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In court: *Attorney Steven C. Bullock confers with defendant Hassan Clark of Westland in 18th District Court Monday during Clark's preliminary exam in the death of a 2-year-old boy.*

Mom says defendant was good for her son

■ Hassan Clark of Westland faces a preliminary hearing Monday in the death of a 2-year-old Westland boy.

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In between tears, a Westland woman in court Monday smiled at the boyfriend accused of killing her 2-year-old son – and admitted that she still cares for him.

Kimberly Howie, 26, testified that she never saw murder defendant Hassan Christopher Clark, 30, abuse her son.

"I believe Hassan was good for my son," she said.

Her statements came during a preliminary hearing in the death of Michael Towne, who died the afternoon of Jan. 14 after he was left in Clark's care.

The boy suffered internal bleeding and a liver fracture, and a police report said his pancreas had been split in two after it was pushed against his spine.

Clark is charged with felony murder involving first-degree child abuse. He could face life in prison if convicted.

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Hearing: *Above, Westland 18th District Court Judge Gail McKnight presides at the hearing. At left are Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller and Sgt. Michael Terry.*

Driver nabbed after chase

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A Westland bowling alley break-in early Tuesday escalated into high-speed chases, the attempted killing of a police officer and, finally, a two-vehicle crash that ended the dramatic ordeal, authorities said.

Incredibly, no one was reported seriously injured as innocent motorists slammed their brakes and swerved on major roads to avoid hitting suspects, who led Westland and Canton officers at speeds up to 90 mph, police reports said.

A Taylor man faces six felony charges for the incident that started at 5:33 a.m. at Vision Lanes bowling alley, on Ford Road east of Hix in Westland.

Police arrested but later released a female companion and a Redford man who was initially believed to have been with the Taylor pair. Instead, he was in an area where police closed in on

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City hall options face study

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A split Westland City Council has hired a Bloomfield Hills firm to study proposals for renovating City Hall or building a new administration complex.

Some city leaders say they will eventually face a crucial decision to build new administration offices or renovate a deteriorating City Hall, built in the mid-1960s on Ford Road.

Officials also will face key issues such as the best way to use taxpayer dollars to pay the tab – whichever plan they pursue.

"I think it's long past due that we make these decisions, and I'm looking forward to making them," Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said.

During a meeting Monday, council members split 5-2 in hiring TMP Associates Inc. for $24,800 to study the feasibility of new construction or renova-

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Runaway girl, accused of death plot, captured

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A runaway Westland girl, accused of plotting to kill the grandmother whose home she shared, was captured Sunday in Nashville, Tenn., police said.

"The grandmother is very upset over this," Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said. "She is very distraught and scared. Now she fears what could happen if the girl is returned to her."

The 16-year-old girl ran away Feb. 15 from her grandmother's home in Westland's south end and had been missing for six days, Stobbe said.

"We had been looking for her ever since she ran away," he said.

The girl is accused of stealing her 56-year-old grandmother's 1998 Dodge Neon, which was later found in Detroit.

A 16-year-old boy driving the car told police he found it parked with the keys in the ignition, and he denied knowing the runaway, Stobbe said. The boy was arrested following a police chase.

Meanwhile, some of the runaway girl's friends began calling Westland police, informing them of her alleged plot to kill her grandmother, Stobbe said.

"They let us know that she had been trying to solicit people to murder her grandmother," he said. "She had several people that she was offering cars and money."

Police say it's possible the girl was trying to give away her grandmother's Dodge Neon in exchange for a killing.

Stobbe said authorities don't know of anyone who has made any attempts to kill the grandmother.

On Sunday, the runaway teen phoned relatives in Nashville and asked them to bring money to her at that city's Greyhound bus depot, Stobbe said.

"The relatives called the grandmother, and she called us," the lieutenant said.

Stobbe contacted Nashville police,

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Mail carrier cares about people

BY LILLY A. EVANS
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Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night keeps John Prowse from delivering mail with a smile on his face and a spring in his step.

Prowse has been a Canton mail carrier in Carriage Hills subdivision for 10 years and loves his job everyday. And it doesn't go without notice.

Observer reader Janet Hammons nominated Prowse for excellent customer service recognition due to his disposition.

"It can be the worst weather; icy, snowy and the wind blowing and he is always smiling," Hammons said, "The world would be a better place if we had more people like him."

Prowse attests that he enjoys life and cares about people.

"If I am alive, I am happy," he said.

"I like all the customers on my route and I want to do a good job for them," explained Prowse.

He says he takes special care in making sure his customers get checks and parcels in a timely manner.

"I do everything on my end to follow up if a customer asks me about a delivery they are expecting," Prowse said.

During the holiday season if he knows a customer is waiting for a gift, he personalizes his service by knocking on the door and wishing them a Merry

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMAN

Special delivery: *John Prowse of Westland has delivered mail in the same Canton Township subdivision for the past 10 years.*

Excellence award: *Bob Duzak (left) of Westland, owner of a 1950 Mercury hardtop, was selected as winner of the Alexander Brothers Award of Excellence at Detroit Autorama, presented by Bob Larivee Sr., Autorama founder.*

Westland residents rake in auto awards

Westland auto buffs drove away with a load of awards at the recent 47th annual Big Kmart Autorama at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Billed as "America's Greatest Hot Rod Show," Autorama drew a record 161,710 people to see 800 exhibits of hot rods, custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles. The event was held at Cobo Feb. 19-21.

Robert Duzak of Westland, who owns a 1950 Mercury, won first place in the radical post-war hardtop 1949-54 category, outstanding full/ radical/ handbuilt custom car and a $1,000 cash award for The Alexander Brothers Award of Excellence.

The Alexander Brothers award, which was added last year to Autorama, is judged on styling, design, bodywork and paint. It was established by the Detroit customizers, the Alexander Brothers, who still live in the area and came to the show and selected Duzak's car as the winner.

■ AUTORAMA

Duzak built the car himself with the help of friends over 6 1/2 years. The Mercury was a wreck when designs were drawn up, according to Duzak. He was helped in his efforts by Jim Urban of Detroit and Joe Danko of Lincoln Park.

Other Westland winners at Autorama include:

- John Kielbowicz, first-place street machine custom rod 1935-48 and outstanding interior street machine, for a 1941 Willy's Coupe.
- Chris Aton, outstanding contemporary vehicle, for a 1998 Dodge.
- Joe St. Pierre, first-place bracket racer 1973 to current and street achievement – engine, for a 1997 Ford Mustang Cobra.
- Paul Klein, second-place custom rod sedan, for a 1936 Nash.
- Freddie Williams, second-place current street machine truck/van, for a 1983 Ford F-100 Pickup.
- Joshua Parker, third-place compact custom, for a 1995 Saturn SL2.
- Mark Cisney, fourth-place late current hardtop 1990-95, for a 1995 Pontiac Grand Am GT.
- Kris Ryan Kropinski, third-place late current hardtop 1990-95, for a 1995 Mustang GT.
- Tom Coniam, second place Super Gas 1980 and prior, for a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro.
- Stevie Day, third-place Super Gas 1980 and prior, for a 1967 Chevrolet C-10 truck.
- Daniel Greene, fourth-place Super Gas 1981 to current, for a 1988 Ford Mustang.
- Keith Dahlka, third-place road bike, for a 1981 Harley Davidson.
- Caryn and George Bluga, street achievement – rod, for a 1932 Ford.

Testimony *from page A1*

Clark could learn as early as March 15 whether he will face trial. Part of his hearing was delayed until then because a medical examiner wasn't available to testify Monday.

Clark lived with Howie and her son at The Orchards of Newburgh, an apartment complex on Westland's southwest side where paramedics and police officers found the lifeless child about 2 p.m. Jan. 14.

In court Monday, Judge Gail McKnight had to warn Clark to stop signaling to Howie during her testimony. McKnight threatened to hold Clark in contempt.

Woman testifies

Under questioning, Howie admitted that she still cared for Clark, whom she had known for 18 months. She said she had no fears of letting Clark care for her son while she was working.

"He had been taking care of him for quite awhile – months," she said.

Two neighbors testified that they heard loud noises on the day Towne was found dead, and one man said the sounds came from the apartment shared by Clark and Howie.

"It was like a hammering sound – a few thuds, very loud," next-door neighbor Kenneth Burns testified, saying "a succession of thuds" shook a wall in his apartment.

"I thought I heard a male voice. I thought it was coming from the apartment next door," he said. "It was loud, but I couldn't understand what he was saying. I would judge it to be angry."

Neighbor Barbara Huff said she heard "a lot of banging noises" and thought it was roof workers.

A little later, Westland paramedics rushed to The Orchards of Newburgh after police dispatcher Gail Lazosky got a 911 call from the apartment where Clark had been caring for Towne.

The caller, who didn't identify himself, told Lazosky that a child had stopped breathing while napping, and Lazosky tried to lead him through efforts to save the boy.

The caller's voice could be heard on a tape-recording played in court.

"Blood's coming out of his nose," the man's voice said.

"He's lifeless," he said at another point.

"It looks like he's dying," the man said on the phone. "Come on, Mike. Come on, buddy."

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Hearing: *Hassan Clark of Westland appeared Monday for a preliminary hearing in 18th District Court.*

■ Westland paramedics rushed to The Orchards of Newburgh after police dispatcher Gail Lazosky got a 911 call from the apartment where Hassan Clark had been caring for Michael Towne.

Howie testified that she knew something was wrong when she came home from work around 2:45 p.m. No one was at home, she said, even though her son's coat and shoes were there.

"Hassan would never take my baby out of the house without his shoes on," she said.

Hospital call

Howie learned the whereabouts of her son and her boyfriend after she called Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne.

Westland police have said findings of a medical examiner raised questions about whether Towne may have been previously injured – prior to Jan. 14.

In court Monday, Howie's testimony indicated that her son was accident-prone. Wearing the boy's picture on a button pinned to her clothing, she said the child:

- Had recently fallen off of a bed and hit the back of his head, causing a large bump while visiting his grandmother (Clark's mother).
- Had recently walked into a door, suffering a bruise above his eyebrows.
- Had broken his left arm when he fell off of a bed in September.

When she last bathed the boy on Jan. 13, Howie said, "he had maybe a little bruise here, a little bruise there."

The child also had been suffering from chicken pox.

Howie testified Monday that Clark had seemed depressed and withdrawn since he was involved in a fatal car accident on Feb. 7, 1998.

Clark was accused of driving a car that crossed a center line and hit another vehicle head-on, killing Jessie Dwayne Ridner, a passenger in Clark's car.

Clark is awaiting trial on a charge of negligent homicide stemming from the accident.

On Monday, Howie conceded that she knew Clark's defense attorney, Steve Bullock, before she came to court. She conceded under questioning that she had previously asked for Bullock's advice about the fatal car accident.

Chase *from page A1*

suspects.

"He just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said Wednesday afternoon.

Only one suspect now faces charges for allegations of breaking into the bowling alley and stealing $200 from a cash register. A custodian heard the break-in and fled the building, police reports said.

Alerted to the break-in, Westland officers began trailing a stolen, 1988 Plymouth Voyager that pulled from the bowling alley parking lot and headed west on Ford at a high rate of speed, swerving through traffic and turning north on I-275, the reports said.

Some I-275 motorists "slammed to a sudden stop" to avoid hitting the van, which passed one semitruck on the left shoulder and – with headlights shut off – drove across a grassy median and headed south on the interstate, police said.

Briefly eluding police, the van was soon spotted by Canton officers at an I-275 rest stop near Palmer Road, where the Taylor pair got out of the vehicle, police reports said.

Using police dogs, Canton officers tracked suspects through a wooded area toward Lotz Road about the time that Westland Sgt. Jeff Trzybinski was hot on their trail in a residential area along Blue Springs Court, police reports said.

Officers eventually arrested two people nearby, including the Redford man and the Taylor woman who now have been released, police said.

As Trzybinski was outside of his vehicle, however, the remaining suspect managed to get inside of the police Explorer and flee in it, authorities said.

"As the Westland officer was attempting to arrest one of the (initial) suspects, a second suspect drove off in his patrol vehicle," a Canton press release said. "The suspect attempted to run over the Westland officer, who fired one shot at the suspect inside the vehicle."

In his own account, Trzybinski noted, "I was in fear in fear for my life as the vehicle was coming at a very dangerous rate (of speed) and I had no options to retreat ..."

As Trzybinski fired the shot, the suspect swerved and began driving through back yards along Blue Springs Court until reaching Palmer, where he headed west, reports said.

Officers at this point estimated that the suspect was driving at 90 mph.

Another pursuit began with officers chasing the suspect along Palmer, over the I-275 overpass and to Haggerty, where the suspect narrowly missed hitting several vehicles that swerved out of his way, police said.

The suspect then drove south on Haggerty, but one of the vehicle's front tires "began falling apart," reports said. The suspect then swerved off the road and across a field.

One police car in pursuit then intentionally hit the getaway vehicle, causing it to spin, and the suspect was arrested after officers struggled to bring him under control, the reports said.

One report said the man was "swinging his arms wildly." Officers eventually used pepper spray to control him.

On Wednesday, Byrl Green, 28, of Taylor was arraigned in front of Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos on charges of assault with intent to murder; breaking and entering; receiving and concealing the stolen van; felony fleeing and eluding; and motor vehicle theft.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Green, who was jailed in lieu of a $1 million cash bond as he awaits a March 11 hearing.

He could face life in prison if convicted as charged.

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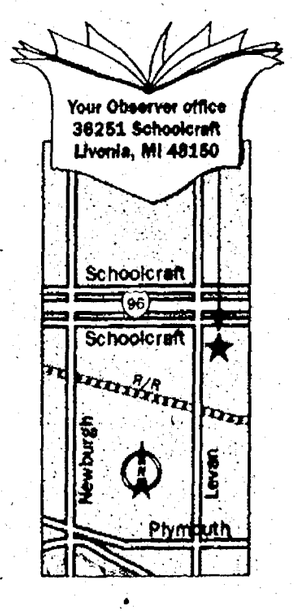

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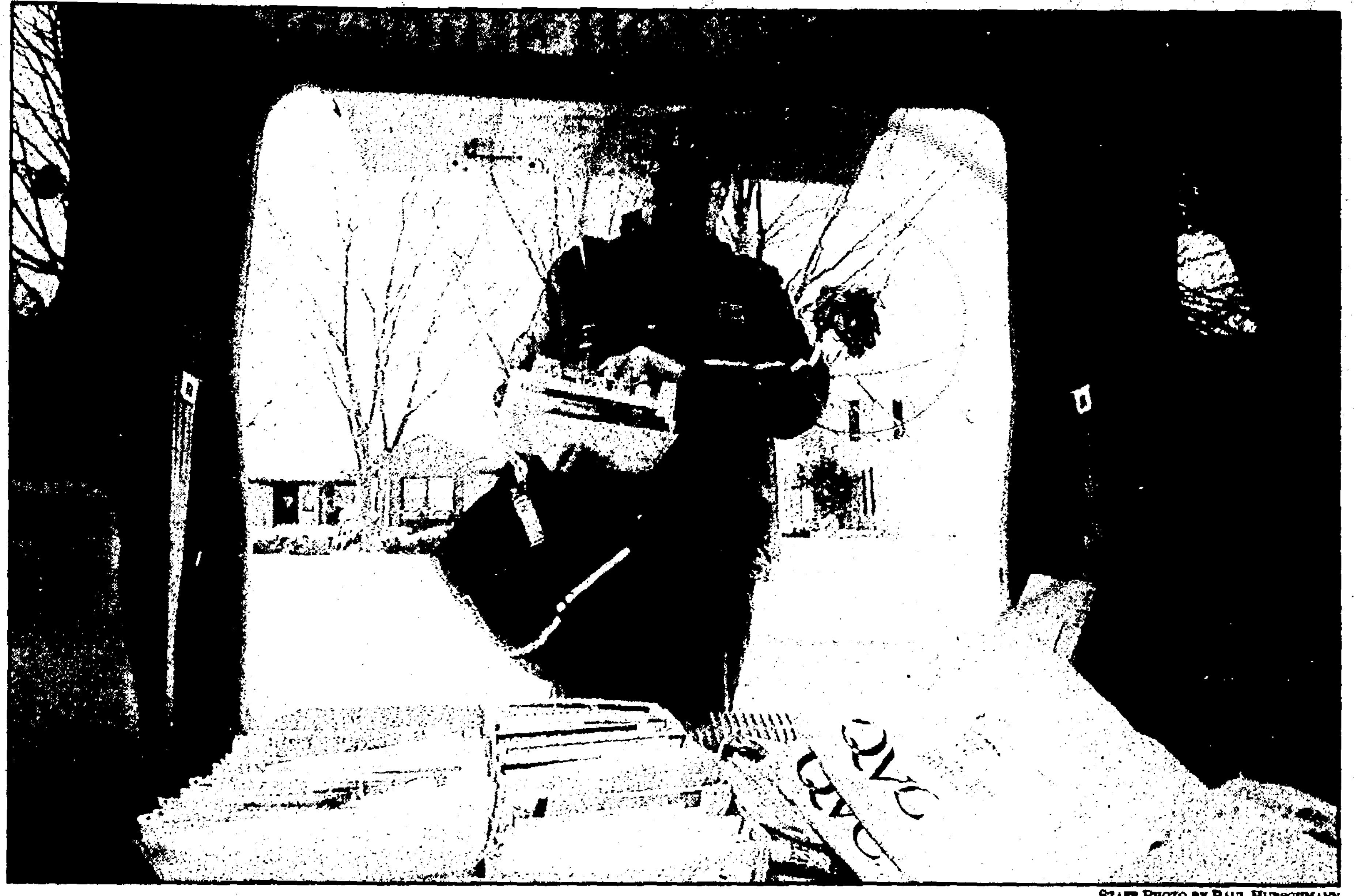

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Mail truck stop: *John Prowse of Westland gathers mail from his truck to be delivered in the Canton Township subdivision he serves.*

Carrier *from page A1*

Christmas as he makes the delivery.

If this sounds like your mail carrier, it may be if you live on Clampton Court, North or South Umberland, Montfort, LeeAnn, Regis streets or Tudor Court.

Hammons, who's a Clampton Court resident, recently put her house up for sale and said one thing she is really going to miss is her mail carrier.

She said he even befriended her dogs.

Being a former animal control officer, he said has no problem with dogs on his route.

"I understand their nature. I can pet them or sense that they don't want to be petted," Prowse said.

■ One of the biggest emergencies that occurred on his route was when he was a carrier in Westland, Prowse said. A man was having a heart attack and his wife summoned Prowse for help as he was delivering their mail.

One of the biggest emergencies that occurred on his route was when he was a carrier in Westland, Prowse said. A man was having a heart attack and his wife summoned Prowse for help as he was delivering their mail. Prowse went in and instructed her to call 911 and assisted in getting the customer's heart pills and waited until the EMS arrived.

Prowse joined the U.S. Postal Service 20 years ago because he wanted to work outside and was interested in having a position with a retirement plan.

Prowse's wife, Patricia, works as a clerk at the Northville post office and he has a uncle who works for the postal service in Connecticut.

Gladys M. Jolla, postmaster of Canton, Westland and Wayne, said she never receives any complaints about Prowse.

Prowse is a Westland resident with a daughter, Valerie, son-in-law Rich and grandson Jacob.

When Prowse isn't delivering mail, he enjoys spending time with his grandson, playing chess on the computer and fishing.

INFORMATION

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Public Library of Westland

■ [illegible]

[illegible] are actually available on the library's New Book shelves. Lawrence Block is a popular mystery writer whose "The Burglar Who Painted Like Mondrian" was published in December 1998.

National Public Radio just released a feature on "November 1916," the historical epic by Russian author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. This is the second volume of "The Red Wheel" which brings the Russian revolution to life.

■ WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

http://digiserve.com/heraldry/

Those doing genealogical research might want to try Heraldry on the Internet. This site provides information on arms and armor, clan plaids, insignia and background on surnames from a variety of countries.

■ 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.

Adult Internet classes

Topics include what the Internet is, how to navigate using Netscape Navigator, how to search for information and how to use search engines. First hour is lecture format, second hour offers hands-on practice on the library's public Internet terminals. Class capacity 10. No registration required so seating is on a first-available basis. In Community Meeting Room B.

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 24

How to search the Internet

Completion of the Introduction to the Internet class suggested. Find out what search engines are, how they work, and how to select the best one for a search. Class capacity 10. No registration required, but seating is on a first-available basis. Community Meeting Room B

1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17

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■ PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Session [illegible] of Toddler Tales and Just for the Preschool Time weeks of March 1 through April 26. Registration begins Feb. 1. At 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27 or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28.

Toddler Tales

A session of developmentally appropriate story times for 18- to 36-month-olds [illegible], singing and stories. Registration required by phone or in person at the Children's Desk. Held in Community Meeting Room A.

Just for the Preschool Time

A session of thematic story times 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. Held in the Children's Activity Room.

Sleepytime story time

7-7:30 p.m. every Monday, a family story time is held. Children are welcome to come dressed in their pajamas or with their snuggles.

Creation Station

2 p.m. first Saturday of the month

Stop in at the Creation station for a make-and-take craft project. No fee; materials provided. No registration. Children's Activity Room.

■ FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a junior master gardener program for children in the second through fifth grades. The program is being presented through the MSU-Wayne County Extension Service and will run for six weeks. Children will learn about soil, houseplants, wildlife and gardening and participate in weekly gardening activities. The program will end with the planting of a garden outside the children's area window at the library. For information, call the Children's Department at the library at (734) 326-6123. For information about joining the Friends of the Library, call (734) 326-6123, Ext. 235.

Mayor, city council to see pay raises this year, next

BY DARRELL CLEM
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New pay increases for Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will push his salary over the $90,000 mark by next year.

His current salary will climb from $84,452 to $90,465 when raises of 4 percent this year and 3 percent in 2000 are compounded.

That's not all he will receive, though.

Thomas, a former public services department worker, also gets longevity pay of $100 for each year he has been a city employee, amounting to $2,900 this year.

Thomas on Monday called his salary increases fair, saying they are in line with wage-hike percentages received by other city employees in the latest round of contract negotiations.

Westland City Council members also will receive pay raises of 4 percent and 3 percent, respectively, during the two-year period, although their earnings will remain below $13,000.

Mayoral and council pay levels are established by an independent, seven-member Local Officers Compensation Commission, which issues new recommendations every other year.

LOCC-proposed raises become automatic unless the council votes not to accept them.

Council members two years ago rejected pay raises for themselves, but didn't try to block mayoral salary increases.

On Monday, council members discussed pay increases even though they could've chosen to publicly ignore the issue.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said he wanted pay raises mentioned publicly so that city residents could see how their elected officials are dealing with the issue.

"I do think the increases are reasonable," he said, joining other council members in a 7-0 vote of support.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc also said he wanted a public airing of the pay plans, although he considered them fair.

"In my opinion, what is happening here is OK," he said, but added, "I didn't want (the raises) to take effect without us having authority over it."

Mayoral salary increases will boost that office's pay above the $90,000 mark for the first time ever.

Council pay levels climb more slowly because those positions are considered part time, although some council members say they work virtually full time at their elected jobs.

During the next two years, the council president's position will increase in pay from $12,107 to $12,968. Sandra Cicirelli currently occupies the seat.

The second-in-command president pro tem post will increase in pay from $11,560 to $12,382. Sharon Scott now holds the position.

Five other council seats will have pay levels climb from $11,012 to $11,795. Currently occupying those seats are Anderson, LeBlanc, Justine Barns, Charles "Trav" Griffin and Charles Pickering.

City hall *from page A1*

tion.

Councilmen Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc voted against the measure, saying its timing was questionable because the council hadn't earlier agreed to start a study.

"I don't think we had convincingly reached a decision as a body that this is where we wanted to go right now," Anderson said.

Just one month ago, Mayor Robert Thomas announced that he was abandoning his vision for a new city complex and recreation center near the northwest corner of Ford Road and Central City Parkway, behind the Kroger store.

He blamed stalled talks on a huge gap in what the city was willing to pay for the land and what property owners demanded.

But Thomas said Monday that city leaders still are considering other sites for the two buildings, along with possible plans to renovate City Hall or tear it down and rebuild on the same site.

TMP's study is expected to take 10 to 12 weeks, and Thomas said the company will likely issue a report saying whether new construction or renovation would be most feasible.

LeBlanc said, "I believe we are jumping the gun on this a little bit."

TMP will perform an analysis of City Hall to determine what renovations would be necessary for the building to meet long-term city needs.

■ The study will be paid from revenues in a special taxing district, or Tax Increment Finance Authority area, north of Ford Road.

The company also will study whether it would be better and more cost-effective to renovate the building or consider new construction.

"This building is over 30 years old," Thomas said, adding that it has many deficiencies that could be costly to address.

The study will be paid from revenues in a special taxing district, or Tax Increment Finance Authority area, north of Ford Road.

Some council members said the study may be an improper use of TIFA dollars if the city ends up constructing new buildings south of Ford Road.

LeBlanc said he also is concerned about how the public will perceive the latest study.

Thomas last month had indicated that the TIFA district didn't appear to contain a piece of property large enough to accommodate a new administration building and recreation center.

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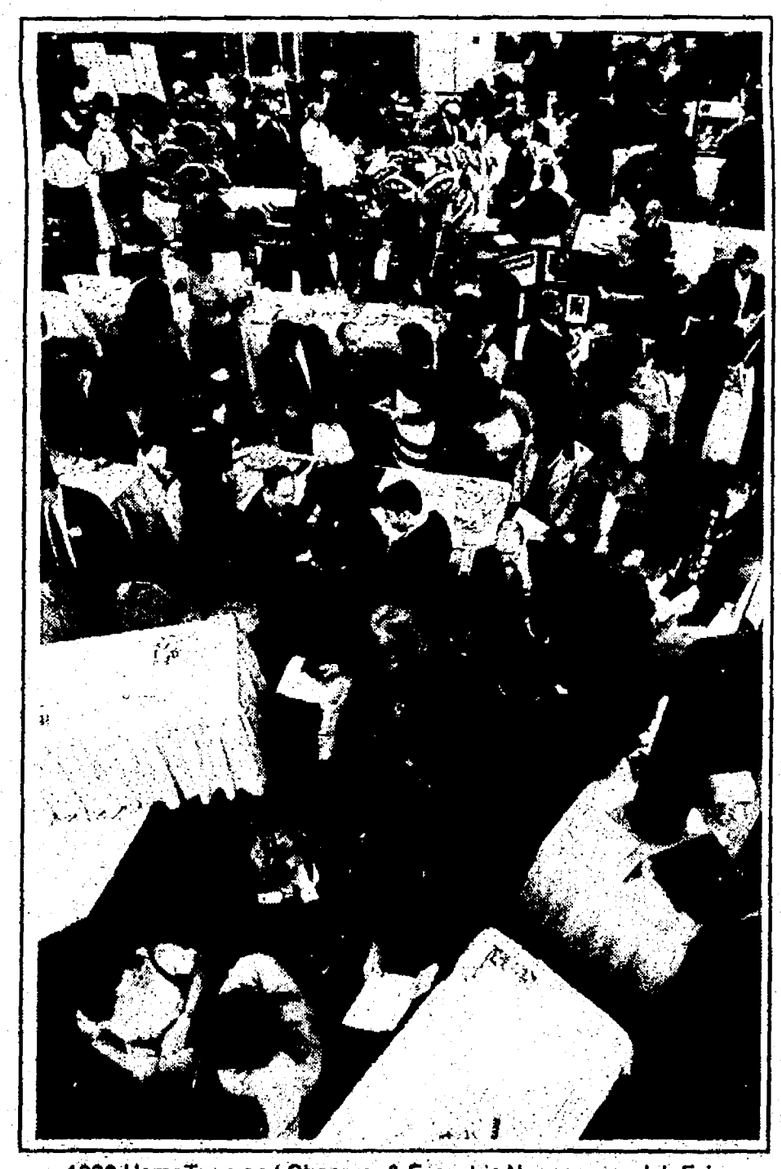

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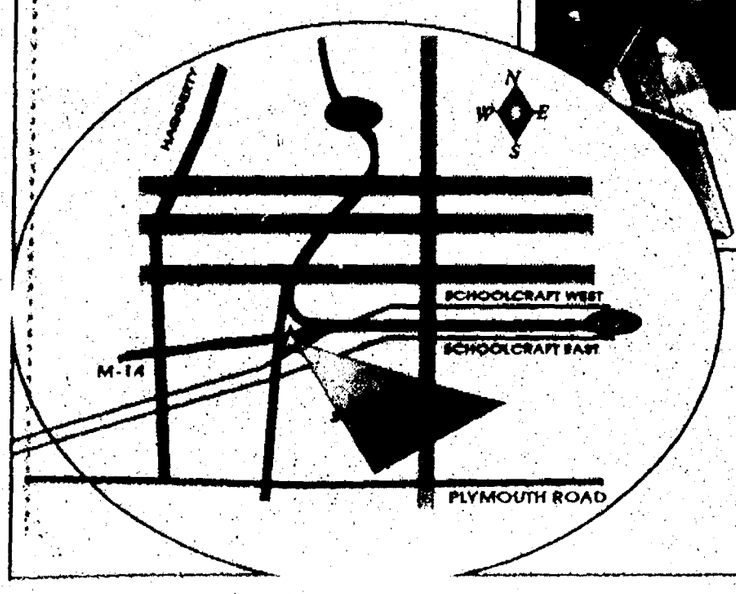

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OBITUARIES

May McGinnis Reddy, mother of prominent citizens, dies at 81

The mother of several prominent Westland citizens died Monday.

Funeral services for May McGinnis Reddy, 81, of Westland were today, March 4, in Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

Her children include former Westland Mayor Thomas Taylor, retired Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy and retired Westland Deputy Police Chief John Reddy.

Mrs. Reddy, who died March 1 in Wayne, was born Feb. 1, 1918, in Scotland. She was a homemaker. She was very involved in the Westland Library Club.

Current Westland Mayor Robert Thomas knew Mrs. Reddy. "She and my mom kind of chummed around a little," Thomas said.

"She was just a great lady, and she's got some great kids and grandkids," he said.

When asked what she did to motivate her children to success, Thomas said, "I don't know. She sure had something going."

"I didn't know her real well before I became mayor ... I came to have a lot of respect for her, and a lot of respect for the family she raised," he said.

"I'm going to miss her. I know my mom's going to miss her," he said.

City Councilwoman Justine Barns knew Mrs. Reddy for more than 30 years.

"She was a very strong mother. She cared about her kids," Barns said. "The Reddy family were leaders," she said.

Libraries and books were a big part of her life, Barns said. "She was thrilled to see the library come in.

"I just think she was one heck of a lady, and I mean lady in the best sense of the word," Barns said. "We're going to miss her."

Surviving are her sons, Thomas (Phyllis) Taylor, John (Shirley) Reddy, Michael (Lori) Reddy and David (Carolyn) Reddy; daughters, Maureen Reddy and Sheila (John) Rogers; brother, James Cullen; sisters, Katherine Brick and Elizabeth Moon; 27 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Reddy was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

CAROL A. BUTKIEWICZ

Funeral services for Carol Butkiewicz, 58, of Westland will be 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt in Westland with a Mass following at 10 a.m. in St. Mel Catholic Church. Burial will be at Cadillac Memorial West.

Mrs. Butkiewicz, who died March 1 at her Westland residence, was born Dec. 29, 1940, in Detroit. She was a cashier for a retail business.

Surviving are her husband, Leonard; children, Donna (Robert) Hunt, Michael (Dorothy) Chisholm, Sandra (Ronald) Gunter, Kevin Chisholm, Christy (Marc) Claypool and Charlie (Tammy) Butkiewicz; brother, Charles (Donna) Novotny; sisters, Ann (Paul) Coleman and Suzanne (Richard) Smolinski; and 18 grandchildren.

STANFORD L. MILES

Funeral services for Stanford L. Miles, 67, of Westland were March 1 in Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Gerard V. Bechard. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Miles, who died Feb. 26 in Westland, was born Aug. 17, 1931, in Redford. He worked in infectious control.

Surviving are his wife, Anna; son, Joseph; daughters, Lori and Lisa Miles; and grandsons, Michael and Stephen.

Memorials may be made to Sts. Simon & Jude Building Fund or Arbor Hospice.

ELSIE RAYMO

Funeral services for Elsie Raymo, 96, of Wayne were March 2 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mrs. Raymo, who died Feb. 24 in Ypsilanti, was born Sept. 25, 1902, in Wayne. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, George (Henrietta) Raymo of Wayne; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all living in Westland.

Memorials may be made to Gilbert Residence or First United Methodist Church of Wayne.

JOHN J. NOVAK

Funeral services for John Novak, 86, of Westland were Feb. 27 in St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Donald Demmer. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Novak, who died Feb. 25 in Livonia, was born Nov. 13, 1912, in Crescent, Ohio. He was a tool and die maker.

Surviving are his wife, Sophia; son, Eugene (Cindy); brother, Edward (Veronica) Novak; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

PALMER C. GIBSON

Funeral services for Palmer Gibson, 73, of Westland were Feb. 27 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Mr. Gibson, who died Feb. 25 at his Westland residence, was born March 22, 1925, in Lee County, Va. He was a foreman in the steel industry.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred; daughters, Audrey Kohn, Elizabeth (Alan) Taylor and Debbie Gibson; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Henry Ford Village Hospice.

NORMA J. HALL

Funeral arrangements for Norma Hall, 72, of Wayne were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Mrs. Hall, who died Feb. 22 in Wayne, was born Oct. 16, 1926, in Santa Barbara, Calif. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Richard (Betty) of Dearborn Heights, Roger (Sherry) of Atlanta, Ga., David (Ericka) of Nashville, Tenn., Jerry (Christine) of New Boston, Wesley (Janet) of Canton and Kenneth of Anchorage, Alaska; daughters, Gloria Lucas of Wayne, Myra Brady of Hillsdale, Linda Austin of Ypsilanti, Susie (Rick) Wallace of Waterloo, Mich. and Sandy Hall of Westland.

JEANETTE BUCHANAN

Jeanette Jean Glover Buchanan of Westland, also known as Jan or Janet, General Motors retiree, died Feb. 23, 1999, at age 61. Wonderful mother, sister and friend. She is dearly loved and will be deeply missed. Dear mother of Kathy Fensom, of Wayne; Kenneth J. Buchanan Jr. of Northville; Colleen Buchanan of North Lima, Ohio; Gary Buchanan of Taylor; Toni George of Farmington Hills; Terry Buchanan of Garden City; and Craig Buchanan of Dearborn Heights. Sister of George Glover of Livonia, Elwin Glover of Westland, Lida Hartman of Westland, and the late Arnold Glover and Mae Belle Adams. Grandmother of Candy Yax, Chris Fensom, Joe and Richard Respondek, Kelly Buchanan, Ashley, Garrett, and Tyler Buchanan, Adam George, Kyle, Erica, and Jennifer Buchanan, Derrick, McKenzie, Brook, Mason Buchanan. Great-grandmother of Katie Yax, Jacob Fensom, and Jacob Respondek. Also survived by four beautiful daughters-in-law, Dawn, Ken's wife; Jan, Gary's wife; Cory, Terry's wife and Michelle, Craig's wife. Two wonderful wanna-be sons-in-law, Dennis Bush, Toni's fiance, and Jerry Aaron, Colleen's fiance. Memorial service is at the Uht Funeral Home, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

ALBERT A. GASTON

Funeral services for Albert Gaston, 96, of Westland were March 2 in St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Kurt Lambart. Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Gaston, who died Feb. 27 in Westland, was born April 13, 1902, in Raton, N.M. He was a skip tracer.

Surviving are his son, William; daughters-in-law, Joelyn and Peggy; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gaston was preceded in death by his wife, Alma; and son, Robert.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland 48185.

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The following students from Westland have earned a spot on the fall Dean's List at Schoolcraft College: **Christina Jennifer Alcala, Kelly Marie Becker, Jeremy David Becklehamer, Melody Anne Bedell, Douglas Bender, Jeffrey James Bobby, Billy Ray Carpenter Jr., Erin Marie Clayton, Stephanie Islane Dionne, Jamie Edward Dobrowolski, Richard Donald Dozbush Jr., Timothy L. Dumouchelle, Nicole Rene Dupuis, Michael Scott Ehlers, Christopher Anthony Eichsteadt, Rebeka Farah, Angela Louise Gorecki, Michael Dorian Graden, Leila Hajahmad, Roberta Lynn Hutchinson, Shannon Marie Jablonski, Anne-Marie James, Megan Lea Jones, Ingrid Erin Knoff, Louis Karl Krause, Kurt James Krist, Debra Kathryn Kuehnel, Raeanna Dawn Lindahl, Brian Allan Lock, Jeffrey Scott Lumetta, Theresa Marie Lumetta, Melissa L. MacDonald, Robert Anthony Mackenzie, Cindy L. Maloof, Tracy Dawn Mikszewski, Cynthia Yvonne Monkiewicz, Chad Jordan Pennington, Jayson John Rawlins, Kevin Paul Schmidtke, Susan H. Schramm, Pauravi H. Shah, John Patrick Shinn, Larry Anthony Smith, Joel Stokes, Paula Renae Stoll, Crinela Fica Todea, Elizabeth Mary Usiondek** and **Joann Lee Wunderlich.**

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Jonathan Blythe and **Scott Risner** of Westland, seniors at Churchill High School in Livonia, have recently been named National Merit finalists. This award is a result of their academic records, extracurricular activities, course selections and test scores. Each expects to attend Michigan State University in the fall.

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Hamid Sultan Ghazialam of Westland was recently awarded a master of science degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

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Christina Marie Bowen of Westland recently was awarded a master's degree from the College of Health and Human Services at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill.

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Steven Sordahl, son of the Rev. Myron and Harriet Sordahl of Westland, was awarded a bachelor's degree in December ceremonies at Kettering University in Flint.

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Three Westland residents have been named to the dean's list for achieving a grade-point average of 3.5 or above for the 1998 fall semester at Concordia College in Ann Arbor: **Jason Burk**, a senior, and son of Thomas and Carol Burk of Westland; **Corinne Martin**, a sophomore, and daughter of James and Ruth Martin of Westland; and **Maria Buison-Sullivan**, who is enrolled in the accelerated degree program.

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Amanda (Mandy) Long, daughter of Jeff and Linda Long of Westland, has been accepted to Johnson & Wales University in North Miami, Fla. She is a senior at Westland John Glenn High School and plans to major in hotel/restaurant management.

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who went to the bus depot and took the girl into custody as a suspect for soliciting murder, stealing her grandmother's car and running away.

Local police on Tuesday were making arrangements to have the girl flown to Michigan, where she will be turned over to juvenile authorities.

Police have had 10 contacts with the troubled girl since 1997, and some of those stemmed from her efforts to run away, Stobbe said.

The girl had been attending the Wayne-Westland school district's alternative education Tinkham Center before the latest problems surfaced, he said.

Bidders on auction items boost scholarship funds

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

How much are you willing to pay for a weekend getaway at the historic Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island? How about a Florida vacation? Dinner for 40?

