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# Judges court city for space



**Overcrowding has plagued Westland's 18th District Court, located behind the Westland police station on Ford Road, and judges say the problem is worsening and could lead to violent incidents in the court building.**

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Westland district judges, fearing potential violence amid crowds that pack their cramped court building, are imploring city officials to consider a \$4.5 million expansion.

"I'm worried about the day that something might ignite that will cause

problems for all of us," Judge C. Charles Bokos told city leaders Monday.

Overcrowding has long plagued 18th District Court, tucked behind the Westland police station on Ford Road, and judges say the problem is worsening.

But judges face hesitant city officials who say court needs must be weighed alongside hopes for a new recreation center and a new administration build-

ing. In their plea for help, Bokos and Judge Gail McKnight told city officials during a Monday night study session that:

■ The court had 38,000 cases last year — more than double the number it was built to handle in 1980.

■ Its staff has doubled to 40 employees during the same 19-year period, and workers desperately need more space to do their jobs.

■ Offenders waiting for probation appointments are forced to sit in a hallway where scores of ticket-payers often line up to settle fines — creating a situation for possible disputes.

■ Defendants, victims and their families often face each other while waiting in crowded hallways, increasing the potential for violence.

■ With as many as 200 people packing the court hallway some days, security officers have little room to break up fights. "There isn't enough space to separate people in the hallway," McKnight said.

■ Jurors waiting to be questioned for possible jury duty have to be shifted between two courtrooms; they have no room of their own.

■ A bigger court would include bet-

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## Water boy



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**The floating world:** Wayne-Westland YMCA instructor Crystal Hamm of Belleville helps Brandon Asaro, 4, of Dearborn float. The class was for 3- to 5-year-olds called Rays/Starfish. It is an introduction to front crawl (freestyle) with arm stroke and rotary breathing. It also includes underwater swimming and deep-water safety. The class is to familiarize the child with water. Please see page A3.

# Construction to begin soon on new fire station

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South-end residents could see construction begin as early as May on a new Westland fire station in their neighborhood.

The new building is slated for the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene, in Carver subdivision. It will become the first Westland fire station

to be built in nearly 30 years.

Mayor Robert Thomas predicted the station will open late this year or in spring 2000.

The new station will provide faster responses to fires and medical emergencies in a south leg of the city that is geographically separate from the rest of Westland.

The 4,600-square-foot building is expected to cost about \$800,000, city

officials said.

Westland City Council members on Monday are expected to vote on a site plan and a special land use for the new station.

"We'll go out for bids soon after that, and we should be ready to break ground by May," Fire Chief Mark Neal said. "We're starting to get very excited."

Westland Planning Commission

members approved the fire station plans on March 2, setting the stage for a council vote Monday.

Two firefighters trained as paramedics will initially work out of the station with one mini-pumper.

"They'll have fire attack capabilities as well as advanced life support capabilities," Neal said.

Ultimately, city officials hope to

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# Man faces charges in cashing of fraudulent checks

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A Westland man is accused of check fraud amid allegations that he tried to bilk an oil company out of as much as \$18,000, police reports said.

A 23-year-old suspect could face 14 years in prison if convicted of cashing fraudulent checks at a Westland Com-

erica branch and trying to defraud Duplex Oil Co. of Wayne.

The defendant has been charged following incidents cited in Westland police reports.

A Duplex manager was notified by Comerica that a company account was overdrawn and that a \$10,000 check had been written on March 1, one report said.

The company official told bank authorities that he didn't authorize the check and that three other checks also were missing.

A man who brought in the \$10,000 check took \$2,000 in cash, placed \$3,000 in a savings account and put \$5,000 in a certificate, bank employees told police.

Two days later, the man is accused of

withdrawing \$3,000 from the savings account, a police report said.

On March 4 — three days after the first incident — the suspect is accused of returning to Comerica with an \$8,000 check drawn on the same oil company, police said.

The man went to a drive-up window

Please see **CHECKS, A5**

# Switch to Lowell gets unofficial approval

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Livonia Public Schools' plan to close Johnson Elementary in 2000 and move students and staff to the bigger Lowell school is sailing in smooth waters, with little controversy and few anticipated problems.

The Livonia Board of Education gave the unofficial go-ahead to school administrators Monday to begin planning for both the switch to Lowell and a planned \$800,000 classroom addition to Garfield Elementary. The trustees are expected to approve the move in

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June and build the costs of the move into the 1999-2000 budget.

But a sister issue that brings major changes to the elementary school day may face stiff headwinds from the teachers' union, the Livonia Education Association, and may figure heavily into contract negotiations slated to begin this week between the district and the LEA. The current contract expires in August 1999.

Twice this week LEA president Karen Zyczynski has hinted at the looming conflict, first in a letter to the Livonia Observer and then in a public hearing held Monday to air the Johnson-Lowell switch and the changes in the elementary school day. (See accompanying story.)

In her letter Zyczynski warned, "Changes recommended in this restructuring plan are issues that affect contract negotiations."

The \$2 million price tag on the changes means the district will temporarily set aside its quest to reduce

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# Board gives Baracy high marks

BY BETH SUNDRA JACHMAN  
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Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy passed his job review with flying colors at Monday's board meeting.

His annual evaluation was approved on a 7-0 vote with board member Teresa Robbins voting yes with reservations. No pay raise was immediately tied to the evaluation.

Baracy was evaluated in eight areas including: professional leadership and personal qualities, curriculum and instruction, community relations, business and finance, employee relations, board relations, intergovernmental relations and student relations.

"In each of these categories I couldn't possibly give a higher grade than was given to Dr. Baracy," school board President David Cox said.

Robbins, however, said while she feels Baracy has done a good job, "I always feel there's room for improvement so I'm voting yes with reservations."



Greg Baracy

Other board members gave Baracy an unequivocal thumbs up.

"I could not be more proud of what he's accomplished in the last three or four years ... than if he was my own son," board member Mathew McCusker said.

"He's brought in a team of administrators second to none," he said.

"I have worked with Greg. I have found him extremely dedicated to kids and the community," board member Martha Pitzenbarger said.

Despite "a laundry list of initiatives," not once did Baracy wince, but he moved forward, Cox said.

According to a summary of his review:

■ In professional leadership, "Baracy has exhibited the energy level, leadership and vision for the school district that has provided a positive and motivating atmosphere that focuses on teaching and learning."

■ In curriculum and instruction, Baracy started the district's early intervention reading program, "Camp Read Alot" and will expand it this year. The district is also piloting a new hands-on elementary science curriculum this year.

■ In community relations, Baracy participates and serves on many civic organizations and makes himself available to the community through many speaking engagements.

■ In finance, "appropriate

cost containment and budget monitoring have been a priority while keeping in mind that student programs and educational quality will remain at the forefront."

■ "His employee relationships in the district are excellent."

■ "He communicates with the board on a regular basis and treats each board member equally."

■ "He continues to foster one of the best relationships with the local municipalities that this district has had in years."

■ "He is visible at school functions after school and visits buildings and classrooms on a regular basis."

Baracy acknowledged the praise while saying the district has many challenges ahead.

"I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your kind words," he said. He also praised his cabinet and administration, saying "everybody has a common mission."

"We will continue to focus on our children," he said.

## Court from page A1

ter security devices. Now, the court rarely uses a moveable metal detector.

### Call for help

Bokos and McKnight implored city officials to consider approving a \$4.5 million expansion that would give the court 28,000 square feet of space - double what it now has.

"We're in desperate need of some space," Bokos said. "It is ridiculous over there," Councilman Richard LeBlanc conceded.

An expansion would cost much less than a new court, which Bokos said could have a price tag as high as \$11.2 million.

Judges favor expanding the front of the court building and adding a second story, which could eventually include a third

courtroom.

Even though Westland only has two judges, Bokos said he believes that the state will eventually consolidate some district courts.

"The likely merger is Wayne and Westland," he said.

Bokos said he and McKnight already have a greater workload than some district courts with as many as three judges.

The judges proposed helping to pay for an expansion with surplus court revenues that get turned over to the city - \$1.2 million during the last three years, alone.

Bokos also said alternate plans such as private financing could be considered.

Either way, he said, "We're at that point where we've got to make a decision."

Bokos said the court can only raise so much money to help make a new building feasible.

"We can't be charging people \$500 for a parking ticket," he said.

A new or expanded court has been discussed for at least four years, but the proposal seemed to lose momentum as city officials turned their attention to a new recreation center and administration building.

### Mayor's response

Mayor Robert Thomas said Monday that new city buildings are "first and foremost" on his list of priorities - ahead of a court project.

However, some council members indicated that they want to consider all building needs so they can develop a comprehensive plan that addresses all issues.

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"I think we'd be making a big mistake by doing this piecemeal," Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

But, McKnight said, "We've got to get to that overall plan."

Councilwoman Justine Barnes said she favors a new court building along with a new administration complex and a new recreation center.

"We haven't put enough money into our buildings to maintain them well," she said. "They're all going sour."

Judges pleaded with city officials to seek solutions as soon as possible to the court's problems.

"The more we wait," Bokos said, "the more it's going to cost us to do something down the road."

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Mail To: SEALED BID: ASBESTOS  
Attn: Barb Evanson  
Wayne-Westland Community School District  
Dyer Administration Center  
36745 Marquette  
Westland, Michigan 48185

All Request for Quotation Packets must be received by the Wayne-Westland Community School District no later than:

Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time on Tuesday, March 30, 1999

At: Wayne-Westland Community School District  
Dyer Administration Center  
36745 Marquette  
Westland, Michigan 48185

Format: All official hard copy Request for Quotation Packets must be received prior to the date and time specified in order to be accepted.

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Time: 2:00 p.m. Local Time on Tuesday, March 30, 1999

At: Wayne-Westland Community School District  
Dyer Administration Center  
36745 Marquette  
Westland, Michigan 48185

Format: Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Complete Bid Tabulations will be faxed to all plan holders by Wednesday, April 1, 1999. The Owner and Owner's Representatives request that no Bidders call for bid results prior to Wednesday, April 1, 1999.

The Wayne-Westland Community School District intends to award all projects at:

Event: First Board of Education Meeting following Bid Opening  
At: Wayne-Westland Community School District  
Dyer Administration Center  
36745 Marquette  
Westland, Michigan 48185

A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Examination will be held to review and answer questions regarding the projects:

Time: 1:00 p.m. Local Time on Wednesday, March 17, 1999

At: Buildings & Grounds Facility  
33416 Myrtle  
Wayne, Michigan 48184

Meet at: Conference Room

Note: All project locations will be reviewed during the Pre-Bid Examination. The initial meeting is the only mandatory activity. All Bidders will be required to sign-in during the initial meeting.

Directions: I-275 South to Michigan Avenue. Take Ford Road east approximately 4 miles to Howe Road. Take Howe Road south to Myrtle. Take Myrtle east to Buildings & Grounds Facility.

Schedule: The format of the Pre-Bid Examination will be an initial presentation on the bidding process and the scope of work at each building. An overview of the scope of work for each building will be presented and the general project requirements and project dates will be reviewed. A 30-minute scheduled visit will be made to each building. A representative of J. Scott Environmental, Inc. will be at the building for the duration listed below. An informal tour will be made at each building to provide information to any interested Bidders. The facility tours are not required and are for informational purposes only:

Time	Activity
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Review of specification, overview of all projects
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Adams Middle School
3:40 p.m.-4:10 p.m.	Lincoln Elementary School
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5:40 p.m.-6:20 p.m.	Schueitler Elementary School
6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Hoover Elementary School

### Questions Regarding Project Specifications:

All questions regarding the Project Specifications should be addressed to:

Mr. Jeff Heydanek, J. Scott Environmental, Inc.  
Office: (734) 451-0760  
Nextel: (734) 231-5212  
Mr. Scott Staber, J. Scott Environmental, Inc.  
Office: (734) 491-0760  
Nextel: (734) 231-5213

All official changes and interpretations to the Project Specifications will be made via addenda only. Bidders are encouraged to fax all questions regarding the specifications, bidding procedures, etc. to J. Scott Environmental, Inc. (734-451-1565).

