerry Jr. "We feel the dining experience should be an evening of enjoyment, like sitting in someone's home. We're here to serve the public in any way we can."

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### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Fourth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in the Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile Roads) Livonia. Tickets are \$35 per person, and must be purchased in advance, call (734) 462-4422. Patrons must be 21 years old or older to attend, and will receive a complimentary souvenir beer tasting glass and

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