Madonna University is hoping to get people's competitive juices flowing at its 11th annual "Around the World Scholarship Dinner Auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 in Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft.

The highest bidders will get to take home retired Beanie Babies, tickets for vacations, autographed sports memorabilia and more. The proceeds help provide scholarship funding for approximately 160 Madonna University students, according to Andrea Nodge, Madonna's director of marketing and public relations.

This year, part of the funding also will go toward making the residence hall handicapped-accessible, she said.

One auction-goer will become the owner of a brand-new Cadillac Sedan DeVille. No more than 750 raffle tickets will be sold at $200 each. If all 750 tickets are sold, $150,000 will be generated from the raffle alone.

Nodge said people go to the fund-raising auction for a variety of reasons but end up coming back for the entertainment.

"I think that when people come to a Madonna University auction it's for a higher purpose," Nodge said, referring to the fund-raising aspect. "But when they do come, they have some fun. It's a fun event with good camaraderie and a nice meal."

Proceeds from the auction will provide scholarship funding for Madonna University students and will support other projects, making higher education accessible to a diverse student body. The event will begin 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction. The goal for this year's auction is $280,000.

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The general admission ticket price is $75 and includes dinner, open bar and the live and silent auction. Gold Inner Circle Seating tickets are available for $125 and allow special seating near the center stage.

Auctioneer Dan Stall Jr. of Birmingham will field the bids. A sampling of the items up for bid include Northwest Airlines tickets to Hawaii and other destinations throughout the continental U.S., weekend getaways to the Stratford Festival in Ontario and the "Somewhere in Time Weekend" on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel; a weekend sailing trip on the award winning "Charisma" from Mackinac Island to Beaver Island; a cruise aboard the new "Infinity" yacht and several Florida vacations.

Also auctioned will be dinner for 40 at Under the Eagle Restaurant, $2,000 worth of advertising from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a 20-person suite with food and drinks for a Red Wings playoff game, and signed sports memorabilia from Ted Lindsay, Alex Delvecchio, Adam Oates and John Bailey, among others. The auction will also include a wide selection of retired Beanie Babies.

Laura Frances Welling of Livonia, the reigning 1998 Miss Michigan and Ladywood High School graduate, will attend the auction.

The official sponsors of the 1999 auction are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines, Kimcraft Printers Inc. and Al Long Ford Inc.

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Friends of Rouge seek groups to help with promotion of rivers, environment

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Friends of the Rouge want everyone to think about rivers on June 5.

The 14-year-old organization is looking for groups interested in initiating environment-oriented activities on that date, dubbed "Rouge River Day."

The Friends of the Rouge will sponsor its annual Rouge River cleanup, but this year that group and other volunteer organizations will expand the day's focus to include other Southeast Michigan rivers such as the Clinton, Detroit and Huron.

"We want to increase the number of opportunities to participate in activities on Rouge River Day," said Jim Graham, executive director of Friends of the Rouge. "Everything that might be remotely related to rivers or the environment is fair game."

Expanding the scope to include other watersheds was a positive step, he said.

"The fact that we're working together for the first time is very, very promising," Graham said. "There are ways we can share resources, not only on our own watershed."

Increased attention to the Rouge over the years has resulted in decreased fecal coliform bacteria caused by raw sewage and increased oxygen levels.

"The most dramatic improvement is that it looks a lot better," Graham said.

Upgraded separated sewer systems have also improved the river's health by ensuring that less sewage goes into it, he added.

Other local river communities are invited to sponsor a local event anytime on that date. Local community groups, businesses, scout troops, church groups, school groups, environmental clubs and others can organize a variety of community events to focus attention on water resources.

Ideas include nature hikes, storm drain stenciling, school yard cleanups, water quality monitoring, canoe trips, fishing events, park cleanup, invasive plant removal and photo contests.

Friends of the Rouge can provide support by matching groups with potential volunteers, donated materials and supplies.

Organizational meetings are planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 14, at Henry Ford Community College's Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Outer Drive and Warren. For more information, call (313) 792-9900.

High school students eligible for exchange program

High school students in grades nine, 10 and 11 are invited to apply to a statewide student exchange program that would take them to Shiga, Japan, for two weeks this summer.

The program is the Michigan-Shiga Student Exchange Program, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education. Twenty Michigan students are selected to participate each year, and then paired with 20 Japanese students with similar interests.

The Michigan students will live with host families and attend school with the Shiga exchange students from July 1-17. Then, Sept. 11-26, the Japanese students will come here and spend two weeks with the Michigan families, attending school with their exchange students.

The cost of the program is approximately $1,600, which is based mainly on the cost of the round-trip tickets. Any student who is adventurous, likes to meet new people and is open-minded qualifies for the program. Knowledge of the Japanese language is helpful but not necessary. There is an orientation in early May to acquaint students and parents with Japanese customs and basic language.

Students interested in applying can receive an application and descriptive brochure from their high school counselor. For more information, call John Chapman at (517) 373-1262 or Jan Ridenour at (517) 224-6831.

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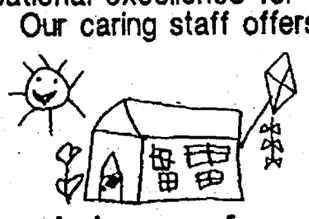
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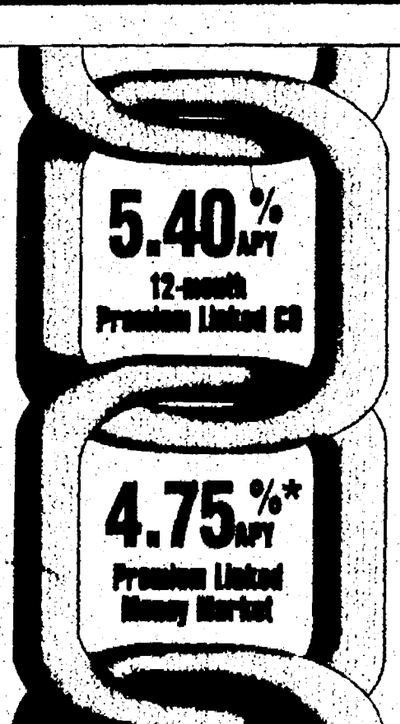

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Airport reorganization calls for parking oversight

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David Katz, director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, has proposed an airport reorganization plan that will include a concessions and quality assurance division to oversee parking and food concessions.

He also has submitted a new airport parking contract to the county commission using the same operator whose practices were questioned in an audit released in December.

The new division is Katz's plan to resolve some of the problems with airport operations detailed in an audit released by Wayne County Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy.

Dunleavy said Wayne County should have received $1 million more in taxes for valet parking from 1992-97 from airport parking operator APCOA. Dunleavy also questioned the lack of competitive bidding or management approval of several expense items and the costs of lease agreements and parking machine maintenance. The audit report was approved Feb. 18 by county commissioners with an expected follow-up to be completed at a later date.

David Katz

■ The new division is Katz's plan to resolve some of the problems with airport operations detailed in a recent audit.

In an interview last week, Katz said the report brings up some "excellent" points and the airport is making "significant adjustments" since it was first released in December.

The report found certain practices in the airport parking operation could be reducing revenue to Wayne County's general fund.

Dunleavy said $1.1 million in parking taxes for Wayne County was underreported and $300,000 for the city of Romulus due to airport parking operator APCOA's practice of deducting labor costs from the valet parking receipts before calculating the parking tax.

Not only were parking taxes underreported, but interest revenue on parking tax receipts were not credited back to the airport and fees to parking operator APCOA were overpaid.

Under state law the parking operator is to collect a 30 percent airport parking tax on each vehicle using the service. "Our audit revealed that the operator was only paying taxes on about 25 percent of the total charge for valet parking," Dunleavy reported.

Airport officials told auditors they have begun to calculate the tax on the full charge of valet parking, but also want a formal determination from the Michigan Department of Treasury before commit-

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APCOA has nationwide experience

APCOA is based in Cleveland and has 46 years experience in the operation of airport automobile parking facilities.

It was formerly known as Airport Parking Company of America, but changed its name to APCOA in 1960. The company is a subsidiary of Holberg Industries Inc., a private, diversified service company.

APCOA currently operates nine airport facilities in a city or county with a population of over 1 million, including airports in the metropolitan areas or cities of Cleveland, Columbus, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Sacramento and San Jose. In the past five years, it has operated the Baltimore-Washington International, New Orleans International and Honolulu International airports.

It also manages more than 600 parking facilities serving downtown areas, shopping centers, sports complexes and stadiums and sports complexes. Currently its airport division manages more than 60 airport parking facilities in more than 35 states and Canada, ranging from small regional airports to large facilities.

It has operated at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport since 1982. Williford Enterprises joined APCOA in 1996 as APCOA's joint venture partner in providing parking services at Metro with a percentage interest split 80 percent for APCOA and 20 percent for Williford.

Since the APCOA's contract expiration in 1991, the operator has continued to operate on an extension of the expired contract on a month-to-month basis. Wayne County entered into a three-year agreement on Oct. 1, 1988, with APCOA to manage and operate all on-site parking facilities at Detroit Metro.

David Katz, director of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, said he has sent to the Wayne County Commission a new contract with APCOA, after the airport accepted bids from companies. Katz said APCOA was the low bidder, but the contract has not been acted on yet by the commission.

Job fair is planned for March 26

Michigan employers are invited to take part in the 23rd Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

The fair is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, the Engineering Society, is a supporting sponsor.

The fair is expected to draw 1,000 to 1,200 seniors and recent alumni from colleges and universities throughout Michigan and surrounding states.

The employer registration fee is $325. Included in that cost is floor space, table and chairs, a company sign, parking, lunch and refreshments for up to four recruiters per firm.

Registration is first-come, first served and should be submitted as soon as possible. For more information, call Nannette McCleary of Wayne State at (313) 577-9947 or Renee Elliott at (734) 487-4395 for information or contact local university or college placement offices or visit the Internet www.sa.wayne.edu

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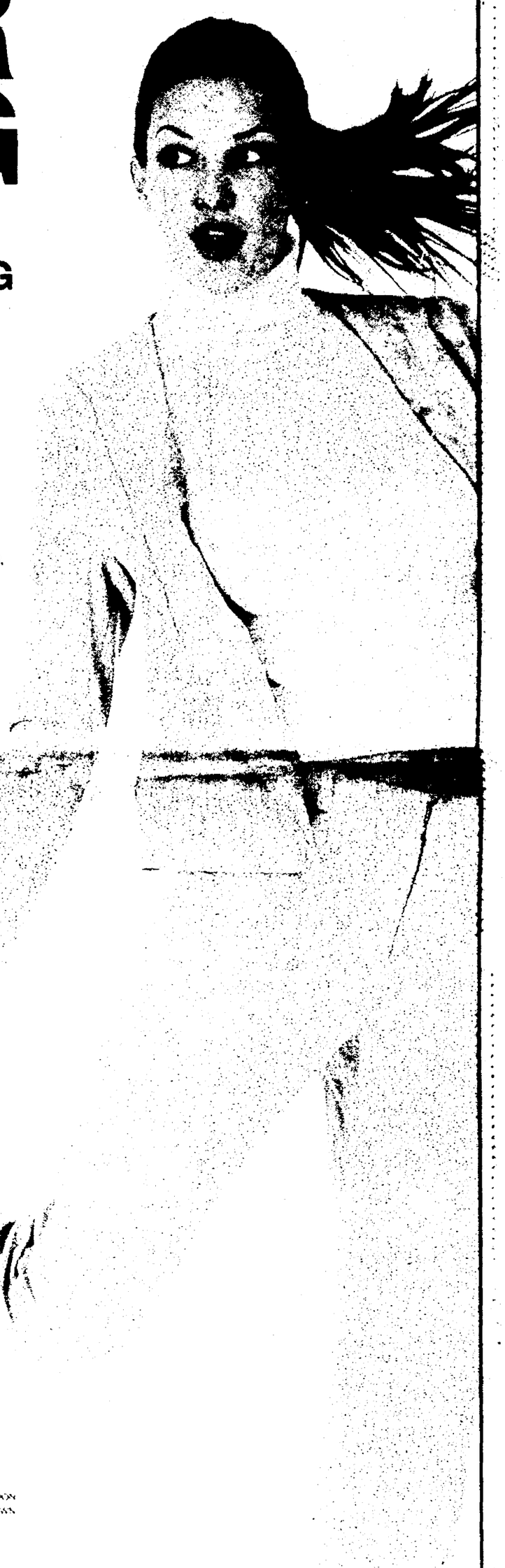

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Farmers facing tough markets sell out to developers

BY TIM RICHARD
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They're usually optimists, but Michigan farmers may be facing a crisis due to low corn prices and suburban sprawl, a legislative committee was told.

"They're close to very, very difficult times," Ron Nelson of the Michigan Farm Bureau told the House Economic Development Committee March 2.

"Corn is selling at $1.75 a bushel, and it costs $2.50 to produce. Milk costs as much to produce as it sells for. It's going to be hard for farmers to pay interest on their loans," Nelson said.

He said "coffee house" chats indicate some are going out of business as pressure for development mounts, though they always expect this year will be good. "Assume farmland sells for $1,000 an acre – that's reasonable. For development, it may bring $10,000. Many farmers are deciding to cash out and try something else."

Committee chair Valde Garcia, R-St. Johns, raised the subject when he said he had heard two-thirds of farmers aren't making a profit and that agribusiness is "a year away from crisis."

Rep. Patricia Lockwood, D-Fenton, said, "Urban sprawl is a thread going through many communities." Urban sprawl means the eating up of open land, particularly farmland, at rates faster than justified by population growth.

Nelson cited an unidentified farm of 160 acres that was a "cow-calf" beef operation, but now is the site of 700 manufactured houses. "It won't be long before the rest (of surrounding farms) find it's too expensive to operate (as farms)," he said.

"For them, development makes perfect sense. It's two miles from the expressway. From the standpoint of agriculture, it makes no sense. Assessments will go up."

Proposal A of 1994 gives farmers some protection: Assessments can't rise faster than the rate of consumer price inflation. But if an aging farmer transfers the property to his children, they'll pay the higher assessments dictated by the real estate market.

Nelson said the concept of governmental purchase of development rights (PDR) has potential for saving farmland, but "can we purchase PDR for the entire state? There's not enough money."

Grand Traverse and Leelenau counties have inaugurated PDR programs to save farms, but Washtenaw County voters last year rejected the idea.

Nelson was asked what the state Jobs Commission, successor to the Department of Commerce, has done for farming. "The Jobs Commission is locked into new jobs," Nelson replied, but is doing less for in-state job transfers.

In other testimony before the House panel:

■ Kristi Clemens of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce said there's a shortage of skilled workers for a "technology-driven global marketplace," and a need for government to ease business expansion in "brownfields" of older cities.

2 seats open on SC board

Nominating petitions are available for two seats, each for six-year terms, on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees for the upcoming biennial election of trustees on June 14.

Candidates must live in the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi. They also must be registered voters.

Petitions are available in the office of Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell in the Grote Administration Center and must be returned to the secretary by 4 p.m. Monday, April 12. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The signatures of not less than 50 nor more than 200 qualified voters are required for nominations. Candidates are asked to circulate petitions so that those signing any one petition are residents of a single school district. There is no charge for filing petitions.

The seats are currently held by Patricia Watson, who is board president and a Northville resident, and Greg Stempien, also of Northville and a Livonia attorney, who was appointed in January 1998 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Walsh.

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Seminar to focus on study of Japan

Madonna University is one of eight U.S. colleges and universities chosen to participate in a yearlong seminar focused on Japan.

The seminar is offered through the Association of American Colleges and Universities to assist education centers in their efforts to become more global in their orientation and programs.

Twenty-four faculty members, three each from eight institutions, first attended a two-day orientation meeting in San Francisco in January.

Next, they will receive five months of on-campus study, followed by a three-week summer visit to Japan and a fall semester.

Madonna faculty participating are Kathleen O'Dowd, Ph.D., professor, literature; Denise St. Arnault, Ph.D., assistant professor, nursing; Dennis Bozyk, associate professor, history. Betty Jean Hebel, Ph.D., professor, marketing and chair, business graduate program, will serve as an alternate.

Each of the Madonna professors will concentrate on their particular discipline to learn how they can incorporate Japan-related content into the curriculum, O'Dowd said.

In July, when the faulty go to Japan, they will visit three or four major areas including Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo and explore traditional, industrial, political-economic and regional aspects of Japan. They will also meet as a group with a variety of academic colleagues and other leaders in Japan.

By the end of 1999, each team will be expected to develop and share plans for the wider inclusion of Japan-related topics in curriculum. The work will be featured nationally through publications, web-site and conferences.

Others participating in the project are Baruch College-CUNY, Catholic University of America, Davidson College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Lincoln University, Swarthmore College and Wichita State University.

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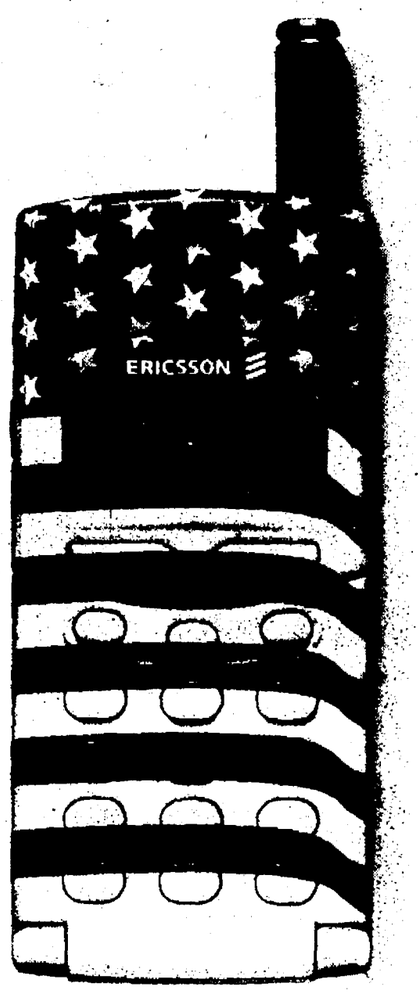

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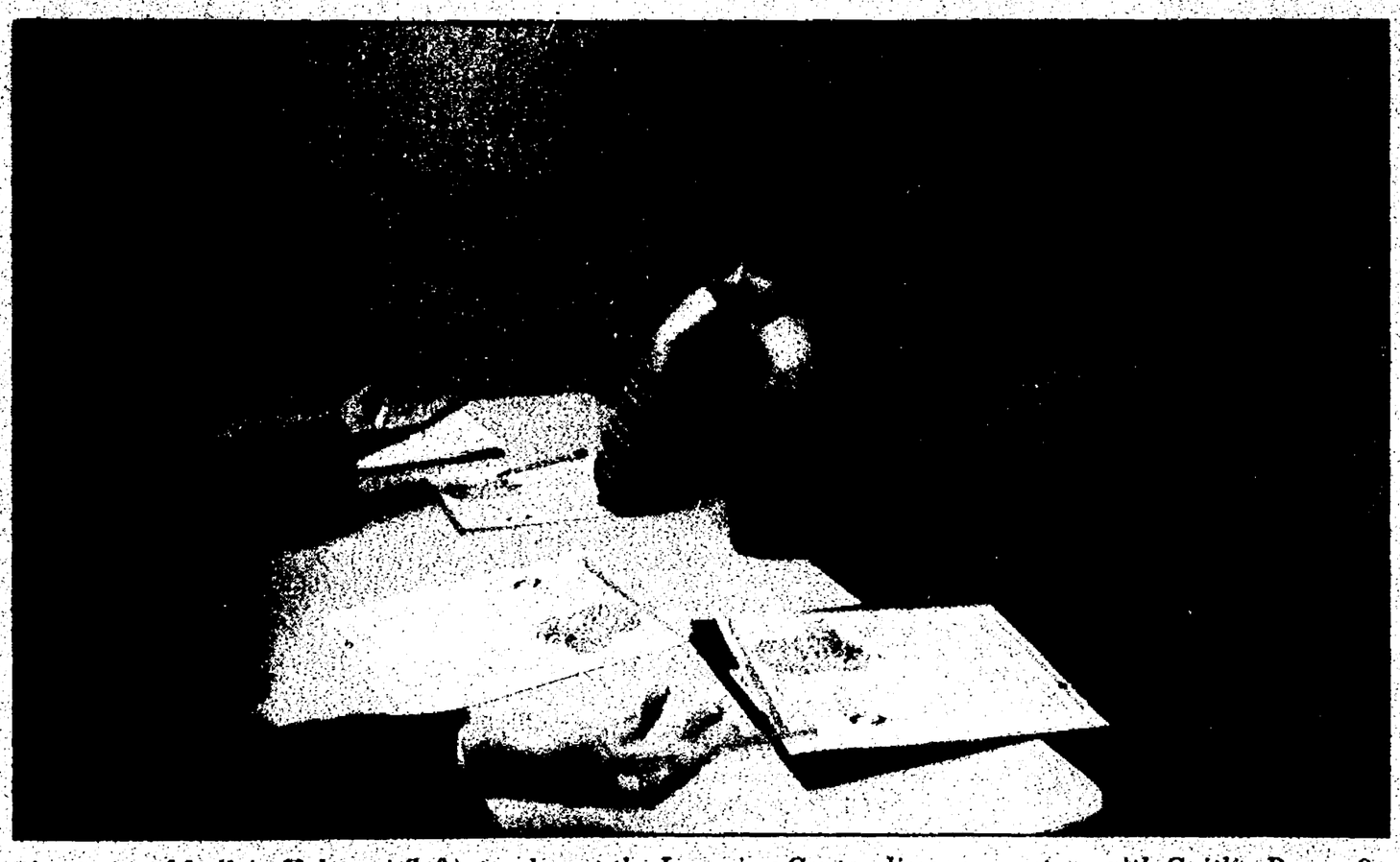

Discussion: *Madlein Kabrossi (left), teacher at the Learning Center discusses a story with Caitlin Penny, 9, (center) of Redford and Andrew Easow, 9, of Livonia.*

Together: *Teacher Marilyn Nagy reads a story with Heather Abee, 12, of Garden City.*

Fun, games make kids better readers

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

■ The students use games, such as 'Go Fish,' to learn words.

For nearly half a century, a Madonna University reading program has helped transform struggling young readers into accomplished ones.

The Reading Engages Active Partners program, in its 49th year, takes struggling readers from elementary, middle and high schools from across metro Detroit and gives them one-on-one tutoring once a week. The classes are taught by Madonna faculty and by community volunteers.

Madlein Kabrossi of Livonia, a volunteer and Madonna graduate, said the program is effective for both students and tutors.

"I was just so impressed," she said. "(The program) is such a wonderful thing. The basic [illegible] learning that Madonna gave us makes it so much easier."

A typical class consists of one-on-one or two-on-one tutoring, reading aloud, word games and discussion.

The students use games, such as "Go Fish," to learn words. In one recent lesson, Kabrossi had her two students ask each other if they had particular words, which were written on small squares of construction paper. Then they had to use the word in a sentence and spell it.

William Deuchere, a 9-year-old Hull Elementary student, was winning. Then Kabrossi learned why.

"You are going to be the biggest cheater in poker," Kabrossi said scoldingly to Deuchere, who was able to read his partner's cards.

Kabrossi said she would rewrite the cards using lighter colored ink.

The games help make the sessions more enjoyable, Kabrossi said.

"They get the idea that reading is fun," she said. "They get involved in the story."

In the first five-10 minutes of each session, the students review the previous lesson. At the end, they review the day's lesson and listen to the tutor read. Kabrossi read portions of "The Secret Garden," by Frances Hodgson Burnett until the bell rang.

In the past, workbooks and "ditto" sheets were the norm in [illegible]

Reviewing: *Teacher Kate Uberti at the Madonna University Learning Center goes over a story with Courtney McAdoo, 7, (left) of Canton and Eric Puschak, 7, of Livonia.*

Beaming: *Madonna University Learning Center Director Sister Mary Duane Rydel is proud of the program.*

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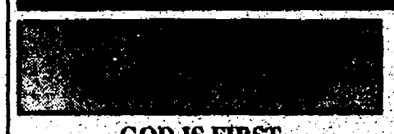

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THE POWER OF LOVE
SWF, 57, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, traveling, movies, long walks and more, is looking for a sincere, compassionate SWM, 52-62. Ad#.7141

GREAT TIMES AHEAD
She's an outgoing and friendly DWC mom, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad#.1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Self-employed SWF, 33, who enjoys walking her dog, the outdoors and more, is looking for an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad#.4734

IF YOU'RE A POLISHED...
Gentleman, call this humorous, Catholic DWPF, 63, 5'6", N/S. She's seeking a Catholic SWM, 55-66, a good conversationalist, who enjoys travel, fine dining, shopping and more. Ad#.5454

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

POSITIVE VIBES HERE
Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, riding bikes and keeping active. She wants to meet a SWCM, over 47, for friendship first, possibly more. Ad#.1199

START AS FRIENDS
Catholic SW mom, 40, 5'8", a brunette, who enjoys hockey, reading, bowling, baseball, long walks, dining out and romantic evenings, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 30-50. Ad#.2828

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

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

SIMPLY MARVELOUS
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

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

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 WWWCF, 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

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

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/WWWM, 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

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

EXTRA NICE
Pleasant and employed WWWCF, 63, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves walking, cooking, country music, and is active in Bible study. She is looking for a WWWCM, 56-65, with similar interests. Ad#.3824

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 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

NEW BEGINNINGS
Sincere DWC mom of one, 40, 5'4", who enjoys art, movies and romance, is looking for a SWCM, 40-51, with similar interests. Ad#.9135

NEVER-MARRIED
Catholic SWM, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and hazel eyes, is looking for a SWF, 30-38, without children at home, who likes sports, plays and the theatre. Ad#.1970

THE MARRYING KIND
Shy DWM, 26, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, bowling, fishing and traveling, seeks a faithful DWF, under 26. Ad#.2328

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

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

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DELIGHTFUL
Never-married Catholic SWM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., who is active in his church choir, enjoys children, dancing, walking, movies, music and good conversation. He wants to meet a SWCF, under 50, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.3580

GET IN STEP
If a meaningful relationship is what you're looking for, be sure to call this athletic SWM, 35, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities. His choice will be an outgoing, sensitive SWF, 25-45. Ad#.4163

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad#.1534

THINK YOU'RE THAT LADY?
DWCM, 56, 6'1", who's shy at first, is looking for a happy, fun-loving SWC lady, who takes care of herself. Ad#.1885

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

NEW IN TOWN
Want to meet a great guy, then call this friendly DWC dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He's seeking an outgoing SWF, under 40, who enjoys riding horses, outdoor sports and living life to the fullest. Ad#.3841

JUST FOR YOU
Good-natured, 40-year-old SW dad, 5'9", with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys outdoor activities, romantic dinners, dancing, long walks and more. He wants to share a long-term relationship with a sincere, caring SWF, 30-40. Ad#.5858

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

NEVER GIVING UP ON LOVE
Don't miss out on meeting one of the good guys. This loving 36-year-old DWC dad, 6'1", height/weight proportionate, with brown hair and blue eyes, is ISO a drug-free, good-natured SWF, under 45, who enjoys dining out and movies. Ad#.6683

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

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

SEARCHING FOR LOVE
Good-hearted, affectionate SWM, 50, seeks a SF, 45-65, who would love attention. Ad#.1233

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

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

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#.2580

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Born-Again DWCM, 48, 5'8", 165lbs., enjoys sports, music and is looking for a SWCF, 25-54, for a long-term, compatible relationship. Ad#.7878

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

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

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
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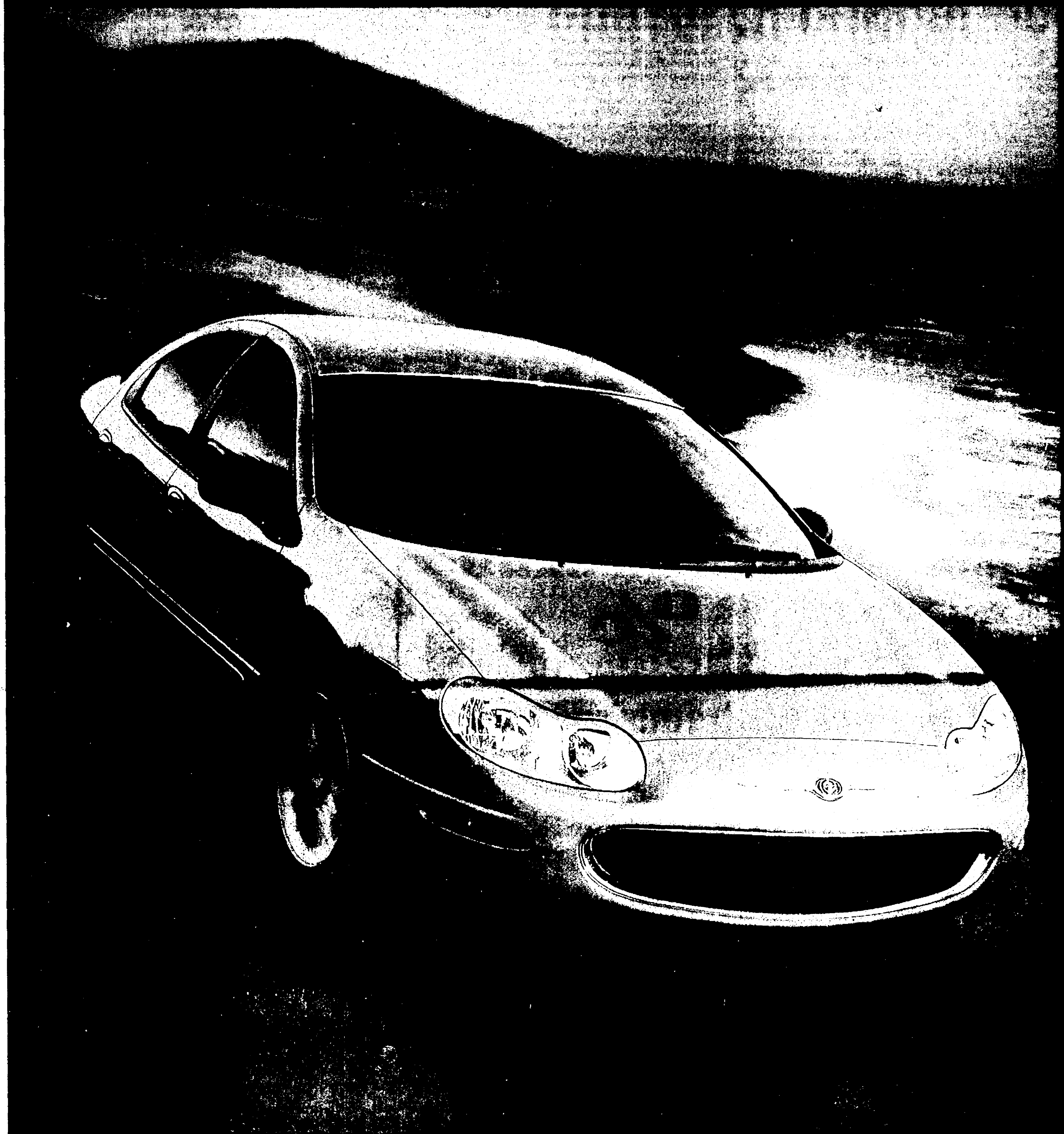

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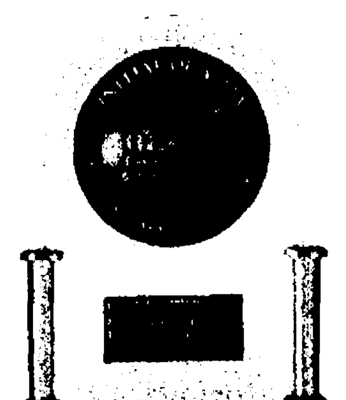

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ting to pay the underreported amount.

Katz said the state treasurer, county commissioners and governor agreed with the airport in 1987 to levy the parking tax at a lesser amount. "(The airport) did it because we wanted to minimize the impact to the citizens," Katz said.

"I'm not sure Brendan's right, he may be right. It depends on your interpretation of statute."

The money was collected for the parking tax, sent to Lansing and then sent to Wayne County.

Katz said APCOA acted properly with the tax.

"It's not some skullduggery. The money stayed here at the airport. The new (commission) wants us to tax the whole thing. The policy is to tax the whole $20."

Agreement questioned

Dunleavy questioned APCOA's 18-month lease agreements for which the firm is reimbursed by the airport. These agreements cost an average of $28,000 per vehicle, based on unlimited mileage. The auditor general's office discussed these leases with an independent dealer and obtained a quote for similar vehicle leases for comparison purposes.

"Based on the quote, it appears the airport could have leased the majority of these vehicles for an average of about $17,000 per vehicle. At this rate, the airport could be paying as much as $400,000 too much to lease the 37 vehicles."

The dealer also said the majority of these vehicles could have been purchased outright for an average price of about $21,000 each. Based on the auditor's work, the operator said they had begun replacing these leases for 16 of the 37 vehicles. New vehicle lease averages about $13,500 over the term of the agreement.

Dunleavy said the operator could not provide evidence that the leases were competitively bid. Katz said he has sent a letter asking for competitive bids from the airport operators.

"We also sent some equipment guys to Ford Motor Company to give us their assessment," Katz said. "We asked them 'Were they priced reasonably?"

The lease agreement was priced high because liability costs are so high and so many miles are put on the vehicles, Katz said.

Practices conflict

During the audit, Dunleavy's staff identified several practices that conflict with county policies and ordinances.

"These practices include failure to employ sound business practices, including failure to obtain competitive bids and failure to adhere to the county's appropriations ordinance by extending an expired contract on a month-to-month basis over the last several years without notifying the commission."

Not obtaining competitive bids for significant purchases has several implications, Dunleavy said.

"We believe this contributed to the excessive cost reimbursed by the airport for airport parking operations, denied small and minority business owners an opportunity to compete for contracts and raises concern about the integrity of the contracting process employed by county vendors at the airport."

Katz said he recently issued a directive stating that contractors are to comply with all county procurement policies. He also will reorganize his department to ensure those policies are followed.

Under the county charter, County Executive Edward McNamara must propose to the county commission a reorganization plan at the beginning of his term. Katz said McNamara agrees with Katz's reorganization proposal and will present it soon to the commission, which has 60 days to approve or reject it.

Katz has proposed the reorganization to oversee third-party concessions, where contracted companies at the airport subcontracts with other firms for purchases or services.

"We'll have a parking director to take care of customer service and a management initiative," Katz said.

Since the APCOA's contract expiration in 1991, the operator has continued to operate on an extension of the expired contract on a month-to-month basis. Wayne County entered into a three-year agreement on Oct. 1, 1988, with APCOA Inc. to manage and operate all on-site parking facilities at Detroit Metro.

Katz said his office had the parking contract ready for bid "months and months ago."

"We held it back and waited until the audit was completed. We didn't want to jam it down their throats, and we wanted to wait, out of respect for the commission and the auditor general."

Once again, APCOA has submitted the lowest bid, at about one-third the price of the other bidders, Katz said. That bid has been submitted to the commissioners. "That shouldn't surprise anyone. They know the business."

Katz admitted he needs to be more timely with his contracts to the commission, and he also informed the contractors he wanted subcontracts competitively bid.

"When in doubt, bid it out. There were a lot of contracts that expired (23 or 24) or are going to lapse. There's just a couple left."

High maintenance

Dunleavy's review of the separate maintenance agreement also revealed what appears to be excessive charges for the maintenance of four of the 18 machines used to collect parking fees from customers.

For those four machines, maintenance and repair costs are estimated to be at least $168,000 annually, or $42,000 for each machine. For $40,000, a new machine can be purchased.

Katz said new machines were not purchased because officials were uncertain of the final location of the proposed South Access Road, which is being constructed as part of the airport expansion. One machine has been replaced; three others will be within 60 days.

Next week: Katz reviews his first year at the helm and expansion plans.

Readers from page A9

reading classes. REAP uses a "whole language" approach, said Sister Mary Duane, director of the Learning Center.

"We create a language-rich environment where the children are encouraged to explore, to experiment and to take risks," Sister Duane said. "Children are encouraged to engage in activities that use language in meaningful and purposeful ways."

The hourlong after-school sessions are held Monday through Thursday. Each student attends one per week. Summer sessions also are available.

Parents or guardians pay $14 per hour for 2-1 sessions and $17 per hour for one-on-one sessions, which are taught in small cubicles. Initial informal reading tests cost $85. Madonna University is privately funded, so scholarships are not available, according to Sister Duane.

The costs, which basically only cover overhead expenses, are very reasonable compared to other tutoring programs, she said.

Parent and volunteer Margaret Hakun of Canton saw a big difference with her son, Michael, 11. When he was 7, he was struggling with reading. He spent about four years in the program.

"It was a wonderful experience," Hakun said. "He started feeling much more self-confident about his reading. He became more comfortable with it."

Now Hakun is working toward an education degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Parental involvement like Hakun's is very important, according to Sister Duane.

"Any time parents are involved in school programs and projects, those programs will be successful," she said.

"Our purpose is really to allow (children) to gain faculty in word recognition, vocabulary development, reading comprehension and writing."

Madonna advertises the program at area schools. REAP students come from public and parochial schools from across metro Detroit.

Hearing success stories from the parents is the most rewarding part.

"The big joy of the program is when we have parents come back to tell us how much their child has improved in reading and writing," she said.

People interested in volunteering as tutors should call Madonna's Learning Center at (734) 432-5586.

Read Observer Sports for news about your favorite school

Mom, co-worker ready to walk for Abby

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Compared to aggressive chemotherapy treatments, hair loss, kidney failure, strokes and numerous drug therapies, walking 26.2 miles is a cinch.

That's according to Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey, whose daughter Abby, 8, was diagnosed with leukemia in October 1997.

St. Louis-Woolsey is training about five days a week for the Leukemia Society of America Team in Training Marathon in May.

"I know this marathon will probably be the most physically challenging event of my lifetime and yet it seems so small a feat in comparison to the challenges that Abby has faced," St. Louis-Woolsey wrote in a fund-raising letter to friends and family.

After watching her daughter endure the numerous trials of leukemia, she decided the marathon was the thing to do. Though she has always been fitness-minded, preparing for the 26.2 mile walk was new territory.

"It's a real commitment," she said. "If you don't follow the training schedule, you're not ready for it."

For the past four weeks, she has been gradually adding mileage to her walks with coworker Diane Miller, who will walk the marathon with her. Their goal is to complete a 20-mile hike by the time they head out to San Diego.

Together they trek through Hines Park, Kensington Metropark near Milford and numerous spots in Livonia.

"It just makes you feel good," Miller said of the walks. "We've met a lot of new people."

At first the women dreaded taking outdoor walks in frigid winter conditions.

"Now we don't want to walk inside," St. Louis-Woolsey said.

Leukemia Society trainers have been coaching the women about diet, clothing, footwear and the training.

Miller said she had to return one pair of shoes because they hurt her feet. Running Fit, a Northville Township store, was helpful in finding shoes to fit her hard to fit size-5 feet.