### Building/Site Visits:

Bidders wishing to make additional building visits should contact the Wayne-Westland Community School District's representative prior to the intended visit to make arrangements:

Mr. Tony Spisak, Field Supervisor, Division of  
Buildings & Grounds  
Office: (734) 595-2174

All Bidders must check in with the building office as soon as they reach the building. Unless noted or allowed by the Wayne-Westland Community School District, building/site visits will only be permitted after school hours.

### Project Specification Documents:

Project Specification Documents will be available at the Pre-Bid Examination on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Project Specification Documents can also be picked up by visiting J. Scott Environmental, Inc.'s office at 496 West Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 102, Plymouth, Michigan, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, March 17, 1999. Project Specification Documents have not been provided by J. Scott Environmental, Inc. to any advertising agencies, such as Dodge Daily Reports, Daily Construction Reports and Construction Association of Michigan. Specifications will not be mailed to Bidders.

There is a non-refundable \$25.00 charge for the Project Specification Documents. All checks should be made payable to "J. Scott Environmental, Inc." Bidders desiring more than one (1) set of documents may obtain additional sets for the amount noted above up to a maximum of three (3) sets.

### Bonding Requirements:

The Wayne-Westland Community School District requires that all bidders submit a Bid Bond in accordance with the requirements summarized below and that all selected Contractors submit Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds in accordance with the requirements summarized below:

**Bid Bond**  
Amount: 5%  
Requirements: The Bidder shall submit the required Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, a Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The Bid Security shall be submitted with the understanding that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will enter into a formal contract with the Owner and that the required Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds (as listed below and fully detailed in the General Conditions section) will be provided by the Contractor. The Bid Security obliges the Wayne-Westland Community School District. Bidders shall agree not to withdraw proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid due date.

### Performance Bond & Labor and Material Payment Bonds

Amount: 100%  
Requirements: The accepted Contractor will be required to furnish, in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond by a Treasury approved surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan.

### Additional Information for Bidders:

All applicable insurance policies (including asbestos specific) will be required for each accepted Bidder. Bidders must submit copies of the Contractor's current State of Michigan Asbestos Abatement License. This project is not tax exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. All materials and supplies incorporated and used in construction and becoming a permanent part of this project will not be exempt from State Sales Tax and/or Use Tax. Prevailing wages are required for this project.

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**Jumping in:** Jessica Bojanini, 5, of Westland had no fear going off the block and not holding her nose at the Wayne-Westland YMCA Rays/Starfish class for 3- to 5-year-olds. At right, Instructor Crystal Hamm of Belleville helps Dana Howell, 5, of Westland swim in the YMCA's Rays/Starfish class.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Getting along swimmingly:** Jamie Sager, 4, of Dearborn Heights, Dana Howell, 5, of Westland and Jessica Bojanini, 5, of Westland hold to the side of the YMCA pool.



## YMCA program helps put kids in the swim

The Rays and Starfish swimming program at the Wayne-Westland YMCA is part of the Skippers aquatic program.

The Rays and Starfish are part of the preschool program for kids ages 3- to 5 years old. The program also offers swimming skills for children 6 months to 3 years.

Kids learn swimming skills, personal

safety and positive attitudes. Some skills include introduction to the front crawl with an over arm stroke and rotary breathing, back crawl, backstroke, underwater swimming and deep water safety. Kids also learn increased endurance in kicking, paddle stroke and finning back. The classes are part of the winter preschool swim schedule.

## Westland Police to clamp down on unsafe driving practices

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Extra Westland police officers will be assigned to patrol local roads next week to watch for motorists who are drunk, speeding or ignoring seat belt laws.

The clampdown will start Sunday evening and end early Friday morning. Westland and 10 other law enforcement agencies in Wayne County will join the initiative, called "Drive Michigan Safely."

Police are warning St. Patrick's Day revelers not to drive if they guzzle too much beer — green or otherwise — during Wednesday's Irish celebration. Extra Westland officers will be placed on roads from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. during the five-day offensive, paying particular attention to motorists on Merriman, Ford, Wayne and Newburgh roads and Michigan Avenue, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

"We want to encompass the hours later at night when people go out drinking at bars," he said. "We also want to wait until rush hour is over so that we can concentrate on the people who have

more roadway to speed down." — Officers will strictly enforce alcohol and speeding laws, and drivers who get caught also will be ticketed if they're not wearing their seat belts, Brokas said.

"We'll be pulling over more cars, and the person had better have their seat belt on," he said. "Above all, they had better have their children belted. That's what we're really concentrating on is saving the kids."

A state highway safety grant, channeled through Wayne County, will help local departments pay to place extra officers on duty during the targeted hours.

Westland police will be joined in "Drive Michigan Safely" by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police and local departments in Livonia, Redford Township, Detroit, Romulus, Dearborn, Flat Rock, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

"All of those departments will have extra personnel out looking specifically for alcohol-related offenses, but they will also be enforcing speeding and seat belt laws," Brokas said. "We don't want to divulge how many extra

officers will be out there," he said. "We just want to say that there will be extra officers out there on patrol, and Westland will be putting in quite a few."

With St. Patrick's Day approaching, one local bar, Steff's Lounge on Newburgh Road south of Joy, has agreed Wednesday to try to help curb drunken driving, Brokas said.

Patrons who come to Steff's in groups will have an opportunity to choose a designated driver among themselves during a random drawing of "Blarney stones."

In a party of five, for example, all five people would draw stones. Four people would find themselves with stones painted green, while the fifth would draw a stone with no paint, becoming the designated driver.

"The designated driver will get free munchies and pop," Brokas said.

Next week's "Drive Michigan Safely" program will launch the first of several similar initiatives slated for 1999 — most of them timed to coincide with special occasions when heavy drinking is likely to occur, Brokas said.

## Local man killed in UP accident

A Westland man was killed early Sunday in a two-vehicle accident in the Upper Peninsula, police said.

Mark Herwig, 25, died along with Steven Moe, 25, of Romulus after the pickup truck they were riding in hit a semitruck head-on

in the U.S. 2/Point Aux Chenes area, police said.

The accident occurred about 3:55 a.m. Sunday when an east-bound pickup truck passing another vehicle was struck head-on by a westbound semitruck, a Michigan State Police press

release said.

The driver of the semitruck was treated and released from a hospital.

U.S. 2 was closed from 4 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Sunday as authorities cleaned debris and fuel from the road.

### OBITUARIES

**NORMA J. HALL**  
Funeral services for Norma Hall, 72, of Wayne were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland.

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

Surviving are her sons, Richard (Betty) Hall of Dearborn Heights, Roger (Sherry) Hall of Atlanta, Ga., David (Erica) Hall of Nashville, Tenn., Jerry (Chris

tine) Hall of New Boston, Wesley (Janet) Hall of Canton and Kenneth Hall of Anchorage, Alaska, daughters, Gloria Lucas of Wayne, Myra Brady of Hillsdale, Linda Austin of Ypsilanti, Susie (Rick) Wallace of Waterloo and Sandy Hall of Westland.

**JAMES R. REID**

Funeral services for James Reid, 56, of Westland were March 8 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with

burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was Jim Vallance.

Mr. Reid, who died March 1 in Garden City, was born March 19, 1942, in Fraserburgh, Scotland. He was a proposal engineer.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy, son, David (Kelly), daughter, Sandi (Robert) Thomas, mother, Lydia Reid, brother, Joseph Reid, sister, Lynn St. Onge, and three grandchildren.

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elementary class size.

But reducing class size, Zyczynski cautioned, is not an issue that the district should abandon. It's an issue, she said, the LEA will pursue during negotiations.

At Monday's public hearing, Zyczynski said Livonia's teachers had no input into the final recommendations made by the elementary restructured day committee.

"Teachers were involved in the initial stage, but not in the final recommendations," she said.

Committee members making recommendations are Lorna Durand, Webster principal; Andrea Oquist, Johnson principal; Ernest Terry, Nankin Mills

**In picking the Johnson-to-Lowell move, the district is putting "on the back burner" the second option: moving grade six to middle school.**

principal; Ron Van Horn, Marshall principal; Terry Davidson, assistant director of instruction; Fred Price, assistant director of instruction; and Paul Derwich, chairman.

Zyczynski cited the following as some of the recommended changes not yet discussed by Livonia's teachers:

■ Increasing physical education class time to 90 minutes a week for grades 1-6 and 60 minutes a week for kindergartners.

■ Eliminating non-noon hour recesses. "Teachers might not like recess duty, but they know kids need to get out and let off steam," Zyczynski said.

■ Hiring teachers in grades five and six who have endorsements, minors or majors, in math and science.

The recommendations, if approved by the trustees, will be included in the 1999-2000 budget. This means the recommended changes could be adopted before a contract is reached with the teachers.

"We're going into collective

bargaining, but we can't hold up the process until the process ends," said Superintendent Ken Watson.

The move to Lowell is one of two options the district considered to ease overcrowding in the southwest part of the city. In picking the Johnson-to-Lowell move, the district is putting "on the back burner" the second option, moving grade six to middle school, Watson said.

Trustee Ken Timmons initially backed the second option, but said he would support the move to Lowell as long as a grades 6-8 middle school configuration was simply put "on the back burner" and not abandoned outright. The grades 6-8 middle school configuration

carries a hefty price-tag, about \$4.4 million.

However, he did question sinking \$800,000 into building four classrooms onto Garfield when, for a far less amount of money, the district could hire an assistant principal at Lowell to help handle the larger number of students.

However, Watson said the district does not want an elementary school with over 600 students. The number of students could easily exceed that, he said, if some of the new students are not absorbed at Garfield.

"That's the reason for the Garfield addition," Watson said. "We will not dump another 70 kids into Johnson (Lowell) and

have it go over 600 in four years. That would be significantly larger than we want, or we are used to. The Johnson area is the fastest growing area in the city."

At the public hearing, two Johnson teachers, Maureen Moag and John Letka, backed the Johnson-to-Lowell switch.

"It's important we get to stay together," Moag said.

Bonnie Staples, Johnson PTA president, said parents backed the move but needed answers to questions about such issues as bus transportation, playground equipment and sidewalks.

Meetings will be held in the next few months to answer the parents' questions and map out details of the move, Watson said.

### CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-7

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-1 district classification where R-5 district classifications now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan described as:

PART OF LOT 11 AND PART OF THE ADJOINING VACATED ALLEYS OF "B.D. WRIGHT'S SUBDIVISION" OF PART OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 28, T2 S., R9 E., NANKIN TWP. (NOW CITY OF WESTLAND), WAYNE CO., MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 45 OF PLATS ON PAGE 52, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A VACATED ALLEY, 20.00 FEET WIDE, DISTANT NORTH 89° 51' 00" EAST 112.45 FEET AND NORTH 00° 30' 10" EAST 7.94 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 10 AND PROCEEDING THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A VACATED ALLEY, 20.00 FEET WIDE, NORTH 22° 41' 00" WEST 135.39 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A VACATED ALLEY, 16.00 FEET WIDE NORTH 89° 51' 00" EAST 53.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00° 30' 10" WEST 125.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