Miller and St. Louis-Woolsey work at Parisian at Laurel Park Place. St. Louis-Woolsey's coworkers have been helping spearhead fund-raising drives for the pair.

In remission: *Abby, 8, was diagnosed with leukemia in October 1997. She currently has no leukemia symptoms.*

A fund-raiser a week ago generated $3,180. They each need to raise $3,600 by May 6. They have been sending out pledge cards to family and friends asking for contributions.

Right now Abby has no leukemia symptoms. She has been receiving aggressive treatment since her diagnosis.

Abby's problems came to light with a simple trip to the pediatrician.

"I thought she had the flu," St. Louis-Woolsey said. Her symptoms included achy joints and fever, which are both common flu symptoms.

But the doctor noticed her spleen and liver were enlarged, which caused them to rule out influenza. Several blood tests ruled out other diseases, such as mononucleosis.

"A CBC (complete blood count) test pretty much told them what they needed to know," she said.

St. Louis-Woolsey said Abby started receiving treatment at Beaumont Hospital the next day. Along the way she has experienced strokes, kidney failure, hair loss, side effects from chemotherapy and medication and more. She has already missed a whole year of school and still periodically misses days here and there.

Last week, she was sidelined by a day-long doctor's appointment.

But she is in good spirits and recently went sledding, skiing and snowboarding in Colorado. She attends St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia.

"She's a strong kid, very strong," St. Louis-Woolsey said.

To donate, write to KMA Associates, 1000 Wayne Road, Romulus, 48174, attn.: Leukemia Society. Checks should be made payable to the Leukemia Society of America. For more information about leukemia fund-raisers, contact the Leukemia Society of America's Michigan chapter at (800)456-5413.

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Shoe shopping: *Gisele St. Louis-Woolsey and Diane Miller look at walking shoes at Parisian in Laurel Park Place. The two women are training for the run/walk marathon in San Diego in April. They are raising money for the Leukemia Society of America.*

Facts about leukemia

Leukemia is a chronic or acute disease characterized by the rapid growth of mutated white blood cells. The mutated cells crowd out red blood cells and disease-fighting white blood cells, causing anemia and frequent infection.

It strikes people of all ages, but acute lymphocytic leukemia most commonly strikes children.

Some suspected factors in leukemia include benzene, which is used as a solvent and in making plastics, insecticides, detergents, paints and dyes; viruses, radiation and X-rays.

The main symptoms include anemia, weakness, chronic fatigue, high fever, bleeding without clotting, bruising easily, recurrent infection, joint aches and swollen lymph nodes, spleen and liver.

The main treatment for leukemia is chemotherapy and drugs. The main goal of treatment is to bring about complete remission, which means there is no evidence of the disease. A remission lasting five years or more after treatment is considered to indicate cure.

Another common treatment is a bone marrow transplant, where healthy bone marrow is injected into the bloodstream.

Other facts about leukemia:

- Five-year childhood leukemia survival rates have increased from 4 percent in 1963 to 80 percent in 1993.
- Childhood leukemia death rates have declined 57 percent over the past 20 years, but it still causes more U.S. deaths than any other disease in persons under 15.
- Approximately 1,000 new leukemia cases were diagnosed in 1998 in Michigan and an estimated 800 died.

Source: Leukemia Society of America

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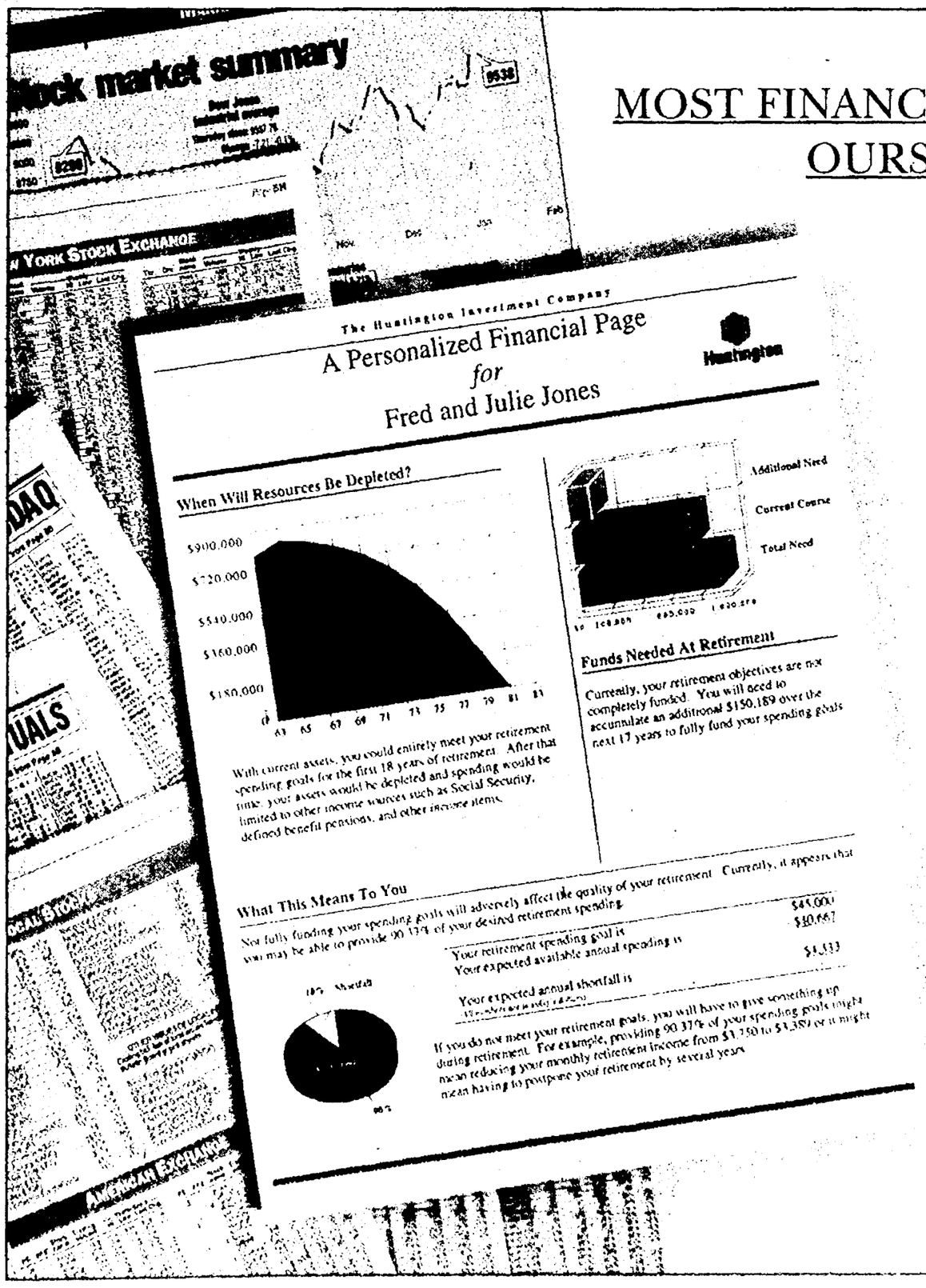

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Sassafras snafu

Workers deserve recognition

A decision to cancel a ceremony honoring Sassafras Trails volunteers only serves to hurt the wrong people.

Wayne-Westland schools had planned to honor the people who worked to save Sassafras Trails, a wooded nature area northeast of Wildwood and Palmer in Westland, at a March 8 board ceremony.

But those plans veered off the trail late last month in what seems to be petty anger on the part of schools officials.

The district, which owns Sassafras Trails, worked with the Friends of Sassafras a couple of years ago. In 1997 the board agreed to protect about 51 acres of the nature preserve in return for receiving $520,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The plan also allowed for limited residential development adjacent to Sassafras Trails on the site of the former Wilson School.

About 35 invitations had been mailed out in February to citizen volunteers, state legislators, city leaders and local judges, asking them to attend the board ceremony. Included were Republican state Sen. Loren Bennett and Democrat state Reps. Eileen DeHart and Thomas Kelly.

But those plans abruptly changed when school board President David Cox canceled plans for the ceremony because of fears of a lawsuit from Sassafras Trails activist, Charles Johnson.

District officials in early February received a letter from an environmental attorney hired by Johnson, who believes the district has violated portions of its agreement to protect Sassafras Trails.

Issues concerning that agreement and whether the district held up its end of the bargain have been questioned by Johnson. He has raised several issues concerning the division of the property and the loss of what he considers key parts of Sassafras Trails to the part of the property sold to developers.

All that aside, though, Johnson has publicly announced his withdrawal from Friends of Sassafras Trails to raise these issues on his own.

While Cox has said the board shouldn't honor select Sassafras Trails volunteers while these issues are out there, we can't see why Johnson's actions are being used to punish the others who worked to save the trails.

Johnson is clearly acting on his own in pursuing issues that the members of Friends of Sassafras don't necessarily support.

It's 1999 and the Sassafras Trails workers haven't been honored by the district yet for a deal that was agreed to in 1997.

For the good image of the district, that ceremony should be held, despite Johnson's actions. Yes, Johnson and his issues are probably sticking the proverbial thorn in district officials' sides, but his actions don't change the good work of the rest of the people involved.

On the trails: *In 1997 the Wayne-Westland school board agreed to protect about 51 acres of the Sassafras Trails nature preserve in Westland in return for receiving $520,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.*

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Rouge permits a great start

If western Wayne officials were to develop a slogan for the Rouge River, the motto should be "Let's work together."

Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township are among 41 of 48 Rouge basin communities that have applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a voluntary stormwater permit. If approved by the DEQ, the communities have agreed to work to control illicit sewer connections and encourage public participation and public education programs. Communities remain concerned about the threats of federal mandates, while Wayne County officials and some communities are concerned over who oversees the project, but overall the regulatory agencies, the federal court and local communities have all worked well together.

The permit process was developed from the "bottom up" – a voluntary process for communities to address the stormwater runoff in cleaning the Rouge. Those permits were outlined and examined locally last year with input from communities and subwatershed groups of representatives of these local communities. Of course, U.S. District Judge John Feikens has prodded the communities along through the process with his threat of an authority to oversee the process, but the permits have shown that the communities are serious about cleaning the Rouge. At this point, the EPA and DEQ have not raised any serious objections about the permit applications.

The subwatershed groups have a long way to go to clean the river, but if this local, yet regional, approach continues with the same seriousness shown during the subwatershed meetings, then the stormwater runoff of road salt and chemicals that plague the Rouge can be controlled with enough time, effort and money.

The permit process is a great start to control the stormwater runoff and has helped snowball the local momentum behind the $1.3 billion Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

We hope it continues.

COMMUNITY VOICE

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If your local schools were performing poorly, would you support a takeover like the one proposed for Detroit?

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Phyllis McCollum

"I don't know enough about the long-term consequences to really say."

Mark Carpenter

"I'd probably have to look into it and see what my options are."

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LETTERS

Tobacco prevention dollars

Communities must sound off now on our tobacco settlement dollars. Yes, it is true. Gov. John Engler plans to use our tobacco settlement dollars for other than tobacco control that could protect our children from the addictive drug of nicotine.

Advocates, over the past eight years, have campaigned for the protection of our children from the tobacco industry through policy and law changes only to find out that when the payoff is at hand, no tobacco prevention and cessation are included in the distribution of tobacco settlement dollars.

We need at least $75 million per year allocated for tobacco control.

As taxpayers, we pay dearly for tobacco-related illness/disabilities for smokers who perhaps did not have access to cessation opportunities in order to quit the habit.

Our youth are still being subjected to secondhand smoke in restaurants and other places they seek employment.

There is so much work to be done in Wayne County in tobacco prevention. The community needs to be heard as we attempt to protect our children from starting to become addicted and encourage others to quit. We should all be outraged enough to say so.

Velestia ReVels
Wayne County Health Department
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Julie Hahn
American Power Wash
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Perpetual motion

Can Fed chairman Alan Greenspan keep the global economy and the U.S. stock market afloat simply by stuffing money into them? It's worked so far. Here's how:

The liquidity lessons that Greenspan learned during the 1987 crash were used successfully again last fall to keep the financial markets afloat. But, how long can Greenspan go on printing money?

Amazingly, the excess global capacity that all that new money has created is causing deflation in the real economy. And, of course, deflation is a darn good reason to keep printing even more money.

So, the more money that Greenspan prints, the more overbuilding of capacity takes place, and the lower prices go. Therefore, printing money causes deflation. Classical economics was wrong.

Of course, if prices go too low, businesses won't want to expand anymore. And the only ones wanting to borrow will be the poor who can't repay. That's called a liquidity trap.

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Westland

Religion is our culture

Your article on "Religion has a role in our culture" is right on target, Phil Power. It's good to have you say this with your voice of authority and your background and please don't give up on the subject. You're absolutely correct. We've just gone over the hill with trying to appease everybody when really we're missing the whole point of our whole culture, which is based, particularly in this country, on the whole Judeo-Christian ethic.

And you're right, children are learning the wrong kinds of things in the wrong kinds of places and at least in the schools we do have a role to play and religion, as you well know, is not excluded from the schools and our teaching. It is part of our culture.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Standards need to apply to all people in our society

GUEST COLUMNIST

SHIRLEY WELCH

Admittedly, today times have changed. How often we hear that phrase. Those words are supposed to explain all the various actions people engage in that might seem difficult to explain to a reasoning mind. We pick and choose at a moment's whim to justify a particular behavior.

One of the loudest cries consistently heard is this is a country with "Freedom of Speech." We guard this freedom unquestionably, and use its "guidelines" to allow an extreme broad and at times immoral interpretation of what constitutes art.

But then, we challenge a person's right to utter personal opinions when we choose to expand our own feelings of being put upon. In a recent case – well-publicized – a man was ticketed for shouting some explicit bad language when he fell out of a canoe. It didn't matter that he was in the wide open spaces and had just experienced an embarrassing and at first instance a frightening accident.

He was judged violating the freedom of speech theory because a child was in the vicinity at the time. While this is judged immoral and unlawful due to an outdated, antiquated law still on the books, our television shows which are readily available for many young minds to see and accept, constantly use not only bad, offensive language, but expound immoral ideas, are allowed to broadcast on the basis of free speech,

We protect our freedom of speech and demand that that freedom must allow for anyone who chooses to say or defame our flag in any way they want, in the name of art or freedom, and yet, there have been numerous incidents when sports figures have uttered words that were unpopular with various groups, which resulted with those celebrities being forced to vacate prestigious jobs or positions or having their reputations challenged and ruined because they had a slip of the tongue at an unguarded moment.

Our judges and prosecutors will uphold obsolete laws they personally choose to, while picking out the silliness and modern inappropriate meaning in other laws. In Michigan recently, while one judge was fining the man for his vulgar words in the open air, citing the old law, another judge throws out of court another old law that cited adultery as unlawful because of the modern attitude toward affairs of the heart.

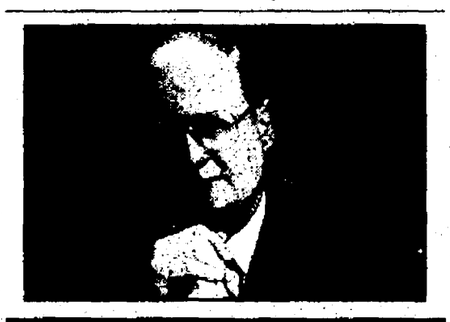
Our politicians use their offices and standing to back their own party and back their own constituents just because they belong to a political group. We have recently seen that in our own country. Whatever the facts or interpretation of the wording, our Constitution was founded as a guide and principle for all to live by, and each situation should be judged on the merits or weakness of the act, and not by whether a Whig, Democrat or Republican committed the act.

We see our state and national representatives challenging the wisdom and advisability of raising the minimum wages, on the basis that it might not be the feasible thing for the economy, but at the same time, they vote a substantial wage hike for themselves.

The time has come for there to be a uniform interpretation of matters for the common good. If language is wrong, it is wrong. If we are insisting to pursue and demand abiding to a law regarding speech that is on the books, we must also uphold other laws regarding extramarital affairs, and any other outdated law that still exists.

Shirley Welch is a Livonia resident.

Deceptive business practices good reason to slam Ameritech



TIM RICHARD

My knuckles are still raw from the last beating inflicted on Ameritech Michigan, the unfriendly telephone company that loves to fire people and tie them up in court with interminable appeals.

Duty calls, however, because Ameritech is still at it, this time losing before the Michigan Public Service Commission and the state Court of Appeals. The court opinion is 10 pages of legalisms. In sum, the terms "misleading," "false," "deceptive" and "anticompetitive" pop up with frightening frequency.

The unanimous, bipartisan Feb. 12 opinion is signed by Stephen Markman and Robert Young Jr. (Engler appointees) and Helene White (Clinton's designee for a federal slot). It finds that "Ameritech sent a misleading and anti-competitive bill insert to its customers in violation of the Michigan Telecommunications Act." That's fascinating because insiders say Ameritech's lobbyists drafted the act.

In December 1995, we all rceived an insert in our Ameritech bills headlined "DON'T GET SLAMMED." Slamming is the practice of some long-distance providers of billing you for services you never ordered. The insert invited us to fill out a form to avoid slamming for "long-distance or other telecommunications services."

Here the plot thickens. The notice doesn't differentiate between inter-LATA (long distance) and intra-LATA (local area code calls for which we pay long-distance rates).

Sprint complained to the MPSC. It seems that on Jan. 1, 1996, competition was to be allowed for intra-LATA calls. The bill insert "does not remind customers that Ameritech Michigan was required to implement intra-LATA to dialing parity for 10 percent of its customers on Jan. 1, 1996, and that local service would soon be available from other providers," MPSC said.

Here's the trick: If you signed the slammer protection notice, you couldn't authorize Sprint, MCI or AT&T to be your short long-distance provider. The competitors would be unable to inform Ameritech that you wanted a change. You would have to *notify Ameritech yourself* to make a change.

MPSC ruled that the competitors feared Ameritech "will delay requests from customers to change providers and that it will use the contact as an opportunity to try to dissuade the customer from leaving Ameritech ... (T)here's ample evidence that Ameritech Michigan understood the bill insert to be anticompetitive and intended it to have that effect."

MPSC ordered Ameritech to make remedies, including a corrective bill insert and easier changes in service providers. MPSC also sought to send the case file to the attorney general "for review of possible action under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act." (It will be fun to see if Attorney General Jennifer Granholm remembers her "I'll take your case" political speech and prosecutes Ameritech vigorously.)

Ameritech's lawyers threw up all sorts of arguments, every one of which was shot down by the Court of Appeals. One was Ameritech's customer survey purporting to show that customers correctly understood the insert. MPSC found the survey "self-serving and unrealistic," having "fundamental flaws due to the nature of the questions, the tone of the interviews and people excluded from the sample." The court agreed.

The court also rejected Ameritech's defense of "free speech," saying, "False, deceptive or misleading advertising is subject to restraint ..."

Will Ameritech fold its tent like a good corporate citizen, stop the appeals, obey the MPSC order and take its punishment from the attorney general like a man? Its behavior in other cases suggests Ameritech will appeal forever.

If Ameritech appeals, then I propose the stockholders not be stuck with the legal bill. The lawyers' costs should come from President Bob Cooper's bonus and salary.

Misleading. Deceptive. False. Anticompetitive. Ameritech.

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Comerica does Michigan proud as a first-rate corporate citizen

PHILIP POWER

■ The bank has been one of the most civic-minded corporations in the entire southeastern Michigan region, generous in its donations to charities and forthcoming in its willingness to assign top executives to worthwhile causes.

For those of us with long memories and sentimental hearts, the last quarter century has been a rough time for Michigan institutions.

Remember Vernors ginger ale? In my memory, Vernors was the essential ingredient for a proper ginger ale float. I still recall being driven by my parents to the big green and yellow plant on Woodward, while being instructed about just why Vernors was so much better than Canada Dry.

Sadly, Vernors has been gone for a long time.

More recently, Stroh's got sold to Heileman and Miller. My childhood memories of beer and Ernie Harwell announcing the ball games on the radio run from Goebel (also disappeared) to Stroh's. I don't listen to baseball much any more, but I always bought Stroh for sentiment's sake and because Peter Stroh and his family were exemplars of what good, decent, locally responsible people ought to be.

And by now everybody who isn't taking intensive German lessons knows full well that what we used to know as Chrysler is now something called DaimlerChrysler.

The old names, very often associated with old families, aren't much with us any longer.

Which is why it's nice to celebrate a business with a solid name that's intensely focused on Michigan, that looks like it'll be around for a while and that has helped countless local businesses. I'm referring to Comerica, the oldest and largest bank in Michigan, that will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Friday.

Originally chartered in 1849 as the Detroit Savings Fund Institute and then better known as the Detroit Bank & Trust, Comerica assumed its present name in 1982. In 1992, Comerica merged with Manufacturers National Corp.

The merger was difficult. The "reds" (old Comerica employees) were interlarded with the "blues" (ex-Manufacturers staffers) in such a way as to perpetuate for years the competition between the two.

The stock price fell, and for a time Comerica looked as though it would be taken over and move out of Michigan in just the same way that the National Bank of Detroit got taken over and moved to Chicago by First Chicago-NBD Bank Corp.

But CEO Eugene Miller (a "red") and President Mike Monahan (a "blue") moved quickly. They eliminated poor risk loans, expanded branches throughout the region and redeployed their capital. The stock responded and has now appreciated so much as to make Comerica nearly takeover-proof.

Having an independent, well-managed bank with a solid focus on providing banking services to Michigan businesses and households is vitally important to the future of our state. Though the folks at First Chicago-NBD will deny it till the cows come home, that bank has no more particular interest in Michigan than it has in any other state.

It's too bad. But that's life, and that's what happens when a big local company gets merged with a bigger nonlocal company and moves away.

But not (so far) at Comerica. The bank has been one of the most civic-minded corporations in the entire southeastern Michigan region, generous in its donations to charities and forthcoming in its willingness to assign top executives to worthwhile causes. Coupled with its excellent business performance, that's an outstanding record for any company, locally based or not.

Here's tall, cold one (a Stroh's, of course) hoisted to Comerica's 150th. I hope they'll be a solid, Michigan-oriented company for many, many years to come.

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Griffith, SC dean, cited for leadership in continuing ed

Ronald Griffith, dean of educational services, will be honored by the National Council for Continuing Education and Training, receiving its Regional Leadership Award for the North Central Region. He will receive the award at the NCCET national conference in Milwaukee, Wis., in October.

Griffith will receive the award for his "contributions to continuing education in your region and because you exemplify the qualities of leadership that NCCET hopes to promote among continuing education professionals," wrote Ruth L. Prather, president of the NCCET Board of Directors.

"No one has done more to strengthen the bond between the colleges within a region and the Council than you have. Your ability to raise awareness of the value of continuing education professionals, their place in the community college organization, and their contribution to their community in your region is appreciated."

Griffith, a Plymouth Township resident, came to Schoolcraft in 1971 as director of community services and was named dean of the department in 1975. He was named dean of continuing education and community services in 1977 and dean of educational services in 1984. In 1997-98, the student unduplicated head count for CES and the Business Development Center enrollment, all of which report to him, was more than 17,000. The programs serve students from infants through senior citizens.

The NCCET, the oldest affiliate of the American Association for Community Colleges, provides leadership for continuing education, workforce development and community services professionals within community, technical and junior colleges.

Former dean honored by S'craft board

Sirkka Gudan, former assistant dean for academic and assessment services at Schoolcraft College, received emeritus status from the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

A West Bloomfield resident, Gudan initiated, organized and developed the Learning Assistance/ Assessment Center at Schoolcraft and has been a leader in the field of student assessment, publishing research and conducting presentations statewide and nationally.

The Learning Assistance Center offers academic support to students and community members through tutoring and study skills instruction. The Assessment Center offers comprehensive testing for students, faculty, businesses, groups and individuals.

■ Gudan pioneered a homework assistance program between Livonia's Riley Middle School and Schoolcraft students interested in teaching.

In the LAC, Gudan established collaborative programs among departments to support at-risk students, pairing reading and study courses with content courses such as English, biology and electronics, often using students who successfully completed a course to tutor students currently taking the course. Under her direction, Schoolcraft has become a model for other colleges.

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Gudan earned her doctorate from the University of Michigan in educational psychology. She joined Schoolcraft in 1980 as learning assistance coordinator and is a recipient of the Schoolcraft College Presidential Recognition Award.

Gudan has been president of the Schoolcraft College Association of Administrative and Professional Personnel, chairman of the Student Athlete Support System, chairman of the Civil Rights Onsite Review Committee, chairman of the Goals Assessment Committee, and a board member of the Michigan Community College Journal.

Attorneys to teach legal classes at Madonna

Several local attorneys are among the faculty teaching eight legal assistant courses for the spring/summer term, which begins May 10 at Madonna University in Livonia.

A workshop titled "Advanced Legal Research on the Internet" will focus on this emerging use of technology to conduct legal research and will be held over two weekends on May 14-15 and May 21-22. The course will be taught by Mary Urisko, a Detroit attorney and co-author of West's Paralegal Today. She will also teach the course "Legal Assistant Orientation" on Tuesday evenings. Urisko, assistant director of the Legal Assistant program at Madonna, will lead the class, "Contractual and Commercial Relations" Wednesday evenings.

Plymouth attorney Richard Dimanin will teach "Medical Legal Concepts" and "Medical Records" on Monday evenings and a weekend workshop, "Case Preparation and Trial," on July 9-10 and July 16-17.

Attorney Craig Tarpinian of Farmington Hills will teach "Probate Estates" on Thursday evenings as well as the workshop "Will and Trust Drafting" on two consecutive weekends, June 11-12 and June 18-19.

Jennifer Cote, director of Madonna's Legal Assistant program and chair of the ABA Approval Commission, will teach "Legal Seminar and Practicum" on selected Tuesday evenings.

On-campus registration begins March 29 and continues through May 7. Classes begin May 10. For more information, call Urisko at (734) 432-5548 or Cote at (734) 432-5549.

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JACK GLADDEN

It's about time to have a 'Get It Right' Day

What do Dr. Seuss, a recipe for rye bread, a Southfield man with a tattoo and the Texas state song have in common?

They all represent reasons why we need to observe something that I'd call "National Get It Right Day." Let me explain.

A couple of weeks ago, The Boss asked if I would write an editorial page piece on March being "National Reading Month."

"And could you tie it in with Dr. Seuss?" she asked. I gave her a funny look and said, "Uh, yeah, sure."

So I get on the Internet and do a search on "National Reading Month." I got a few hits, but most of them were from 1998 or earlier and they were mostly references on elementary school Web sites. I did find a press release on Michigan Gov. John Engler's Web site in which he proclaimed March 1998 to be "National Reading Month" in Michigan. But nothing for 1999.

"I can't find anything about March being 'National Reading Month,' " I told The Boss.

"Well, it is in Livonia," one editor said.

"And it is in Westland," said another.

The sources of this information turned out to be press releases from various elementary schools which made reference to Dr. Seuss and to March being "Reading Month." Nothing about it being "National" and no indication of who decided that March should get this designation.

Another press release from a local university made the Dr. Seuss connection. March 2 would have been his 95th birthday and the university had some events planned to commemorate that date in connection with the "America Reads Program."

So I got back on the Net. A little bit better luck this time. A search brought me to the National Education Association's home page, where I learned that the NEA was promoting Dr. Seuss celebrations on March 2 as part of its "Read Across America" program.

This must be it

This had to be what all those press releases were talking about, even though the one from the university had the name of the program wrong and the NEA site made no mention of March being "Reading Month," national or otherwise. But at least now I had something to work with.

I decided to do a bit more Internet research on Dr. Seuss to help with the piece I was supposed to write. It was fascinating.

According to the Associated Press' obituary, Dr. Seuss "wrote and illustrated" 47 books that were translated into 18 languages. The Grolier Encyclopedia Web site placed the number of books at 48 and the number of languages at 20. Another site hedged and just said that he wrote more than 45 children's books.

A frequently told anecdote is the one about Dr. Seuss' first book being rejected by numerous publishers before it was finally accepted. The number of publishers who rejected the book was either 28, 29 or 43, depending on whose information you accept. And he started writing children's books in either the 1930s, '40s

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Hospice has tickets for dinner-dance

Wearing of the green isn't mandatory for an evening of old-fashioned Irish fun at Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc.'s seventh annual St. Patrick's dinner-dance Saturday, March 6, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

The festivities get under way at 6:30 p.m. The deadline for ordering tickets to be picked up at the door is noon Friday, March 5. To order, Call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

Gathering together

Come on in: *Brenda Hoffman of Northville (center) meets Suburban West Community Center director Bill Hart and Alice Ming, director of rehabilitation services, at the front door of The Gathering Place Clubhouse in Livonia.*

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Mentally ill find 'community'

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Like Judy Collins' 1968 hit song, Brenda Hoffman has looked at life from both sides now. Sitting in the Suburban West Community Center in Redford, she speaks openly about her life before and after being diagnosed with chronic depression.

The Northville resident had depressive tendencies when she was young, but shrugged them off as being a teenager. But she couldn't do that after having a baby. For more than a year, she stayed in her house, with the drapes closed, and didn't get dressed. On the verge of committing suicide, she was committed to a hospital.

When she lost her insurance, she turned to Suburban West for help. The staff at its Canton office sent her to the "clubhouse." Hoffman admits she didn't like it at first, but today is an ardent supporter.

"I've seen a great change," she said. "That might be why when I first came to Suburban West I felt funny. After about two weeks, I realized it (the clubhouse) was a godsend.

"If it weren't for the caring calls, I might lay in bed until my husband takes me in or something happens. It's why I consider them my family."

Suburban West provides services to mentally ill people like Hoffman in Redford, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Northville as a contractual agency for the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Board. The Gathering Place Clubhouse is its psychosocial rehabilitation program and is modeled after Fountain House in New York.

The clubhouse offers it 85 members experiences that help them function in their communities and decrease the need for hospitalization. Members take an active role in its operation, cooking food for the coffee shop, doing clerical work, helping in the library or doing maintenance.

Known as Robert J to his friends – clubhouse members only use an initial in lieu of their last name – Robert Johnson was "looking for a better opportunity" when he walked into the clubhouse. Six years later, the Plymouth resident is a leader in the drop-in center and like Hoffman sits on Suburban West's Board of Directors.

"I was looking to better myself," said Johnson, who also suffers from mental illness. "I try to take advantage of the opportunities presented to me and help my fellow members. As time has gone on, things have blossomed for me at the center."

Good things to hear

Bill Hart smiles when he hears what Hoffman and Johnson have to say. They are a testimonial to the 20 years of service Suburban West has been providing to its consumers.

"The clubhouse is one of our service programs where the consumers and staff work together," said Hart, Suburban West's executive director. "Every member contributes to its continuing development and growth."

"When this program started, it was a very structured partial day program; the staff determined the program and they were the professionals," added Alice Ming, director of rehabilitation services. "Now it's staff- and member-run. The consumers have a part in every decision that is made. The staff and the consumers work together, even in hiring new staff.

"There are no closed meetings. The consumers are a part of everything."

Originally affiliated with Northville Psychiatric Hospital as an aftercare clinic, Suburban West currently has 621 consumers in its outpatient, Assertive Community Treatment, psychosocial rehabilitation and case man-

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Suburban West focuses on its consumers

Incorporated as a private nonprofit community mental health agency in 1978, Suburban West Community Center provides consumers living in the Redford, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Northville areas with:

■ Outpatient treatment of psychiatric disorders. Treatment is geared toward prevention of rehospitalization, elimination of symptoms, reduction of negative personal and social effects of hospitalization and enhancement of personal skills and growth.

■ Assertive Community Treatment – The program's primary goals are to prevent rehospitalization and to maximize the consumer's community adjustment while decreasing dependency. Services include around-the-clock crisis intervention, training in daily living skills, mental health education, advocacy with landlords and other community resources, chemotherapy and individual counseling.

■ Case Management/Hospital Liaison Program – The program has two components. The hospital liaison program is designed to offer a more continuous flow of treatment to people being discharged to Suburban West from community and state hospitals.

The case management component is designed to facilitate access to community services like housing, medical services and vocational rehabilitation to help the consumer achieve a maximum level of independence while reducing the likelihood of rehospitalization.

■ Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program – The Gathering Place Clubhouse in Livonia is a psychosocial rehabilitation program that provides experiences that help members function in their community and decrease the need for hospitalization. Members are encouraged assume productive roles in the program through the Clerical, Food Service and Member Services units.

■ Counseling Center West – The program provides services to adult consumers who have never been hospitalized and who aren't currently at risk for hospitalization. Individual, couples and family counseling are available for emotional, behavioral and stress-related problems.

■ Suburban Nights – A consumer-run drop-in center in Livonia, Suburban Nights is operated by a consumer advisory council and Suburban West. It's open 4:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 12:30-9 p.m. Saturday at the clubhouse.

Getting ready: *Robert Johnson checks to see if the desserts are ready for lunch.*

Suburban West Community Center has offices at 11677 Beech Daly Road, Redford, and 5800 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, and The Gathering Place Clubhouse at 27595 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For more information, call Suburban West at (313) 937-9500.

You can raise helpful, cooperative children

PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH

JANET TROST

For many parents, one of the most exciting victories in raising children is getting them to cooperate. On the flip side, one of the most frustrating experiences is when they don't. Most parents feel like "drill serg ants" at one time or another, simply barking orders and listening to children complain or resist helping. There is hope, however, if a few simple suggestions are followed.

■ Create a cooperative environment: Parents set the tone for behavior in every home. By showing children what is expected, cooperative behavior is easier to achieve.

When your child asks for help, be willing to provide the help with a positive attitude. It's very important to demonstrate cooperation with your spouse or other adults in your home. This will be the example that children will follow. We all work harder for people who inspire the best in us.

■ Use humor whenever possible: Parents who are fun, who are caring and who show respect, motivate children. Joking around with your children to get their cooperation can create a lighter atmosphere, one more apt to yield a positive response.

Amidst chuckles, school-aged children to teens are more likely to acknowledge your cleverly worded and cleverly placed requests.

■ Understand normal development in children: All children go through various stages as they grow. At times children may appear to be uncooperative when, in fact, they are simply acting their age.

No one expects an infant to put his arms through the sleeves of a T-shirt because they are simply incapable of doing so. The same may be said of expecting a 2-year-old to follow a request that has multiple steps.

The challenge comes as children get older and we know they are capable of following directions, but they choose not to. This is a common problem with 9- and 10-year-olds who don't want to brush their hair, let alone their teeth!

Teenagers may prefer to spend time alone in their room rather than politely visit with their grandparents. Although these behaviors don't have to be accepted by parents, it is helpful to know that they are normal and special consideration needs to occur to ensure cooperation.

Perhaps you'll shorten the visit to grandma's house by an hour so your teen can meet her friends at the movies. Talking to other parents with children of similar age or reading about child development helps to prepare parents for difficult stages.

■ Put it in writing: Many parents avoid the feeling of constantly pleading for help by putting their expectations in writing. Even small children can understand job lists or house rules, if they are illustrated with pictures as well as words. This will be even

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agement programs.

It has offices and facilities in Redford, Livonia and Canton and has earned a reputation in the mental health system as a provider of quality services, a distinction buoyed by an accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Mental Health Organizations.

In it early years, Suburban West provided general outpatient treatment, primarily for people who had been in psychiatric hospitals in the past, and crisis intervention. In 1985, it added ACT, taking treatment to consumers in their homes and other settings.

In 1986, case management was added to link consumers who had been hospitalized more than once with needed services in their communities.

The partial day program started 12 years ago, when consumers were receiving more passive activities. Its evolution to the clubhouse started in 1987. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, members like Hoffman and Johnson provide the talent to keep it running smoothly.

The drop-in center picks up after the clubhouse closes. Open 4-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, it's staffed completely by the consumers and clubhouse membership isn't a prerequisite for dropping in.

"Some members are here from 8 in the morning to 9 at night," said Ming. "The old program couldn't operate without the staff; this one can't run without the consumers."

Suits their needs

While Johnson helps out in finances before switching over to a waiter at lunchtime, Kimberly B and Marty B, both Redford residents, are part of the kitchen staff on a regular basis.

Kimberly has been a member for 5 1/2 years, Marty for 10. A bit on the shy side, both admit they like the program, with Marty adding that it suits his needs.

"It was a partial day program when I first came," he said. "I like this better."

Hart points out that a lot has changed in the 20 years Suburban West has been in business. Back then, it wasn't unusual for a hospital stay to span months or years. Now, it's evolved into a contract with private hospital for a stay of eight-12 days.

And the change goes beyond the treatment. Twenty years ago, the mentally ill were called patients because of the hospital-based treatment. Then they became clients and 10 years ago, they became consumers "when clients started speaking out to remove the stigma," Hart said.

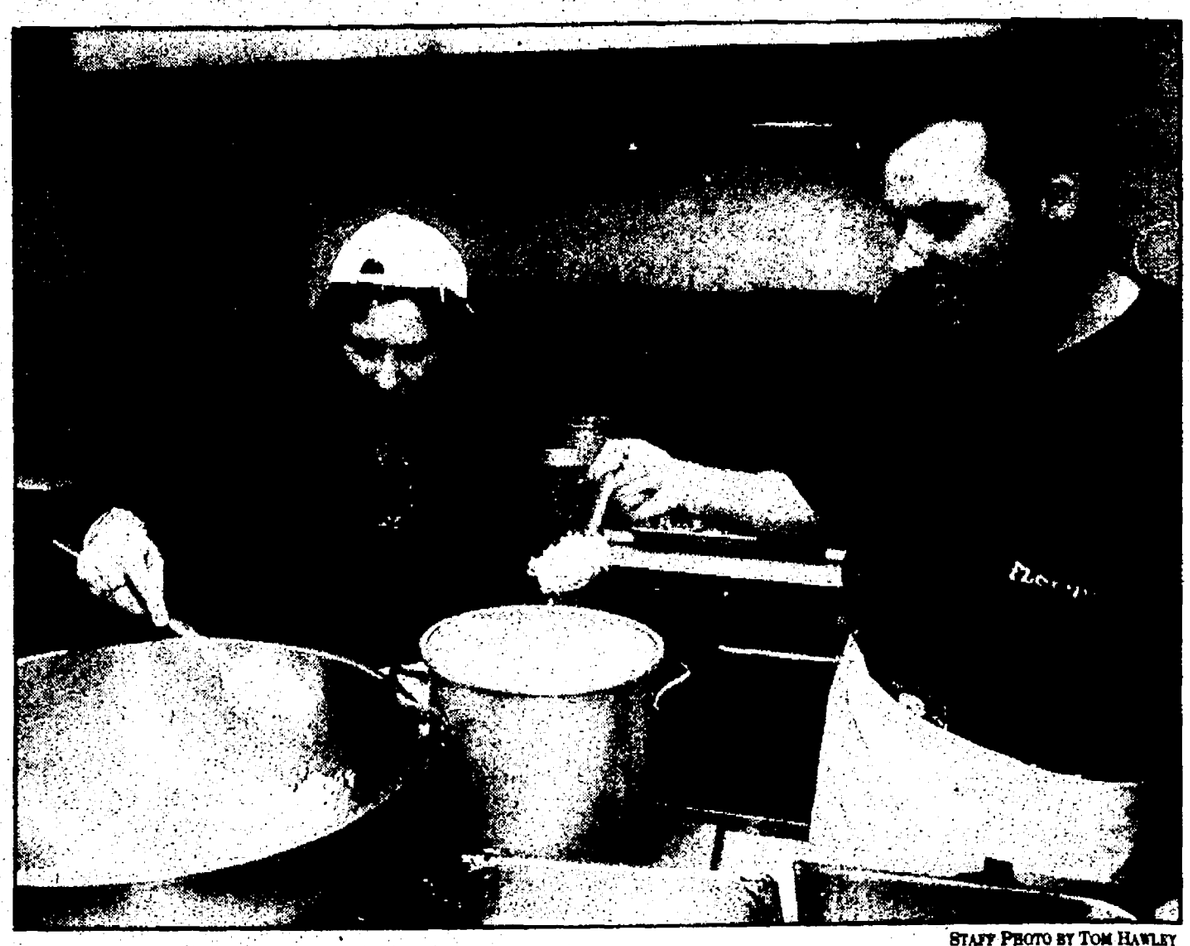
"It reflects the consumer voice in the services," he added. "They are now consumers of mental health services."