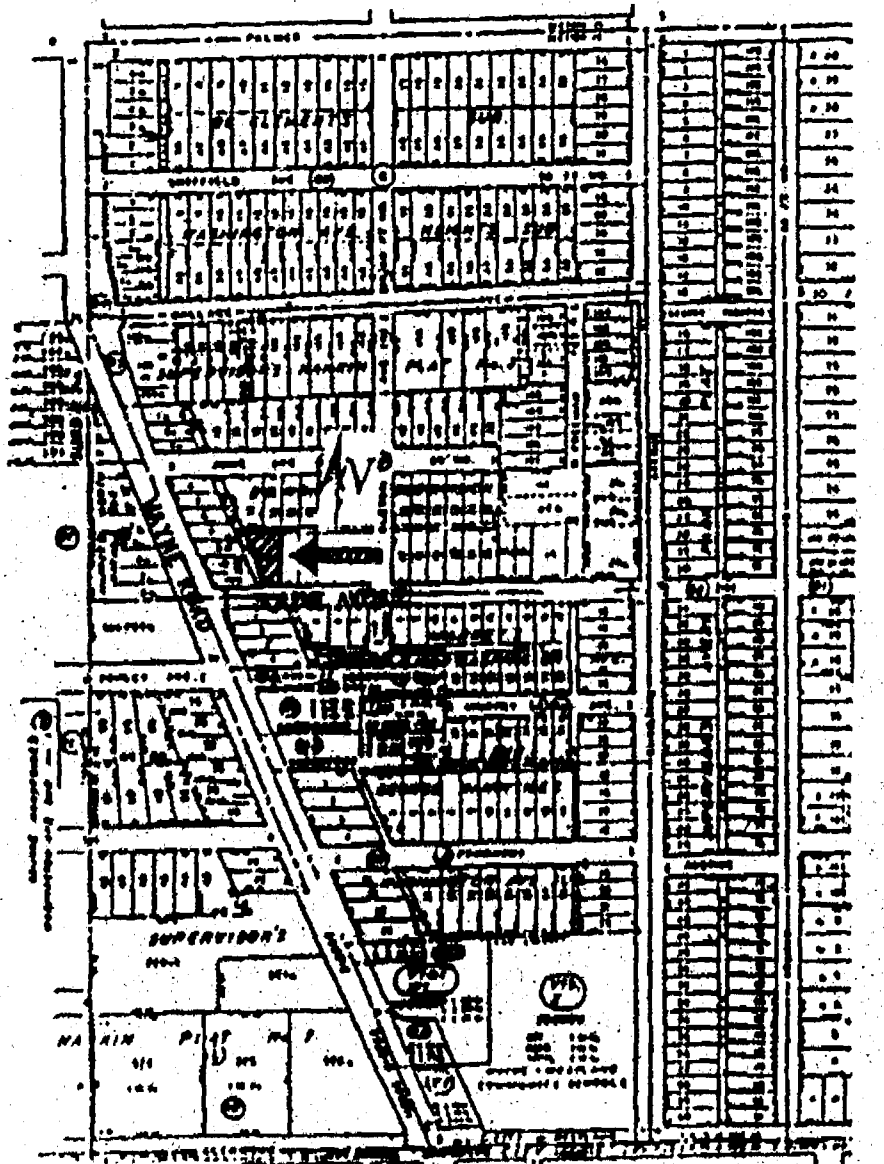
Section 4. Repeal. All other ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

ON MOTION OF Barnes, SUPPORTED BY Griffin, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Anderson	X		
Barnes	X		
Cicirelli	X		
Griffin	X		
LeBlanc	X		
Pickering	X		
Scott	X		



PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: March 1, 1999  
Effective: March 11, 1999

Published: March 11, 1999

## Schools tune in to elementary music

Livonia Public Schools can't wait until its new budget gets adopted in June to start hiring the teachers it needs for the 1999-2000 school year.

With that thought in mind, school administrators sought - and got - from the Livonia Board of Education Monday the unofficial go-ahead to start doing the things needed to bring back elementary instrumental music and increase the amount of time students spend in gym class.

"We need to hire 11 new teachers and work with staff on a change in assignments," said Superintendent Ken Watson.

"There's not a large number of music teachers available."

For the 1999-2000 school year, the district wants to hire four music teachers and seven more physical education teachers.

In June, school trustees are expected to approve an elementary restructuring plan that over the next two years will cost nearly \$2 million.

For the 2000-01 school year, the plan includes hiring 14 foreign language teachers as well as two more instrumental music teachers.

The plan also meets the state's mandate of increasing the num-

ber of yearly instructional hours from 1,047 to 1,098 by the 2000-2001 school year.

The plan includes implementing the following over a two-year period:

■ Lengthen the school day to meet state requirements, while keeping a balanced day before and after a 50-minute lunch.

■ Increase physical education instruction to 90 minutes per week for grades 1-6.

■ Add foreign language instruction in grades 1-6 during the 2000-2001 school year.

■ Eliminate non-noon hour recess time.

■ Use 30 and 45 minute blocks for such special classes as art, music, physical education, library materials center and teacher planning.

■ In grades five and six, only teachers with math/science major or minor endorsements will teach those two subjects.

■ Restructure vocal music as general music in grades K-4.

■ Add an instrumental music class in grade five that meets twice a week for 30 minutes.

■ Add an elective instrumental music or foreign language class in grade 6.

## Livonia trustee votes not to seek new term

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
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After eight years as a school board trustee, James Watters has decided not to seek a third term on the Livonia Board of Education.

Watters, vice president and regional sales manager for First Federal of Michigan, plans to announce his retirement from the board at Monday's school board meeting.

"I want to give people enough time to decide whether to run," said Watters, who joined the

board in 1991.

Watters' decision not to run again means that the board will have at least one new trustee sitting on it come July 1.

Two four-year terms are up for grabs in Livonia Public Schools. Trustee Frank Kokenakes has not yet announced whether he will seek re-election.

School board candidates must file nominating petitions containing at least 26 valid signatures by 4 p.m. April 12.

### LIVONIA SCHOOLS

As trustee, Watters has watched daughters Erica and Stephanie both graduate from Stevenson High School and move on to college.

His decision comes at a time when the banking industry is experiencing a deluge of mortgage financings - Watters' forte - because of the booming housing industry.

"My job is taking more and more of my time, with my pager even going off at night," said the

Woodside Street resident.

Watters holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the Detroit Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the Institute of Financial Education and the School of Mortgage Banking at Northwestern University.

He came on the Livonia board in 1991 after 16-year board veteran Carol Strom decided not to seek re-election.

Watters' first involvement with the school district came when he served as a member of the long-range strategic planning commission.

"I really enjoyed working with the administration here; they're engaging, challenging and well-informed," Watters said.

Watters mentioned his own experience as a busy banker with a lot of work but no extra manpower Monday during the trustees' discussion of ways to solve the "space crunch" in southwest Livonia.

If all these extra students are being enrolled, Watters reasoned, why not take the extra step and give these principals some extra staff help?

"Principals are working 12-hour days," Watters said. "They're getting all this extra work, but not having any input whatsoever. There's a limit to how much someone can do. Can we give extra support to these people?"

Watters has been active in the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Livonia Goodfellows, Friends of the Library and Livonia Commission on Children and Youth.

He is married to wife, Marci.

### MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Benjamin P. Kindle has arrived for duty at Camp Humphreys, Pyongtaek-Gun, South Korea.

Kindle, a chemical equipment repairer, is assigned to the 520th Maintenance Company.

He is the brother of Kimberly McArthur of Westland.

In 1998, he graduated from Mount Clemens High School.

Army Cadet Barry C. Lingelbach II was placed on the dean's list at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. To qualify for the honor, he was required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average. He plans to graduate in 1999 with a bachelor's degree and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

His major is systems engineering.

Lingelbach is the son of Richard D. Frank of Livonia and Susan K. Lingelbach of Westland. He is a 1994 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, Redford.

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# Reflections

## Livonia PTA honors talented students at program

The handiwork of many talented Livonia students was put on display recently at Churchill High when the Livonia PTA Council held its 20th annual Reflections Awards program.

Awards were given to students in Livonia Public Schools in four categories: literature, music, photography and visual arts.

In 1969, PTAs across the country launched the Reflections contest to promote an interest in the arts outside the classroom setting.

Winners in grades K-2 literature competition are: first place, Hayley Drozdowski, first grade, Buchanan; second place, Brooke Knoche, second grade, Tyler; third place, Kevin Bussa, Kindergarten, Cass; and honorable mention, Elizabeth Curtis, first grade, Kennedy.

Winners in grades 3-5 literature competition are: first place, Alex Wozniak, fourth grade, Taylor; second place, Leah Miller, third grade, Webster; third place, Jessica Pritchard, fifth

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grade, Kennedy; and honorable mention, Emily Turbiak, fourth grade, Grant.

Winners in grades 6-8 literature competition are: first place, Alyse Meier, eighth grade, Riley; second place, Caitlin Bumford, eighth grade, Holmes; third place, Kelly Harris, eighth grade, Holmes; and honorable mention, Elizabeth Sturdy, sixth grade, Randolph.

Winners in grades 9-12 literature competition are: first place, Heather Hamel, 12th grade, Stevenson; second place, Nicholas McLaughlin, 12th grade, Franklin; third place, Lindsay Noechel, 12th grade,

Churchill; and honorable mention, Matthew Clearman, 10th grade, Franklin.

Winners in grades K-2 music competition are: first place, Nico Canzano, second grade, Cass; second place, Brooke Knoche, second grade, Tyler; third place, Blake Morgan, second grade, Coolidge; and honorable mention, Mary Bender, second grade, Taylor.

Winners in grades 3-5 music competition are: first place, Tiffany Pao, fourth grade, Webster; second place, Jennifer Morgan, fifth grade, Marshall; third place, Meaghan Linick, fifth grade, Taylor; and honorable

mention, Heather Huber, fourth grade, Hoover.

Winners in grades 6-8 music competition are: first place, Kelly Radford, eighth grade, Frost; second place, Brien Baumgartner, seventh grade, Holmes; third place, Michelle Nickerson, sixth grade, Taylor; and honorable mention, Michael Bilger, eighth grade, Holmes.

Winner in grade 9-12 music competition is: first place, Katie Russom, 11th grade, Stevenson.

Winners in grades K-2 photography competition are: first place, Jillian Smith, kindergarten, Nankin Mills; second place, Rachel Bhagwat, second grade, Webster; third place, Zachary Headapohl, second grade, Cass; and honorable mention, Eric McCormick, second grade, Tyler.

Winners in grades 3-5 photography competition are: first place, Jeffrey Douglass Jr., fifth grade, Hayes; second place, Joseph Abela, third grade, Nankin Mills; third place, Katie

Rogala, fourth grade, Kennedy; and honorable mention, Neri Avanesian, fourth grade, Webster.

Winners in grades 6-8 photography competition are: first place, Tessa Tarole, eighth grade, Holmes; second place, Jonathon Tap, sixth grade, Hull; third place, Michele McClintock, eighth grade, Holmes; and honorable mention, Julie Glowski, sixth grade, Hull.

Winners in grades 9-12 photography competition are: first place, Charles Benninger, 12th grade, Stevenson; second place, Andrea Parker, 11th grade, Stevenson; third place, Lori Van Denabeele, 11th grade, Stevenson; and honorable mention, Heather Rousseau, 12th grade, Stevenson.

Winners in grades K-2 visual arts competition are: first place, Michael Nickerson, second grade, Taylor; second place, Joshua Strautz, second grade, Hoover; third place, Eric Stromberg, kindergarten, Mar-

shall; and honorable mention, Joelle Williamson, second grade, Marshall.

Winners in grades 3-5 visual arts competition are: first place, Monica Piekarski, fourth grade, Taylor; second place, Brett Wheat, fifth grade, Randolph; third place, Gabrielle Schneider, fourth grade, Taylor; and honorable mention, Vicki Gutowski, third grade, Tyler.

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## Checks

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but was asked to go inside to conduct business with a teller — at which time bank employees notified Westland police.

Police officers later arrested the man.

The oil company manager told police that the suspect had worked for the company for 15 days and that he was not given any authority to cash checks.

However, the man told police that he had been given the checks and that he may have been "duped" by the manager.

The man told police he had been told to cash checks and take some of the money back to the company official.

The man raised questions about whether the company official may have been trying to use him to steal money from the company, but a police investigation has resulted in charges against only one suspect.

In court this week, the suspect was arraigned and a not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

He was jailed in lieu of a \$10,000 cash bond as he awaits a March 18 preliminary hearing, which will determine whether he should stand trial.

## Station

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place three or four paramedics, a fire truck and a medical rescue vehicle at the station.

A community police officer also will be placed at the station part-time.

The mayor said a new south-side fire station became increasingly crucial after the city initiated life-saving paramedic services in 1997.

The south end is not only geographically separate from most

**■ South-end residents have voiced enthusiastic support for the fire station.**

of Westland; it also is sometimes blocked off from city firefighters when a train is rumbling along railroad tracks near Michigan Avenue, Thomas said.

"That area of the city has always been the farthest distance, and it has some of the most difficult areas to get to sometimes because of the railroad tracks," the mayor said.

Westland has, at times, been forced to seek help from Inkster and Romulus for south-end emergencies, Thomas said.

The city is paying for the new station with federal Community Development Block Grant dollars, he said. The city already owned the land.

"I think this will be a nice addition for the city," Thomas said. "ALS (advanced life support) really does make a difference."

South-end residents have voiced enthusiastic support for the fire station.

City officials have said the station could play a role in the revitalization of Carver subdivision, where new housing already has started to emerge for the first time in more than two decades.

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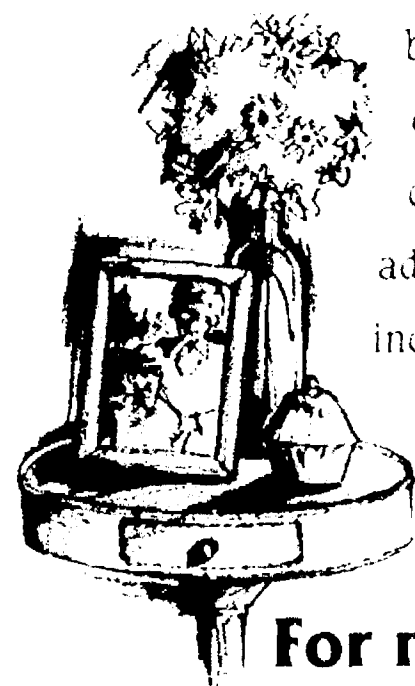
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## LEGAL NEWS CAPSULE

## Different addresses

A person may register to vote at an address different from the one on his or her driver's license, Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has ruled.

Granholm said local clerks aren't prohibited from "accepting voter registration applications reciting addresses different from those listed on the applicant's driver's license."

The opinion on Michigan's Election Law was requested by state Reps. Liz Brater, D-Ann Arbor, and Laura Baird, D-Oakman.

Source: AGO 7010 of March 1, 1999.

## No protection

State Police troopers and sergeants aren't protected by the state Whistle-Blowers' Protection Act, Granholm said in an opinion requested by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

The 1981 protects employees "who report a violation or suspected violation of state, local, or federal law. Under specified circumstances, the act prohibits and employer from disciplining an employee who reports violations of the law," Granholm said.

But the definition of employee excludes "state classified civil service," Granholm said. The Michigan Constitution was amended in 1978 to give troopers and sergeants collective bargaining rights but didn't exempt them from civil service coverage.

"As members of the state clas-

sified civil service, state police troopers and sergeants are excepted from the act's definition of 'employee' and are thus not subject to the provisions of the act," she concluded.

Source: AGO 7007 of Feb. 22, 1999.

## Vacation time

A state court judge should take 20 days of vacation per year with the approval of the chief judge, the Michigan Supreme Court said.

The high court also said it expects judges "to take educational leave of two weeks every three years to participate in state or national judicial training programs."

And it encourages judges to "participate in professional

meetings and conferences" to advance public understanding of the judicial system. The high court rule applies to all judges at all levels.

Commented Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver: "The vast majority of judges in this state already operate within these standards. The few who do not — both those who do not allow themselves sufficient vacation time to 'recharge their batteries' from the difficult work of being a judge, and those who take too much time off — will benefit by the articulation of these standards."

Source: Supreme Court order of Feb. 23, 1999.

## City must pay

The city of East Tawas will

have to pay Frederick and Linda Manning attorney's costs for the council's violation of the Open Meetings Act and the clerk's violation of the Freedom of Information Act, a state Court of Appeals panel has ruled. The case sets a precedent for the rest of the state.

The Mannings sued when the council rejected their site plan for a recreational vehicle park. The council went into closed session but failed to state a reason, as required by sec. 8 of the Open Meetings Act. The clerk refused to release the minutes of the closed meeting under the public records act.

The appeals panel said Iosco Circuit Judge J. Richard Ernst was correct in opening up just part of the minutes because the council's deliberations covered

both exempt and nonexempt topics.

The Mannings argued that the council 1) failed to state a purpose for closing the meeting and 2) failed to take a vote. But the appeals court said, "However, the city council duly re-enacted and recorded the decision," and said the council thereby validated its action.

"Further, deficiencies in the keeping of minutes of meetings are not in any event grounds for invalidating the actions taken."

Judges Peter O'Connell, Joel Hoekstra and Martin Doctoroff sent the case back to the trial judge to calculate attorneys' fees and costs for the Mannings.

Source: Manning vs. East Tawas, CA No. 202142, Feb. 26, 1999.

## SC founder from page A6

from Bradner's major and doctorate in history. "He believed a good college library is of prime importance to the success of a college."

Butler said Bradner wanted him to aim for a goal of 20,000 volumes, since studies had indicated that a community college should have that many volumes. When Butler visited other community colleges, library officials there were "amazed" to hear Schoolcraft was collecting books at such an early stage in the college's development.

"We stored the books in boxes in the basement of the old Newburgh School. When the college opened in the fall of 1964, we had 16,000 volumes fully catalogued and ready to go on the shelves."

Bradner served as president until his retirement in 1971. That year, Schoolcraft trustees decided to honor Bradner by naming the library after him. Today, that library houses 70,000 government publications, 67,500 volumes, 700 magazines and 12 computer terminals with

Internet access for students.

After retirement, Bradner relocated to Arizona, and later to Traverse City. His wife, Florence, died in 1995 at age 95. He is survived by a son, James Bradner of Howell, and daughter, Susan Woodburne of Traverse City, four grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

The family plans a memorial service in early June. The family requests any donations be made to Schoolcraft College Scholarship funds.

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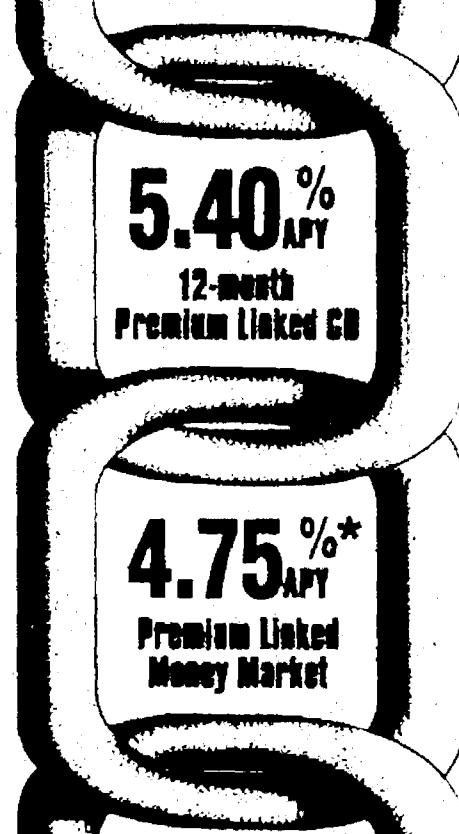
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## Touches lives from page A7

The cost of surgery to correct a cleft lip is between \$2,000 to \$3,000 in Mexico and many of the people who seek help don't earn that much in one year.

### Developing bonds

The volunteers often see some of the same people who need numerous surgeries year after year.

"It's like seeing family again and you really develop a bond with these people," said Glovak, adding that the group tries to make arrangements for treatment in the United States for the extremely severe cases that can't be handled during the weeklong trip.

The team of medical experts has become more than just a group of people with kind hearts. They've learned to meet each other's needs, too. Even though Glovak's illness makes her weak and tired, the others insist that she continue to make the trip with promises that they will pick up the slack when she can't finish her job.

Busuito launched his charitable work years ago when he

accompanied other physicians who donated their time to help children in the United States.

Twelve years ago, he started taking his talents overseas.

"It's just the type of work that gets in your blood and keeps you wanting to go back," Busuito said. "I think that one feels a great sense of satisfaction after doing something like this. Essentially, we all donate our time and most of us donate a lot of money in order to do this."

### Heartfelt stories

He also tells stories about children who have a special place in his heart and memory: an 8-year-old girl in the Philippines whom he helped 18 months ago. Her home had no electricity and she was burned by the kerosene lamp that provided her family with light. The scars were so severe that her thighs healed together and her mother was preparing her to enter a convent because she assumed her daughter would never be able to have children.

"We were able to reconstruct her and get her legs apart and

when I came out and told her mother that she would be able to walk normally and bear children in the future, her mother broke down and started crying," Busuito said. "It's stories like that and experiences like that really drive you to go back and do it again and that's just one example."

He tells another story about a 6-year-old Mexican girl who had a very large cleft palate. She whimpered constantly after the surgery and while she was recovering, a nurse asked her mother to bring one of her baby dolls to hold. The mother cried and said the girl never had a doll. That night, the nurse sent her husband out to buy a doll for the little girl.

Almost all children in the United States, regardless of socioeconomic status, who are born with a cleft lip or cleft palate have their lips fixed before they are 3 months old and they have their palate fixed by the time they're 1 year old.

"When I was in the Philippines in one day I operated on three

people all in their 60s who walked around their entire lives with these severe deformities and never had been fixed," Busuito said. "It really gives you a sense of how lucky we have it here in this country."

Other medical volunteers going to Camargo include Dr. John Lange, a dentist from Grand Rapids; Peter Lapine and Dr. Kate Runyan from Michigan State University audiology and speech pathology department; and Sterling Heights resident Joanna Hegedus, a nurse manager at Hutzel Health Center, Warren; and Martie McGrail, of Grand Rapids, who works as manager of the pediatric clinic at Devos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

### All jobs

Tasks and jobs vary. If the garbage needs emptying, it gets emptied by whomever is available.

The volunteers take one week, dipping into their work vacation time, to travel to Mexico and watch their efforts work miracles for people who don't have

much. Most of the people seeking help live in cinderblock homes without windows, drapes for doors and no running water. Luxuries, like telephones are rare. In fact, Operation Kindness announces surgical schedules through radio announcements because that's the easiest way to get the word out.

"When you come back, you look at the equipment we have with a totally different viewpoint," Glovak said. "You don't believe what we have and the abundance."

Operation Kindness brings everything they will need.

"We get donations of supplies, like Band-Aids and even anesthesia," Glovak said. "The host hospital can't afford what they have, let alone supply 40 additional surgeries."

Busuito, a board certified plastic, general and hand surgeon, mostly works on cleft lips and pallets, deforming burns, reconstruction work for people born without external ears, hernias and devastatingly gruesome physical marks.

"Children there are just as cruel as kids here in the States," Glovak said.

"They can be teased unmercifully. We know that by going there we can restore their function and their social acceptability. We've removed their stigma."

"With a lot of the kids if they have a major birth defect, they think of it as a curse from God

and they really do hide them away," said Glovak, who describes surgery as fun. "It's not work. It's solving a problem. It's like a jigsaw puzzle and you're helping to put them back together."

### Missionary work

Glovak and the other volunteers had gone on missionary work with various organizations until they started their own nonprofit organization, Operation Kindness, last April in an effort to ensure that all the money would go to the children.

"There are no administrative costs," Busuito said.

"The definition of compassion is seeing a need and doing something about it," Glovak said.

The medical volunteers also try to teach the medical professionals at the host hospital and they distribute literature, in Spanish, regarding various treatments.

Regarding their own safety, Glovak said, they drink only bottled water and rely on the local medical people to tell them where to eat.

"We're very, very careful and we've been very fortunate, too," she added.