Now, Suburban West is positioning itself for more changes in the mental health arena. The implementation of managed care and discussions about reducing the number of catchment (service) areas to keep costs under control may be viewed as threats by some, but Hart sees them as an opportunity.

The agency recently developed a semi-independent living program to offer apartments (16 in all) with support services to people leaving adult foster care or their parents' homes and making the transition to independent living.

Its Counseling Center West in Canton offers individual, couple and group therapy for people with less serious problems and the agency is looking for a partnership to provide a residential program.

"I like to think that we do it better than the others," Hart said. "The one thing about Suburban West is that it always has been very consumer-oriented and people-oriented."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

What's for lunch? *Kimberly B and Marty B, both of Redford, start mixing together the ingredients for the day's special – chicken and broccoli casserole – that will be served to the lunch crowd at The Gathering Place Clubhouse.*

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or '50s.

Dr. Seuss was a pseudonym, of course. His real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel, except in "Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Newsletter," in which she devotes three pages to an essay on the man, yet misspells his first name as "Theodore," the common spelling, but not the way he spelled it.

There was much more misinformation out there, on sites thrown together by fervent, if careless, Seuss fans to an official Random House site, not to mention that Grolier Online page.

As for the rye bread

Now you can cluck your tongue and blame it on the vagaries of the Internet, but that doesn't explain those errant press releases or the rye bread recipe.

That came out of the new edition of Bernard Clayton's "Complete Book of Breads." I was whipping up a batch of Old Milwaukee Rye, when I realized that yeast was not listed as an ingredient. I still had the original edition, with the stained pages and ripped cover, so I dug it out of the bookcase and checked the recipe there. Yep, it called for yeast. Somehow that ingredient got left out in the revision.

And the Texas state song? It's "Texas, Our Texas." But a booklet being sold by McDonald's restaurants to commemorate Black History Month incorrectly states that the Texas state "anthem" is "The Yellow Rose of Texas." The booklet also contains other inaccurate information about the history of the state.

From press releases to booklets to books to Internet sites, it's getting more and more dangerous to believe what you read. People throw things together carelessly, without checking their facts, and absolutely without double- or triple-checking. And all of this occurred to me as I was looking for information on the man who has been picked to encourage kids to read.

So where does the tattooed man fit into this picture? The ex-Marine walked into a Roseville tattoo parlor to get the word "villain" tattooed on his forearm. But since neither he nor the tattoo artist knew how to spell it, it came out "villian." When his friends saw it they laughed and started making fun of him. He wore long-sleeve shirts to cover up the artwork until he had plastic surgery to remove it altogether. He's suing the tattoo parlor for $25,000.

But there may be a lesson here. Those tattoo artists and all the other purveyors of misinformation should get tattoos on the backs of their hands, so that when they sit down at a keyboard or take up a tattoo needle, the message stares up at them:

"Get It Right!"

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton.

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more effective if the children help develop the list with their parents.

The key is to be consistent in enforcing rules and consequences. If a child violates a rule, parents can save the nagging and simply point to the rule list. Everyone will understand the message, and no one will have to listen to an unwanted lecture.

■ Allow natural and logical consequences: Allowing children to make their own choices helps them to learn from consequences. Some children need to learn from their mistakes. By the same token, they also learn from their successes.

Parents can help children by asking them to think through a choice and imagine what the outcome will be before they act. They can also look for opportunities to point out how the choice to cooperate can have positive results.

For example, point out that the extra time the child saved you by helping you rake leaves means the two of you are free to do a fun activity that your child enjoys.

■ Encourage team play: Enrolling children in group activities, such as sports or scouting, will also reinforce the concept of working together for a common goal. They'll learn that cooperation is part of everyday life and not just an expectation found at home.

Teaching children to cooperate is an important lesson. It helps children now and throughout their lives. Cooperation also helps make your home a happier, more loving place to live.

Janet Trost is the program manager for the After Baby Comes Program at Starfish Family Services. The program offers support and education to first-time parents delivering in the Oakwood Healthcare System. Volunteers assist in this effort. Interested, experienced parents should call (734) 425-7977, Ext.117. For more information, or to arrange for presentation on parenting issues, call (734) 425-7977, Ext.116.

GARDEN CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Garden City Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids for Roof Replacement at Garden City High School, Douglas Elementary School, and Cambridge Center. Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after February 25, 1999. Any questions should be directed to Gary Marchel at 734-762-6306.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before MARCH 18, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for the following items:

COMPUTER SYSTEM
ANTENNA RADAR UNITS
ATHLETIC FIELD MIXES
CITY WIDE LAWN MAINTENANCE
BALLFIELD LINE MARKER

Bid must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the vest interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk Treasurer

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LA02540

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, March 9, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI; County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
83	Cadillac	2 Dr. Eldorado	Blue	1G6AL5786DE652458

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

85	Mazda	2 Dr.	Silver	JM1FB3314F0877237
87	Dodge	4 Dr. Omni	Silver	1B3BZ18C9HD568790
88	Dodge	4 Dr. Dynasty	Red	1B3BU5632JD148237
78	Chev	2 Dr. Z-28	Yellow	1Q87L8N551101
83	Olds	2 Dr. Toronado	Brown	1G3AZ67Y1DE326059
84	Dodge	Ram Van	White	2B7GB13T8EK215019
90	Chev	Astro Van	Grey	1GNDM15Z8LB215533
89	Dodge	Van	Gray	2B5WB35Z9KK369494

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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 April 4, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

77	Trailer	Office	White	NONE

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GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
6000 MIDDLEBELT
GARDEN CITY, MI 48135

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on March 9, 1999 at 9:00 A.M. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185.

PLEASE NOTE: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

YEAR & MAKE	STYLE	VIN #
1985 Renault	4 Dr.	1XMDM9532FK132201
1986 Ford	PU	1FTEX15N4GKA53679
1985 Pontiac	SW	2G2AG35X4F8726065
1993 Ford	4 Dr.	2FACP74W2PX164755
1987 Oldsmobile	4 Dr.	1G3NF51U6HM230357
1978 Pontiac	2 Dr.	2L37Y8P201776
1976 Oldsmobile	2 Dr.	3J57R6M433218

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LA02796

CITY OF WESTLAND
SANITARY SEWER LINING
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before ***March 23, 1999, at 2:00 in the afternoon*** at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud (No exceptions will be made for late filings).

Work Description:
2,431 LF of 12" CIPP Sewer Lining, 300 LF of 10" CIPP Sewer Lining, Cleaning and TV Inspection of sewers to be lined, reinstatement of 68 sewer service leads, and construction of 4 new manholes and related work.

Contract Documents on File:
Contract documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division offices, 37095 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 and Dodge Reports, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034 and the Construction Association Plan Room, 1625 S. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Contract documents may be obtained at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices. A non-refundable charge of ten dollars ($10.00), check only, payable to the City of Westland will be required for each set of contract documents. Contract documents will be available beginning March 1, 1999.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front, left-hand corner "Bid Proposal-Sanitary Sewer Lining". Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. No Exceptions will be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable without condition to the City of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract. Bonding companies must be listed in the Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing.

No bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities in bidding, or to accept any bid it may deem in the best interest of the City.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

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LA02801

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 1999

The Mayor and Council of the City of Garden City met in Regular Session on February 15, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Department of Public Services Director Barnes, and Streets, Sewer, Water Supervisor Morton, and Office Manager Albitus.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- John E. Dorr, of Garden City, discussed the sewer separation problems in the City and for homeowners to divert downspouts away from the house.
- Edward Kane, of Garden City, discussed the MDEQ Schedule and if anyone has talked to the other communities in the same situation.
- **Item 02-99-056**

Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of February 8, 1999. AYES: Unanimous

- **Item 02-99-057**

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Credit Card Policy.
2. Purchase of Hewlett Packard Laserjet Printer - City Clerk Treasurer.
3. V-Box Salt Spreader - DPS Purchase.
4. Replacement Radios and Batteries - DPS Purchase.
5. Dell Computers and Monitors - DPS Purchase.
6. Program Yr. 1999 - Community Development Block Grant.
7. Salary Ordinance - Planning & Development Director.
8. Office Paper Products.
9. Voting Machines Purchase.

- **Item 02-99-058**

Moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To award the bid of two (2) V-Box Salt Spreaders to **Shults Equipment Inc.** in the amount of $13,311.50 each (total amount $26,623.00), to be charged to Account #401-401-332.022 and Account 401-401-332-023. AYES: Unanimous

- **Item 02-99-059**

Moved by Waynick; supported by Briscoe: Council was advised by the City Attorney to accept this amount based on the cost of collection over this debt. RESOLVED: To accept the $12,000.00 settlement of the disputes arising after receipt of the five (5) vehicles originally awarded on November 30, 1998 with Winter Motors for $15,480.00. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmember Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Wiacek and Briscoe. **Motion passed.**

- **Item 02-99-060**

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations with AFSCME, approval of Closed Session Minutes of January 4, 11, and 25, 1999, and discuss the Attorney's opinion regarding the investigators report. AYES: Unanimous

The Council went into Closed Session and when they returned the following motion was offered.

- **Item 02-99-061**

Moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To accept the AFSCME contract as proposed by the Administration. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmember Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmembers Dodge and Wiacek. **Motion passed.**

There being no further business in front of Council, the meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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LA02795

Garden City BPW benefit helps fund scholarships

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Wonder where the money raised at this year's sixth annual Garden City Business and Professional Women "Parade of Fashion" fashion show and luncheon goes?

Back into community causes like scholarships that are awarded to local people and the First Step shelter.

The $30-a-ticket benefit will begin with registration at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

BPW members and their families will model fashions from Talbots of Laurel Park; Talbots Kids of Laurel Park Place and "I Do," Two! Consignment Bridal Salon in Plymouth.

Talbots carries a complete line of women's fashions in sizes ranging from petite to size 18. Talbots Kids carries children's clothing for infants and boys and girls up to size 14.

"I Do" Two! Consignment Bridal Salon carries a complete line of gently used bridal fashions. The store's inventory includes designer labels and gowns in petite to plus sizes, discounted 30-60 percent.

Orin Jewelers and Talbots will also have display tables.

Money raised from a raffle at the fashion show also goes to the Rose Schilawske Scholarship, presented annually by the Garden City BPW to one woman who is returning to the work force or is furthering her education. Last year, Garden City resident Colleen Spano received $500. Spano and her daughter will be modeling at the fashion show.

At 35, Spano has worked at Garden City Hospital for 18 years and is currently director of surgical services. She's working toward her bachelor's degree in health care administration at the Detroit College of Business.

Married and the mother of two children, Caitlyn, 9, and Michael, 11, Spano said the money helped defray the costs of going to college.

"My classes run, with books and all, usually around $800 a class, so it did help quite a bit," said Spano who along with her husband, Joseph, was raised in Garden City. "I was fortunate to get it."

Raffle tickets cost $1 each. Prizes include a day trip for two to Atlantic City, sponsored by Steve Kuhlman of Travel Desk in Garden City; a basic estate planning package, donated by attorney Sandra Larson; a $100 gift certificate from Orin Jewelers; and a Waterford sweetheart bowl, donated by Hudson's of Westland.

Door prizes include gift certificates to DeLuca's, New Peking and East Side Mario's restaurants, as well as gift baskets from Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland and Dearborn Florist.

The Garden City BPW is also supported by John Santeiu & Sons Funeral Home.

"We're hoping to raise enough money to fund our scholarships and the money we have left over is used to operate our budget," said Rebecca Viola, Garden City BPW fashion show chairwoman.

The professional women's organization also sponsors an honors scholarship that is awarded to a high school senior from Garden City to help defray costs of attending a community college. Students must be recommended by school officials, have at least a 3.0 grade point average, leadership qualities and provide service to the student body and the community.

The BPW also supports the Garden City Library, First Step and Sea Camp, a program that sends school-aged children to Florida to study environmental issues.

"The fashion show will be nice and I'm sure the women will enjoy the afternoon," Spano said. "The organization supports a lot of local causes and please come out and support us."

To order tickets to the fashion show and lunch, featuring chicken kabobs and rice pilaf, call Beth Csicsila at (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742. The deadline to buy tickets is Wednesday, March 10. No tickets will be sold at the door.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Ready for spring: *Anne Schaeffer (left), president of the Garden City BPW, and Beth Csicsila, vice president, look over the latest spring fashions at Talbots at Laurel Park Place. The store is providing fashions for the club's annual fashion benefit Sunday, March 14, at Plymouth Manor.*

Organizers recruit riders for parade

There will be some recruiting going on when horse lovers and enthusiasts converge on Michigan State University next month for the Michigan Horse Council's Horse Expo and 16th annual International Stallion and Trade Show.

Representatives of the Michigan Parades into the 21st Century will be at the show, slated for Friday-Sunday, March 12-14, in East Lansing.

Parade participants will staff a booth at the expo and show to answer questions about the parade, provide application forms and show videos from past parades. There also will be a mini Michigan parade at 9:45 a.m. March 13, featuring past parade participants.

This year's Michigan Parades into the 21st Century Parade is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, in Lansing. The parade features more than 40 equine units as well as other animal units, bands and a Canine Hero Unit, featuring such groups as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Paws with a Cause and Canine Companions

This year, each equine participant will receive a red, white and blue parade ribbon to wear during the parade and a new peppermint treat, provided by Buckeye Feeds, according to Nancy Harm, who helps recruit equine units.

Members of the Canine Hero unit will have parade medals to wear and receive doggie treats, while human participants will receive lunch and an embroidered commemorative parade patch.

For more information about the event contact Harm at (248) 437-5672.

WORKING WITH PHYSICIANS HEALTH EDUCATORS AND COMMUNITY

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CALIFORNIA CLOSETS - Simplify your life with "Organizing Your Closet" workshop
Saturday, March 6, 1:00-1:30 p.m.

CHIASSO - See all of the new and unique kitchen items
Saturday, March 6, 1:00-1:30 p.m.

HUDSON'S - Join us in the "Alice in Wonderland Shop"
Friday, March 5-Saturday, April 3 – All Day
Visit Hudson's china department for a Belleek personalizing event.
Saturday, March 6, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

L'OCCITANE - Stop by L'Occitane for a complimentary hand treatment
All day each and every Saturday

POTTERY BARN - Learn how to group accessories
Saturday, March 6, 11:00-11:30 a.m.

SCANDIA DOWN - Anichini Trunk Show
Friday, March 5, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

WALDENBOOKS - Have all of your gardening questions answered by the experts from English Gardens Nursery
Friday, March 6, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

GARDEN EVENTS IN THE NORTH GRAND COURT

THE CAPITAL GRILLE - Learn to select the perfect wine
Friday, March 5, 1:30-2:00 p.m.

ENGLISH GARDENS - Create a colorful and beautiful garden
Saturday, March 6, 2:00-2:30 p.m.

CRABTREE & EVELYN - Learn how to create a floral topiary
Saturday, March 6, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

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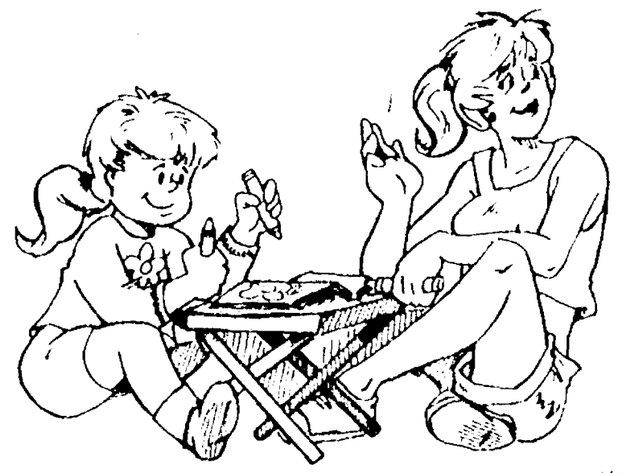

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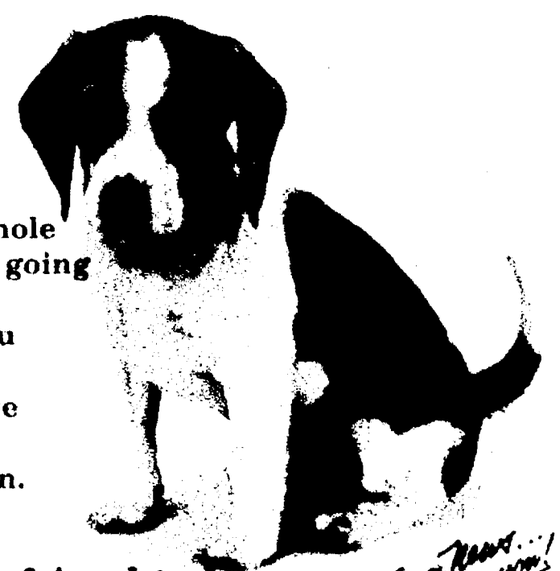

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

PET ADOPTION
The Dearborn Animal Shelter will be having an adoption showcase 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Super Petz, Ford Road and Venoy.

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

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 Vjers 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.

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 Saturday, April 17, at the post home, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 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

SIGN FORUM
Input from the business community is being sought on the Westland sign ordinance. A Westland sign ordinance open forum is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Westland Chamber of Commerce office. Members of the newly formed city council study group will take input from this forum into consideration.

MARCH LUNCHEON
"Detroit Metro Airport: Cleared for Takeoff" will be the topic of the chamber's March business luncheon. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, at Joy Manor in Westland. Michael Conway, director of external relations at Detroit Metro Airport, will be the guest speaker, sponsored by the Westland Community Foundation. Make reservations by calling (734) 326-7222. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required.

AFTER HOURS
The next informal after hours event for new chamber members is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at Farwell and Friends in Westland. All chamber members are invited to attend. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, spirits and soft drinks compliments of Farwell and Friends.

AWARD NOMINATIONS
Nominations are being taken for the chamber's spring awards – The Athena Award and the Business Person of the Year Award. The Athena Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies excellence in a business or profession, serves the community in a meaningful way and assists women in developing their leadership potential. The Business Person of the Year recognizes a Westland business person or manager who works to improve the business climate and overcome adversity in some way. The awards will be presented at a murder mystery dinner, "Pasta, Passion and Pistols," beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Joy Manor in Westland. Tickets are $30 a person. For nomination forms contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS
Nominations are open for three-year terms on the board of directors of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Terms will run from April 1999 through May 2002. Nominees must be dues-paying members with full membership to the chamber. To nominate someone, call the chamber at (734) 326-7222 or mail a nomination to the chamber office at 36900 Ford Road, Westland 48185 by March 15.

GOLF CLASSIC
The 19th annual Westland Chamber Golf Classic at Pheasant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for foursomes are being taken now at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222.

JOBS AND CAREERS FAIR
The third annual jobs and careers fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at Westland Shopping Center. An advance signup list for tables and sponsorships is being compiled by the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

RECREATION

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

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

SCHOOLS

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 Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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

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

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

YWCA READINESS
The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 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, 4-5:30 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 co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

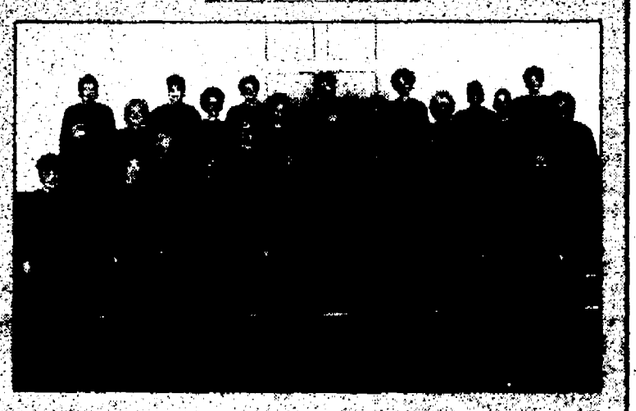
LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, is planning its annual spring open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14. Call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

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.

Sing a song



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.*

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.

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, pinochle, 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.

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

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

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

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

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

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.

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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Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

ENGAGEMENTS

Zarza-Puda

S. Ann Zarza of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Teresa Ann, to Joseph K. Puda, the son of Harry and Marie Puda of Olean, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree at Madonna. She is employed as a clinical manager at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a 1989 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., with a master of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit.

An October wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Zakula-Brackney

Bernard and Jacqueline Mastey of Grosse Ile announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Zakula, to Michael S. Brackney, the son of William and Sandra Brackney of Riverview.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College with a degree in medical information technology. She is A.R.T.-certified and currently attending Madonna University, where she is majoring in long-term care administration.

Her fiance is a graduate of Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas, Texas. He owns Brackney Chiropractic Health Center in Canton.

A July wedding is planned at Faith United Methodist Church in Trenton.

Bailey-Heidger

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristine Marie, to Nathan John Heidger, the son of Robert Heidger of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Marti McLaughlin of Danville, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. A resident of Manhattan Beach, Calif., she is the owner of Natural Essence Gifts.

Her fiance is a graduate of San Ramon High School and Long Beach State University. He is a professional beach volleyball player, playing the AVP tour.

An October wedding is planned in northern California.

Shaw-Cameron

Fred and Sandra Shaw of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter, April, to James Cameron, the son of Maryann Cameron of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Edsel Ford High School. She will enter the nursing program at Schoolcraft College this fall. She is employed as a home health aide by Angela Hospice.

Her fiance is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He received an associate's degree in tool design from Schoolcraft College and is employed as a CAD operator at Broaching Machine Specialty in Novi.

A March wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.

Strum-Hefke

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Strum of Commerce Township, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ellen, to Eric Allan Hefke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hefke of Marquette.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University, where she majored in industrial marketing and earned a bachelor's degree. She is employed as an account executive at Shandwick International.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Marquette High School and a 1996 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he majored in integrated supply management and received a bachelor's degree. He is employed as a material supply trainee at DaimlerChrysler.

A September wedding is planned at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

Gosen-Easterwood

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gosen of Saginaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jo, to Thomas Ellis Easterwood, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Easterwood of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Her fiance is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1984 MoTech graduate. He is employed at Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne.

A May wedding is planned at Assumption B.V.M. Catholic Church of Bridgeport.

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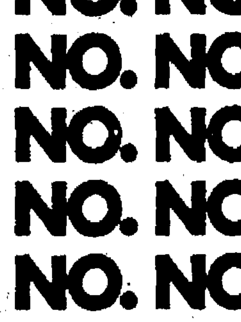

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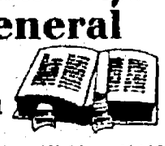

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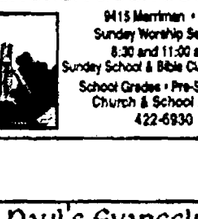

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Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

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 United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United Suburban Detroit-West will have its World Day of Prayer at 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 child care 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 will include baked and fried fish, shrimp, pierogi, french fries, macaroni and cheese, salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea and pop. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville will host motivational speaker Judy Schreur, who will present "Live in the Laughter Lane," or how to bring humor and laughter into our personal and professional lives as part of Single Point's First Friday at 8 p.m. Friday, March 5. There will be a free-will offering.

A grief seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the chapel. Cathy Clough will speak about "The Process of Grief," and Ruth Sissom will speak about "How Do We Move Beyond Grief?" The cost is $20, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and seminar materials.

For information about any of the events, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Crazy Hats Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. The $8 charge includes refreshments.

The group also meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call Val at (734) 729-1974. It also meets for coffee and conversation 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle 7 p.m. every other Friday.

MOM TO MOM SALE

A Mom to Mom sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Proceeds will be donated to the Mom-Tot group. For more 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 (newborn and up), baby furniture and maternity items will be sold. Admission will be $1. For more information and table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Newburgh 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 charge 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 the church at (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 more information, or to sign up for the dinner, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

PRAYER GROUP

Sister Mary Desales of Madonna University will be the guest speaker at the Madonna University Prayer Group meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, on ground Patio-1 at the university, 14221 Levan, north of Schoolcraft and I-96 freeway, Livonia. For more information, call Cecile at (734) 591-3247 or John at (734) 422-5611.

LENTEN STUDY

St. James Presbyterian Church will have a Lenten study, following the novel, "A Skeleton in God's Closet" by Paul L. Maier, at 11:30 a.m. Sundays, after church services. A series, called "Silent Witnesses, will be the theme for Lenten services at 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 (734) 534-7730.

THE GATHERING

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

LENTEN SERVICES

Lola Park Lutheran Church will have midweek Lenten services at 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, featuring light refreshments. For more information, call the church at (313) 532-8655.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman in Garden City, has announced its 1999 Lenten programs. It will begin with guest the Rev. Olaf Lidums speaking about "New Creation Ministries" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11. A potluck will precede at 6 p.m. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is beginning a support group for mothers at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. Afterward the group will meet at 7 p.m. every other Friday in the church's parlor, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. The first seven sessions of the spiritually based program will be on parenting and The Serendipity workshop. Some child care will be provided. For more information, call Lisa Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

The Board of Fellowship and Social Welfare of Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church will present a free children's workshop 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the church, 9600 Leverne, Redford. The workshop will be held once a month for children ages 2-9. There will be games, songs, arts and crafts and creative snacks. Advance registration can be completed by calling Lisa Clayton at (313) 533-2009 by March 10.

KHALSA ANNIVERSARY

The Gurdwara Guru Nanak Sikh Temple of Plymouth, along with two other Sikh temples, is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the Khalsa, an order of Sikhs bound by common identify and discipline, on Saturday, March 13, at the Novi Hilton. The cost of the banquet is $50. For more information, call Tejinder Singh at (734) 416-9012, or Harpal Singh at (248) 373-4658.

Praise Chapel hosts 4-day '99 Spiritfest

Ministers and Christian music artists from five area churches will join together for Spiritfest '99, a four-day revival, beginning Sunday, March 7, at Praise Chapel Church of God, 32747 Grand Traverse, Westland.

Services will start 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, March 8-10.

Fred Weaver, the senior pastor at Abundant Life Church of God in Westland, will be the speaker Sunday evening. Music will be by Corum Deo, a Praise Chapel women's trio.

Scott Tysick, the senior pastor at Waterford Church of God, will speak on Monday, March 8. The music will be by Jr. Browning and Dunamis Praise of Waterford, which recently released their first CD.

Tim Teague, the senior pastor of Harvest Temple Worship Center in Farmington Hills, will speak on Tuesday, March 9. Music will be by Troy Michael and Soul to Soul, a contemporary blues gospel group. Michael is worship leader at Mt. Victory Assembly in Pontiac.

There also is an interpretive dance, performed by Spirit Wind, Praise Chapel, under the direction of Cindy Goins. The dancers include Missy Duty of Plymouth, Debbie Knaffle of Westland, Cathy Newsome of Plymouth, and Goins.

Don Campbell, the youth pastor at Word of Deliverance Church in Ypsilanti, will deliver the message at the final service on Wednesday, March 10. Anointed Voices of Praise, a 21-member choir and full band, under the direction of Steven Outen of Pontiac, will provide the music.

Participants at each service will have a chance to enter a drawing to win two hours of free studio time, donated by Harvest Wind Productions. The drawing will be at the conclusion of the Wednesday evening service.

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sought by this head-turning, zany, brainy babe, late 20s, to share happy times in the big driveway of love. ☎2613

RUNNING ON EMPTY
I drive around with my cats on the freeway. I make them wear little hats so I can use the car-pool lane. Too much time on your hands too? SWF, 28, brown/blue. ☎2814

TRUST ME, I'M WONDERFUL
Impossible to describe on paper, but trust me, I'm wonderful. Blue-eyed SWF, 34, with great smile, seeks sexy, intelligent man, 24-42, to fall in love with ☎2816

BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER
Dazzling, blue-eyed brunette, 34, 5'4", 108lbs, with perky personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, tumbleweed guy with great looks, successful career, strong character, and irresistible charm. ☎2817

A HEAD TURNER
Used to model to get through college, now I'm a lawyer. Attractive, outgoing, romantic female, 29, in shape, seeks pleasant, cultured, attractive man. ☎2819

BEST FRIEND AND MORE
College-educated, financially secure SAPF, 32, 5'4", 115lbs, N/S, never married, no kids, seeks sincere, marriage-minded, intelligent, college-educated, financially/emotionally secure gentleman for serious LTR. N/S, no kids preferred. ☎2452

READ THIS AD
SWF, 32, 5'2", brown/brown, full-figured, likes movies, reading, dancing, birds and writing letters. Seeking a SWM, 32-44, under 5'10" and 250lbs, N/S. ☎2358

5'7" AND PRETTY
Pretty, fun-loving, easygoing, brown-haired, green-eyed girl, 34, medium build, full-figured, would like to start exercising, enjoys many things in life. Seeking attractive SWM, financially/emotionally secure, H/W proportionate. Dexter Pinckney Area. ☎2171

BLOOMFIELD HILLS...
professional woman 5'7", blonde/blue, N/S, shapely size 14, seeks gentleman with leadership, achievement and goal-oriented qualities. ☎2779

TEDDY BEAR WANTED
SWF, blonde/green, 5'6", medical professional, looking for teddy bear 45+ with good communication skills,who is an athletic event watcher, enjoys winter sports. Good sense of humor a must. ☎2821

FIRE, RADIANCE, LIFE
Visionary dreamer, optimist, music is sweeter shared, slim, blue-eyed, blonde, with distinctive qualities, 5'7", educated, nifty 50s and financially secure. Seeking active, gentleman who is sweet and warm, 40-60. ☎2089

SEEKING TALL MAN
SWF, 5'6", 126lbs, blonde/blue, nice figure, seeks funny, down-to-earth man, 36-42, strong physique, who can handle life's little ups and downs. ☎2690

I HATE PICKLES
SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, just having fun. Seeking honest, smart male, 23-30, for casual dating, possibly more. Must possess nice smile and friendly eyes. ☎2690

LET'S START WITH COFFEE
Widowed WPF, 60, 5'1", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys dining in/out, theater, golf, playing cards. Seeking honest man, 55-65, with good sense of humor, to share the golden years with. ☎2250

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, classy, blonde/blue, romantic, seeking an outgoing, secure, well-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. ☎1660

HUGGABLE & LOVABLE
Attractive SFI, 44, 5'3", blonde/blue, medium build, with passion for life, seeks kind-hearted SWPM, 40-55, with good sense of humor, who is ready to enjoys life. ☎2412

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Fun loving, DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy size 14, enjoys, movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎2267

NORTH OAKLAND AREA
Caring, personable, widowed WF, 55, 5'8", blonde, with sense of humor, nice smile, seeks SM. As for looks, trust your instincts. Call me. First time ad. ☎2595

HELLO, FRIEND
I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. ☎2320

IN SYNCH
Pretty, slender, warm-hearted, humorous sales professional, 117lbs, auburn/brown, seeks educated, tall, sincere, secure guy, 45-57, H/W proportionate, with varied interests, who believes in honest communication. No baggage. ☎2639

FROM THE HEART
Attractive, kind, affectionate, down-to-earth DWF, 36, 5'7", 128lbs, blonde/green, N/S, one child, enjoys running, warm weather, music, biking. Seeking nice, financially secure SWM, 40-55, N/S, to enjoy life together. ☎2629

BEST FRIEND
Attractive, easygoing, slender SWF, 42, 5'7", 135lbs, seeks educated, secure, humorous WM, 38-45, N/S, for life's adventures. North Oakland county. ☎2594

LEGGY, SLENDER, & STYLISH
Blue-eyed, honey blonde, 40s, 5'8", active, independent, Birmingham resident, looks 30s, intelligent, attractive, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unencumbered, male counterpart, 6'+, for romance, adventure. ☎2536

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN
Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. ☎2457

YOU'VE GOT MAIL
Chemistry-seeking, attractive, family-oriented, emotionally/financially secure, blonde SPF, 40, 5'6", with traditional values, good moral, enjoys nights out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2414

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 relationship. ☎1997

FIRST TIME AD
Attractive widowed BF, 41, 5'7", N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, dinner and travel. Seeking honest, dependable BCM, 40-49, for friendship. ☎2822

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Very kind-hearted, honest, easy-going, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5', brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking S/DWM, 47-55, 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 S/DBM, under 50, 6+. Must have God first. Children ok. ☎2724

DOCTOR WANTED
Very pretty SWF, mental health care professional, young 48, 5'6", slightly overweight, blond/blue, needs attractive SW medical doctor, 40-60, for companionship. Troy area. ☎2720

BEST FRIENDS
Attractive, easygoing, humorous DWF, 52, 5'6", medium build, auburn/green, enjoys nature walks, movies, dinner, travel cooking. Seeking honest, caring kind SWM, 50-60, who is over the past, ready for possible LTR. ☎2416

INTERESTED IN ART?
Pretty SWF, early 40s, seeks sincere, sensitive, art-inclined SWM, 40-50, for possible relationship. ☎2632

IRRESISTIBLE
Intriguing, 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

52 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soul mate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-75. Please reply. ☎1162

FABULOUS, FIT AND FIFTY
Creative, attractive female, sophisticated, yet down-to-earth, engaging personality. Seeking degreed professional male, N/S, sense of humor, who's interested in cultural events, dining, travel, home projects, sports, conversation, and quiet moments. ☎2630

BEAUTIFUL NATURE LOVER
SWF, 44, 5'7", 134lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self-growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48. ☎9723

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWPF, 51, N/S, seeks professional S/DWM, 50-60, 5'10"+, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, hanging out Lavonia area. ☎2534

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Young, attractive WF, 50, 5'7", medium build, seeks down-to-earth, romantic, commitment-minded WM, 45-60, for LTR ☎2444

WAITING FOR LIGHTNING...
to strike! An appealing DWF, 50ish, seeks a gentleman, 50-61, to enjoy dancing, dining out, casinos, and a good friendship leading to possible relationship. ☎2445

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS
Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blue, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity. Interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male ☎2448

DELIGHTFUL AND DOWN-TO-EARTH
SWCF, 38, 5'7", brown/brown, smoker, social drinker, mother of three, enjoys camping, fireplaces, dancing and dining. Seeking a SWCatholicM, 38-48, with a love for family lifestyle and partnership. All calls answered. ☎2448

ANSWER MY AD
You'll be glad you did. Looking for educated, fun-loving, happening, N/S gent, 53-68, for wonderful times together. I'm adventurous, attractive, worldly, considerate, fit, smart, sincere. Please call. ☎2443

CLASSY LADY
Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, traveling, dining, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50. ☎2322

LITTLE RED
Spontaneous SF, 5'3", 130lbs, red/green, smoker, looking for honest relationship with SM who doesn't want to play games. Dark eyes and long hair a plus. ☎2323

ARE YOU? I AM...
healthy, happy, spiritually fit and emotionally available. Very attractive, petite DWF, 40ish, N/S, N/D, loves nature, the arts, reading, writing, laughing, hiking, travel, and having good conversations about it. ☎2269

INCURABLE ROMANTIC
Energetic, perky, kind-hearted DWCF, 43, 5'2", 125lbs, brown/brown, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys walking, tennis, cooking, dining out, movies, seeks SWPM, late 30s to 40s, for best friend first, LTR. ☎2868

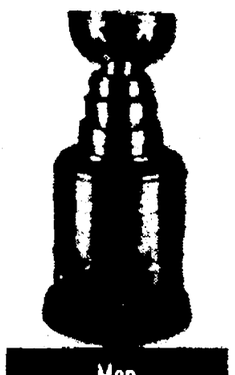
THRILL SEEKER WANTED
Adventurous nurse, DWF, 48, 5'4", brown/brown, Seeking adventurous firemen, 40-50, for fun times. N/S preferred. ☎2170

I GET ALL THE ATTENTION
Tall, blonde SF seeks tall, spontaneous male to go to parties with and share life with. My friends hate going to parties with me because I get all the attention. ☎2818

HONOR AND CHERISH
Never married, attractive, tall, sensitive, committed, Christian SWPM, enjoys hiking, travel skiing, adventure, fun. Seeking attractive, slender, committed, never married SWCF, 30-40, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. ☎2839

ITALIAN PRINCESS
Fun-loving SWF, 32, 5'8", brown/amber, seeks romantic, energetic, athletic, professional man, 25-35, 5'10"+, for possible serious relationship. ☎2451

I'M A NUT
Me: adventurous like a macadamia; sweet as a praline, with a smile like a butternut. You: a primo cashew, slightly coconuts, not a goober or filbert, 30-40. Educated and caring a plus. ☎2812



Men Seeking Women

PILOT SEEKS COPILOT
Well-rounded, high-achieving, handsome, family-oriented, adventurous, romantic PM, 34, 5'10", enjoys all seasons outdoors. Seeking attractive, intelligent, special person ☎2907

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY
Attractive SWM, 36, 6', 180lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, enjoys dining out, movies, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Garden City/Westland ☎1534

SINGLE DAD SEEKS MOM
DWM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors, and being active. Seeking affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, to share music, travel, dining, and romantic, quiet times. Novi area ☎1565

SEEKS PRINCESS
Start my days, fill my nights. SWM, father of one, seeks active, in shape SPF, 30ish, to share laughter with. Must be honest, warm-hearted and love children. Novi area ☎2904

SOFT CHOCOLATE
Handsome SBM, 33, enjoys suspenseful movies, music, sports, classic cars. Seeking kind-hearted, full-figured SWF for possible relationship. ☎2967

LONELY IN GARDEN CITY
SWM, 26, 5'10", brown/green, works full time, loves children, enjoys bowling, movies, camping, travel. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, romantic S/DWF, 18-35, who likes cuddling, children ok, for LTR. ☎2721

UNCLAIMED TREASURE
Compassionate, fun-loving, unique, practical, tall, handsome SWPM, 40ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. ☎9554

IMAGE AND SUBSTANCE
Gentleman, dark hair/eyes, seeks a dream and now I'm ready for reality, with an intelligent woman, 45-50, who's sweet, warm, kind and knows what's on her mind. ☎2996

LOOKS REAL YOUNG
Catholic, Polish-American SM, 46, seeks Catholic, Polish-American SF, 28-46, with pretty personality, for fun, friendship, and possible LTR. Let's get together and see if there's a chemistry between us. ☎2997

ARE YOU DIVERSIFIED?
Slim, sensual, spiritual, successful SJM, 46, 5'9", 160lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SF, 30-45, who enjoys Borders, Royal Oak, art films, dance clubs, clubs to Middle Eastern cuisine, jazz, classical, contemporary music. ☎2177

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
DWM, N/S, social drinker, seeks fit SWPF, 30-40, who enjoys outdoors, golf, hunting, fishing, for possible relationship. ☎8878

QUIET AND RARE?
Very fit, slim, affectionate SWM, 64, 5'10", light brown/green, N/S, social drinker, bodybuilder, seeks thin, pretty, feminine SWF, 40s to 50s, into canoeing, the sun, and ropes. ☎2903

A DOWN-TO-EARTH GENT...
50s, blond hair, 225lbs, fair build, good health. Into boating, parties, dancing, good times. Seeking lady, 45-55, slender build, who likes boating, home cooking, evenings out. No game players. ☎2911

SCAPE WITH ME
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 to medium build, for possible relationship. ☎9538

HANDSOME & BALD
Hard-working SWM, 38, 5'8", 160lbs, homeowner, seeks S/DWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. Kids ok. All calls returned. ☎2871

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Sensitive, honest, 35 year-old SWM, who's athletic and outgoing, likes all outdoor and indoor activities. Seeking S/DWF, who is also sensitive and honest, with similar qualities for LTR. No baggage ☎2441

LOOKING FOR BRIGHT EYES
Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite, SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

SINGLE IN DETROIT
Honest, down-to-earth SBM, mid-30s, would like to meet special SBF, 25-45, for friendship, possible relationship. I like movies, concerts, special times together. ☎1286

ATTRACTIVE AND TALL
Attractive and humorous SWM, 37, 6'4", seeks attractive SWF, 27-40, who enjoys movies, comedies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area ☎2906

SINCERE, EASYGOING
Handsome, degreed, humorous, reliable SWM, 40, 5'8", seeks slim, attractive SWF who enjoys theater, foreign films, symphony, cultural events, week end getaways, dining out, long walks, opera, romance. ☎1710

GEMINIS ONLY
Aquarius DWM, 37 (looks 27), 5'10", 165lbs, hazel eyes, seeks beautiful Gemini lady for dating, possible monogamous relationship with right person. ☎2686

CARING+SINCERE
SWPM, 36, average build, N/S, enjoys dining out, movies, outdoors, seeks petite SWF, 30-40, N/S, for serious LTR. ☎2831

PART-TIME GROWNUP
Sincere SWM, 35, 5'9", 180lbs, fit, MBA, fun, positive, attractive active, seeks fit SWF, mission beaches, travels, friends and fireplaces. All replies answered. ☎2543

NEW TO REDFORD
Tall, affectionate, attractive SWM, 28, 6'5", 240lbs, brown/blue, nice physique, enjoys working out, cooking, outdoors, sports, movies, music. Seeking SWF, 21-35, looks unimportant, for companionship and fun times together. ☎2266

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWM, 28, 5'11", 200lbs, dark blond/blue, likes long walks, cuddling with someone special. Seeking SWF, 23-30, who likes the same and more, for relationship. ☎2502

VERY PERSISTENT
Attractive, intelligent, financially/emotionally secure SBM, 37, 6'2", 215lbs, seeks an attractive, emotionally secure, open-minded, and confident SWF, 25+, 5'5"+, for LTR. ☎2453

COMMITMENT-MINDED
DWPM, 50, 6', 175lbs, handsome executive, seeks very attractive SWPF, 42+, 5'5"+, for LTR. Activities include skiing, golfing, boating, and theater. ☎2999

SINCERE & HONEST MAN
Active, fit DWM, 57, 6'0", enjoys tennis, hiking, camping, hockey games, Seeking honest, sincere, SWF, 32-38, who loves children, animals, outdoor activities, for LTR, possible marriage. ☎2810

LOOKING FOR FUN
Financially secure SWPM, 38, 5'8", 160lbs, enjoys jogging, snowmobiling, and beaches. Seeking thin, slim SWF, 23-29, with whom to share fun times and travel. ☎2636

FROM THIS MOMENT ON
Honest, loyal and romantic SWM, 55, 5'11", N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally stable, sense of humor, enjoys nature, vacations, love and you. Seeking female for possible relationship. Dearborn Heights ☎2781

FREE SPIRIT
Handsome SWM (with heart-and-soul in '60s, spirit in '90s) seeks beautiful free-spirited woman for true friendship, romance, spiritual enlightenment. ☎2870

LOOKING FOR GOOD TIMES
SWM, 48, 6', 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 relationship. 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 of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR ☎9724

CANTON WESTLAND AREA
Cute, educated DWM, 46, 6'3", 190lbs, fit, enjoys travel, art, fun, adventure, family. Seeking cute, sincere SWF, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎2693

TALL, HANDSOME KNIGHT
SM, 40, 6'3", 190lbs, caring, sensitive, affectionate, sensual, athletic, very intelligent, seeks princess, 30-45, for romance and relationship, must love communication, sharing, affection, and are physically fit. Let's talk soon! ☎2723

DOES DEMURE APPEARANCE . . .
mask your kind, sensual soul? SWPM, 40, 6'1", 190lbs athletic, sincere, romantic, thoughtful. Seeking very slim, trim, Spice Girl type who enjoys romantic weekend getaways, theater, family/friends, for possible LTR ☎2501

RARE FIND
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12-year-old son, enjoys volleyball, outdoors, rock music, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female, with similar interests ☎9818

GREAT HUGGER/KISSER
Spiritual, tall, dark, handsome DWM, 50, looks younger, 5'11", 185lbs, hair, mustache, plays tennis, works out, homeowner, seeks honest, fit WF, under 50 ☎2824

CARING & ATTENTIVE
Friendly, handsome, tall, fit SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF under 46, for possible LTR. Talk to you soon. ☎2626

NEW ON THE SCENE
Handsome, spiritual, humorous, athletic, loving, caring SWM, 38, 6', 185lbs, never married, seeks attractive woman, with good values for dating, friendship, possible LTR. Please call. ☎2178

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SW/AF soulmate. For monogamous LTR. ☎1714

CAN I HAVE THIS DANCE...
for the rest of my life? attractive SWM, 41, never married, no kids, seeks cute S.DWF, 32-38, for friendship first, then hopefully a lifetime. ☎2719

A QUALITY GUY
Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman with sense of humor, for dining out, fall concerts, dancing, plays, weekend getaways, travel. Seeking special friend to share quality times with. ☎2260

CHRISTIAN MALE
Down-to-earth, secure, widowed BCM, 47, 6'4", 220lbs, father of twins, enjoys movies, martial arts, walking. Seeking attractive young woman, 36-49. Must have God first in your life. ☎2718

ROMANTIC OUTDOORSMAN
Adventurous, humorous, spontaneous DWM, 41, enjoys dining out, theater, and evenings on the town. Seeking WF, 30-45, for possible LTR. ☎2717

NEW TO THIS
Active, self-employed, athletic, funny SWM, 34, seeks relationship with outgoing, attractive SWF, 27-33, for LTR ☎2540

TALK TO MY DAD
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 40, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. ☎2272

HUMOROUS
Fun-loving SWM, 42, 6'2", 195lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, 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, 30ish, with a smile to fill our day, to share lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. Novi. ☎2360

SINCERE
Tall, honest, humorous, financially stable DWM, 54, 6'4", N/S, slim, in good physical condition. Would like to meet a slender lady, 42-50, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎9541

FUN GUY
SWM, 27, 5'10", average weight, light brown/hazel, enjoys music, tv, skiing, boating, bowling. Seeking SF for fun, conversation, dating, possible relationship. Race unimportant ☎2599

COWBOY HIPPIE
Honest, easygoing, nice-looking DWM, 6', 170lbs, seeks honest, sweet, kind, slender female, 25-40, for LTR. ☎2688

AFFECTIONATE GENTLEMAN
Kind, caring, loving, easygoing SWM, 31, 5'8", medium build, dark brown/blue, N/S, social drinker, whose interests include bowling, boating, cooking, camping, snowmobiling, seeks female, 18-35. Kids ok. ☎2261

HANDSOME, KIND TEACHER
DWM, 46, 6', 200lbs, long hair, with full-time, wonderful, 10 year-old daughter. Plays guitar and loves Northern Michigan. Seeking SF. ☎2635

NO CLEVER AD
Outgoing DWM, mid-50s, seeks kind-hearted lady, for LTR. Will answer all. ☎2628

PEACEFUL WARRIOR
Handsome spiritually evolved, intelligent, creative, adventurous, sensual SWM, passionate about life, energized by love, kindness, awareness. Seeking woman of substance, beautiful inside and out, for romantic relationship. ☎2596

DAD SEEKS MOM
Active, fit, financially secure, clean-cut DWM, 51, 5'7", 150lbs, father, loves kids, has two, wants to be part of a family. Seeking mom. ☎2597

HONEST AND SINCERE
Attractive, financially/emotionally secure, degreed, physically fit SWM, 56, 5'9", 150lbs, N/S, social drinker, enjoys movies, concerts, theater, spectator sports. Seeking physically fit SWF, 45-52, N/S, social drinker, for friendship, LTR. ☎2541

ALWAYS AND FOREVER
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies and quality times together. Seeking petite, medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎1548

HOT COMMODITY
Affectionate, spontaneous, outgoing, faithful SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys concerts, movies, long walks, cozy fires. Seeking down-to-earth, honest S/DF, 30-40, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎2544

FIRST TIME AD
Good-looking, physically fit, Italian nice guy, 40, seeks pretty, slender, secure Caucasian/Hispanic partner, 30-40, for friendship, intimacy, and fun. ☎2535

SMOKER WANTING TO QUIT
Warm, attractive, attentive, clean-cut, self-employed SWM, 25, 5'8", 155lbs, medium build, brown/blue, seeks playful, warm, attractive, petite SWF, 23-30, with career goals, for LTR. ☎2507

IN YOUR EYES...
I find someone special. DWM, 41, 190lbs, fit, short brown/brown, nice guy, enjoys bike riding, ice skating, humor, music, movies, art. Seeking fit SWF to share experiences. ☎2508

SINGLE MOM WANTED
SWM, 29, 6', N/S, Drug-free, brown/green, medium build enjoys bowling, horseback riding. Seeking SF, 20-35, N/S, for LTR, must like children. ☎2447

WHERE ARE YOU?
Bright, easygoing, good-looking, well-established SWM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, with many interests including music, exercise, old movies, outdoors, dancing, seeks intelligent, good-hearted, relatively slim and attractive SWF. Children ok. ☎2450

OLD-FASHIONED...
down-to-earth, secure, widowed BCM, 47, 6'4", 220lbs, father of twins, likes movies, walking, martial arts, cooking. Seeking an attractive, young female, 36-49, for possible LTR. Must have God first. ☎2442

RED OR WHITE?
Dashing auto executive, 45, wants to send countless roses and lousy composes to a cute, trim, happy lady with no dependents, and lots of vases. ☎2722

READY TO GO
Sweet, sensitive SWM, 30ish, looking for a lovely female friend to ice skate with and to seek out new adventures to share. ☎2634

Seniors

AUTHOR
WF, who enjoys movies, theater, opera, walks, seeks friendship with white male, 50+ Oakland County ☎2995

SINGLE SENIOR
DWF, 63 years-young, 5'6", blondish-gray, N/S, N/D, almost retired, loves travel, fine dining, theater, music. Seeking intelligent SWM, 60-65, N/S, with variety of interests, sense of humor, possible relationship ☎2968

CHECK ME OUT
Outgoing SWM, 62, 5'8", 180lbs, seeks lady that can travel up north and likes RV camping and boating. Light smoker/drinker ok. ☎2905

TAKE A CHANCE
French, widowed female, teaches at home 3 days a week, seeks kind, widowed or DWM with good moral character, who likes to dine out, go dancing, for friendship, possible relationship ☎2000

LONELY SENIOR
DWM, 68, seeks widowed or divorced WF for companionship. Enjoy dining out, movies, plays, concerts. Prefer Oakland County ☎2542

ENJOYS LIFE
SWF, 64, 5'2", blonde, semi-retired, loves to dance, travel, movies, dining, theater, cards. Seeking SWM, 60-70. Must dance, have variety of interests, sense of humor, be N/S. ☎2505

GOOD-LOOKING
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Stone earns medals

Nick Stone of the Wayne-Westland YMCA recently captured first in the 50-yard backstroke and second in the 100 individual medley at the state championships last weekend held at Ann Arbor Huron.

Stone will now compete in the Great Lakes Zone meet.

Charity dance for LJAL

The Livonia Jaycees will stage its ninth annual charity dance to benefit the Livonia Junior Athletic League from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, March 26 at Burn Manor.

The LJAL sponsors teams for approximately 3,000 boys and girls in basketball, baseball, football and cheerleading in the Livonia Public Schools district.

For more information, call Dennis Wright at (734) 422-3384 or Larry McClain at (248) 777-3136.

Lady Ocelots honored

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team, which entered NJCAA Division II Region play at 25-4 overall, put two players on the All-Region, All-State and first-team All-Eastern Conference in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association voting.

Schoolcraft's Samantha Theisen, a 5-foot-9 sophomore forward from Warren Woods Tower, joins teammate Stacey Cavin, a 6-2 sophomore center from St. Clair Shores Lake Shore on the elite squad.

Schoolcraft's 5-3 freshman guard Antone Watson (Detroit Henry Ford) was named second-team All-Eastern Conference, while 5-11 sophomore guard Jackie Kocis (Lake Shore) was named honorable mention.

Livonia Ice Flairs 1st

The Livonia Ice Flairs, a senior youth precision team, took first place in a recent competition at the Mevindale and Southgate Ice Arenas.

Team members are ages 10-16 who live in the Livonia area.

The girls are Laura Bartle, Jessica Burdick, Amy and Suzanna Burley, Whitney Demuro, Briana Dunphy, Sara Gutowski, Megan Hollinger, Shea Lennis, Kristine May, Julie Merlino, Linda Montgomery, Nicole Musser, Sarah Nicholson, Rachele Omell, Stephanie Reid, Amy Witkowski and Emily Zwarka.

The girls are coached by Melissa Kos, Audrey Battenfield and Angele Suchy. Team manager is Brenda Nicholson and publicist is Linda Reid.

Mini-mite openings

The Westland Hockey Association has Minimite Division openings.

Registration for Westland residents only is at 10:30 a.m., May 8, at the Westland Sports Arena.

For all other divisions, names will be placed on waiting lists.

Youth hockey correction

The story on Feb. 21 featuring the Livonia Bantam A Knights travel hockey team, which recently captured the District IV championship, should have included goaltender Jeff Downs, assistant coach Emil Sparks and team manager Mary Peraino.

Other members of the Knights, who will compete March 12-14 in the Michigan Amatuer Hockey Association state tournament, include: Adam Bierley, Tommy Boloven, Ryan McDonnell, J.T. Katikos, Chris Tima, Roger Moody, Brandon Getchen, Keith Hay, Patrick Coldren, Tony Peraino, Chris Ryan, Scott Sparks, Kyle Susewitz, Ryan Vandette, Bret Veasey and Thomas Zagata.

Coaches wanted

The Chippewa Valley School Athletic Department is seeking candidates to fill the following coaching positions for boys varsity tennis at Chippewa Valley High School and varsity boys tennis at Dakota High School.

Qualified candidates can submit at resume to: Michael Fusco, 18300 Nineteen Mile Road, Clinton Township, Mi. 48038; or fax their information to (810) 412-1646.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

State champions!

S'craft rips Mott for 1st-ever crown

BY BRAD EMONS
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COLLEGE HOOPS

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team cut the nets down Saturday.

The Ocelots avenged two regular season losses to Eastern Conference champion Flint Mott to post a resounding 104-83 victory in the championship game of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament held at Kalamazoo Valley CC.

Second-year coach Carlos Briggs, the former SC All-America who has led an amazing turnabout in the school's fortunes in men's basketball, called it "probably biggest in school history."

Longtime Schoolcraft administrator and ex-athletic director Marv Gans verified it was the first-ever state basketball title for the Livonia school.

"There wasn't a state tournament for awhile, but even when we had it we never even came close," Gans said.

This Schoolcraft team, which improved to 25-4 with the 21-point win, left little doubt who is playing the best basketball down the stretch among Michigan junior colleges.

After losing 78-75 and 81-70 to the Bears within a span of a week last month, SC led from start to finish.

Derek McKelvey, the 6-foot-3 sophomore guard from Adrian headed to Tennessee-Martin, continued his torried late season shooting with a career-high 33 points, including nine of 14 from three-point range.

Point-guard Dave McGlown (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep) added 17 points and seven assists. Lamar Bigby, the 6-5 forward from Detroit Northern who missed the second Mott game due to an eligibility issue, made his presence known with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Dashawn Williams added a team-high 12 rebounds and 14 points, while Quentin Mitchell came off the bench to score 12 points.

Larry Patrick had 13 for Mott, which trailed 54-36 at intermission. Richard Bryant and Renardo Brown each added 10 for the Bears, who fell to 25-5 overall.

One of the keys to beating Mott was containing 6-6 guard Daniel Lawson.

"It was our defensive intensity and we played well as a team," said Briggs, who is 49-11 in two years and was named NJCAA Region 12 Coach of the Year. "This time we put a quicker guy, Dave McGlown, on Lawson. Before we had used Dashawn (Williams) on him, but it kept him away from the basket to rebound. The switch worked out well."

Schoolcraft made 57.4 percent of its shots from the floor (39 of 68) and 16 of 21 free throws. Mott was 29 of 72 from the field (40.3 percent) and 18 of 22 from the line.

The Ocelots also held a 39-35 edge in rebounds.

"The difference was our defensive rebounding and we knocked down shots," Briggs said.

Also giving Schoolcraft a boast was the recent post-season awards handed out and voted upon in the Eastern Conference by the coaches.

Mott had two players selected the first team (MVP Lawson and Patrick), while SC had two named the second team, McKelvey and Williams, along with Mott's Sigfried Hodge.

"We're the second place team and I thought we deserved one or two spots on the first team," Briggs said. "They didn't really respect our players. That gave us some incentive."

And how about that first-ever state crown?

"It's a great accomplishment for our kids because many of these guys haven't won any kind of a title before," Briggs said.

REGION 12 TOURNEY

Cincy State ends Ocelots' season, 90-74

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The finals seconds were ticking away, but Schoolcraft College was still battling, still fouling and hoping for a miracle of some sort.

It was not to come, not on this night.

Cincinnati State retained its championship composure, even when faced with relentless pressure, and ousted the Ocelots 90-74 in the NCJAA Region 12 men's basketball final Wednesday at Lansing Community College.

Schoolcraft bows out at 26-5.

Cincinnati State, now 25-6, advances to the NCJAA Inter-Regional against the Region 13 champion, a game the Surge will host Sunday.

It was hardly a performance to be ashamed of for SC.

Prior to Carlos Briggs' arrival as coach, it would haven taken the better part of a decade to win 50 games. Briggs has guided them to that total in his first two seasons, collecting the school's first state title in the process.

"We feel very fortunate," Cincinnati State coach John Hurley said. "After watching Schoolcraft last night we were concerned with their athleticism, their quickness and intensity.

"We haven't played that many teams

Please see REGION 12 FINAL, C6

Shamrocks fend off Churchill, 5-4

District title goes to CC

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PREP HOCKEY

There were more than a few anxious moments Wednesday night for the state's No. 1-ranked Class A hockey team.

Redford Catholic Central, however, remained on its lofty perch as the Shamrocks ran their overall record to 25-1-1 with a 5-4 win over upset-minded Livonia Churchill in the district championship game before a large turnout at Edgar Arena.

The Shamrocks now move into the regional championship round against Dearborn Unified, a 5-3 upset winner Wednesday over defending state champion Trenton.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

Churchill, which bowed out a 14-8-4 overall, hung around for much of the game and actually led 2-1 at one point of the second period.

It was also 3-3 after two periods.

But that's when the Shamrocks turned up their game a notch and gave themselves some breathing room with goals at the 2:13 and 7:06 marks of the final period.

Todd Bentley, winning the draw at the left circle, regained the puck and scored unassisted to make it 4-3. David Moss then added what appeared to be an insurance goal from Jim Spiewak and John Bowers, giving CC a two-goal cushion.

But with just two minutes remaining, Bentley was whistled and sent to the penalty box for elbowing.

The Chargers pulled netminder Ryan McBroom, giving them two extra attackers, and they capitalized as crafty forward Adam Krug scored a power-play goal with just 44 seconds to go — Ed Rossetto and Nathan Jakubowski assisting — cutting the deficit to one.

Rossetto then threw a decent backhand chance at CC goaltender Ben Dunne with 19 seconds left, but time ran out as the Shamrocks held on for the victory.

"It was typical playoff hockey," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "Everybody was at their peak performance. Churchill did an excellent job and had a good game plan."

Between the second and third periods, St. John made sure his team understood what needed to be done.

"We had to be more responsible in our defensive zone, lock up a little higher on defense and take advantage of our offensive opportunities," he said. "It was important to get the first goal because we didn't want to play catch-up."

CC, outshooting the Chargers 9-7 in the opening period, led 1-0 on Brandon Kaleniecki's rebound goal from Matt Van Heest and Keith Rowe.

Churchill's Dan Cook tied it with a wrap-around goal from Jakubowski at 6:01 of the second.

Just 48 seconds later, Jason Turri went top shelf from what appeared to be an impossible angle from the corner. Derek Martin and Adam Rourke got credit for the assists.

But CC stormed back with goals at 8:47 and 9:41.

Spiewak tied it at 2-all from Moss and Bentley followed by Bentley's steal and unassisted goal to make it 3-2.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Gridlock: *Churchill's Chuck Leight (left) and Ed Rossetto (try to protect the net in front of netminder Ryan McBroom as CC's Jim Spiewak is checked.*

"They (CC) have four lines and it doesn't matter who it is because you know they're going to have three good players out there," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said.

Cook then scored his second of the night with 3:11 to go in the third period from Krug and Tom Sherman, knotting the count at 3.

For the game, CC outshot the Chargers, 22-17, including a 6-3 margin in the third period.

"I thought our kids came out and executed the game plan, but they were a little nervous to start," Hatley said. "CC is a great offensive team and I thought we kept their chances down. That's what we wanted to do and I couldn't ask for anything more.

"By the third period we were down to two lines and I think we got a little rubber legged. But we had given it our all and when it was 5-4 we were pushing for overtime."

Although the Chargers lost the district final, they did gain some respect.

"Nobody was giving us a chance to win this game," Hatley said. "People were saying the only way we could win this game is if our goalie Ryan McBroom stood on his head.

"But what I saw tonight was the whole Churchill hockey team playing hard."

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HUSCHMANN

Western Lakes splash: *Westland John Glenn's James McPartlin (left) took the 100-yard butterfly in 54.57, while Joey Bublitz won the 200 individual medley in 1:59.22 at the Western Lakes boys swim meet Saturday. See story on C6.*

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Stevenson holds off Franklin; Warriors handcuff Northwest

They didn't win, but they didn't give up, either.

Livonia Stevenson was pushed right to the end by Livonia Franklin, which has won just one game this season, and the visiting Spartans went home Tuesday night with a 46-45 victory.

The Patriots will take a 1-17 record into Thursday's game at Livonia Churchill while the Spartans, 6-13, go to Farmington.

Sophomore guard Joe Ruggiero hit a three-point shot for Franklin with less than 15 seconds to play to tie the score at 45.

Stevenson came down and Keshay McChristion was fouled while shooting with eight seconds left. He missed his first free throw but made the second to push the Spartans up by one.

A last-second shot to win by the Patriots came up short.

McChristion led Stevenson with 18 points and Mike Lenardon added eight.

Sophomore guard Justin Kuras led Franklin with 13 points and Ruggerio had nine.

Stevenson held a 9-3 lead after one quarter and was up, 24-18, at the half. Franklin shaved a point off the margin after three periods, trailing 36-31 entering the fourth.

•CHURCHILL 65, FARMINGTON 38: Coach Rick Austin must have lifted his voice and his team's spirits at halftime.

An 18-4 second quarter gave visiting Farmington a 32-17 lead at the intermission.

"It was a rather spirited halftime, to say the least," Austin said of the visit he had with his Chargers, who came out with a 22-8 third period and a 26-18 fourth.

"Our kids just made up their minds they weren't going to repeat that scenario," Austin said after Churchill lifted its record to 8-13. Farmington dropped to 7-12. "We made some adjustments in the second half, going to an up-tempo game to get back into it."

Ryan Vickers led Churchill with 21 points, eight in the fourth quarter, including four triples. Devin White had 15, including three clutch free throws in the final period.

Josh Odom had nine points and Ryan Cousino scored all six of his in the final period.

Justin Milius led Farmington with 17 points and Chad Seaborn had seven.

•REDFORD CC 72, DETROIT CITY 48: Redford Catholic Central, a loser in the Catholic League A-B division semifinals, bounced back with an impressive non-league win Tuesday over a strong Detroit Public School League team.

The Shamrocks outscored City, a PSL playoff qualifier, 45-20 in the second half after leading only 27-25 at halftime.

Senior guard Dan Jess scored eight of his 20 points in the third quarter for CC (14-5 overall). Junior guard Rob Sparks added 17 points and senior guard Nick Moore scored six of his 15 in the fourth. Senior forward Chuck Cash also finished in double figures with 12 points.

Darrius Hollie and Cecil Hood had 13 points each for City, which trailed 47-32 after being outscored 20-7 in the third quarter.

•BELLEVILLE 61, WAYNE 53: Belleville pulled away in the final three minutes to win the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division game.

Wayne Memorial (7-12) trailed by only two, 51-49, with three minutes to play but missed a three-point shot and was outscored 10-4 the rest of the way to fall to 5-6 in the Mega Red.

Belleville (13-6) improved to 9-2 in the conference with three players netting 15 points or better. Kevin Harrison had 19, C.J. Grantham 16 and John Edwards 15.

Robert Price paced Wayne with 17 points, Jamar Davis had 14 and Shane Nowak 12.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 67, LUTHERAN N'WEST 53: The Warriors won the second game of a back-to-back by winning every quarter.

"It was a good last game four our four seniors," Coach Dan Ramthun said Tuesday night. "A nice finish for them."

Forward Ryan Ollinger scored 18 points, guard Gordie Engel hit a season high 15, forward Tom Habitz reached 13 and junior guard Charlie Hoeft 11.

Engel also contributed a season best 11 rebounds while Ollinger grabbed 10.

Host Lutheran High Westland finished its season 13-7, including an 11-5 Metro Conference mark. Lutheran Northwest dropped to 2-17 overall, 2-13 in the Metro.

Junior guard Aaron Richert scored 12 for Lutheran Northwest while forward Willie Wilson and junior forward Nathan Lowe had 10 each.

The Warriors started out 15-12 and were up 36-28 at the half and 53-42 after three periods.

Lutheran Westland is idle until beginning state tournament play Tuesday at Bishop Borgess, when it meets Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

•HAMTRAMCK 83, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 63: There's was no stopping the Metro Conference champion Cosmos Monday.

Junior guard Aaron Brock scored a game-high 23 points as Hamtramck (18-3, 15-1) rolled to the victory over host Lutheran High Westland (12-7, 10-5).

Senior guard Jason Gorny and sophomore guard Ryan Richard each added 13 points for the winners.

"They just had too many horses," said Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun, whose team couldn't overcome a 21-11 first-quarter deficit. "They're quick inside and outside."

Three Warriors scored 13 points apiece — junior guard Charlie Hoeft, along with senior forward Tom Habitz and Ryan Ollinger.

Ollinger and freshman forward Brent Habitz each grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Warriors made 19 of 23 free throws, while Hamtramck was 13 of 18.

•WARREN BETHESDA 71, HURON VALLEY 32: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran scored just seven points in three of the four quarters to remain winless in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

It was 19-7 after the first quarter and 41-18 at the half as Huron Valley (2-17) dropped to 0-8 in the MIAC. Visiting Warren Bethesda (13-6) is now 8-2 in the league.

Bethesda got 19 points from Gabe Wordell, 12 from Frank Maldem, 11 from Phil Ewegbemi and 10 from David Smith.

Huron Valley, which made just 8-of-22 free throws, had no players in double figures.

ROUNDUP

Glenn ousted in semifinals

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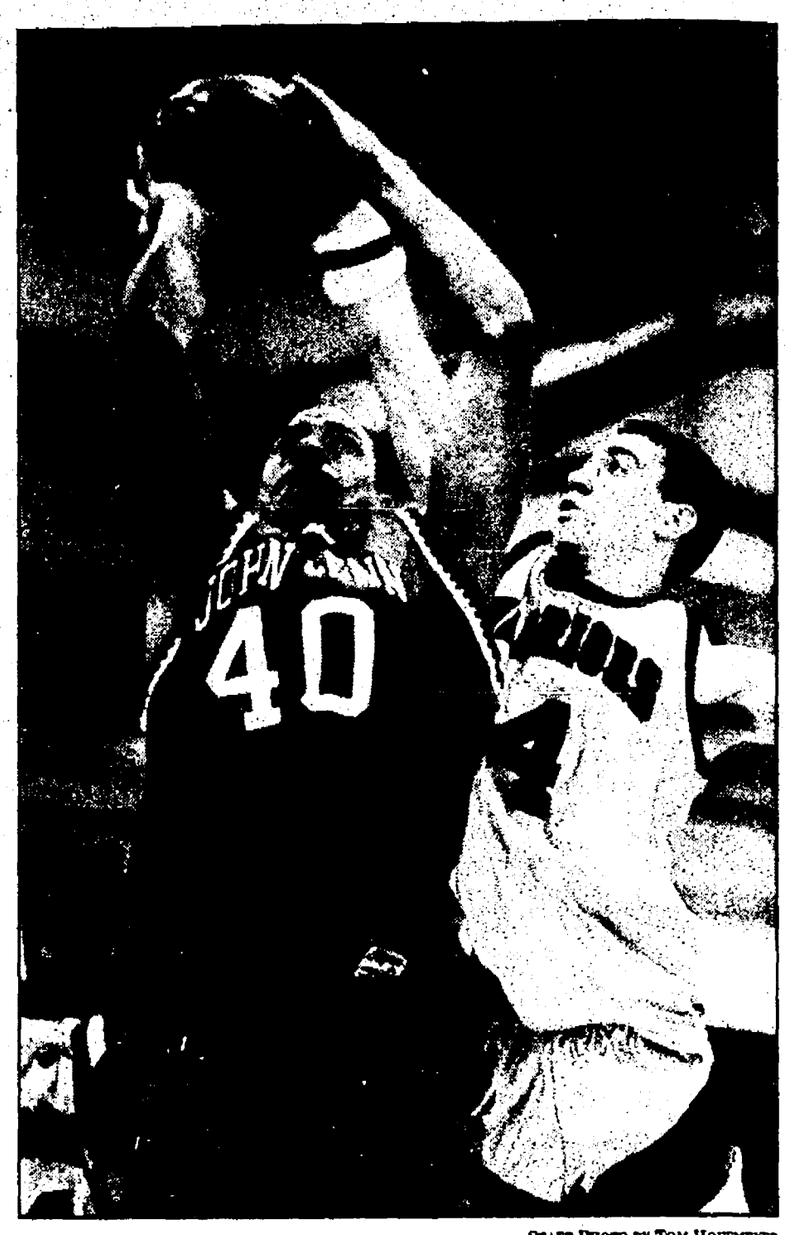


STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

All ball: *Walled Lake Western's Ben Dewar (right) tries to block the shot by Westland John Glenn's Ben Harris.*

Walled Lake Western basketball coach Rex Stanczak was worried about Tuesday's showdown with Westland John Glenn in the semifinals of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

He feared his team had lost its concentration. He was concerned the Warriors might be looking ahead to Monday's district tournament opener with rival Walled Lake Central.

"On Sunday I told my assistant coach (Josh Tropae) I was worried the team had lost its focus," Stanczak said. "He faxed me a letter today and basically said we don't have time to not be ready to play.

"We don't have time not to be focused. We have to play these two games so we might as well go out and win them.

"I read the letter to the guys about 10 minutes before the game it really woke them up."

Did it ever.

The Warriors exploded for 23 first-quarter points en route to its first berth ever in the WLAA championship game with a 64-46 victory over the Rockets.

Western, 18-1 on the season, meets North Farmington, 16-3, in the conference championship game, 7 p.m. Friday at Livonia Franklin.

Glenn, 11-7, meets Plymouth Salem, 15-4, in the consolation game at 5:30 p.m. at Franklin.

"At the beginning of the season our number-one goal as to be the best ever at Western," Stanczak said. "This is the best record we've ever had. We've never won the regular season championship before this year, and we've never played for the league championship before.

"I think we've accomplished that goal, but we won't be satisfied unless we make it out of districts."

Defensive execution keyed Western's transition game early in Tuesday's contest. Ben Dewar nailed a pair of triples and scored eight of his game-high 18 points in the first quarter as Western opened a 23-9 lead.

Genero Dawood also had a hot touch and scored seven of his 10 in sparking the run.

"I thought we had a tremendous defensive performance tonight. I my opinion John Glenn is the best team in the league from an offensive standpoint," Stanczak said. "To hold them in the 40s is testament to a good defensive game."

Glenn closed the gap in the second quarter as Ty Haygood and Reggie Spearmon heated up for the Rockets and dumped in six points each.

But Dawood nailed a huge triple at the buzzer to end the first half to put the Warriors on top 35-22.

"Western just came out and played great basketball," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We missed a couple put-backs and if they would have fallen maybe it would have been closer."

The Rockets made one more dent in Western's lead with a 10-0 run in the third. When Haygood returned a rebound to the net with 0:40 left in the third, he pulled Glenn to within eight, 35-43.

Eagle came up with the buzzer-beater for Western at the end o the third as the Warriors maintained a double-digit lead, 47-36.

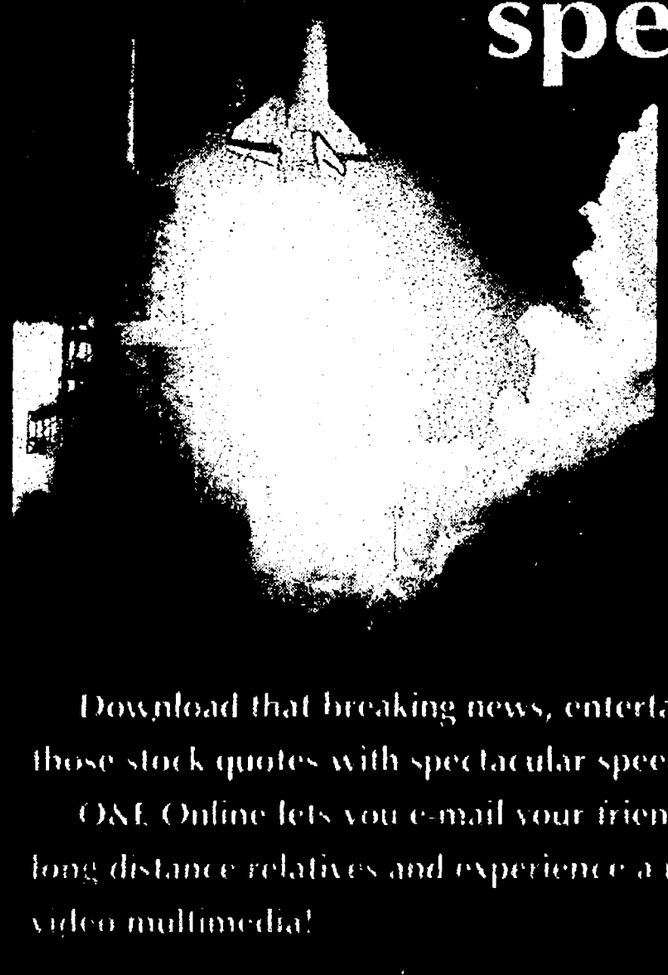
Dewar finished strong and meshed in seven more in the fourth as Western wrapped up the win with a 17-10 advantage in the final eight minutes.

"In the fourth quarter the kids did a tremendous job of pulling the ball out and spreading the floor and taking nothing but layups," Stanczak said. "It's not always easy for a fast-breaking team to slow it down but I thought we did a nice job of that in the fourth."

Eric Jones scored 16 points and Haygood finished with 14 for the Rockets, who managed just 14 of 27 shots from the free throw line.

"That's probably as well as we've shot in a while because we were over 50 percent," Schuette said. "We've been struggling at the line all year.

"The good thing is that as poorly as we played tonight can only make us better down the road."



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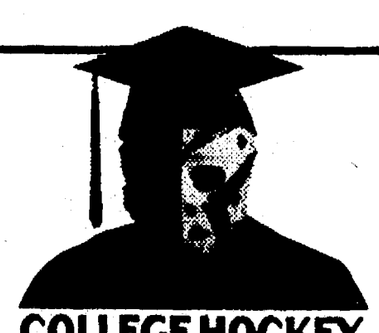

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Heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (Redford CC) p. Aaron Lambert (Utica), 2:22; **consolation final:** Joe Tate (Southfield-Lathrup) dec. Zack McKee (L'Anse Creuse North), 3-1.

103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson) dec. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson), 9-5; **consolation:** Vito Maniaci (Sterling Heights Stevenson) p. Ed Kish (Port Huron), 1:54.

112: Richard Cicala (East Detroit) dec. Harry Durbin (Royal Oak Kimball), 11-9; **consolation:** Dale Zarnick (Walled Lake Central) p. Bryant Kuza (West Bloomfield), 2:33.

119: Craig Trombly (Anchor Bay) won by major dec. over Etai Goldenberg (Berkley), 10-2; **consolation final:** Frank Cillufo (L'Anse Creuse North) dec. Brian Sullivan (Birmingham Brother Rice), 11-2.

125: Frank Coppens (Fraser) dec. Bruce Ealy (East Detroit), 10-5; **consolation final:** Joel Gaynor (Troy Athens) dec. Dustin Obeid (Livonia Stevenson), 8-4.

130: Pat Wheeler (Roseville) dec. Dave Martinelli (Roseville), 5-2; **consolation final:** Lance Sanom (Berkley) dec. Clarence Ketterer (East Detroit), 8-4.

135: Samir Alashmaly (East Detroit) won by injury default Rocky Palazzolo (Chippewa Valley); **consolation final:** Mario Bastianelli (Troy Athens) p. Imad Kharbush (Livonia Stevenson), 3:57.

140: James Molloy (L'Anse Creuse) dec. Jeremy Barrios (Brother Rice), 6-4; **consolation final:** Jeff Brown (Hazel Park) p. Sean Bell (Redford CC), 2:47.