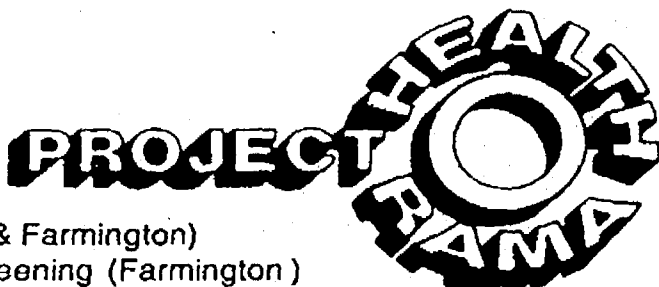
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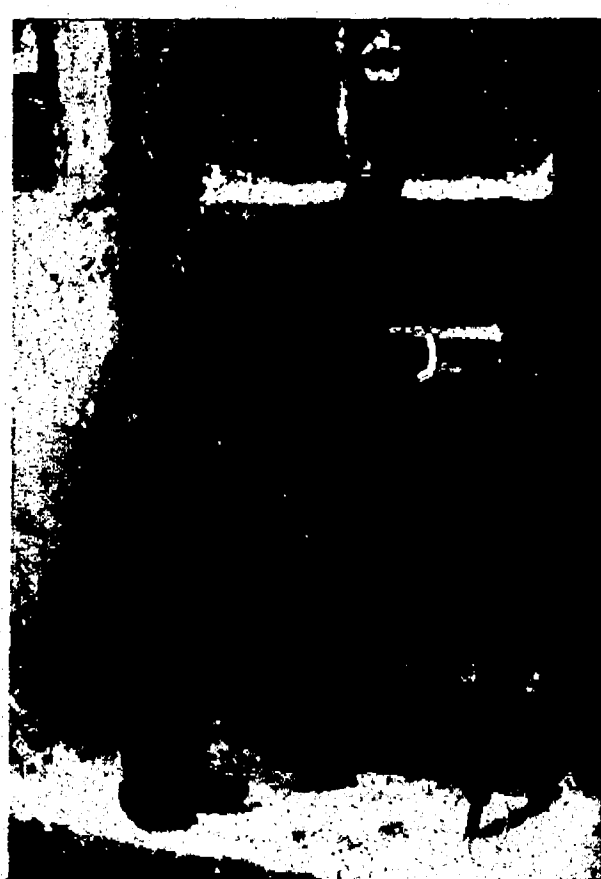
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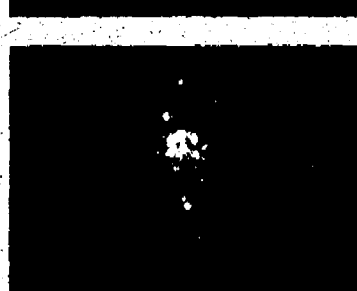
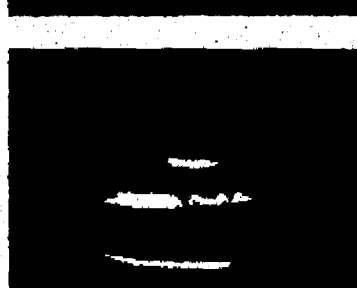
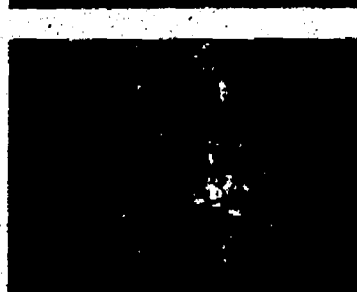
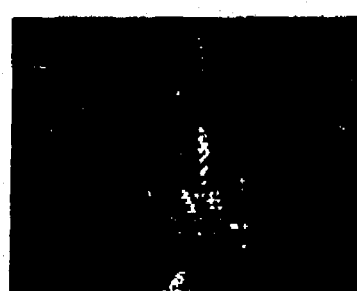
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Upon earning her medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. DiMaggio went on to complete her internship and residency at Providence Hospital. She is a member of the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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# Expansion jets airport into 21st century



**New digs:** Here is an artist's rendering of the approximately 2-million square foot midfield terminal at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport. Expected to be completed in late 2001 the terminal will be located adjacent to a parking structure (far left) with 11,000 parking spaces. The two concourses (the West Concourse is on the far right) will house 74 jet gates and 25 commuter gates with an underground tunnel with moving walkways connecting the concourses.

## More parking, moving walkways highlight new terminal

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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One day travelers can expect to drive into Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport on a south access road, entering the facility from either I-275 or I-94.

They will drive into a parking garage with 11,000 parking spaces. Soon they will be directed to a main ticketing hall with 104 ticketing positions and counters, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels and a federal inspections facility ready to handle 3,200 passengers per hour.

They may enter the 4,900-foot-long East Concourse to get to one of 66 jet gates, using an automated "People Mover" traveling 3,600 feet — nearly the length of the concourse. Then again, they may be directed to the West Concourse, its eight jet gates, 25

commuter gates, shops and concessions. They will enter via an underground pedestrian tunnel with moving walkways.

That's the vision — and now soon to be reality — Northwest Airlines and airport officials have of the completed midfield terminal, expected to be finished in about 2 1/2 years. The entire airport expansion project is expected to cost about \$1.2 billion.

On March 3, Northwest Airlines and Wayne County officials announced that Northwest awarded a \$366 million contract to Hubert, Hunt & Nichols of Indianapolis for the construction of the midfield terminal, scheduled to be completed in late 2001. Northwest officials said the Indianapolis firm's bid had a significant difference in price than other national construction firms.

The firm has been contracted to build the new baseball stadium for the Detroit Tigers, and has constructed airport terminals in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

### 'World-class facility'

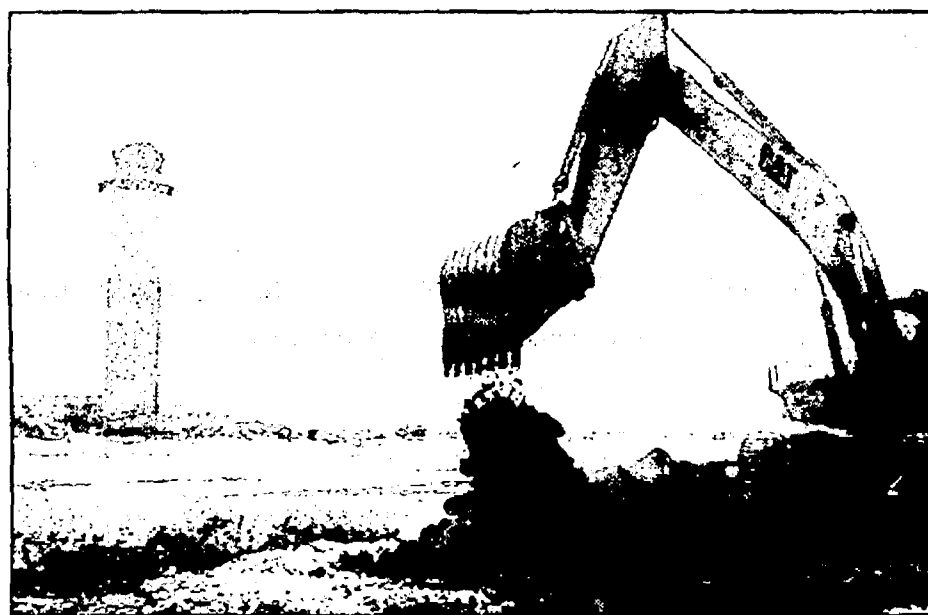
Ray Vecchi, Northwest Airlines president of Michigan operations, said Northwest was excited about building "what will be the finest airport facility in the United States."

"We are committed to providing our customers in Detroit and around the world with a world-class facility and a world-class hometown airline," Vecchi said.

Approximately 2 million square feet in size, the terminal will include a main ticketing hall that has 104 domestic and international ticketing positions, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels, a state-of-the-art lug-

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Airport Director David Katz says leadership is key to airport's success, A16



**Under construction:** Tons of dirt and asphalt will be excavated over the next few months as the midfield terminal site is prepared for concrete, and steel girders.



### Expansion facts

The Midfield Terminal Building at Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport will be located south-southwest of the Smith and Davey terminals. Approximately 2 million square feet in size, the terminal will include:

- Main ticketing hall with 104 domestic and international ticketing positions, a domestic luggage claim with 11 carousels, a state-of-the-art luggage handling system and a federal inspection services facility to handle 3,200 passengers per hour, and 24 luggage curbside check-in positions at departure level.
- Connecting link includes a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub with 15 shops and restaurants.
- The East Concourse will be 4,900 feet long with 66 jet gates, including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, 2,200 feet of dual moving walkways, two 6,800-square-foot WorldClubs and an automated people mover traveling a length of 3,600 feet to transport passengers through the concourse.
- A 900-foot long underground tunnel with moving walkways connecting the two concourses.
- Satellite West Concourse with eight jet gates and 25 commuter gates and over 11 shops and food concessions, and a 3,200-square foot WorldClub.
- Parking garage — with more than 11,000 spaces — adjacent to the midfield terminal.

The entire terminal will house concession areas of approximately 125,000 square feet of retail space, an increase from 55,000 square feet currently at the airport.

Construction is under way for an energy plant near the control tower to provide electricity, heating and cooling to the midfield terminal complex. That area of the airport also will house 180 acres of aprons and taxiways, aircraft hydrant fueling system, drainage, pump stations and a glycol collection system.

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Attractive SWF, 30, social drinker, enjoys snowmobiling, sports, boating, travel. Seeking attractive, fit SWM, 28-35, for LTR. #2262

### VERY EXOTIC

Very romantic, sincere, caring, fit, attractive, small SBF, 150lbs, college graduate, enjoys working, outdoor activities, reading, going on outings. Seeking tall, very intelligent, magazine-minded SM, 28+, race not important, no games. #2174

### BEAUTIFUL BROWN EYES

SBF, early 40s, medium build, enjoys travel, movies, beaches. Seeking honest, financially secure SM, 44-60, 5'8", with similar interests, for friendship, first, possible romance. #2998

### A GREAT CATCH

Outgoing, sophisticated SF, 20s, 5'5", 115lbs, blonde/green, with model looks. Seeking SM with looks and a kind heart. You won't be disappointed. #2815

### CUTE GUY

Sought by this head-turning, zany, brainy babe, late 20s, to share happy times in the big driveway of love. #2813

### 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", 105lbs, with perky personality, professional career. Seeking rugged, turn-of-the-century, fun-loving, 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 SBF, 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

### 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 adventure, North Oakland county. #2594

### LEGGY

Blonde, & stylish, blonde, 40s, 5'8", active, independent, Birmingham resident, looks 30s, intelligent, attractive, seeks professional, witty, fit, handsome, unnumbered, male counterpart, 6'4", for romance, adventure. #2538

### 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. Seeking attractive SWM, financially/emotionally secure, HW proportional, Dexter Pinchney 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 a little play and who is a good listener. #2262

### I HATE PICKLES

SWF, 24, 5'3", blonde/blue, enjoys music, movies, and traveling. Seeking a tall, smart male, 23-30, for a relationship, possibly more. #2174

### LET'S START WITH COFFEE

Widowed SWF, 60, 5'11", blonde/brown, financially secure, financially independent, enjoys dining out, playing cards, and being a good mother. Seeking a handsome, successful, fun-loving, intelligent SM, 44-60, 5'8", with similar interests, for friendship, first, possible romance. #2998

### MAKE BEAUTIFUL EYES

DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, blonde/blue, romantic, seeking an outgoing, secure, educated SWM, 35-50, for a relationship. #2160

### HUGGABLE & LOVABLE

Attractive SFI, 44, 5'3", blonde/blue, medium build, with passion for life, seeks kind-hearted SWM, 40-55, with good sense of humor, who is ready to enjoy 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, HW proportional, with varied interests, who believes in honest communication. No baggage. #2639

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### 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 SFI, 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 subtle 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, easygoing, very affectionate DWF, 47, 5', brown hair, with sense of humor, likes the simple things in life. Seeking a SM, 47-55, for a relationship. #2269

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gage handling system and a federal inspection services facility to handle 3,200 passengers per hour, and 24 luggage curbside check-in positions at departure level.

A "connecting link" will include a 19,000-square-foot WorldClub with 15 shops and restaurants. The East Concourse will be 4,900-feet long with 66 jet gates, including 10 international gates, 31 shops and restaurants, 2,200 feet of dual moving walkways, two 6,800-square-foot WorldClubs and an automated people mover traveling a length of 3,600 feet to transport passengers through the concourse.

A 900-foot long underground tunnel will include moving walkways connecting the two concourses. A satellite West Concourse will house eight jet gates and 25 commuter gates and over 11 shops and food concessions, and a 3,200-square foot WorldClub.

"It will be the gateway to Detroit and to Southeast Michigan," said Jim Greenwald, vice president of Northwest Airlines' facilities and principal in charge of construction for the midfield project.

"It won't be just another airport terminal. It will be impressive with high-tech services."

The East Concourse also will include 14 gates to accommodate widebody aircraft. Ten of the 14 gates are configured for international arrivals and departures.

An international traveler flying on Northwest from Amsterdam to Indianapolis can expect to notice the difference, Greenwald said.

"They will be able to make that connection in the terminal, and not get on the bus or a ter-

minal," Greenwald said.