145: Brian Kelp (Sterling Heights) dec. Kevin Henneman (Anchor Bay), 11-7; **consolation:** Ryan Zajdel (Redford CC) p. Terrance Ketterer (East Detroit), 2:42.

152: Mitch Hancock (Redford CC) p. Kevin Harrington (Brother Rice), 3:22; **consolation:** Jamal Karmach (Warren Mott) dec. Matt McCartney (Roseville), 7-5.

160: Nathaniel Mesyn (Fraser) dec. Dan Tavernier (Roseville), 6-4; **consolation:** Brian Barker (Stevenson) dec. Rueben Goodman (Berkley), 12-5.

171: Cory Hunt (Port Huron) dec. Casey Skobiet (Roseville), 3-2; **consolation:** Tom Aceto (L'Anse Creuse North) won by major dec. over Chris Alayan (Sterling Heights), 12-1.

189: Fred Piersellce (Roseville) dec. E.J. Nemer-Kals (Sterling Heights), 7-5; **consolation:** Dan Omans (Berkley) dec. Mike Nell (L'Anse Creuse), 8-6.

215: Brocc Naysmith (Redford CC) dec. Steve Hendershot (Roseville), 8-2; **consolation:** Brian Veraecke (Sterling Heights) dec. Randy Logan (Port Huron), 8-5.

The Division I individual wrestling regional at South Lyon turned out to be a bittersweet experience for Livonia Churchill coach Marty Altounian.

The Chargers took only two district qualifiers — 145-pounder Mike Carter, unbeaten in 33 matches and the Observerland champion along with 152-pounder Brandon LaPointe.

In his opening match tangling with Temperance Bedford's Justin Zink, Carter suffered an apparent torn anterior cruciate ligament and was forced to withdraw from the tournament, ending his dream season.

Meanwhile, LaPointe captured three matches in a row to win his bracket and advance to the individual finals, March 11-13 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

"The guy (Zink) was pulling Mike's ankle one way and his knee went the other," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "He couldn't even stand on it after we got him off the mat.

"It's tough when your first loss is because of an injury, not because of your ability. I really didn't see anyone beating him because everyone who placed (at the regional) Mike beat.

"I guess it's one of those things about sports."

LaPointe, who enters the state finals at 34-6, opened with a 9-2 win over Josh Braden of Monroe followed by an exciting 6-4 overtime decision against Mike Alvarado of Dearborn.

In the finals, LaPointe took the title with an 8-4 decision over Alec Hance of Romulus.

But it was the win over Alvarado, a sixth-place finisher in Division I a year ago and a 9-1 winner over the Churchill wrestler earlier in the year, which boosted LaPointe's confidence.

"Brandon scored a point with one second left to tie it and then in overtime put him (Alvarado) on his back," Altounian said. "It was a huge win confidence-wise. It's shown how far he's come. Brandon wrestled a tough schedule this year and it's paid off.

"He's excited and it's the highest I've jumped myself in awhile."

■ PREP WRESTLING

Troy regional results

Both Livonia Stevenson and Redford Catholic Central will each send a contingent of five to Joe Louis.

The Spartans will take two at 103 as Josh Gunterman (35-10) and Joe Moreau (45-4) finished one-two at Saturday's Division I regional at Troy High.

Gunterman decisioned Moreau in the finals, 9-5.

Brian Barker added a third at 160 for the Spartans, while teammates Dustin Obeid (125) and Imad Kharbush (135) each took fourths.

CC had a trio of regional champions led by defending heavyweight champion Casey Rogowski, now 42-0 on the year and unbeaten in two seasons. Rogowski repeated as regional champ by pinning Aaron Lambert of Utica in 2:22.

Mitch Hancock raised his season record to 44-3 overall by winning the 152-pound title. He pinned Kevin Harrington of rival Birmingham Brother Rice in 3:22.

Brocc Naysmith, meanwhile, took the 215-pound title with an 8-2 decision over Steve Hendershot of Roseville. Naysmith heads to Detroit with a 31-3 record.

Two other Shamrocks also qualified — third-place finisher Mike Zajdel at 145 and fourth-place finisher Sean Bell.

Zajdel is 37-16 and Bell is 16-13.

Trojans qualify pair

Livonia Clarenceville will send Walter Ragland, who finished second at 189, and 130-pounder Dave Lemmon, who gained fourth, at Saturday's Bellevue regional meet.

Rick Frees of Hudson, who pinned Ragland a week earlier at the district tourney, beat the Clarenceville for the second consecutive week, 9-1. Frees took fourth in his weight class a year ago.

Ragland, who missed qualifying for the state meet last year by one point, is now 46-12 overall. He decisioned Travis Beaman of Leslie, 10-2, and pinned Dicky Robinson of Blissfield in 50 seconds en route to his rematch with Frees.

Lemmon, 51-6 on the year, was battling the flu, but managed to qualify. He lost his opening-round match to Adam Olney of Leslie, 10-4, and won by injury default over Jesse Wendorf of Olivet in the second round. Jeff Esenmacher of Concord beat Lemmon in the consolation final, 4-2.

"Our goal is not to make it there, but place," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "The whole team is going to practice until those two guys make it there. This is what we've been working for all year long."

Last week, Clarenceville was defeated by host Capac in the semifinals of the Division IV team dual regional, 41-32. The Trojans finished 18-8 on the year.

"We had our opportunities," Skinner said. "We were winning three matches and ended up losing.

"But overall we had a great season."

Capac defeated Harper Woods in the regional final, 41-26.

DIVISION IV
TEAM DUAL REGIONAL RESULTS
Feb. 24 at Capac
CAPAC 41
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 32
(semifinals)

103 pounds: Dan Tondreau (C'ville) won by tech. fall Jason Nelms, 17-1; **112:** Ryan Bullock (Capac) p. Eric Burr, 1:23; **119:** Jason Wagner (Capac) p. Nick Elam, 0:37; **125:** Aaron Gulgar (Capac) p. Matt Combs, 0:33; **130:** Dave Lemmon (C'ville) p. Jason Gasiewski, 0:44; **135:** Brett Wagner (Capac) p. Dan LeClerc, 3:57; **140:** Steve Gorski (Capac) dec. George Gostias, 12-3; **145:** Matt Weihl (C'ville) dec. Matt Dodd, 14-8; **152:** Justin Whitehead (Capac) p. Robbie Simpson, 3:27; **160:** Nathan Helzer (Capac) p. Tony Rachoza, 5:00; **171:** Adam Marcum (C'ville) p. Jason Gundlach, 3:30; **189:** Walter Ragland (C'ville) p. Zach Stroup, 0:50; **215:** Kalan McPherson (C'ville) p. Chris Jagelewski, 1:29; **heavyweight:** Josh Vamvas (Capac) dec. Josh Rose, 5-4.

Clarenceville's final dual meet record: 18-8 overall.

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DIVISION I

Heavyweight: Casey Rogowski (Redford Catholic Central), 42-0, vs. Andy [illegible] (Grand Ledge), 32-12.

103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson), 35-10, vs. Randy Ribey (Rochester), 13-9.

Joe Moreau (Stevenson), 45-3, vs. Tolg McLellan (Bay City Western), 40-19;

125: Dustin Obeid (Stevenson), 31-12, vs. A.J. [illegible] (Clarkston), 43-0.

135: Imad Kharbush (Stevenson), 28-14, vs. [illegible] Roberts (Temperance Bedford), 37-6.

140: Sean Bell (Redford CC), 16-13, vs. Brad [illegible] (Swartz Creek), 46-1.

145: Mike Zajdel (Redford CC), 37-16, vs. Devon Lambert (Holt), 35-3.

152: Mitch Hancock (Redford CC), 44-3, vs. Chris Schuyler (Saline), 40-6.

Brandon LaPointe (Livonia Churchill), 34-6, vs. Matt McCartney (Roseville), 25-16.

160: Brian Barker (Stevenson), 36-6; vs. Andy Aston (Clarkston), 39-9.

215: Brocc Naysmith (Redford CC), 31-3, vs. Joe Rugenstein (Bay City Western), 44-17.

DIVISION IV

130: Dave Lemmon (Livonia Clarenceville), 51-6, vs. Chad Edwards (New Lothrop), 47-6.

189: Walter Ragland (Clarenceville), 46-10, vs. Joe Geier (Onaway), 40-3.

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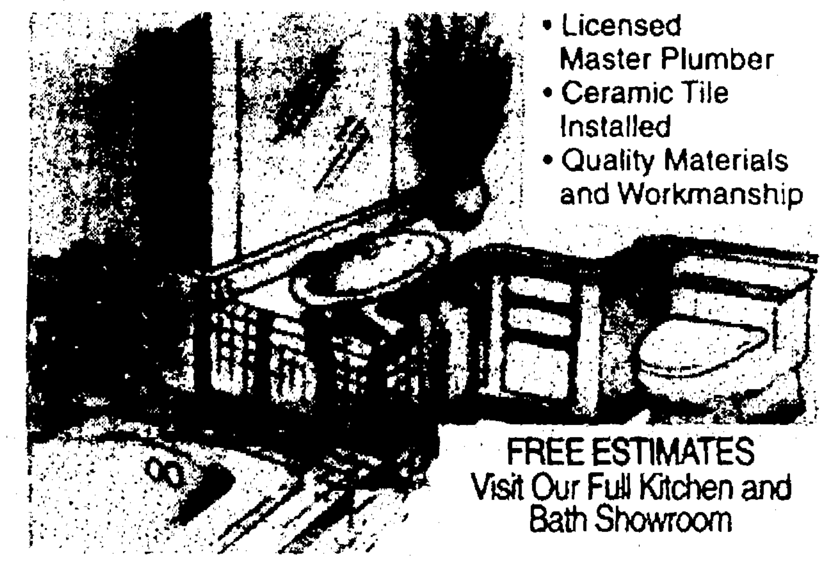
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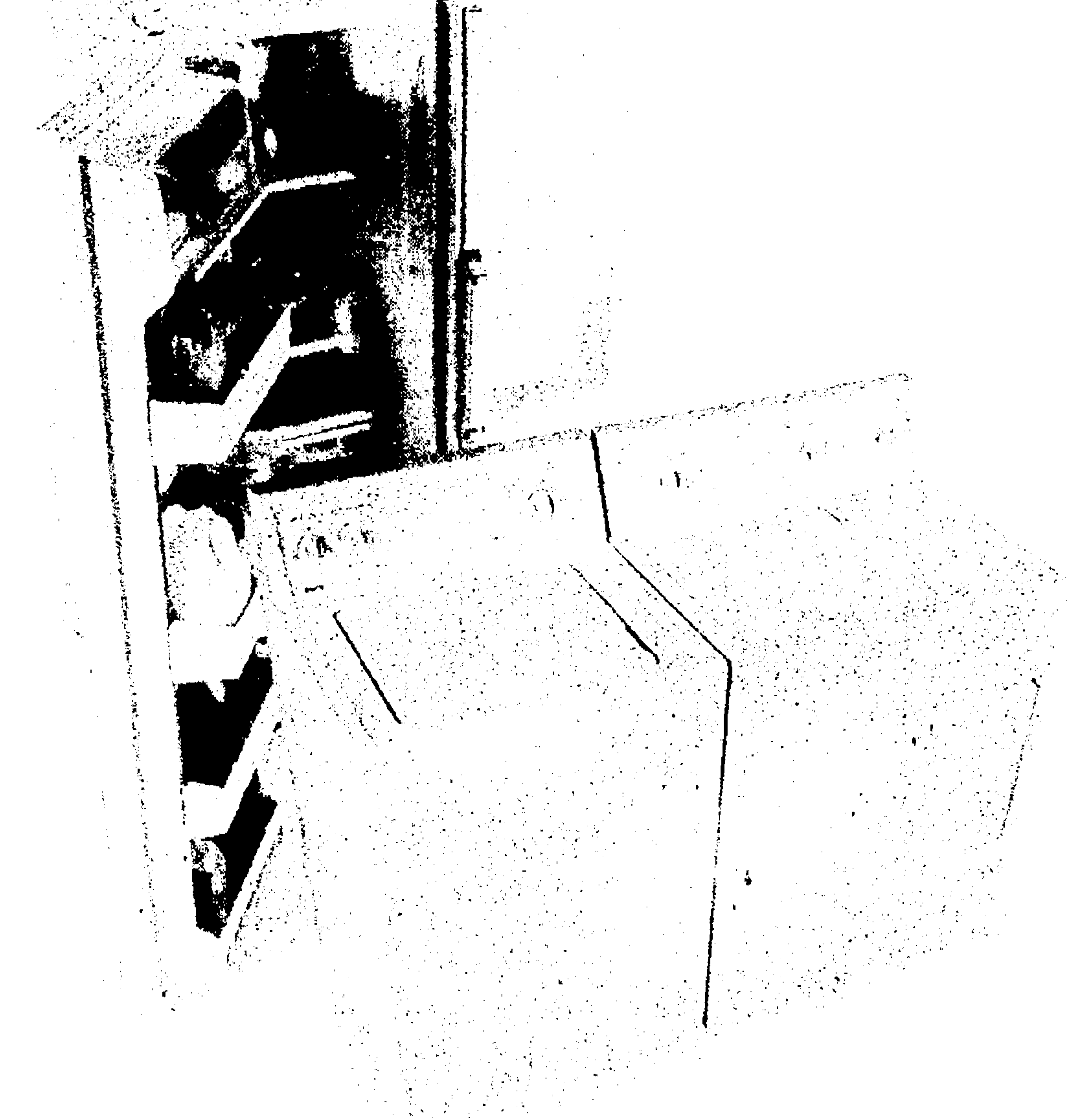
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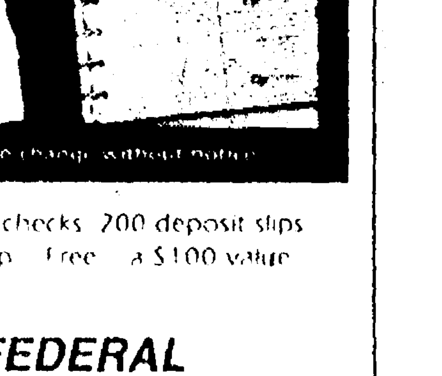

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Warriors top C'ville in tournament clash

Lutheran High Westland and Livonia Clarenceville each got a little satisfaction following Saturday's Metro Conference girls volleyball tournament held at Macomb Lutheran North.

Lutheran Westland won the conference tourney for the second time in school history with a 15-13, 15-8 win over the Trojans.

Clarenceville, however, the regular season champion at 7-1 in dual matches, captured the overall conference title based on both the tourney and the regular season.

"We had a successful season and we look forward to the district, regional and even the state tournament," said Clarenceville coach Alisha Love, whose team is 32-12-3 overall. "We didn't fall apart, even with a key player basically out.

"We played hard and with some heart. We stuck together and I'm proud of this team."

Lutheran Westland advanced to the final with victories over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (15-5, 15-1) and host Lutheran North (15-7, 15-11).

"We played well offensively and defensively — it was one of our best days," Lutheran Westland coach Joan Ollinger said. "We put it all together. The girls are happy.

"The only bad thing is that we're tourney champs, not the conference champs."

The last outright title for the Warriors was 1995.

Lutheran Westland, 5-2 during the Metro dual-match season, was led by trio of Bekah Hoffmeier, Stephanie Lynceh and Anna Schwecke.

Hoffmeier served 25 points and added 14 kills for the tournament, while Lynch contributed 19 serving points, 15 kills and 10 digs.

Schwecke was the team's top attacker with 17 kills. Sarah Marody added 12 kills and nine digs.

Setters Katie Heiden, Karie Azzopardi and Heather Haller also stood out for the Warriors.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Metro rivals: *Lutheran Westland's Sarah Marody (left) and Clarenceville's Rachael Koernke met again in Saturday's Metro Conference final.*

Clarenceville reached the championship final with wins over Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (15-12, 15-10) and Harper Woods Lutheran East (15-11, 15-3).

Senior Danielle Sledz had 15 kills, three solo blocks, four aces and 47 digs on the day to lead the Trojans.

Rachael Koernke contributed 52 digs, 10 kills and one ace.

The team's other tri-captain, Kristina Skrela, who twisted her knee earlier in the week in a loss to Lutheran Westland, saw limited action with three kills, two solo blocks and one ace.

Setter Nicole Kasparian collected 33 assist-to-kills along with eight kills and 28 digs.

Jessica Kennedy came off the bench to serve three aces.

Love also praised the play of Vera Skrela, Faye Croteau and Michelle Moore.

Vikings wear crown

Walled Lake Central spikes Salem in championship match

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■ WLAA TOURNEY

Walled Lake Central entered Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball tournament on a roll. The Vikings left celebrating a championship.

Central continued its superior play, downing defending league champ Plymouth Salem in two games in the championship final at Northville High School, and now the focus shifts to the upcoming Class A state tournament where the Vikings seek an eighth straight district crown.

But coach Mike Lindstrom and his Vikings took the time to enjoy last weekend's accomplishments, punctuated by an impressive 15-6, 15-11 victory over Salem in the final.

Central lost Leah Douglas to a broken ankle during last year's league tournament and wound up falling to Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals.

The Vikings and Rocks, arguably the conference's top two teams, staged an entertaining championship match. Salem, which defeated Central twice at the Temperance-Bedford Invitational in mid-February by scores of 15-11, 15-12 and 15-8, 15-11, came in ranked No. 6 in the Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches Class A poll and Central held down the No. 7 spot.

"That was our best volleyball of the day. It really was," Lindstrom said of match with Salem. "We kind of cruised in the early part of the day and kind of saved it, and I think we were as strong at the end of the day as we'd been all day long.

"And I think it kind of showed; Salem kind of fell down a little bit at the end there as far as being able to push a little bit."

Central (44-8-1) led 8-6 in the opening game when seniors Amanda Mendenhall and Douglas and junior Christina Tudor sparked a seven-point run.

Douglas then served an ace to make it 13-6, Tudor followed with a cross-court kill and Mendenhall ended the game with a well-placed tip kill that fell softly between two Salem defenders.

Salem (43-10-1) regrouped in the second game and managed an 11-10 lead thanks to the dominant net play of Angie Sillmon, who has committed to play volleyball at Western Michigan University.

But Central, the league's regular-season champion and tournament's top seed, used another decisive run to seal the title. Douglas served two aces as the Vikings forged ahead 14-11 and junior Colleen Saldana closed it out with a kill off a set from senior Sarah Schreiber.

"We gave it a good run, but we didn't find our hitting zones very well at times," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "But that's how it goes in volleyball sometimes."

"I have seven seniors and three of them have been to the (state semifinals), so they know not to let up," Lindstrom said. "We have lots of good leaders out there and that's all I can tell you. They're all picking it up right now and communicating well with each other."

Central held off pesky Livonia Franklin 15-10, 15-11 in one semifinal, while Salem easily disposed of Stevenson 15-3, 15-7 in the other. Northville and Livonia Churchill were also among the six teams to emerge from pool play.

Central senior Becca Saldana was 237-of-242 setting in the tournament with 194 assists and 38-of-38 serving with three aces, Douglas was 50-of-60 attacking with 38 kills and 19 blocks and 35-of-41 serving with four aces, Mendenhall was 90-of-112 attacking with 55 kills and 40-of-43 serving with eight aces, and senior defensive specialist Amanda Yaklin was 45-of-51 serving with six aces and 27 digs.

Sillmon posted a team-high seven kills and two solo blocks in Salem's semifinal win over Stevenson and teammate Amanda Suder had three kills and was 15-of-15 serving with six aces.

Sillmon collected seven more kills against Central, Andrea Pruett added five kills and three block assists, Laine Sterling racked up 18 assists and Suder had 15 digs.

Class A district play is up next for the WLAA's 12 teams.

See district draws on C7.

Franklin receives WLAA good sports honor

Livonia Franklin finished third in the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball tournament and seven of its players were honored.

But the honor that impressed rookie Coach Mary Helen Diegel the most was a team award — the Patriots were voted the Sportsmanship Award for the third year in a row.

"Not only did we have several players recognized with conference honors," Diegel said, "I think it was important the team won the sportsmanship award.

"Not that it makes you feel good, but it's a total team thing and a level of class they exude. It's one of the things that makes it fun to play in this league."

The award was voted to Franklin by its opponents.

"We played hard, and our opponents played hard," she said. "It's nice to know we can still shake hands and smile after we play hard, knowing we played tough competition.

"That says positive things about the sport and about the players.

"To play your best and do your best in school and have the correct behavior, that kind of makes the coaches feel like we're doing something right.

"It says something about the parents, too. That they're raising their daughters right."

During the weekend WLAA tournament, Franklin lost (again) to Walled Lake Central in the semifinals to finish in a third-place tie with Livonia Stevenson. The Patriots ended the regular season 36-12-1.

In the WLAA tournament, Franklin beat Westland John Glenn, 15-2, 15-1 in pool play. It also defeated Plymouth Canton 15-6, 15-10, before losing to Stevenson, 15-8, 15-10.

In the playoffs, Franklin knocked off Livonia Churchill, 15-12, 15-7, before losing to Walled Lake Central, 15-10, 15-11.

Diegel is in her first season as Franklin's volleyball coaching. She succeeded Ann Hutchins.

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Region 12 *from page C1*

with that kind of intensity."

Cincinnati, which eliminated NJCAA power Vincennes a night earlier for the first time since 1981 in Region 12, proved to be more than Ocelots could handle.

Schoolcraft trailed 34-28 at halftime, and after a 10-2 Surge run in the first three minutes of the second half, the Ocelots never got closer than nine.

Lonnie Berry, name Region 12 MVP, led Cincinnati State with 25 points. Point-guard Maurice Williams scored 18 of his 20 in the second half.

Schoolcraft got 18 points from Lamar Bigby. Dave McGlown and Dwayne Holmes chipped in with 16 and 10, respectively.

Dashawn Williams, who had 33 points the night before in an 103-95 win over host Lansing, was saddled with early foul trouble. He was limited to eight points. SC's top three-point shooting threat, Derek McKelvey, finished with six.

"They (Cincinnati State) earned it," SC coach Carlos Briggs said. "We just couldn't get into our offense. They played a good, hard, pressure man-to-man (defense).

"They got up on us and we could never get back in it."

Although Schoolcraft shot a respectable 18 of 23 from the foul line. Meanwhile, Cincy State was even better — 29 of 32.

•SCHOOLCRAFT 103, LANSING CC 95: Dashawn Williams turned in a monster performance in Tuesday's semifinals with a career-high 33 points and 16 rebounds.

Schoolcraft overcame a 12-point deficit in the first half to lead 52-51 at intermission.

The Ocelots used a full-court press to get back in the game.

"We were a little relaxed at the start, but then we stepped up our intensity and turned up our defense," Williams said. "It was our 'Black Press' where we trap underneath the basket."

Williams scored 19 second-half points, including a shot inside with 18 seconds left to seal the victory.

"Today they found me in the paint inside going to the basket," Williams said. "It was a dogfight throughout the game."

Lamar Bigby added 23 points, including four triples, while point-guard Dave McGlown played a superb floor game with 17 points. David Jarrett (Westland John Glenn) came off the bench to score 11.

Chris Colley snared three key rebounds down the stretch to help secure the win.

Lansing, which bowed out at 17-11 overall, got a team-high 28 points from 6-5 swingman Nile Watson.

Randy Burton contributed 20, while Eric Parsons had 13.

Donald Otis, a 6-10 center who was averaging six blocks per game, got into first-half foul trouble and finished with 12 points along with Ben Spitzley.

"We only struggled with the press with our guys on the bench," Lansing coach Mike Ingram said. "We also had some bad plays down in the second half and we didn't get some key rebounds off missed free throws. Not getting those rebounds was inexcusable.

Schoolcraft's depth may have told the story.

"We didn't have enough players and they kept throwing guys at us," Ingram said.

Cincinnati State (24-6) took a 39-37 halftime lead and held off a late charge by Vincennes, Ind. (23-8) to earn a 78-72 win in the opening game.

Quentin Smith led the winners with 22 points, while Scott Clark led the Trail Blazers with 18.

Lady Ocelots win opener

WOMEN'S HOOPS

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team broke open a close game during the final five minutes to gain an opening-round 76-60 victory Wednesday over Eastern Conference foe Henry Ford Community College in the 13-team NCJAA Division II Region 12 tournament at Sinclair CC in Dayton, Ohio.

The Lady Ocelots, seeded fourth, improved to 26-4 overall with the win. They will meet Lakland, Ohio (19-8) today in the second round.

Henry Ford bows out at 17-13 overall.

Samantha Theisen, one of five Lady Ocelots in double figures, led the way with 20 points. She also had seven rebounds and seven steals.

Other SC standouts included Antone Watson, 14 points and three assists; Jackie Kocis, 12 points and five rebounds; Stacy Cavin, 10 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks; Esther Ross, 10 points, four assists and three steals.

Zeinab Mroueh led Henry Ford with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Erika Rammler chipped in with 16, while Julie Wechter and Christine Marek had 11 and 10, respectively.

Schoolcraft led 31-30 at intermission and by only four, 58-54, with 5:32 remaining before pulling away.

Semifinal action in Dayton continues at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday. The championship game is set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The winner moves on to the Division II nationals.

Lady Crusaders finish 17-14

And so it ends.

Madonna University's women's basketball team had started the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with high hopes. A 5-9 conference season dimmed those hopes, but then the Lady Crusaders made a short run in the WHAC Tournament, beating third-seeded Siena Heights to reach Saturday's semifinals.

Unfortunately, their opponent was Spring Arbor, the ninth-ranked team in the NAIA. Madonna kept it close for a half, but could not keep pace with the host Cougars, who clawed their way into the WHAC finals with a 78-67 victory.

Madonna finishes with a 17-14 overall record. Spring Arbor improved to 27-4.

Poor shooting in the second half doomed the Crusaders. After converting 12-of-25 floor shots in the first half (48 percent), they managed to make just 10-of-37 in the second (27 percent). In contrast, the Cougars were 18-of-32 in the opening half (56.3 percent) and 15-of-29 in the second (51.7 percent).

Madonna trailed 42-37 at the intermission, then got outscored 36-30 in the final 20 minutes.

The Crusaders were paced by Kathy Panganis with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Katie Cushman added 17 points and two steals, and Chris Dietrich totaled 15 points, six assists and two steals.

Spring Arbor was led by the one-two punch of Andrea VanderHorst with 24 points, seven assists, five rebounds and three steals, and the inside power of Courtney Thompson, who collected 20 points, 10 boards, nine blocked shots, four assists and three steals. Kristin Dankert contributed 13 points.

BEST BOYS SWIM

Following is a list of boys [illegible] best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) [illegible].

200 FREE RELAY

North Farmington 1:40.37
Plymouth Salem 1:41.14
Livonia Stevenson 1:41.36
Plymouth Canton 1:43.11
Westland John Glenn 1:45.80

200 MEDLEY RELAY

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.71
Ryan Meskins (Redford CC) 1:46.51
Brandon Digle (N. Farmington) 1:48.79
Matt Caulisa (Salem) 1:49.10
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.34
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61
Don LaClair (Canton) 1:51.16
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:51.80
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49
Brian Martens (Salem) 1:53.25

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:57.33
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:57.82
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:04.26
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.49
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 2:05.83
Sonny Webber Wayne) 2:07.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 2:07.36
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:07.56
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:08.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:08.06

50 FREESTYLE

Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.68
Andrew Locke (Salem) 21.92
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 22.59
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 22.65
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.74
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 22.78
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 22.80
Ryan Meskins (Redford CC) 22.81
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.88
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 22.99

DIVING

Joe Lebovic (N. Farmington) 261.75
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 257.20
Greg Brazlunas (Redford CC) 256.30
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50
Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 180.95
Blake Brunner (Canton) 177.00
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 173.90
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 172.10
John Chase (Salem) 168.95

100 BUTTERFLY

Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45
Paul Perez (Salem) 55.64
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68

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Livonia Stevenson 3:18.69
North Farmington 3:19.65
Plymouth Canton 3:20.57
Plymouth Salem 3:20.73
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.15

SPORTS SHORT

ST. PATRICK'S FUN RUN

St. Mary Hospital and the Livonia Family YMCA will stage its annual St. Patrick's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast this Saturday.

The three-mile fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 5-miler at 9:15 a.m. The 1-mile starts at 9:30 a.m. All events will start and finish at the Livonia Y.

Registration will be from 7:30-9:15 a.m. at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (next to the Livonia Y).

Entry fees are $12 (before March 8) or $17 (after March 8). Each participant will be guaranteed a long-sleeved T-shirt if registered by March 8.

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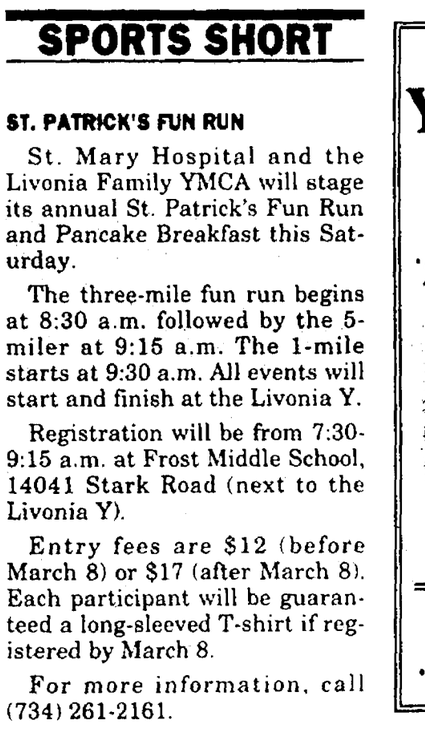

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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. N. Farmington (Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg, Matt Zald), 1:40.37 (state cut); 2. Salem (Eric Lynn, Andrew Locke, Paul Perez, Aaron Shelton), 1:41.[illegible] (state cut); 3. Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Nemer, Keith Falk, Brad Buckler), [illegible] (state cut); 4. Canton, 1:43.30; 5. Walled Lake, 1:44.21; 6. Northville, 1:44.84.

Consolations: 7. Farmington, 1:48.27; 8. John Glenn, [illegible]; 9. Franklin, 1:53.09; 10. Harrison, 1:56.64; 11. Churchill, 2:02.87.

200 FREESTYLE — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 1:44.71 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digla (NF), [illegible] (state cut); 3. Matt Casillas (PS), [illegible] (state cut); 4. James McPartlin (WJG), 1:52.62; 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:52.97; 6. Don LeClair (PC), 1:53.08.

Consolations: 7. David Whitbeck (NV), 1:53.14; 8. Brian Mertens (PS), 1:53.26; 9. Danny Price (FH), 1:54.00; 10. Justin Katterer (LS), 1:56.44; 11. Dan Jones (PS), 1:56.70; 12. Aaron [illegible] (NF), 1:57.65.

Bonus consolations: 13. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:54.37; 14. Mark Witthoff (PS), 1:55.14; 15. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:56.99; 16. James Rose (PS), 1:57.18; 17. Brandon Truscott (LS), 1:57.95; 18. Bill Stewart (PC), 1:58.46.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Joe Bublitz (LS), 1:59.22 (state cut); 2. Derek Zerber (WL), 1:59.54 (state cut); 3. Paul Perez (PS), 2:04.28; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 2:05.53; 5. Scott Whitbeck (NV), 2:06.59; 6. Aaron Reeder (PC), 2:06.75.

Consolations: 7. Eric Lynn (PS), 2:07.88; 8. Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:08.79; 9. Mike Nemer (LS), 2:09.14; 10. Brad Nilson (PC), 2:10.91; 11. Craig Paske (NF), 2:12.78; 12. Devin Hopper (F), 2:14.63.

Bonus consolations: 13. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 2:10.98; 14. John Kern (NF), 2:12.30; 15. Anthony Serge (NV), 2:13.82; 16. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 2:13.86; 17. Garrett Stone (WJG), 2:15.11; 18. Eric Dabkowski (LS), 2:15.56.

50 FREESTYLE — 1. Matt Zald (NF), 21.81 (state cut); 2. Andrew Locke (PS), 22.21 (state cut); 3. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 22.59 (state cut); 4. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.74; 5. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 23.07; 6. Brad Buckler (LS), 23.19.

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Bonus consolations: 13. [illegible] (PS), [illegible]; 14. [illegible] (WL), [illegible]; 15. [illegible] (NF), [illegible]; 16. [illegible] (FH), [illegible]; 17. Mike McCowan (LS), [illegible]; 18. Kyle Grant (LC), 24.60.

DIVING — 1. Chris Gawronski (WL), 422.05 points; 2. Elliott Myers (WL), [illegible]; 3. [illegible] (JG), 340.20; 4. Stephen Zerber (WL), 304.25; 5. Greg Hubbard (PS), [illegible]; 6. Mike Bushin (LS), 269.30; 7. Ken Douglas (LF), 257.25; 8. Blake Brunner (PC), 256.30; 9. Scott Clark (JG), 249.15; 10. Ryan Henry (PC), 245.95; 11. Johnathen Chase (PS), 245.60; 12. Jason Zykowski (LS), 239.90; 13. Jared Goldman (NF), 231.70; 14. Bobby [illegible] (LC), 218.56; 15. Tony Matta (LF), 215.50; 16. Gerald Bennett (PC), 203.40; 17. Tom Morbitzer (PC), 194.50; 18. Jordan Ford (LC), 180.00.

100 BUTTERFLY — 1. James McPartlin (WJG), 54.57 (state cut); 2. Paul Perez (PS), 55.64; 3. Kurtis Hornick (PC), 56.00; 4. Mark Wachsberg (NF), 57.29; 5. Adam Farber (NF), 57.59; 6. Scott Whitback (NV), 59.00.

Consolations: 7. Brandon Truscott (LS), 58.58; 8. Robert Cambridge (LS), 59.75; 9. Geoffrey Lowes (LS), 1:00.37; 10. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.77; 11. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:00.81; 12. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:01.02.

Bonus consolations: 13. William Givans (WL), 1:00.90; 14. Matt Schacht (PC), 1:02.08; 15. Pat Rodemeyer (LS), 1:02.11; 16. Eric Ryden (WL), 1:02.53; 17. Dave Carson (PS), 1:03.19; 18. Dan Fowler (WJG), 1:04.24.

100 FREESTYLE — 1. Matt Zald (NF), 48.50 (state cut); 2. Brandon Digla (NF), 48.85 (state cut); 3. Andrew Locke (PS), 49.34 (state cut); 4. Bill Rendell (LC), 50.61; 5. Brad Buckler (LS), 51.88; 6. Don LeClair (PC), 51.92.

Consolations: 7. Dan Jones (PS), 51.09; 8. Mike Johnson (PS), 51.10; 9. Mark Witthoff (PS), 51.72; 10. Oz Pearlman (NF), 51.91; 11. Chris Supplee (LF), 52.89; 12. Max Suttles (FH), 54.99.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mark Kowalski (NV), 53.17; 14. Kevin Stuart (NV), 53.73; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 54.13; 16. Chad Williams (PC), 54.22; 17. Rob Walker (WL), 54.23; 18. David Hartmann (F), 56.00.

500 FREESTYLE — 1. Keith Falk (LS), 4:45.03 (state cut); 2. David Whitbeck (NV), 4:56.33 (state cut); 3. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:01.79; 4. Mike Malik (LS), 5:11.32; 5. Justin Katterer (LS), 5:11.44; 6. Danny Price (FH), 5:14.75.

Consolations: 7. Matt Casillas (PS), [illegible] 5:23.47; 12. [illegible].

Bonus consolations: 13. Robert Cambridge (LS), [illegible]; 14. Aaron [illegible] (NF), 5:24.30; 15. [illegible] (PS), 5:24.85; 16. David Bosman (LF), [illegible]; 17. [illegible] Alver (NF), 5:26.44; 18. Steve Rice (PC), 5:29.76.

200 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Salem (Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff, Matt Casillas), 1:30.61 (state cut); 2. Walled Lake, 1:33.72; 3. Stevenson, 1:34.49; 4. N. Farmington, [illegible]; 5. John Glenn, 1:35.00; 6. Harrison, 1:36.06.

Consolations: 7. Northville, 1:36.74; 8. Farmington, 1:37.55; 9. Churchill, 1:38.51; 10. Franklin, 1:52.66.

100 BACKSTROKE — 1. Derek Zerber (WL), 54.46 (state cut); 2. Joe Bublitz (LS), 54.78 (state cut); 3. Devin Hopper (F), 56.07 (state cut); 4. Aaron Reeder (PC), 56.35 (state cut); 5. Jim Gabriel (NF), 56.62; 6. Eric Lynn (PS), 58.10.

Consolations: 7. Aaron Shelton (PS), 57.33; 8. Justin Allen (PC), 1:00.08; 9. John Kern (NF), 1:00.56; 10. Anthony Serge (NV), 1:01.09; 11. Garrett Stone (WJG), 1:01.19; 12. Kyle Grant (LC), 1:01.76.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mark Colombo (LF), 1:03.08; 14. Robbie Gundlach (F), 1:03.14; 15. Dan Bowman (NF), 1:03.38; 16. Brian Dorogi (PS), 1:03.96; 17. Andrew Korknik (LS), 1:04.52; 18. Tony Palmeri (LS), 1:04.84.

100 BREASTSTROKE — 1. Mark Kowalski (NV), 1:01.46 (state cut); 2. Adam Farber (NF), 1:03.34; 3. Mike Nemer (LS), 1:05.12; 4. Ryan Conroy (WL), 1:05.59; 5. Jon Zaid (NF), 1:05.82; 6. David Hartmann (F), 1:06.06.

Consolations: 7. Jason Reberchik (PS), 1:06.76; 8. Kevin VanTiem (LS), 1:06.88; 9. Matt Schlanser (NY), 1:06.91; 10. Jason Ballou (NV), 1:07.45; 11. Dan Zoumberis (WJG), 1:07.50; 12. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:07.68.

Bonus consolations: 13. Mike McCowan (LS), 1:06.15; 14. David Bosman (LF), 1:08.90; 15. Brett Johnson (NV), 1:08.96; 16. Brian McNeff (WL), 1:09.14; 17. Kevin Crabill (PS), 1:09.56; 18. Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:09.60.

400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Stevenson (Joe Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad Buckler, Keith Falk), 3:18.60 (state cut); 2. Canton (Kurtis Hornick, Don LeClair, Brad Nilson, Aaron Reeder), 3:20.57 (state cut); 3. Salem (Dan Jones, Paul Perez, Mark Witthoff, Andrew Locke), 3:20.73 (state cut); 4. Northville, 3:31.89; 5. Farmington, 3:34.70; N. Farmington, DQ.

Consolations: 7. Churchill, 3:35.64; 8. Harrison, 3:36.61; 9. Walled Lake, 3:43.30; 10. John Glenn, 3:47.99; 11. Franklin, 3:49.79.

Rocks remain solid in WLAA

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■ **BOYS SWIMMING**

And this was the year everything was going to be different.

"The king is dead! Long live the king!"

An old refrain, it's true — but one that certainly seemed suitable as the Western Lakes Activities Association Swim Championships approached. Long-time league kingpin Plymouth Salem was stumbling; the Rocks, who had relied on superior depth fueled by superior numbers to win six-consecutive WLAA titles, had a smaller roster this season (only 36 swimmers).

A crack in the defending champions once seemingly impregnable armor? That seemed to be the case when Salem lost a pair of WLAA dual meets, first to North Farmington and then to Livonia Stevenson.

Which meant there wasn't just one legitimate challenger to Salem's supremacy, but two. And Plymouth Canton, which the Rocks had beaten early in the dual-meet season by a mere 13 points, wasn't far behind.

So there was more than a little trepidation for the Rocks and their coach, Chuck Olson. "We knew they were good," said Olson of the opposition. "Obviously, we were going to have to step it up."

Such challenges are not swept aside at Salem. Last Saturday, the Rocks proved just that by capturing yet another WLAA championship, beating runner-up Livonia Stevenson by 21 points (498 to 477). North Farmington placed third (411) and Canton was fourth (317). *See statistical summary.*

"Everything's right in the world," said Olson.

Despite its supposed lack of numbers — at least compared to its previous first-place teams — Salem won using that tried-and-true formula: more depth. The Rocks had just one first-place finish, their 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dan Jones, Mike Johnson, Mark Witthoff and Matt Casillas (1:30.61). By comparison, Stevenson had four firsts and North got three.

But Salem finished in the top three in all three relays and had at least one individual in the top six in every event but the 100 breaststroke. Indeed, the Rocks averaged more than three scorers in each individual event.

Their best performances came in the four freestyle events. "You've got to swim to your strengths," said Olson. "We've got good freestylers. We out-freestyled everybody."

Indeed, the Rocks were outscored in just one freestyle individual event (the 500, by Stevenson). They ended up scoring 208 points in the four individual free events, compared to North's 193 and Stevenson's 154.

"He's good," said Stevenson coach Doug Buckler of Olson. "He does a great job. And his boys worked hard. It probably sounds funny, but these two teams see so much of each other during the season (five times, including mutual invitationals) that, even though they're both very, very competitive and both want to win badly, they still cheer for each other and congratulate each other on good swims."

Considering the size of the meet, the final point spread wasn't large. "It was very small for a meet this size," agreed Buckler.

So could he have done anything different to change the outcome? "I really don't think so," he answered. "I thought our boys swam real well."

Atop that list for Stevenson was Keith Falk, who successfully defended his WLAA title in the 500 free (4:45.03) and added a first in the 200 free (1:44.71). The Spartans also got wins from Joe Bublitz in the 200 individual medley (1:59.22) and their 400 free relay team of Bublitz, Mike Malik, Brad Buckler and Falk (3:18.60).

North actually beat Stevenson in the 400 free relay in what would have been a league-record time, but the Raiders were disqualified when one of their swimmers jumped into the pool in celebration before the other relay teams had finished. The DQ did not alter the final standings, but it cost the North swimmers a place in the record book — and a medal.

The meet's only other double-winner in individual events was the Raiders' Matt Zald, who was first in both the 50 (21.81) and 100 (48.50) free. North's Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Mark Wachsberg and Zald combined to win the 200 medley relay (1:40.37).

Walled Lake had two wins, by Chris Gawronski in diving (422.05 points) and Derek Zerber in the 100 backstroke (54.46). Other individual firsts went to Westland John Glenn's James McPartlin in the 100 butterfly (54.57) and Northville's Mark Kowalski in the 100 breast (1:01.46).

All that remains now is the big show: the Class A state finals, March 12-13 at Oakland University in Rochester. Salem will send three relay teams, plus Andrew Locke in the 50 and 100 free, Matt Casillas in the 200 free and Brian Mertens in the 500 free.

Stevenson has its 200 medley relay and 400 free relay teams qualified, as well as Falk in the 100, 200 and 500 free, the 200 individual medley, the 100 fly and the 100 breast; and Bublitz in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 100 back.

Glenn will send McPartlin in the 100 fly and Canton has its 200 and 400 free relays qualified, as well as Kurtis Hornick in the 50 free and Aaron Reeder in the 100 back.

There will be a last-chance state qualifying meet Monday at Livonia Stevenson. The Class A state diving regional for all Observerland schools is 5 p.m. Tuesday at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Wayne 2nd in Mega-White meet

It just goes to show the importance of teamwork and doing your best.

Wayne Memorial pulled out a second-place finish in the Michigan Mega Conference White Division swim meet Feb. 26, thanks to a seventh-place finish in the final event of the meet.

The Zebras were second going into the 400-yard relay, the last event, and took a seventh to garner 14 points.

Wayne finished with a total of 183 points, far behind Wyandotte's winning total of 240 but one point ahead of third-place finisher Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Garden City wound up fourth with 178, Trenton fifth at 175, followed by Southgate (166), Redford Union (129) and Taylor Truman (56).

The only Wayne swimmer to win an event was Sonny Webber, who captured first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:07.0.

Garden City and Redford Union took no firsts in the meet.

"We did fairly well in two of the three relays," Wayne coach Michael Gruber said. We were second in the 200 medley and third in the 200 freestyle relay."

The quartet of Adam Chiasson, Webber, Justin Smoes and Greg Sarkozi took second in the 200 medley relay in 1:47.09. Smoes, Webber, Sarkozi and Sam Raub combined for a 1:36.88 in the 200 freestyle, good for third.

"The breaststroke was our big event," Gruber said. "We had 26 points total there.

"But overall, Wyandotte was just too strong. They outscored us everywhere except in the breaststroke."

Webber, Smoes and Sarkozi merited All-League designation.

Wayne, which did not qualify anyone for the state meet, was 10-1 in dual meets during the season.

Its only loss was to Wyandotte, which gave it a 6-1 Mega White mark.

"Webber had the best meet," Gruber said. "He took first in the IM and second in the breaststroke with a time of 1:05.72."

Sarkozi took third in the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.35 and was also fifth in diving.

Smoes was third in the breaststroke at 1:07.52 and fourth in the 100 freestyle in 53.42.

Ugliest Bathroom Contest

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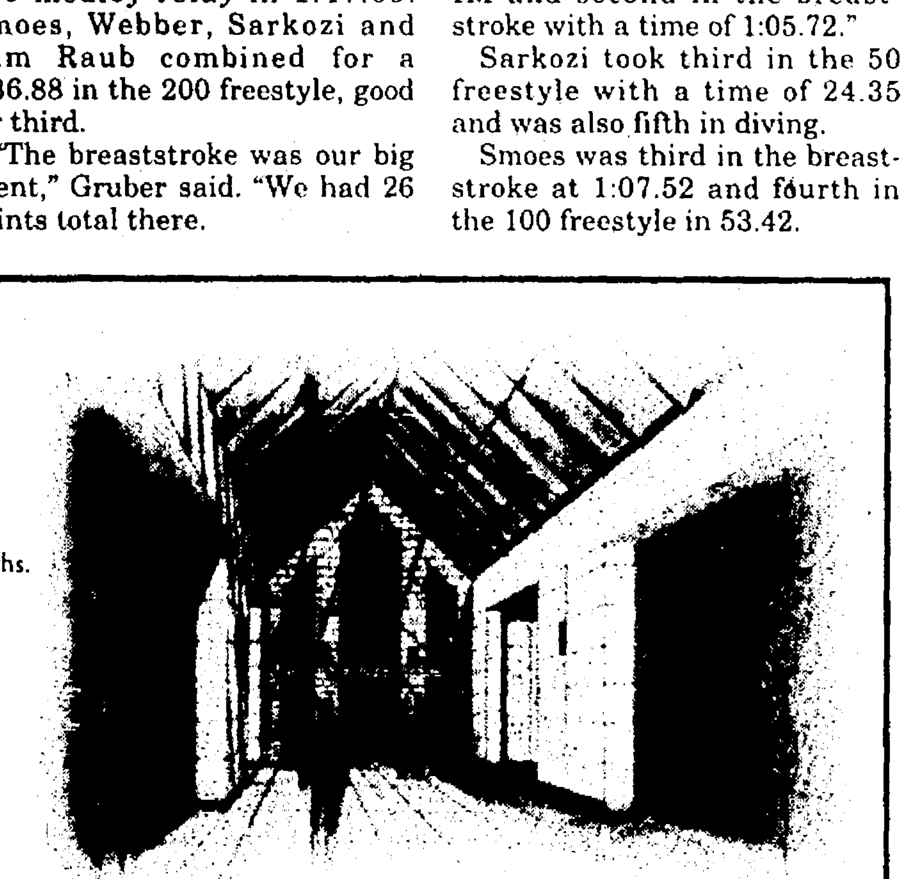

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WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, March 4

Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Liggett, 7 p.m.
Det. Central at Redford CC, 7 p.m.
Agape at West Highland, 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 5

Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Melvindale at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Immac. Conception at Marshall Middle School, 7 p.m.

(Western Lakes Finals at Franklin)

John Glenn vs. Salem, 5 p.m.
W.L. Western vs. N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Operation Friendship finals at U-D's Calihan Hall, 1 & 2:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, March 4

Agape at West Highland, 4:30 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT DRAWS

CLASS A

March 5 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5 p.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Redford, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.

Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron Regional vs. Ypsilanti-Lincoln district champion.)

March 6 at NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

First round: (A) Plymouth Canton vs. (B) Plymouth Salem, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Northville, 11:30 a.m.; Novi vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer district champion.)

March 6 at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

First round: (A) Farmington Hills Harrison vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: North Farmington vs. Farmington, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Central vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.

Championship final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Farmington Hills Mercy district champion.)

March 6 at FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY

First round: (A) Farmington Hills Mercy vs. (B) Berkley, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: Southfield-Lathrup vs. Southfield, 11 a.m.; Detroit Henry Ford vs. A-B winner, noon.

Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Walled Lake Central district champion.)

March 6 at YPSILANTI LINCOLN

First round: (A) Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. (B) Belleville, 10:30 a.m.

Semifinals: (B) Garden City vs. (C) Westland John Glenn, noon; Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 1:30 p.m.

Championship final: 3 p.m. (winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Livonia Ladywood district champion.)

CLASS B

March 6 at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

First round: (A) Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. (B) Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 9 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Detroit Renaissance, 10 a.m.

Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.; Dearborn Divine Child vs. C-D winner, noon.

Championship final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ida regional vs. Riverview district champion.)

CLASS C

March 6 at DETROIT CMA

Semifinals: Dearborn St. Alphonus vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Benedictine, 4:30 p.m.

Championship final: 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the Almont regional vs. Capac district champion.)

March 6 at SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN

Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Redford Bishop Borgess, 10 a.m.; Southfield Christian vs. Royal Oak Shrine, noon.

Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Almont regional vs. Capac district champion.)

CLASS D

March 6 at SOUTHFIELD FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

First round: (A) Redford St. Agatha vs. (B) Plymouth Christian, 4 p.m.

Semifinals: Southfield Franklin Road Christian vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.; Canton Agape vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.

Championship final: 8:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Taylor Light & Life Christian regional vs. Detroit Holy Redeemer district champion.)

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, March 5

Ply. Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Ply. Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Saturday, March 6

Class A regional championship at Trenton's Kennedy Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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Whalers tuning up for playoffs

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It's March Madness time, only in hockey. Which means a lot of that "If the playoffs were to begin tomorrow" stuff is being bandied about.

No other Ontario Hockey League team is in a better position than the Plymouth Whalers. They have six games left, and only two of those are on the road. Those road games, next Thursday and March 19, are against Windsor and Brampton.

The Spitfires currently reside in the West Division cellar; the Battalion hold the same position in the Midwest Division, and with 17 points are better than just one other team (the expansion Mississauga Ice Dogs) in the OHL.

Plymouth's two wins last weekend — 10-3 over Kitchener Saturday and 3-2 over Windsor Sunday, both at Compuware Arena — boosted the Whalers to the No. 1 overall spot in the OHL with 97 points.

Of their four remaining home games (Kingston, Sault Ste. Marie, Guelph and Windsor), only Sault Ste. Marie and Guelph will finish their respective OHL seasons with a better than .500 record (Kingston, Friday's opponent at Compuware, owns the basement in the East Division).

It's all there for the taking. And the Whalers' performance last weekend indicates their hungry enough to gobble it up.

In Sunday's win over the Spitfires, Plymouth got first-period goals by Damian Surma and Randy Fitzgerald before Windsor battled back, knotting it at 2-2 on Joey Sewell's goal 3:28 into the second period.

Fitzgerald's second goal of the game, with five seconds left in the second period, proved to be the game-winner. Robert Holsinger replaced Rob Zepp in goal for Plymouth after Sewell's goal and blanked the Spitfires the rest of the way, making 10 saves. Michael Leighton faced 49 shots, making 46 saves for Windsor.

Paul Mara assisted on both Fitzgerald goals.

On Saturday against Kitchener, the Whalers pulled away from a 2-2 tie after one period with a three-goal onslaught in the second. Five more goals in the third iced the triumph.

Adam Colagiacomo led the offense with three goals and an assist. Harold Druken added two goals and three assists, Eric Gooldy totaled two goals and two assists, David Legwand netted a goal and two assists, Jason Ward had a goal and two assists, Mara contributed a goal and an assist, and Fitzgerald, Jared Newman and Nikos Tselios each had two assists.

Zepp made 16 saves in goal to earn the win for Plymouth. Reg Bourcier and Mark Aggio split time in goal for the Rangers.

Colagiacomo and Druken remain among the OHL leaders in scoring. Colagiacomo is fourth with 34 goals and 94 points, and Druken is sixth with a league-leading 52 goals and 92 points.

The Whalers also have the OHL's top defense, with Holsinger leading the league in goals-against average (2.14), save percentage (.917) and shutouts (four, tied with two others). Combined with Zepp (2.61, three shutouts), Plymouth boasts the OHL's best goalkeeping, averaging a league-low 2.34 goals-against average with a .910 save percentage and seven shutouts (tied for first).

Compuware extends lead

Two wins in three road games last weekend helped the Compuware Ambassadors to increase their lead in the nine-team North American Hockey League to seven points.

They improved their record to 32-10-6 with a 2-1 win over the Danville Wings Sunday; Mark Mink's second-period goal was the game-winner. Phil Lewandowski also scored for Compuware.

The Ambassadors lost 2-1 to Danville in a shootout Saturday, after beating the Grand Rapids BearCats 3-1 Friday. Nick Schrader, Josh Bowers and Troy Milam netted goals for Compuware.

Going to state tourney

State tourney-bound: *The Westland Panthers Squirt B team (ages 9-11) recently captured the District II championship by beating the Detroit Dragons, two games to one, including a 5-1 victory at Trenton Ice Box II. The Panthers advance to the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state tournament at 7 tonight where they'll face the District IV winners at the Wayne Civic Arena. Action continues for the Panthers at 7 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The championship is 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Members of the Panthers, who finished 19-1-2 in Little Caesars play, include: Chris Allen, John Ballarin V, Jeff Cox, Jon Dean, Matthew Haskell, Paul Litwinczuk, Tommy Lorenz, John Lysko, Joseph Rawson, Ryan Rawson, Jacob Renner, Korey Strauss, D.J. Tracy, Ricky Wyniemko, Daniel Setser and Matthew Byle. The coaching staff includes Pat Rawson, Mike Rawson, John Ballarin IV and Matthew Byle. The team manager is John Dean.*

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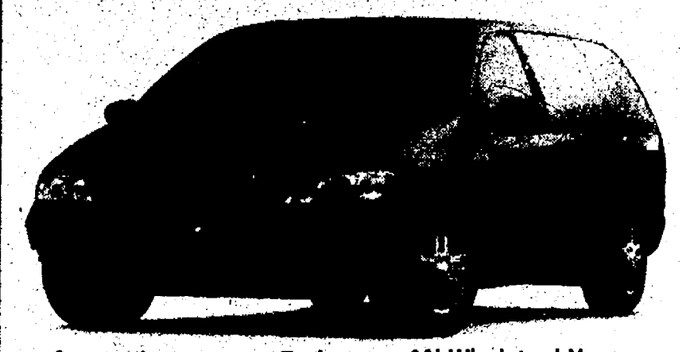

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Pianist Howard Shelley performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, led by guest conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier, 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets $13-$48, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY

Spend an evening with Carl Reiner 8 p.m. at the West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. Tickets $25 for members of the Jewish Community Center, and $35 for non-members, call (248) 661-7649.

SUNDAY

Local Celtic favorites Blackthorn appear 3 p.m. at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Tickets $8 and include an opportunity to meet the artists following the performance. Call (248) 424-9041.

Disney on Ice presents "The Little Mermaid," featuring Ursula the Sea Witch and Ariel the mermaid, through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets $12.50-$30, call, (248) 645-6666, or (313) 983-6606 for more information.

Singer-songwriter: *At 68, she continues to be part of "the music."*

A FORCE THAT'S 'WHOLLY EARTH'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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WHAT: Abbey Lincoln performs with her trio for the UMS concert series.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday, March 12.

WHERE: Michigan Theater, 603, E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

TICKETS: $20-$32. Call (734) 764-2538.

What's a 12-letter name for "50s-'90s jazz singer?"

According to the Feb. 14 New York Times Magazine, the answer is Abbey Lincoln.

The 68-year-old diva laughed when asked if she had seen the puzzle.

"Yes, I was thrilled," she said in a voice slightly lighter than her famous, smokey-rich singing voice.

Lincoln, who will be performing March 12 at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre, has just released a new, provocative CD on Verve, "Wholly Earth," that continues a string of albums dating from the late 1980s that display Lincoln's talents as a singer and songwriter. But, as the puzzle notes, Lincoln has been a force in music since the 1950s.

"I met Louis Armstrong when I was 22, around 1952 and I saw Billie Holiday in Honolulu," Lincoln said. "I think people weren't so business oriented then. They weren't looking to be rich with more money. It was like a calling and you just did it, especially the men, they bring the music no matter what."

Lincoln sees herself in a long tradition of "the music."

"Now it's such a business. This is no time for art, no time for a Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday. They didn't call it jazz. It was music. Rosemary Clooney, I sang her songs, Ella..." she said.

In 1957, the Kalamazoo native met the great be-bop drummer Max Roach, who was her husband from 1962 to 1970, and started singing with small jazz groups and recording some of her own material. In 1961 she was featured on Roach's famous "Freedom Now Suite," which she said taught her how to use her voice freely as an instrument. She was also introduced to John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk.

It was Monk who encouraged Lincoln to become a composer after she put lyrics to his "Blue Monk."

"I never thought I was going to be a composer," she said. "It was Thelonious Monk who was quoted on the back of an album saying that Abbey Lincoln is not just a great singer but a great composer. I had written lyrics to 'Blue Monk' and he didn't object. ... He came over to the studio and did a little dance and whispered in my ear, 'Don't be so perfect.' I asked Max what he meant, and he said it means you can make a mistake."

That freed Lincoln to experiment and write music that transcends easy categories. The new album displays a strong mystical, spiritual element both in her evocative lyrics and in the multi-textured music. The title tune gives a sense of her concerns: "Places where the folks inhabit/have a geometric grace/Circled, squared, sometimes triangled/ruled with lines and space."

"I'm an older woman and I'm more spiritual," she says with a chuckle. "I don't sing about bad relationships or sex anymore. I'm too old for that, and I don't care about it."

Though usually a lyric comes first, sometimes it's the music.

"It depends, sometimes the music comes first. 'Look to the Stars,' the music came first, I was thinking of Jimmy Scott and the way he holds a note. But 'Conversation with a Baby' came altogether as a piece, music and lyrics," she said.

"Conversation" is an unusual, thought-provoking lullabye dedicated to a child named Gandhi.

"Gandhi is someone's little boy here in the apartment house where I live," she said. "It's for a happy baby."

Lincoln is also a powerful interpreter of songs by others. Her recording of Bob Dylan's "Mr. Tambourine Man" on her last album, "Who Used to Dance," received a lot of air play and rave reviews.

"I saw 'Mr. Tambourine Man' on a piano when I was with these young people in San Francisco, I was sort of the Big Mama there," she said. "I saw the lyrics and I said, 'Yeah, this is what I want to say.' It took me 20 years to record it, but I finally did."

On the new album she performs the Mercer-Hampton-Burke standard "Midnight Sun," Benny Carter's "Another Time, Another Place" and, most notably, the Yip Harburg-Harold Arlen "If I Only Had a Brain" from "The Wizard of Oz." Her version plays with the songs timing and melody while retaining its irony and humor, typical of Lincoln's thoughtful approach.

The album's music is multi-textured. Though on stage she'll be accompanied by just her fine trio, on the album she is supported on vibes and marimba by Bobby Hutcherson, on trumpet by Nicholas Payton and on two songs on vocals by Maggie Brown, whose younger, lighter voice adds a nice contrast.

Lincoln said she'll be performing songs from the Grammy-winning "A Turtle's Dream," "Who Used to Dance" and her new album in Ann Arbor.

She said her long association with Jean-Phillipe Allard has been important in her re-emergence as a singer after quitting music briefly in the early '70s and then recording and performing sporadi-

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POPULAR MUSIC

A reluctant Brian Wilson talks about his music

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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WHO: Brian Wilson

WHEN: Performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9. The show is expected to run two hours.

WHERE: Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.

HOW: Tickets are $35 and $45. For more information, call (734) 668-8397, (248) 645-6666 or visit http://www.99music.com.

Arranging an interview with Brian Wilson is unlike any other. His publicist warns that Wilson is "not chatty." In order for the interview to work, Wilson needs to talk about his music, his album "Imagination" and maybe his favorite song on it. There can be no "yes or no" questions and if the conversation lulls, "it's over."

Sean Lennon, who interviewed Wilson for "Raygun" magazine, even wrote that Wilson's publicist told him, "Now don't be surprised if he gets up after five minutes." Wilson's conversation with Lennon was long and thoughtful.

But when Wilson called two weeks ago, it was short and to the point. He answers the question, "How are you?" with, "I'm good. Let's get the interview going, OK?"

One thing that excites Wilson is his tour to promote the album "Imagination," a very Beach Boys-sounding album which earned rave reviews from critics.

"It'll be the first major tour I've taken in my career. It's pretty exciting. To be able to perform my music in front of people is kind of a thrill for me."

In the song "South American" off "Imagination," Wilson sings "I've been around too long to care what anyone says." But that insecurity is what kept him out of the musical spotlight for 10 years.

"I was so hurt just by the fact that my first record didn't sell in 1988," Wilson said about the album

Please see WILSON, E2

Rare appearance: *Brian Wilson performs Tuesday at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Last month he was up for the "Best Historical Album" Grammy for The Beach Boys' album "The Pet Sounds Sessions."*

'Music Madness': *Trinket along with Babe the Blue Ox and The Interpreters perform Thursday, March 11, at the Magic Bag in Ferndale as part of the "RCA Music Madness Tour." Tickets for the show are $6, and a portion of the proceeds will go to Rock the Vote and to Tori Amos' RAINN (Rape Abuse Incest National Network). Pictured is Athens, Ga.,-based Trinket – Jeffrey Fisher (left), J. Christopher Arrison, Brian Youmans, Tommy Salmon and Derry De Lamar. The band's self-titled debut was produced by hometown friend Michael Stipe, otherwise known as the lead singer of R.E.M. The show is open to those 18 and older. For more information, call (248) 544-3030 or visit http://www.themagicbag.com or the RCA Records Web site: http://www.bugjuice.com*

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"Brian Wilson." "I took some time off, 10 years off. Finally I was convinced that if I did it I would have a hit record. It wasn't a hit. It was a moderate hit."

Wilson wasn't completely away from music. Two albums of his music were released in 1995 – the soundtrack to the Don Was-produced documentary about Wilson's life, "I Just Wasn't Made for These Times," and "Orange Crate Art" with Beach Boys collaborator Van Dyke Parks.

He owes "Imagination" to his producer, Joe Thomas, who gave him the support he needed to create the album.

"At first it was (hard to get motivated) because I really wasn't up for all that work. But I got interested and I got into it. We nailed it pretty fast," he said.

Besides Thomas, Wilson collaborated with a slew of stars to make "Imagination." Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager and "Margaritaville" man Jimmy Buffett are included in that list.

"It was a thrill, a pretty big thrill for me," Wilson said of working with Buffett. "I met him through Joe Thomas. He did a lot for my album. He did lots for it."

"Cry" is a 4:56 weeper about a rare argument he had with his wife, Melinda. All Wilson will say about the song is, "That's a pretty good tune. I think it's a pretty good tune. I like it a lot."

According to published reports, Wilson met the former Melinda Ledbetter in 1986 while shopping for a car with his then-psychologist, the controversial Eugene Landy.

Landy was treating Wilson, who had a nervous breakdown in 1964 at age 22, for drug addiction and depression. Wilson's family accused Landy of keeping Wilson doped up on prescription drugs and controlling his life. They sued Landy but, in 1991, before it reached the courtroom, a settlement required Landy to sever ties with the musician.

In the liner notes to "Imagination," Wilson thanks his new psychiatrist, Dr. Stephen Marmer, for giving him "support in my life."

Despite being called "eccentric," Wilson is regarded as one of the most influential bass players in rock history. Upon hearing that, Wilson is thrilled yet guarded.

"I'm honored that people think I can play bass that good. I used to pick. I've been practicing for my four-concert tour," said Wilson who lives in St. Charles, Ill., with his wife and two adopted daughters.

After seven minutes on the phone, Wilson is antsy. His answers become shorter indicating it's time to end the conversation.

"See me next month?" Wilson answers gruffly to the same question. When he is reminded that he is playing Ann Arbor on March 9, he responds, "Oh yeah. Bye babe."

WSU's Bonstelle presents 'Our Country's Good'

Wayne State University offers comedy or drama depending on your mood for its' next two productions.

Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good" opens March 5 at WSU's Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward in Detroit. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 14.

Tickets prices are $8-$10, and available by calling (313) 577-2960.

This hilarious and harrowing play illustrates how theater has the potential to change people's lives when a colony of convicts attempt to do comedy. It does contain adult situations and language.

Australia 1798, a young lieutenant (played by Greg James) is directing rehearsals of the first play ever to be staged in that country. With only two copies of the text, a cast of illiterate convicts, and one leading lady who may be hanged (played by Teresa Ann LaFranca), conditions are hardly ideal for what will be this penal colony's premiere of George Farquhar's Restoration comedy, "The Recruiting Officer."

"Our Country's Good" is directed by Blair Vaughn Anderson, professor of theater at Wayne State University. Scenic design is by Charles Moser and costume design is by Kathleen Crosby of Rochester, both members of the Hilberry Theatre company. Lighting design is by theater faculty member Thomas H. Schraeder.

Ireland's finest literary drama, "The Playboy of the Western World," opens March 12 and continues in rotating repertory through May 8 at WSU's Hilberry Theatre, Cass and Hancock, in Detroit.

For tickets, call (313) 577-2972.

John Millington Synge's play is the poetic story of a young hooligan who wanders into a small village in a remote and primitive area of Ireland– the "western world" as it was called. Having claimed to have killed his father, the young lad quickly becomes the romantic hero of the local peasant people. When the supposedly dead father also shows up at the village, the townspeople find their hero not to be all he claimed. Filled with rich language which was traditionally spoken by the native people, "The Playboy of the Western World" is a true literary masterpiece.

Directed by faculty member Joseph A. Calarco, the play's characters include Matt Troyer as the playboy and Emily N. Miller as Pegeen Mike, his swooning peasant girlfriend.

MARY JANE MURAWKA

A colony of convicts: *A young lieutenant (Greg James, left) begins rehearsals for Australia's first theatrical production with leading lady Teresa Ann LaFranca, who is about to be hanged.*

IMAX Theatre pre-show features DSO

PRNewswire — Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village and The Detroit Symphony Orchestra have teamed up to work on the museum's IMAX Theatre Pre-Show.

During the Orchestra's Pops Series, Broadway Today, Feb. 18-21, a new arrangement of "Don't Rain on My Parade," from the musical Funny Girl, was recorded for the film's "soundtrack."

The IMAX Theatre at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, scheduled to open late November, 1999, will show a two to three-minute, multi-media presentation before every IMAX(R) film to introduce to the film-goers the large format experience.

The film short, produced by museum staff with assistance from Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sue Marx, will provide a fast-paced, immersive journey through the first 100 years of sound and film recording/presentation innovation, connecting the spirit of Edison's early work with the cutting edge technology of the IMAX experience.

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cally. It was Allard who called her to sign with Polygram (parent company of Verve) and who has produced her string of fine albums.

"He never tells me what to do. I tell him who I want and he goes and gets them. ... I'm really fortunate and I know it. I'm part of the music, but I miss the elders," she said.

She mentioned the death last year of Betty Carter.

"I miss her a lot, if someone told me they played with Betty Carter, I knew they could play," she said.

As the interview was concluding, Lincoln said with a touch of pride, "Hey, you know I'm from Michigan?"

Her first "professional" singing was a $5 a week job in the basement of the A.M.E. Church in Jackson. She said the minister liked her voice, but she never sang in the choir.

"I was no choir singer," she said.

Abbey Lincoln has always gone her own way and the music has benefitted from her independence. But Monk was right, she didn't have to be this perfect!

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FELD ENTERTAINMENT/DISNEY ON ICE

Romance: *Duet, Ariel, (Inna Volianskaia) and Prince Eric (Alexei Killakov) in a scene from "Disney on Ice — The Little Mermaid."*

Disney on Ice producers alert to pleasing little 'story police'

Disney on Ice presents "The Little Mermaid," through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606 for ticket information.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Ever conscious of the story police in their audience, Feld Entertainment brings the story of "The Little Mermaid" to life on ice through March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

"Young children know when we're not telling the story accurately," said Cindy Stuart, co-choreographer for "Disney on Ice presents "The Little Mermaid," and director of skating for Feld Entertainment.

Bringing Disney's blockbuster film, "The Little Mermaid," which first debuted in 1989, to life on ice was not easy. Loosely based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy-tale, "The Little Mermaid," is the story of Ariel, a fun-loving mermaid princess who longs for a life on land. Her father, King Triton, disapproves.

When Ariel falls in love with Prince Eric, Ariel makes a bad deal with Ursula, the diabolical diva of the deep, and loses her lovely voice. With help from friends, Ariel must win Eric's heart.

"We had to create the illusion of being undersea," said Stuart who choreographs the show with Gia Guddat. "In the first act Ariel still has fins. Obviously Ariel couldn't move around the ice balanced on her tail. She had to be free to experience the adventure that awaited her."

Costume designer Scott Lane designed a costume that is divided into two fins that allow Ariel, played by Russian figure skating champion Inna Volianskaia, more mobility. Prince Eric is played by Alexei Killakov, who is also Russian.

When Ariel loses her mermaid fin and is transformed into a woman, she is wobbly on the ice, like someone learning to walk for the first time. "She has no skates in her on ice duet 'Kiss the Girl' with Eric," said Stuart. "He carries and whirls her."

Imaginative costumes take the audience to Ariel's world under the sea where there are dancing star fish, and sea horses.

"We really create the feeling of a lagoon," said Stuart. "It's three dimensional. Some of the skaters have puppets. I would call the show multi-media, we're creating an atmosphere. We tried to create the feeling of being underwater."

The 24-foot "puppet" fish are carried on pole units by skaters. "We wanted to have fish at all levels under the sea," said Lane. "You never know what is going to float by."

The fluidity of figure skating lends itself to the show. Ursula, the sea witch, who lost her beauty because she's evil, is portrayed as the glamor-octopus of the deep.

"Little Mermaid has everything," said Stuart. "The music from the movie is fun, and inspiring. A bi-level stage set separates land from sea.

"We wanted to clearly define for the audience the separation between land and sea, between Prince Eric's world and Ariel's world," said director John Dietrich.

On Wednesday, students from the Center for Creative Studies and Wayne State Universities met with show technicians and skaters who shared their theatrical secrets including an elevator in a clam shell, flying skaters, and giant Carmen Miranda fish with an exploding turban.

Community theaters ready to put drama in your weekend

There's no excuse not to put some drama into your life this weekend. Not the kind that causes stress, but the kind that entertains you.

Local community theater groups have been busy rehearsing. Here's what's opening, and soon to open, on a stage near you.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

A toast: *Enjoying a toast at the Passover seder are Jack Abella of Southfield (left to right), Thom Griffin, Lyn Koch (Troy), Carl Jones (Rochester Hills), and Selma Cohen.*

Ridgedale Players

The Ridgedale Players are presenting "Beau Jest," by James Sherman, a warm comedy involving a young Jewish woman who hires an actor to pretend to be her Jewish doctor boyfriend in order to please her parents.

Show times are March 6-7, March 12-14, and March 19-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Livernois) Troy. Tickets $11, seniors and students $10 on Sunday, includes a coffee-and-sandwich afterglow. Call (248) 988-7049 for tickets.

Because the Passover seder is featured in one scene, the cast and directors have decided to raise money at performances to make a donation to Yad Ezra, a kosher food bank, for the purchase of Passover food for needy Jews.

Trinity House Theatre

Trinity House Theatre presents "Grace & Glorie" by Tom Ziegler, 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. Sundays at the theater, 8840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-275), Livonia. Tickets $10, $8 for groups of 10 or more. Call (734) 464-6302.

"Grace & Glory" tells the story of Gloria, a high-powered New York executive who, in an attempt to come to terms with a painful loss, leaves the big city to serve as a hospice worker. Grace is a feisty, independent woman who must face not only the end of her life, but the loss of her beloved family farm in the Virginia mountains of Appalachia to the creeping encroachment of development. Gloria cares for Grace in her last days, helping Grace die comfortably and with dignity.

Avon Players

Avon Players presents Lillian Hellman's adult drama, "The Children's House," opening 8 p.m. Friday, March 5 at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. Tickets $13, call (248) 608-9077.

Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6-7; March 12-14, and March 18-20.

Birmingham Village Players

The Birmingham Village Players are whistling "Tradition" as they get ready for the March 12 opening of "Fiddler on the Roof," which plays March 12-14, March 19-21, and March 26-27 at their playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $14, call (248) 644-2075.

First Theatre Guild

"First Theatre Guild" is presenting "Anne of Green Gables," March 12-14 and March 19-21 in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple (between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads) in Birmingham. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Saturday, March 13 is senior day, all senior citizens will be able to see the show for free. The cost for all other performances is $7 adults, $5 seniors and students. Call (248) 644-2087, Ext. 151.

SRO Productions

SRO Productions presents the first play of it's 10th season, "Eating Your Heart Out," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 12 through March 28 at the City of Southfield's historic park, "The Burgh," corner of Civic Center Dr. & Berg Road. Tickets $8 general, $7 seniors and children, call (248) 827-0701.

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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE
"Macbeth," performed by Montreal's Repercussion Theatre, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the theater's Pentastar Playhouse, 121 University Ave., W., Windsor. $25 and $22 (Canadian). (519) 253-7729 or http://www.mnsi.net/~capitol

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues through March 21, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. $32.50-$65. (248) 645-6666

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the Houston riot and court martials of 1917, through Sunday, March 21, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. $15. (313) 868-1347

FOX THEATRE
"Cats," 8 p.m. Thursday, March 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, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road at Drake, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Community forums follow Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances. Featured speakers include Mort Crim, George Canton, and Clementine Barfield of So Sad. $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; "A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," Karim Alrawi's play about the relationship between Edsel Ford and the politically controversial artist Diego Rivera as the Detroit Industry mural were being created at the Detroit Institute of Arts, runs March 10 to April 4, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

OPERA

DAVID DANIELS
Countertenor performs with pianist Martin Katz, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University, Ann Arbor. $20, $35. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

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, March 5-14, at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m Sunday. $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 comedy "Light Up the Sky" continues in rotating repertory to April 1, and "The Playboy of the Western World," a literary classic from Ireland about a playboy who cons his way into becoming the romantic hero of a small peasant village, opens March 12, runs to May 8 in rotating repertory, 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, through March 7, at the theater downstairs from the Hilberry, 4743 Cass Ave., at Hancock, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. $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, at the theater, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. $13. (248) 608-9077

B.W. PRODUCTIONS
"When God Comes Down from Heaven," a semi-musical/comedy gospel, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at Oak Park High School auditorium, 13701 Oak Park Blvd. $12.50 advance, $15 at door, $10 seniors in advance only. (313) 865-2375

EMPATHEATRE
Troupe is a combination of psychodrama, improvisational theater and drama therapy, audience members during are invited to write down descriptions of situations they face, which the actors then use as a basis for improv, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. $12, $10, $8 students. (734) 913-9733 or kch@ic.net

Little Mermaid: *Intelligent, adventurous and independent, Ariel dreams of living on land with humans in the Feld Entertainment figure ice skating spectacular, "Disney on Ice presents The Little Mermaid," through Sunday, March 7 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Tickets $30, $17.50, $15.50 and $12.50, available at the Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6606.*

HARTLAND PLAYERS
"Faithful," the adult comic/thriller by Chazz Palminteri, March 6-7, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 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. Fridays-Saturday, March 5, 12-13, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile.

PARK PLAYERS
"Quilters," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s, March 5, 12-14, 19-21, and 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. $10-20. (313) 531-0431

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, 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, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21. $11, $10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS
"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Friday-Sunday, March 12-28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. $10-12. (248) 541-6430; Special dinner/theater package available from Illustions Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

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. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. (313) 535-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"Grace & Glorie," 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-275), Livonia. $10, $8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

WEST END PRODUCTIONS
"Saucy Bossy and Burlesque," a hysterical comedy capturing the robust spirit of the jokes of the vanished era, 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12 to April 3, March 13 and 27, sold out benefit performance, at the Wunderground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above Ace Hardware and Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. $12. (248) 541-1763

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

"THE FROG PRINCE"
1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with musuem admission of $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and younger. (313) 271-1620

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Velveteen Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, March 6 to April 25, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 5-9, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. $7. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Jack and the Beanstalk," runs Saturdays-Sundays to 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 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougall across from Harbortown, Detroit. $7.50, includes lunch and show. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART TILE FAIR
Pewabic Pottery holds its' winter exhibit and sale of antique and contemporary handcrafted art tile, free antique tile appraisal and tile installation demonstrations scheduled, Dennis DeSandre shows how-to set tiles in tables, back splashes and floors throughout the day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at St. George Cultural Center, 1515 Woodward, north of Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills. $5. (313) 822-0954

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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
The Detroit Women's Coffeehouse celebrates the day with a variety of programming including speakers on music and poetry, a drumming explosion featuring Muse, an African drumming and dance trio, a women's self defense demonstration, and art, books and businesses bazaar, poet Maryann Cameron and Repercussions, a five-piece drumming ensemble, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the First Unitarian Universal Church, 4605 Cass at Forest, near Wayne State University, Detroit. Sliding scale $7-$12 (more if you can, less if you can't). (313) 832-5888

RAILROADIANA
Buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7 (tables still available for $12 each, $20 at door if available), at SS. Simon & Jude Church Hall (Fr. Andrew M Nieckarz Social and Academic Hall), 32500 Palmer Road, one mile west of Merriman Road, Westland. $2, $4 family, $5 after 10 a.m. (313) 595-8327

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

CARL REINER
8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at West Bloomfield High School Auditorium. $25 members of Jewish Community Center, $35 non-members. (248) 661-7649

REINVENTING ROSIE FOR 21ST CENTURY
Women Mastering Non-traditional Work Expo (presented by Henry Ford Community College) features women working in a wide range of non-traditional occupations and professions, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Pagoda Room of the Student Center Building on campus, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. Free. (313) 845-9757/(313) 845-9629

THREE MEN AND A TENOR
High energy comedy a capella group, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Churchill High School auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia. $10, $8 students/seniors. (734) 523-9218

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

SHRINE CIRCUS
Family night 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. $4, at Farmer Jack Supermarkets.