Greenwald expects the mid-field will assist Metro in competing with airports in Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. "We want to have a facility that makes it easy to get in and out. It will take away the operational constraints. If you can operate freely and effectively, it can take some of the hassles away from the passengers."

Northwest wants to make a facility to make passengers comfortable and ease travel for them, Greenwald said. "It gives us the ability to process without congestion and without bottlenecks," Greenwald said.

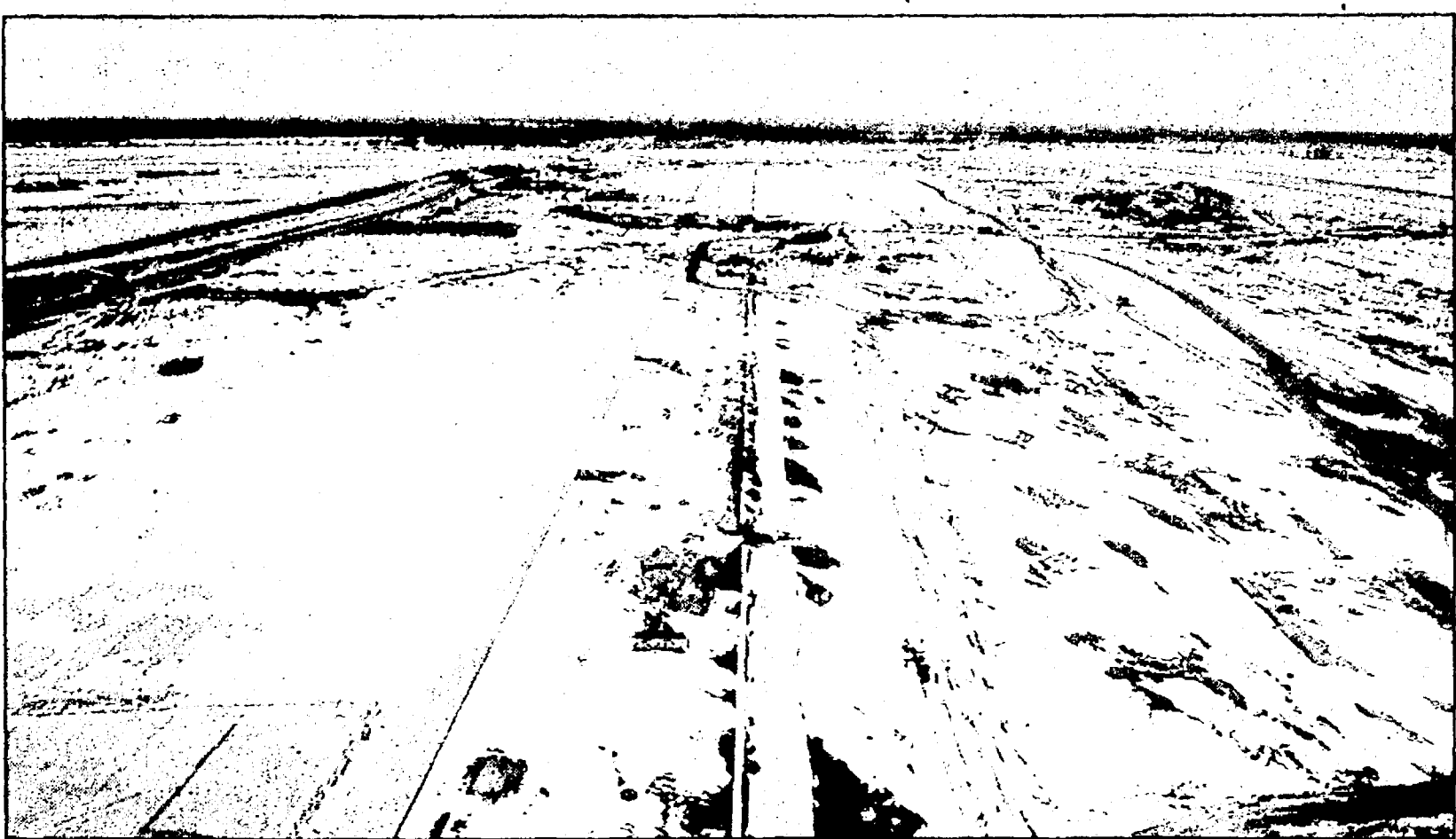
The expansion couldn't come quick enough for Metro. The airport has dealt with poor showings in customer surveys, Northwest received criticism for its handling of air travelers in the Jan. 2 snowstorm, while security breaches have caused further delays on at least four different occasions in the last year.

## Increasing travel

Even though the airlines and airport have had their share of problems, air travel continues to grow at Metro. That meant interim improvements calling for rest room renovations and expanded U.S. Customs inspection area, expanded to clear 1,200 passengers an hour for international travel.

Since 1991, passengers have increased an average of 7.9 percent annually. In 1997, 15.2 million passengers boarded planes at Metro.

Lufthansa has started a daily non-stop service to Germany from Metro, while Northwest has flown nonstop to China. British Air and KLM fly out of Metro as



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**Bigger and better:** In a view from the control tower, the snow-covered site appears desolate, but the midfield terminal site already has started taking shape, along with a parking structure site (upper left).

well. Katz will know later this year whether another gate or two can be added to the International Terminal.

"We'd also like to do something about the international terminal," said David Katz, director of Wayne County airports. "The demand is tremendous."

With the new midfield terminal and continued improvements, international arrival gates are expected to accommodate 3,200 passengers an hour in 2005 and 3,600 passengers an hour by 2020.

## Doing business

In the Smith Terminal, a new business center is expected to be constructed this year, Katz said. Currently out for bid, the 1,200- to 1,500-square-foot facility would assist business travelers who want to use cubicles

equipped with amenities for laptop computers.

The center will be designed similar to a facility at Cincinnati Airport.

Katz expects the bids will arrive within 30 days. Once the county commission approves that bid, the construction will begin and last about three or four months.

In another phase of the project, Katz expects Goddard and Wayne roads will be re-routed at the airport for the construction of an additional parallel runway, Runway 422. Construction will continue this year on the South Access Road.

Currently the public cannot access the construction site, but when completed in late 2001, the terminal will be accessible from the south via Eureka Road or from the north via I-94 once the

south access road is completed.

That means travelers will be able to exit from I-275 to get to airport and the new terminal. Today travelers must exit from I-94 to get to the Smith and Davey terminals.

At any one time, the airport can have between 50 and 100 construction projects going, Katz

said.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said the airport is a visitor's first impression of Detroit, so airport and airline officials wanted to "showcase the very best of our community."

"We want that impression to be welcoming and pleasant," McNamara said.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999

## Candidates needed School board filing date nears

Attention potential candidates for the Wayne-Westland and Livonia public school boards: two seats are up for election this year on each of those boards.

If you are interested in the direction your local school district is taking and have the time and inclination to serve, now's a great time to throw your hat into the ring for the June 14 election.

In Wayne-Westland the seats are currently held by Martha Pitsenbarger and David James. Pitsenbarger plans to seek re-election, while James has announced he won't be running again for his seat.

Candidates face a 4 p.m. April 12 filing deadline if they want to be placed on the ballot. The terms on both boards are for four years.

In Wayne-Westland, candidates will have until 4 p.m. April 12 to file their petitions at elections offices, 3001 Fourth St., behind Wayne Memorial High School.

Other guidelines:

- Petitions must be signed by at least 20 registered voters of the school district.

- Anyone circulating petitions must be a registered Michigan voter.

- A single petition form can't be circulated in more than one city or township. However, different petitions can be circulated in different communities served by the district to get the required 20 signatures.

- An affidavit of identity must be submitted with petitions. It must be notarized, but

candidates filing near the deadline should be forewarned that the elections office doesn't have a notary.

- Candidates may withdraw from the race by 4 p.m. April 15, but only if they provide written notice to the school board secretary or an authorized agent.

In Livonia the seats are now held by James Watters and Frank Kokenakes.

Livonia school board candidates are required to file nominating petitions containing at least 26 valid signatures by 4 p.m. April 12.

For Livonia schools, petitions can be picked up and filed in the superintendent's office, 15125 Farmington Road.

Candidates must be 18 years of age, a registered voter and school district resident.

In both races, candidates who file have until 4 p.m. April 15 to withdraw from the race without being listed on the ballot.

People are often quick to criticize those who serve on local boards and councils. But those same people don't make any effort to put themselves out there as candidates.

We hope the idea of serving on the local school board appeals to the strong candidates we know are out there. If you or someone you know would make a quality candidate, take the opportunity now to get involved.

Serving on your local school board - it's a challenging, but rewarding job that is calling out for the best people.

## Internet bills publicity ploy

The "crime of the week" is becoming a sad joke in the Michigan Legislature.

Latest entry is a pair of bills to add two years onto the prison sentence of a pedophile who uses the Internet to prey on kids. "Get tough," say the news releases of publicity-hungry lawmakers. One suspects there are more "tough new laws" news releases than there are Bill/Monica jokes floating around the State Capitol lobby.

Let's talk sense. Crime is crime. Assaulting a child sexually is one of the more heinous crimes a human can commit. It deserves and usually gets a prison sentence along with lengthy exposure on the address list of sexual criminals.

But what makes using Internet an extra crime, worth an additional two years in prison? Why is that worth two years more than a male intruding into the bedroom of his ladyfriend's daughter?

What makes using the Internet worth two years more than going into a park and dragging a kid into the bushes? What makes using the Internet worth two years more than picking up and abusing a young hitchhiker?

What makes using the Internet worse than using a standard telephone or writing a letter?

The Michigan Senate rushed to the job for publicity purposes. The phenomenon of attacking children sexually has been around for thousands of years. The Internet is just a few years old. It's a hotter topic at suburban cocktail parties than the U.S. Postal Service, the telegraph or two tin cans and a string.

"If you are a sexual predator using the Internet, we are going to find you, we are going to get you, and we are going to put you in jail," said Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, sponsor of SB 7 defining the crime. Why not just nail all predators regardless of how they approach a kid?

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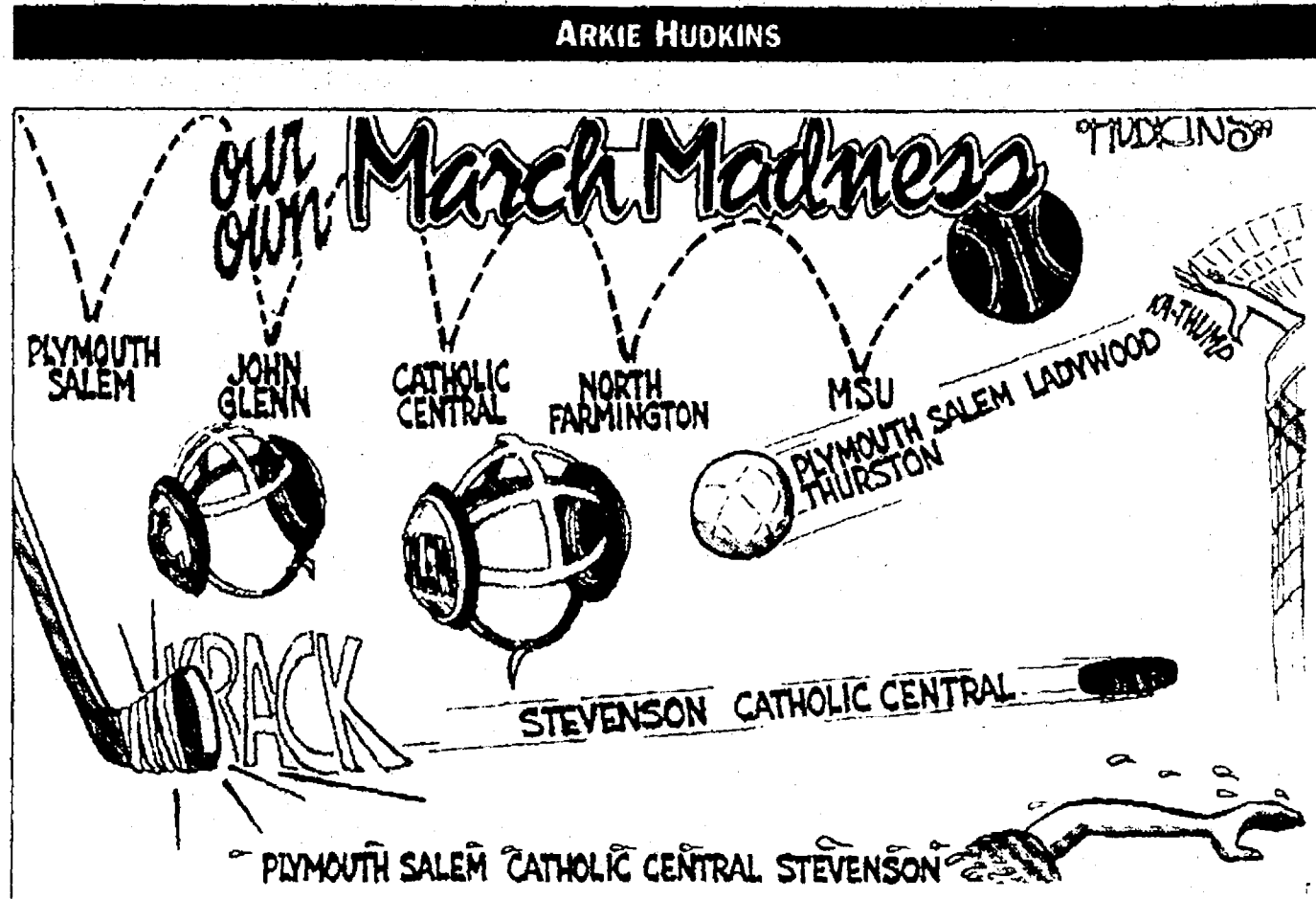
Michigan does have a law tacking two years onto a criminal's sentence if he uses a gun in committing a crime. That makes sense. Guns are more effective tools of death than fists, brass knuckles and even knives.

But the Internet? If Senate Bills 7 and 217 become law, they will just take up space in the statute books.

It was ironic that the Senate acted within a week after some of its members bawled out Budget Director Mary Lannoye for giving the Department of Corrections (prisons) an 8.6 percent increase while higher education was getting half that percentage. Senators wanted to know why. The answer is that every new crime is greeted with the bleating legislative response of "tough new laws" and "tougher penalties."

Here's a question for Sens. Rogers and his pal, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, sponsor of SB 217: What are you doing to make sure we catch those predators? Are more law enforcement people being hired to police the Internet? Are more prosecutors being added to assemble the burden of proof in an Internet case?

Or are you just hiring more publicists to prepare more news releases about redundant punishments?



## LETTERS

### Society goes too far

I was appalled to read the story on your front page about the rabbit and the humane society. My sympathy goes out to Kari Meriedeth for the treatment she received.

Last November, I went to the humane society to look for a new dog. I found one that would have been perfect, but they sold him to someone else because they felt the dog shouldn't go to a home with a man in it.

Like Meriedeth, I ended up leaving there in tears because of the insensitive treatment I was subjected to. Several days later, I saw a man bringing in a dog. I asked him about her and if he would give her to me instead of them and he did. We exchanged phone numbers and I took the dog to my veterinarian the next morning. Because of her age and temperament, the humane society admits they would have euthanized her. They believe that death is kinder than a home not up to their standards.

I believe the humane society does good work in rescuing strays and investigating cruelty, but it goes too far when they become so paranoid as to treat each person as if they weren't good enough or smart enough to provide a decent home for a pet.

The humane society tells us on a regular basis how many thousands of unwanted animals it kills every year. What they aren't telling is how many would have gone to homes but the person adopting didn't pass their ridiculous standards. They believe death is a kindness provided by them, but I say when they refuse to place a dog or cat for this reason or that, then killing the animal makes them just as cruel as the people who abuse. They don't care if that rabbit gets a good home, they only wanted the money. If no one takes that rabbit, they will put it down. I wonder what the rabbit would say to that?

Belva Dalidowich  
Westland

### No deep pockets here

Some administrators and their lackeys at City Hall are suffering from the green virus. It attacks the psyche and afflicts one with envy. The only cure is to "keep up with the Joneses," in this case, all the surrounding cities that have larger or newer civic buildings than Westland. What Canton has, Westland must have. Same with Livonia. Westland, however, does not have the demographics of either of these cities. Westland is a chapel city with an administration and some citizens who have cathedral aspirations.

Check the census. We can't afford these dreams. No deep pockets here.

On a second issue, the city certainly pushes

the envelope to get every penny it can in the name of user fees. That way, it can skirt the Headlee Amendment which requires a vote of the people to raise taxes. The user fee provision denies political entities the right to profit on user fees, however. What the traffic will bear is deficient. Once the fees escalate above actual costs, then the law is broken. One assumes then that Chief Mark Neal has the documentation to prove that every penny of user fees is genuinely needed to defray real costs of services from the fire department. An audit can analyze that and determine if there is any fraud against the taxpayers. The whole world is watching these days since the taxpayers have been taken for fools too many times by politicians.

Beatrice Scalise  
Westland

### Don't drive drunk

St. Patrick's Day gives everyone a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone and celebrate our country's rich Irish heritage. As many of us here in Michigan raise a toast to St. Patrick on March 17, we should also take a moment to honor the contributions of those who volunteer to be designated drivers.

Why? Because designated drivers help in doing what even the luck of the Irish cannot: stop drunken driving. In fact, designated drivers have contributed to a 36 percent decline in drunken driving deaths nationwide since 1982.

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As the Irish and would-be Irish honor St. Patrick with a toast, let's all remember to look out for each other. Please do not drive drunk.

Bill Ventola  
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### QUESTION:

Should police officers be able to stop adult drivers whose only offense is being seen not wearing a seat belt?

We asked this question at the Westland public library.



"I'd have to say 'no,' but you should wear it for safety reasons."

Manuel Sanchez



"I believe so, for safety reasons."

Larry Bodzlongy



"For seat belts alone, I don't think so."

Asha Mony



"No. I don't even think I should be told to wear a seat belt."

Jean Johnson

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## These 'Outstanding Youth' set the stage for success

Parents these days seem a bit child-obsessed, and I plead guilty.

You've seen the bumper stickers, "I used to have a life. Now my kid plays soccer." They have them for hockey, gymnastics, volleyball, swimming, etc.

I think most of us figure we're giving our kids the best chance for success and happiness as adults. Now, our obsession may spoil them, who knows. We're willing to take that chance, and try to balance it with parenting skills.

When it comes to academics, though, those of us raising children in the Livonia Public Schools' system believe we're getting them off on the right foot. Housing is cheaper in other towns, but one reason we chose to live here is the fine reputation of the schools.

OK, so we think we're doing one

thing right; what next?

Keep your kids focused on school work and grades; get them involved in extracurriculars and try to instill the confidence and leadership skills to help them succeed. That was the advice I took away from a Livonia PTA Founders Day event a couple weeks ago.

It was my first Founders Day event and not the way I would normally spend a Wednesday evening. But this impressive list of 15 outstanding high school seniors chosen for the honors made it worthwhile. They all carried a 3.5 or higher grade point average through their junior year. However, they were selected for more than grades.

For one thing, they seemed to be involved in everything. The list of their activities ran the gamut of National Honor Society and SADD to catechism teachers and Special



DAVE VARGA

Olympics volunteers. Some were DARE role models, many were involved in student government, one even invented a popular Web site. All of them had numerous activities listed.

Secondly, it seemed most of these kids were in leadership positions in their groups or activities. They were the presidents, coordinators, team captains, chairpersons. They sounded

like the type of kids most likely to end up with the "most likely to succeed" label in the yearbook.

As leaders, many of them seemed to exude a self-confidence and graciousness you don't always see in teenagers. After each student was introduced, he or she got the chance to thank their parents and three of their teachers who "exerted a positive influence" on them, a great touch to connect the parents, teachers and students.

Some students truly captured their captive audience. Garrett Wheat honored teacher Pat Kurtz, "who was never lax in her expectations for her favorite student." David Bosman cited teacher Eilene Brandies as someone who "turned me on to government and showed me that Language Arts isn't that difficult." And Kristen Derwich remembered her second-grade

teacher John Colby: "He really made me want to learn. First grade was fun, but he made me learn."

Many of these youngsters had their futures mapped out, others weren't certain. But it wasn't their futures that were being celebrated. It was the stories and accomplishments of these "outstanding youth" that provided enough positive examples to give those of us whose youngsters aren't yet in high school some good ideas for helping our own children succeed.

A place on that stage is something that would make all of us obsessed parents proud.

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## Peters' vote on takeover reveals his ability to speak GOP

Gary Peters was in top form, and I was sure he would have "the other side of the aisle" squirming before the day was over.

Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, is a second-term state senator. Early in his tenure, his party recognized him as easily the best Democratic debater, almost in a class with the GOP's Dr. Joe Schwarz, better than the late Basil Brown.

It was March 2. The topic was the change of governance for Detroit public schools - "takeover," if you prefer. Republicans want to eliminate the elected school board and empower Mayor Dennis Archer to appoint a "reform" board. Peters thinks it will backfire.

Now what makes lawyer Peters, 40, so much fun is that he speaks Republican. He went to a private college (Alma); he was a vice president for investments and former branch manager of PaineWebber, the brokerage firm; he taught strategic management and business policy at Oakland University; he taught finance and business economics at Wayne State -

superb Republican credentials.

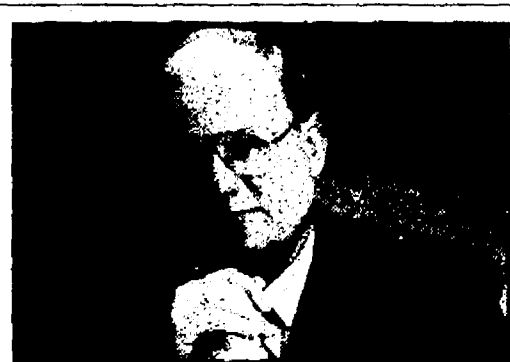
No sociology claptrap for Peters. Republicans like to say that "ours is a government of laws, not of men," and Peters used the argument beautifully:

"We need to have some sort of objective standards by which we assess school performances, and if schools are not meeting that objective performance, then a takeover would be implemented. But it would be an objective standard that would apply to every single school district ... We are singling out a district (Detroit) without any objective criteria."

Republicans should have listened. After all, everyone admitted Detroit doesn't have the worst test scores and graduation rate in the state.

Republicans are big on local control and participative management - the kind they do at Saturn, Ford and Deloitte-Touche. None of this "System 1 Punitive Dictator" stuff for modern corporations, no sirree. Peters adapted the GOP principle well:

"Absent criteria, I believe that we need to place the issue on the



TIM RICHARD

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(Detroit) ballot (in 60-90 days) ... It gives political legitimacy to any reform, and more importantly it does not trample on sacred voting rights."

Letting folks vote on a mayoral takeover, Peters went on, "would involve everybody. Parents would be

involved, all residents, business people, all segments of the city of Detroit."

Having inserted the GOP's own oratorical knife into its ribs, Peters then proceeded to twist it:

"I've heard rhetoric from the other side of the aisle saying we need to have more parental involvement ... You're eliminating the ability for that parent to be involved in the school system ... You're taking away a fundamental right of people to be actively involved in the administration, the direction and the objectives of their school district."

He should have reminded the Senate that only last fall candidate Engler was talking about empowering parents to take over schools in Detroit.

Richard Nixon used to say that government shouldn't over-promise because the supposed beneficiaries of a program will feel cheated.

Peters said kids in classes won't be helped by a governance change at the board level. "Their schools should

have access to state-of-the-art technology. They should be educated in small classrooms, particularly in the early grades. Teachers should have proper training and professional development because ... Ultimately, it's the teacher in the classroom ... that can have some of the greatest impact on the development of that child."

"Without a vote of the people, I must vote 'no' on this bill," Peters said, and he did. The vote was 30-7 in favor of a very unRepublican bill.

Peters later told me his father taught 30 years in Detroit public schools and never saw a board member. "Just be sure you write that I have passionate Democratic principles," he said.

Some Democrats are thinking of running Gary Peters for much higher office. From their point of view, they are nuts if they don't.