MAPLE SUGARING PROGRAM
At Indian Springs Metro Park, 5200 White Lake Road, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m. Sundays in March. Meet at the Nature Center, (248) 625-7280.

BENEFITS

"A BEARY MERRY DAY"
6-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, silent and live auctions to raise funds for the Mercy Education Project, at Park Place, on Park Street off Outer Drive, south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. $7, includes dessert and door prizes. (313) 963-5881

"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 Children's 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) 345-3671

"IT'S THE TOPS!"
A re-creation of Top of the Park to benefit the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, with performances by Trademark, Cigar 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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

BLACKTHORN
In fund-raising concert for the Fair Lane Music Guild and the Dearborn Community Arts Council, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the School of Management lecture theater on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. $35. (313) 943-3095

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 and Home Care Services. (734) 522-4244

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Conductor Yan Pascal Torteller and pianist Howard Shelley, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 4-5, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6; With Conductor Hans Vonk and flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 11-12, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $13-$48, and a limited number of box seats for $40-$60. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

JAMES GALWAY
Flutist performs with pianist Phillip Moll, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. $20, $35, $45, $55. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

ABBEY LINCOLN
With pianist Marc Cory, bassist Michael Bowie and drummer Alvester Garnett, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. $20, $24, $30 and $32. (734) 764-2538 or http://www.ums.org

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 younger. (248) 645-6666/(734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

MUSICA VIVA AND CRANBROOK
Leipzig String Quartet, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 851-6987

JASON VIEAUX
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 Barbra 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

TOM JONES
7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, and 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, at Hall (M-59) Roads, Clinton Township. $38, $34 students/seniors, $42 gold circle. (800) 585-3737

MIGHTY BLUE KINGS
8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $12 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or http://www.99music.com (swing)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (western swing)

II-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, two male youths and an ensemble of storytellers of all ages for "Children of Eden," a new musical based on the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's Ark, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, and 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-0792

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Auditions for 16 women, including six African-American women, and 21 men, including four 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 Blvd., inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (313) 982-6044

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Auditions for professional resident cast and student academy, by appointment only Saturday, March 13, Oakland University's Varner Hall, Rochester. Those wishing to audition for the academy must be high school seniors or older. Renaissance Festival is Aug. 14-Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for Frederic Knott's "Wait Until Dark" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 8-9, Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads. Readings will be done from the script. For performances May 7-9, 13-16. (248) 669-0436/(734) 525-1206/(248) 349-7110 or visit http://www.causeway.com/ptg/

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

JAZZ

"CELEBRATE THE CENTURY-1930S"
Jazz night with bread line by the Breadsmith Bakery, 7:30 p.m. March 11, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. (734) 455-8940

DAVE DOUGLAS TINY BELL TRIO
8 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. $15, $10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

KURT ELLING
9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $18 in advance. (734) 662-8310 or http://www.99music.com

TIM FLAHARTY TRIO
With Nancy K., 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 12, Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519 (classic jazz, guitar and vocals)

FUNKTELLIGENCE
With Slide Off Saturn and the Arthur White Experience, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (avant jazz)

GROUND.EFX
Live dub and jungle featuring former members of Larval and Butterfly, 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER/MICHELE RAMO/TODD CURTIS
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-7333

JAZZHEAD
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 5, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

JAZODITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 12, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700

KOO'S KATS
5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Absolute Tiffany Jazz Grille, 440 Clinton, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 964-8953

KATHY KOSINS TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, March 5 and 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

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

PHIL LASLEY TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/piano/bass trio)

MATT MICHAELS
With Charlie Gabriel (reeds), 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4; With vocalist Judie Cochill, March 11, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington. $5 cover waived with dinner order. (248) 474-4800

M.A.S. (MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY)
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6 and Wednesday-Saturday, March 10-13

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Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass trio)

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

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, March 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums trio)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

SUNNY WILKINSON
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES
10 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (Jamaican jazz)

BLACKTHORN
3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. $8. (248) 424-9041 (Irish)

BOOM SHAKA
8 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots reggae)

THE CLANCY BROTHERS
8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $20. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (Irish folk)

ENSEMBLE GALILEI
7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Henry Ford Estate - Fair Lane, University of Michigan - Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5330 (Celtic)

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 12, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

MOYA
Featuring Clannad vocalist Maire Brennan, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $20 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (traditional Irish and contemporary music)

OLD WORLD FOLK BAND
Entertain at a tribute to Congregation Beth Shalom's Cantor Samuel Greenbaum, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the synagogue, 14601 W. Lincoln Road, Oak Park. Food includes dessert buffet by Sperber's and fancy kosher coffees by Viva Cappucino. $38, $19 those younger than 21, includes 3 percent for Yad Ezra, the Jewish community's kosher food band. (248) 547-7970 (klezmer music, Yiddish theater songs and Eastern European folk music)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUE TANGO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (folk)

LUCY KAPLANSKY AND SUSAN MCKEOWN
8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

JAN KRIST
9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101

MERGIN AND MATT LOME
8-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. $5 suggested donation (734) 327-2041

JIM PERKINS
9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060

KELLY JOE PHELPS
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

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 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, March 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $16, $9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (bluegrass)

DARDEN SMITH AND GREG TROOPER
8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 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 or http://www.a2ark.org

TERESA TRULL AND BARBARA HIGBIE
8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

TERRY BLACKHAWK
The author of "Body and Field" and "Trio Voices" reads her poetry, 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, in the main gallery of Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester. Free. (248) 651-4110

"THE CITY SESSIONS"
Featuring performance poet/songwriter Ken Cormier, spoken word artist Bob Holman, poet Al Hellus and performance artist Mike Webster, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

"POETRY IN MOTION"
Featuring Lenore Langs, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181

THE WRITER'S VOICE
Featuring Women's Day Reading with Stellasue Lee, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Grace Cavalieri, and Carolyne Lee Wright, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, room 3234 of the Wayne State University English Department Building, 51 W. Warren Ave., Detroit. Free. (313) 577-7713/(313) 267-5300, ext. 338; Poetry workshop with Maria Mazziotti Gillan, at YMCA Arts and Humanities Center, 51 W. Hancock, west of Woodward on Wayne State University's campus, Detroit. Free. (313) 267-5300, ext. 338

DANCE

CONTRA DANCE
Woody Lane calls to music by Rex Blazer and Anita Anderson, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. $7: (734) 665-7704. Open jam for string band musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., free.

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING
7:15-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE
Concert featuring various jazz styles that range from mournful recollections to fast-paced 80s flashbacks, also performances by Jazz Dance Theatre's Youth Project, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. $12, $8 students/seniors. Proceeds to benefit needy patients and their families at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital. (734) 995-4242

"STOMP"
Friday-Sunday, March 12-21, at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays. (248) 645-6666

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
11th annual Sweetheart Round-Up Workshop, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, March 13, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. $7, $6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kip Addotta and Joey Bielaska, Thursday-Saturday, March 4-6 ($15); Angel Salazar from the movie "Scarface," Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13 ($12), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
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). Margaret Smith, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11 ($10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 12 ($12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 13 ($12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Paul Kozak and Spike Rizzo, Thursday-Sunday, March 4-7, and a special kids matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Jim David and Manny Shields, Wednesday-Sunday, March 10-15, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($8), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9933 or http://www.comedycastle.com

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, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Artist lectures March 11. 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
Women's History Month film and presentation, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13. $3. (313) 833-9720 for reservations; "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, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Breaking Through: The Creative Engineer," an exhibit exploring creativity in engineering everything from roller-coasters to Colorado's Hanging Lake Viaduct, continues to April 30 in the Exhibit Hall; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, and multiple showings of "Everest" and "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

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; March Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, March 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Two Centuries of Hammered Strings: An Exhibit Featuring Antique Pianos and Keyboard Curiosities," through Saturday, March 13, at the museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and off Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors and students. Hours: 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays. (248) 656-4663 or rhmuseum@ameritech.net

POPULAR MUSIC

AGENT ORANGE
With Los Infernos and OS 101, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

AHADA
9 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BIZER BROTHERS
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9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

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10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (R&B)

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9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (roots rock)

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With Son of Adam and Master of None, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. $8.75 in advance. All ages, minors must have parental accompaniment. (313) 303-8630 (rock)

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With Big Rude Jake, as part of a concert kicking off "Dine Out Detroit," an AIDS benefit, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $30 for gold circle seating and $25 for general admission. (248) 545-1435 /(248) 645-6666 (alternative rock/swing)

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Featuring Diaz of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 9 p.m. Thursday, March 11, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675 (rock)

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With Daddy Longlegs and Nathan Whitt, 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock/reggae)

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10 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)

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With Mine, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; With Tim Diaz and Jeff Fowlkes of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, 10 p.m. Sunday, March 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, Oxford Inn, 43317 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 305-5856 (rock)

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8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. $8 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 ("death acoustic music")

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9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

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With Forge and Fudgegun, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

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9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101; 9 p.m. Saturday, March 6, CK Diggs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (acoustic rock)

KRISTIN SAYER
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Starry Night Lounge inside Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (acoustic R&B)

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8 p.m. Thursdays, March 4 and 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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With Radium, 9 p.m. Friday, March 5, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (alternative rock)

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'The Other Sister' is as cute as a cookie cutter

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

You might assume that any movie with Juliette Lewis, Diane Keaton, and Tom Skerritt in the cast would be a fairly good movie. And that's what "The Other Sister" (which stars these three) is – a fairly good movie. It's a touchy-feely film that may leave you feeling warm and fuzzy into next August. It's, the kind of picture that prompts some film-goers to murmur approvingly as they leave the theater "That was sweet."

Sweet it is. Cute as a cookie most of the time, still, it has its problems.

I don't know exactly what director Garry Marshall had in mind when he made this movie. My guess is that he wanted to deliver a message or two: the mentally challenged are real people, and they have the right to take risks, just like everybody whose IQ falls within a "normal" range.

Nothing wrong with good intentions, and there's certainly something to be said for such goals. But this can be slippery territory, and Marshall occasionally stumbles. Sometimes, his rather superficial screenplay, written with Bob Brunner, makes us feel as if we are laughing at these disabled characters a little too much, instead of laughing with them.

As the story opens, we meet Carla Tate, a slightly retarded young woman who is about to return home from the special education institution where she has spent much of her life. Her father, who calls her "Pumpkin" and obviously adores her, has come to accompany her home to the affluent suburban neighborhood where the family lives near San Francisco. She has two, wouldn't you know it, beautiful sisters, one of whom is about to get married, and one of whom is, wouldn't you know it, gay. She also has a mother. Watch out for this mother. As the story progresses, we will see that she has her own disabilities. Played by Diane Keaton, she's like Annie Hall grown older and turned anal-retentive.

Carla has plans, which involve simply making a life for herself. She wants to get a job, maybe as a veterinarian's assistant, try out some college classes, live in her own apartment and maybe even find the right guy.

Her mother, who always had trouble accepting her daughter's imperfections, reasons desperately that maybe some tennis lessons at the club would be the thing, or maybe some quiet visits to some quiet museums, while Carla lives quietly at home in her freshly decorated room upstairs in the seclusion of the family home. But absolutely there will be no apartment, no enrolling in college classes and — horror of horrors — no young man.

Juliette Lewis makes a super-convincing Carla, seeming stubborn and strong-willed, soft and innocent at once. She gets a chance to display a kind of eccentric comedic talent here and is an absolute riot in a memorable, birds-and-bees scene with Keaton.

As Danny, Carla's Mr. Right, a young actor named Giovanni Ribisi holds his own, and then some. Danny's favorite movie is "The Graduate," and we aren't surprised that he identifies so closely with Dustin Hoffman, or a role played by Hoffman. His physical appearance, stuttery speech patterns, and nervous mannerisms seem all highly reminiscent of Hoffman in his younger days, especially when he played Benjamin Braddock. Several similarities exist between this movie and that one, including a big-finish wedding scene.

Tom Skerritt as Carla's father acts as if he'd wandered over from some 1950s family sit-com. He just pretty much keeps grinning, no matter what happens, like he'd received a mega-dose of something to render him endlessly patient and above the fray, a kind of hyper-clone of Ozzie Nelson himself.

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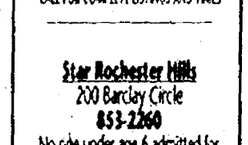

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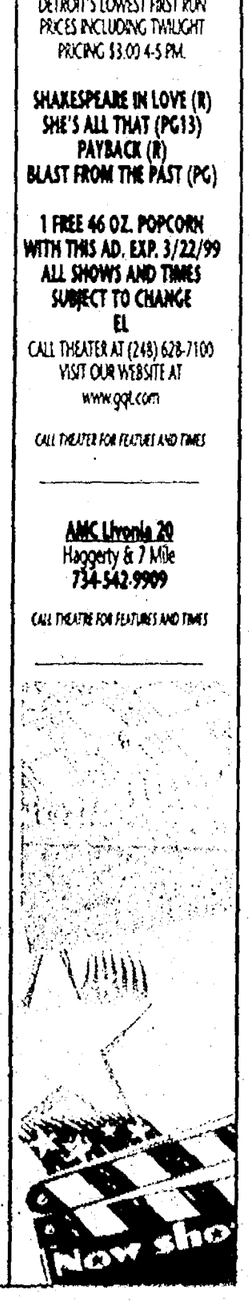

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Scheduled to open Friday, March 12

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"LOCK, STOCK AND TWO SMOKING BARRELS"
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"THE CORRUPTOR"
Action-packed drama about an idealistic rookie cop who learns first-hand how power and influence have compromised his superiors. Stars Chow Yun-Fat, Mark Wahlberg, Elizabeth Lindsey.

"THE RAGE: CARRIE 2"
Thriller sequel that picks up 22 after the original about 18-year-old Rachel whose strange powers enable her to take revenge on her school-mate tormentors. Stars Emily Bergl, Jason London, Amy Irving.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 19

"KING AND I"
Animated musical telling of the story of the patient school teacher and the overbearing King of Siam. Stars the voices of Miranda Richardson, Ian Richardson, and Daryl Hammond.

"RAVENOUS"
Isolated with eight others in a snow-bound fort in the Sierra Nevadas, circa 1847, an army captain must fight hunger within himself, as well as killer who dines on men, Stars Guy Pearce.

"TRUE CRIMES"
A newspaper reporter discovers proof than an innocent man is about to be executed and has only one day to save him. Stars Clint Eastwood, Frances Fisher, Sydney Poitier, James Woods, Lisa Gay Hamilton, and Denis Leary.

Scheduled to open Friday, March 26

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A young filmmaker is struck with an idea that had the potential to change his luck all at once: to make a movie that would chronicle his owned dogged and indelicate quest for true love. The result, an insightful look at one hapless romantic's roller coaster ride through singlehood filmed Candid Camera Style. Written and directed by Myles Berkowitz.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, March 31

"THE MATRIX"
Science fiction tale about a society that lives to unknowingly provide energy for an artificial intelligence known as the Matrix until a few break free and set out to make changes. Stars Keanu Reeves.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 9

"LOST AND FOUND"
Comedy about finding your true love at any price, even if it involves a little dog-napping along the way. Stars David Spade.

"NEVER BEEN KISSED"
A young looking reporter is given the assignment of going undercover to get a story in high school. Romantic comedy stars Drew Barrymore, David Arquette.

Scheduled to open Friday, April 16

"GOODBYE, LOVER"
Scheming brothers battle each other as each connives to inherit a $4 million insurance policy. Stars Patricia Arquette, Don Johnson.

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- ❑ THE THIN RED LINE

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- ❑ Ian McKellen in GODS AND MONSTERS
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- ❑ Edward Norton in AMERICAN HISTORY X

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- ❑ Fernanda Montenegro in CENTRAL STATION
- ❑ Gwyneth Paltrow in SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE
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- ❑ Emily Watson in HILARY AND JACKIE

BEST DIRECTOR:
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- ❑ Robert Duvall in A CIVIL ACTION
- ❑ Ed Harris in THE TRUMAN SHOW
- ❑ Geoffrey Rush in SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE
- ❑ Billy Bob Thornton A SIMPLE PLAN

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:
- ❑ Kathy Bates in PRIMARY COLORS
- ❑ Brenda Blethyn in LITTLE VOICE
- ❑ Judi Dench in SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE
- ❑ Rachel Griffiths in HILARY AND JACKIE
- ❑ Lynn Redgrave in GODS AND MONSTERS

BEST ORIGINAL SONG:
- ❑ "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing from ARMAGEDDON
- ❑ "The Prayer" from QUEST FOR CAMELOT
- ❑ "A Soft Place to Fall from THE HORSE WHISPERER
- ❑ "That'll Do" from BABE: PIG IN THE CITY
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Friendship key to Sebadoh

CHRISTINA FUOCO

■ **'We're concentrating really on things that people wouldn't necessarily think is cool, like our friendships.'**

Jason Loewenstein
Sebadoh

Sebadoh's Jason Loewenstein is relieved to hear that his band's new album "The Sebadoh" possesses a stripped-down, '60s feel.

"Oh thank God. I appreciate you saying that. Nobody's really said that yet," said Loewenstein, bassist, guitarist and vocalist for the pop band Sebadoh.

"We really admire the recording of really good '60s songs that always made you feel like you were intimate. It wasn't all cuddly necessarily, but you felt you were right there with the situation. Recordings by Neil Young make you feel like you might be sitting in a chair in a practice space."

In the past, Loewenstein explained, Sebadoh has been guilty of producing songs "that have been masked by a bunch of sonic horse crap. I think that has its place as well."

Not on "The Sebadoh," a sonic swirl of stripped-down, guitar-driven, hook-laden pop songs created by Loewenstein, guitarist/ bassist/ vocalist Lou Barlow and new drummer Russ Pollard. The rocked-out "Colorblind" and the rollicking "Thrive" have huge hit potential.

All three members shared writing duties for "The Sebadoh," an album named after the penchant of rock bands to dub themselves "The" whatever. Loewenstein was inspired by a new situation in his life, his recent marriage.

"The trials and tribulations of my life's longest romantic relationship leads to plenty of fodder for deep, confusing thoughts," Loewenstein said with a laugh.

Ironically, one of his favorite songs on "The Sebadoh" isn't one of his own. Excuse the clichés, but Loewenstein is most impressed with "Break Free," a song penned by Pollard and the first song he ever recorded in the studio.

"Pardon for my calling it this, but for spiritual reasons I'm really into the song that Russ put on there. I'm just so proud, it's really symbolic to me because it's such an amazing song. He wasn't scared to put it on there, considering the situation. That could be really intimidating. But him putting his best foot forward like that, it's like a flag in the moon to me. I really appreciate that one," Loewenstein said.

"The Sebadoh" is the follow-up album to "Harmacy," Sebadoh's top-selling album thus far. "Harmacy" was Sebadoh's reaction to Barlow's success with his side project, Folk Implosion and its hit "Natural One" from the "Kids" soundtrack.

Barlow's 15 minutes put undue pressure on the band, Loewenstein said.

"Around the recording of the last one, Lou was having a hit with Folk Implosion. One of the engineers who was helping with 'Harmacy' was actually the engineer on that stuff. The day we started recording, Lou learned about the hit. It sort of screwed everybody up," he said.

"The engineer was proud. He should have been proud. The other engineer who worked on it was older and as experienced but very jealous I think. He started treating the guy like a whipping boy. It was very bizarre."

To erase those memories, Sebadoh eschewed pressure and let the music take the backseat to their friendship while recording "The Sebadoh."

"I think the process in general was different for us this time. We're all just making sure we all communicate really well. If we're not excited about something we just talk about it, instead of just being like, 'I'm bummed out. I'm not going to bother anyone with it.'"

"We're concentrating really on things that people wouldn't necessarily think is cool, like our friendships. It's more romantic to be a (ticked) off rock guy but that doesn't really make for any longevity."

Sebadoh performs Saturday, March 6, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are $12.50 in advance, $14 day of show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT, or visit http://www.961melt.com or http://www.sebadoh.com

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Comedy: *Ron Livingston (right) endures another lecture from his boss, Gary Cole in "Office Space."*

'Office Space' fun and funny

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

In 1990, a fellow named Mike Judge created what would go on to become that infamous TV duo, Beavis and Butthead. After achieving runaway success via the small screen with his witless wonders, Judge gained another measure of notoriety with his full-length, animated movie, "Beavis and Butthead Do America."

Now comes Judge's first feature-length, live-action picture, "Office Space." Going by the Texas filmmaker's past, highly successful efforts, you might anticipate finding new lows here in rude-crude-lewd moviemaking. But life really is full of surprises, and "Office Space" happens to be one of them. While it has no ambition toward being squeaky-clean, neither is it marked by Judge's usual, fetid taste. Parts of it even feel downright wholesome.

It's about a guy named Peter Gibbons, a rather lowly cog in today's high-tech world who absolutely hates his job as a computer programmer. As he sits at his cramped desk, feeling trapped in his tiny cubicle, he grows increasingly frustrated not just with the daily, mind-numbing chores he must perform, but with everything connected to the world of his employer, INITECH Corp. From the receptionist who answers the phone sounding like some kind of demented bird, to his boss who closely resembles a meddlesome robot, to the jammed expressways on the drive to work each morning, he's fed up with it all. Each day is more painful than the day before, prompting Peter to realize "Every day is the worst day of my life."

One night, as part of a group therapy session, Peter seeks the counsel of an "occupational hypnotherapist," who, in one of the film's most nonsensical scenes, "cures" Peter of all his problems and turns him into something of a new man.

As this new man, Peter's first move is simply to do nothing. It's not like he's going to quit his job, he's just going to quit going to his job until he gets himself axed. Imagine his surprise, though, when the powers-that-be, somehow impressed by his super-casual attitude, refuse to let him go. This little turn of events, of course, thickens the plot considerably.

Somewhere in all of this, Peter finds a soulmate in a waitress named Joanna (played with off-hand charm by Jennifer Annisston). The two are on the same wave-length for several reasons, but mainly because she abhors her own job, and shares Peter's enthusiasm for kung fu movies. They're a cute couple and plenty of screen chemistry exists between them, but this movie is something closer to a cartoon than a romance. It soon takes yet another screwy turn when Peter hits upon a scheme to snatch something from the haves and pass it on to the have-nots. His plan will involve the computers at INITECH, and since he's a programmer there, he reasons that everything will be a no-brainer for a guy like him.

Sure it will.

Mike Judge has assembled a cast with the abilities to not only make his goofy screenplay animated and lively but make it come to life. Ron Livingston is a highly likable actor who is utterly convincing as the beleaguered Peter Gibbons. If you found him living next door or occupying the next bar stool, or working in the next cubicle, you wouldn't be at all surprised.

A strong supporting cast includes David Herman and Ajay Naidu as Peter's tightly-wired, sympathetic cohorts. In one of the film's funniest scenes the three friends, desperate to free themselves of a jam, decide they'll launder some money. But because they're so clueless about criminal matters they have to frantically search for a dictionary to find out what laundered money is.

Gary Cole is creepy-crawly perfect as Peter's nemesis, an ersatz human being named Lumbergh. Stephen Root, looking and acting quite different from his "I own the place" role in TV's "Radio News," is a cinematic delight as the mealy-mouthed social misfit, Milton. In an abbreviated role, Diedrich Bader makes an impression as Peter's next door neighbor and alter-ego, the long-haired, laid-back Lawrence.

Overall, "Office Space" is an entertaining, well-acted movie that gives us an opportunity to look in on a collection of contemporary characters who could be us, or those around us. Propelled forward by a kind of nervy energy, it moves along smartly and contains a couple of scenes so effectively done that they seem practically inspired.

You could even say that "Office Space" is a movie with warmth and a generous heart, although this is not to imply that it ever spills over and turns sappy, sticky or overly sentimental. Best of all, it's fun and funny. Go for it.

'8mm' is a misguided mess

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

At one point during "Eight Millimeter," Nicholas Cage's new mystery, a can of film is opened and its contents burned. Unfortunately, the torched film isn't "Eight Millimeter" itself.

Did we say mystery? The biggest mystery is how Cage and respected director Joel Schumacher got into this misguided misogynous mess in the first place.

Mind you, Schumacher ("Batman & Robin") knows how to ply his craft and Cage is an actor of impeccable style. And many of you will be tempted to see it for those reasons alone. On balance, however, you'd probably prefer a two-hour screening of autopsies than be dragged into the nether world of underground pornography, the subject of "Eight Millimeter."

Cage is Tom Welles, a surveillance specialist and family man based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. When the widow of a Philadelphia industrialist finds a reel of 8mm film in her late husband's safe, she hires Welles to investigate. It appears to be a "snuff film," in which a teenage girl is bound and brutally murdered by a large man in full bondage garb while a figure in the shadows looks on. "There's no such thing," Welles assures her; the blood-letting is merely ketchup. "Just tell me the poor girl wasn't killed," she commissions him, offering a blank check to fund the search.

It's a search that's been taken before in films such as George C. Scott's "Hardcore." Off comes the suit and on goes the leather as Welles journeys into this contemporary heart of darkness, aided by adult bookstore clerk Max (Joaquin Phoenix). "You're gonna see things that you can't unsee," Max cautions him. That said, "you name the vice, I'll name the price."

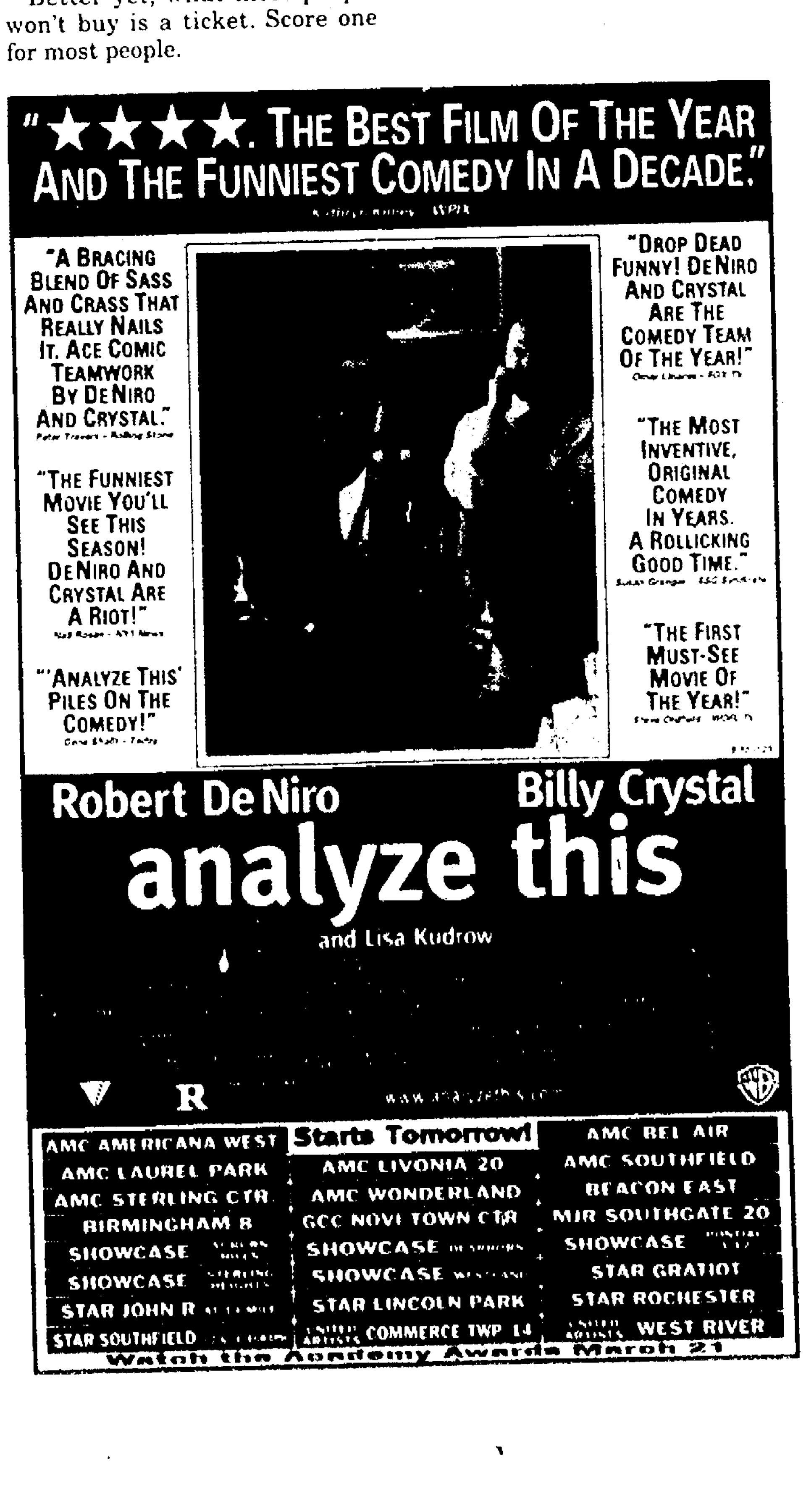
From runaways lining the streets of Sunset Boulevard to the dregs of Brooklyn, the trail leads them to porn filmmakers Dino Velvet (Peter Storemare) and Eddie (James Gandolfini of HBO's "The Sopranos"), two real sweethearts of humanity.

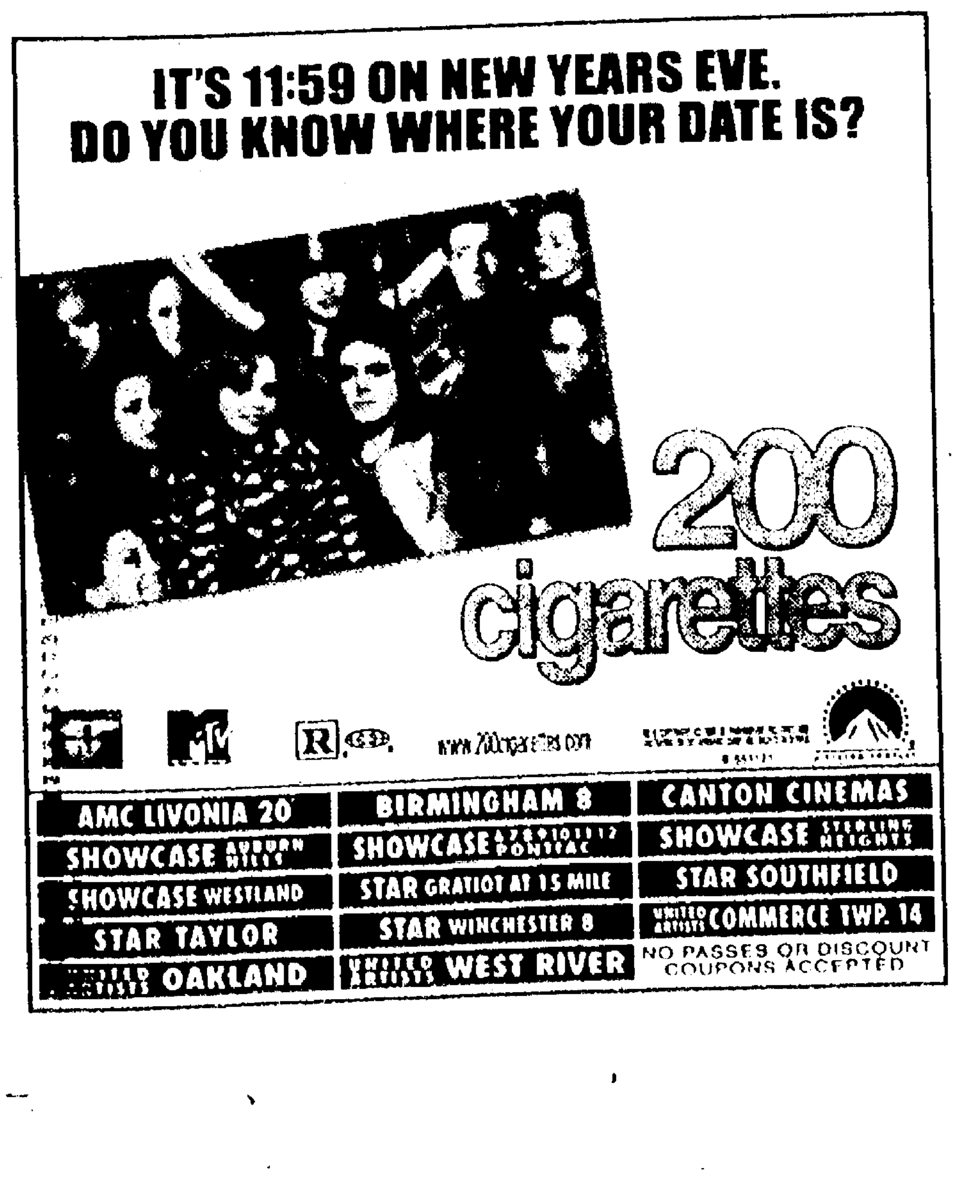
As he gets closer to the truth (more outrageous than horrifying), Welles is warned to forget the whole thing and go back to raking leaves in Harrisburg. Even his wife (Catherine Keener) sobs on the phone that she and the baby might not be there when he returns, which prompts a line right out of "The Godfather" ("Sometimes it's better if you don't know what I'm doing").

The producers intended "Eight Millimeter" to be about the porn industry but not a porn film, and in that they succeeded. Voyeurs will be disappointed. As in both his "Batman" films, Schumacher shoots almost the entire story in low light to convey, as he puts it, "the even more deadly underbelly of this industry, which is the exploitation of minors."

Noble intentions, but most people won't buy why Welles keeps going once the fate of the girl has been learned. And most people certainly won't buy the big finish.

Better yet, what most people won't buy is a ticket. Score one for most people.





Bailey's Pub & Grille offers 'serious fun' and more

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Open since early November, Bailey's Pub & Grille in Canton offers customers "Serious Fun" and good food too. Bailey's, explained general manager Shawn Kelly, is a restaurant, sports bar, pool hall, upscale bar, and gathering place.

Bailey's has nine pool tables, a room with darts and video games, 35 TVs, including two video walls, and two big screens, and nine satellites. It also has a dynamite sound system.

"We like to take care of as many people as possible," said Kelly. "In the burgundy room we play blues and jazz. In the green room we play alternative music, and in the main dining room, oldies to current hits, mainstream music."

Decorated in light woods, open and airy, with forest green and burgundy accents, Bailey's is a sports bar that doesn't feel like one.

"It's a place you can come with your family or a date and have a nice dinner, or with your buddies to watch the game. We like to think we offer something for everyone," said Kelly.

For starters, Kelly recommends the signature Spicy Chicken Billiard Sticks – thin potato wraps filled with tender roasted chicken in a spicy ranchero sauce with Monterey Jack cheese served with ranch dressing. They're also available Italian style with pepperoni and hot marinara sauce for dipping.

The Spinach Artichoke Dip is made with fresh spinach and three cheeses (Parmesan, Romano and Mozzarella) and artichoke hearts blended in a creamy Alfredo sauce with a hint of roasted garlic and nutmeg.

Chicken wings are another popular appetizer. "They're huge," said Kelly. And you can have them anyway you like – mild, medium, or hot with barbecue, hot honey or Teriyaki sauce. All orders are served with celery sticks, ranch or bleu cheese dressing.

"We offer original sandwiches you won't find anywhere else," said Kelly. The Smoke Stack, smoked turkey, smoked bacon, smoked honey, ham, Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheeses, lettuce and tomato, stacked on a Portuguese roll with special hunt sauce is an example.

Black Forest – shaved smoked turkey, pepper bacon, Monterey Jack Cheese, lettuce and tomato on a giant Bavarian pretzel roll with special honey mustard is a another specialty sandwich. Teriyaki Steak Wrap – tomato basil flour tortilla stuffed with teriyaki-mustard marinated thinly sliced beef, rice, mixed cheeses and scallions, served with a side salad and your choice of dressing is an often requested item.

Bailey's offers a great burger too — a half pound of ground sirloin topped with your choice of cheese. You can add mushrooms, jalapenos or bacon for a little bit extra. Check out the gourmet burger menu for more choices.

Bailey's tender baby back ribs, available in half or full rack, have won awards across the country. "We slow hickory bake them for four hours and then chargrill to order," said Kelly.

Consider your "Pastabilities" including stuffed shells, the new popular vodka shrimp – ten large shrimp sautéed in garlic and red peppers tossed with mushrooms and onions in a spicy sauce, served over fettuccine, or the Creamy Pasta Carbonera — a mix of garlic, ham, bacon, onions and Parmesan cheese, blended in light cream sauce. Served over ziti pasta. Add chicken for a dollar more.

There's a decent seafood selection — fish & chips shrimp on a skewer and broiled or Cajun salmon. Ask about the daily specials.

"We offer options for the health conscious," said Kelly. "We serve a lot of broiled salmon and shrimp you can even get the fish and chips broiled."

What would a sports bar be without beer? Bailey's has 36 different beers on tap and 80 different bottled beers. They also offer an extensive variety of top shelf liquors including single barrels malts and Scotches, and specialty drinks.

Cigar smokers can enjoy a smoke in a climate controlled room. Bailey's has a humidor and offers a variety of cigars for sale.

Bailey's is operated by the Total Entertainment Restaurant Corp., which operates 35 restaurants in 13 states including Michigan. Kelly said they are looking for restaurant sites in Rochester Hills and Novi.

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More than a sports bar: *General manager Shawn Kelly presents the Smoke Stack, Ultimate Nachos, and Barbecue Baby Back Ribs, some of the many items you'll find on the the menu at Bailey's Pub & Grille.*

WHAT'S COOKING

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Dine Out Detroit

Over 100 metro Detroit restaurants from nearly 35 cities will participate in the fourth annual "Dine Out Detroit" benefit Friday, March 12. Local restaurants will donated 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS prevention project, Michigan's largest non-profit AIDS education organization. Event highlights include a benefit kick-off concert at Detroit's Second City featuring the Crash Test Dummies on Thursday, March 11. Tickets are $30 for Gold Circle seating and $25 for general admission, available at the Second City box office or any Ticketmaster outlet. For more information, or a complete list of participating restaurants, call (248) 545-1435. Participating restaurants in your neighborhood include Astoria Restaurant, Bread Basket Deli, and Fonte D'Amore in Livonia, and Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

OSCAR NIGHT AMERICA

Party Sunday, March 21 at The Second City and Risata Restaurant in Detroit's theater district. The gala fund-raiser is the only party in Michigan officially sanctioned by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Tickets are $125 per person, call (313) 833-0247.

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