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## Term limits no real solution

Remember the old line about how risky it is to want something too much? You might actually get it.

Lots of politicians jumped on the term limit bandwagon in the early 1990s. Some got elected to office promising to abide by strict limits on their time in office. "If we break this contract, throw us out," declared U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt of Washington state, a leading term limit proponent.

Now that time is up, and it's fascinating if slightly disillusioning to watch once high-minded candidates come wriggling against the reality of wanting to stay in office. Words such as "disingenuous" and "hypocritical" come quickly to mind.

According to a Detroit Free Press survey, all six Republicans in the Michigan congressional delegation pledged support for term limits when they signed the Contract with America and voted for one or more term-limit bills in 1995 and 1997. However, only three of the six are actually limiting their terms.

To their credit, Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, and Nick Smith, R-Addison, intend to leave Congress after serving for the prescribed six terms (12 years).

Reps. Dave Camp, R-Midland, Vernon Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, and Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, are among the wrigglers. Of course, they support term limits, but not self-imposed ones. Camp, for example, told the Free Press that until term limits become the law of the land he will not impose on his political ambition term limits that do not also bind his 434 colleagues such as John Dingell, D-Trenton, and Sandy Levin, D-Southfield.

How convenient. I understand. Or, maybe, I don't. But I do recognize ambition wriggling on a phrase book when I see it.

In Michigan, it's much the same story, although in an earlier phase. The state House, which got 64 new members this year because of term limits, is still holding training sessions for inexperienced lawmakers on crafting and passing bills and understanding state budgets. The term limit tidal wave will hit the Senate in four years time, when we can confidently expect the departure of the few remaining experienced and knowledgeable legislators.

Not surprisingly, some people are beginning to have second thoughts about term limits. They include Sen. Glen Steil, R-Grand Rapids, a second-term member who in 1992 was co-chair of the petition drive to put term limits in the



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Michigan Constitution.

Steil is preparing another constitutional amendment to modify legislative term limits to "12 years for everybody," i.e., six two-year terms for representatives and three four-year terms for senators. "The compelling reason is that six years (in the House) do not give a person enough experience ... to make an impact."

Steil may be right. But years of watching politicians wriggle has made me skeptical. Look at it this way. Everybody knows the Republicans won control of the state House last year by winning seats previously held by Democrats who were term limited out of office. And now that they've got control, what's to prevent the GOP from the convenient idea that now term limits should be increased?

I put this hypothesis to Bill Ballenger, publisher of "Inside Michigan Politics," and one of the most knowledgeable guys around. "Your premise might be accurate in theory, but I doubt anybody has thought it through as clearly - or as cynically - as you have," said Ballenger. "Most of the Republican leadership is for term limits; Betsy DeVos (State GOP chair) puts out endless press releases on the subject. And those that are against it are being brow beaten into silence. Senator Steil's out in front, and we'll just have to see what happens."

I asked Ballenger about the odds for success of legislating the wriggle away. "Not good," he responded. "High interest in extending term limits extends no farther than two blocks in any direction from the State Capitol."

I used to think term limits might be a good idea. I now fervently believe they are a bad idea whose time has come and should now go.

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# Leadership is key to airport success - Katz

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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To say that David Katz had a busy year would be an understatement.

His first year at the helm as director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport was filled with land-



Katz

A survey found Detroit Metro was the worst in the United States. Security breaches on four occasions caused delays for thousands of travelers. An audit by the county's auditor general found underreported parking revenue and questioned competitive bidding procedures by the airport operator and the airport oversight.

Then there was the Jan. 2 snowstorm, hindering air travel and stranding thousands of travelers on taxiways and runways. Some travelers were left sitting in planes for eight hours that day.

Ask him about the airport's problems and Katz doesn't mention the airport's expansion as a

"cure-all." Instead he points to a list propped on display in his office for everyone to see.

No. 1 on the list: Leadership.

"I have a team of people who are a very good group of folks, who are dedicated to improving morale, production and performance," Katz said. He expects department leaders will receive more training, while employees will receive awards and recognition.

Katz also has submitted an airport reorganization plan that has received approval from County Executive Edward McNamara that calls for more oversight on parking and food concessions. It has not been approved yet by the county com-

mission.

Some of the airport's physical improvements will focus on customer service, particularly in security. Security checkpoints will be revamped this year in the Smith Terminal to eliminate the "tremendous bottlenecks," Katz said.

"We're looking at the expansion of (concourses) A and B to combine that into one checkpoint," Katz said.

Security will have four sets of screening equipment instead of two.

"It would clear up that whole area and make it more user-friendly," Katz said. While the improvements help prevent security breaches, Katz acknowl-

edges that the human element and margin for error is still there. A problem in one of the breaches in January occurred when a guard failed to stop a man for a search.

"We haven't been able to figure out a system where human beings aren't involved," Katz said.

With the additional surveillance equipment, police officers and concourse revisions will be able to shut the complex down in segments instead of the whole concourse. That means passengers in the middle of a security breach may be held over for one hour instead of five, with 1,000 passengers cleared from a concourse instead of 5,000.

Northwest — which is responsible for hiring security employees — is taking the security issue very seriously, Katz said.

"It's a tough job, it's tedious, it's boring. You have to keep people fresh and on their toes. It's a challenging job."

Katz said the airport is finishing rest room renovations. Twenty-four have been remodeled and another 24 are slated for improvement this year.

Katz hopes to add nine customer service agents to the staff of 21.

With the snow removal problems of the Jan. 2 snowstorm in which thousands of travelers were left waiting on taxiways

and then waited days for their baggage, Katz found out just how dedicated airport employees were. Some went to the store for food and medicine for stranded travelers.

"For me it was a new experience. People here put the customers first. People on the snowplows were tremendously dedicated, getting this place cleared out in half a day."

"You can look at how we compared to other airports in that storm."

Chicago's O'Hare Airport also had several flight cancellations due to the storm.

Since the storm, Northwest has reassessed what they should do during the storm. No changes were recommended or made in the airport's snow removal plan after county officials met with the airlines. Katz said Northwest leaving the people on the plane was a "critical mistake."

As for Northwest, "I don't think they'll allow people to sit out there again."

But Katz knows both Northwest and Detroit Metro officials need to work on public relations, especially in the midst of Northwest acting as the construction manager for the midfield terminal.

"We have a tremendous challenge ahead to earn back whatever trust we lost. The proof will be in the pudding."

## Elderly drivers from page A6

injured or killed in traffic crashes."

Eyesight dims and reflex time slows down with age, but not for everybody and not at the same rate, the study concludes.

Can roads be improved and redesigned? Yes, say Bruff and Evans. Some suggestions:

- Traffic signs have letters one-inch high for every 50 feet of distance, and engineers have assumed a "visual acuity" of 20/25. But one study has shown 40 percent of drivers aged 65-74 have vision less than 20/40. Let-

ters should be larger and at a standard of one inch for 40 feet of distance.

- Pavement markings should be wider — six to eight inches on two-lane rural highways instead of four inches. "Wider edge lines make it easier for drivers to control the vehicle under the glare of oncoming headlights."

- Separate left-turn lanes and protected left-turn phases at traffic lights would reduce the number of left-turn crashes.

- More research is needed to set standards, but it's apparent

the elderly need more "perception-reaction time" to stop at signs.

SEMCOG's study noted that the American Automobile Association, The American Association of Retired Persons and the National Safety Council have undertaken educational programs aimed at the elderly.

"This approach is quite beneficial to the large number of elderly who are unaware of recent changes in traffic rules or have only a vague recollection of certain aspects of the principles of

driving learned when they were much younger," the authors say.

The SEMCOG study urges greater use of car pooling and use of school buses to transport the elderly when kids are in school.

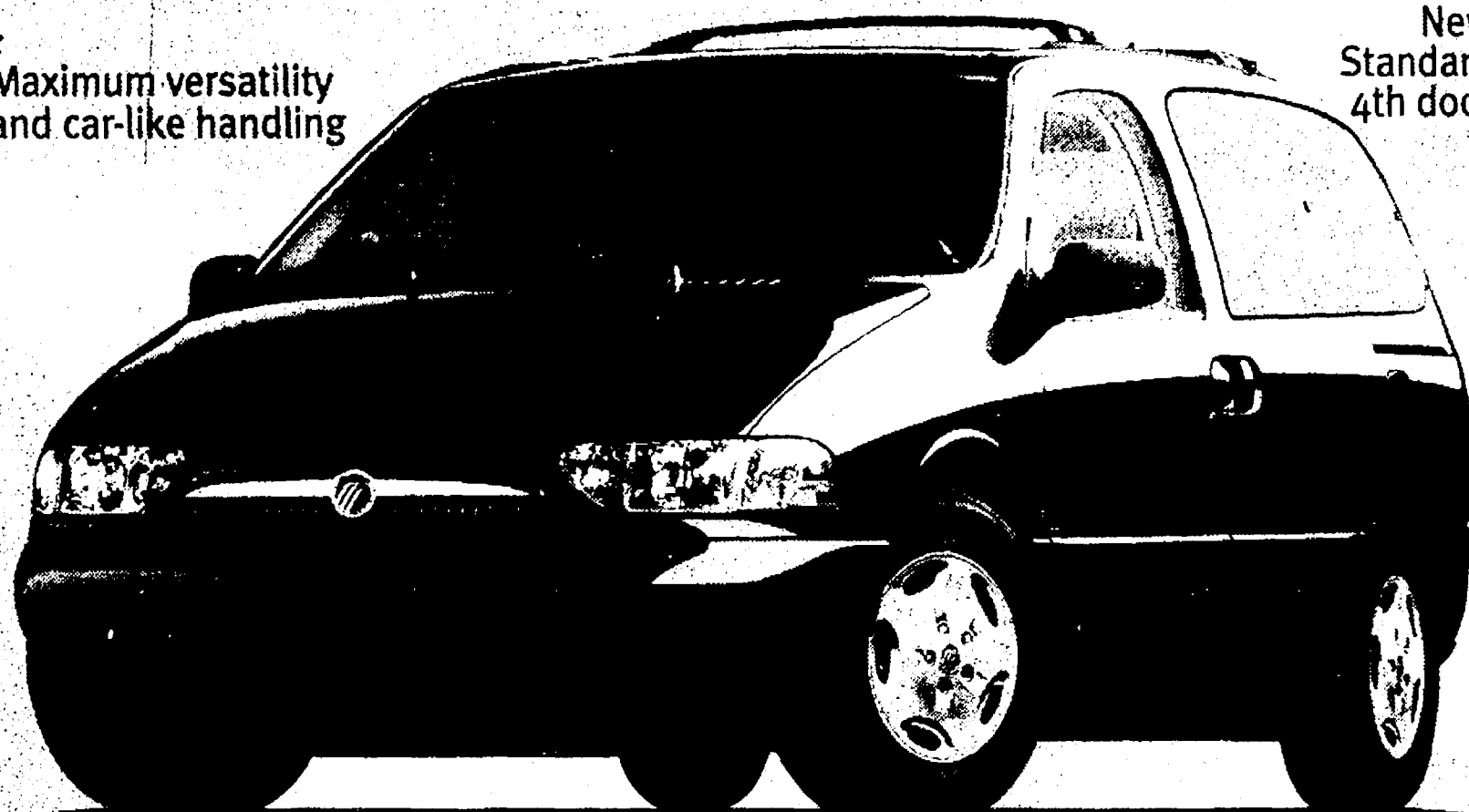
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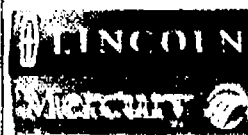
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## Finding place in life for why

Friedrich Nietzsche, a 19th century philosopher, said, "He who has a 'why' can bear almost any 'how'."

Research has shown that only 6 percent of the population has a purpose in life ... translating to 94 percent of the people without any "why" to their life.

Do each of us know why we have been put on this earth?

Back when life was more difficult and people were less into self-actualization (Maslow's hierarchy of needs), there was little conscious thought about "why I am here" and more burden on just surviving (food, shelter, clothing).

And yet, significant accomplishments and discoveries came about when people like Copernicus, Benjamin Franklin or Mozart found their purpose and persevered. Sometimes, they serendipitously discovered something great on their way to something else.

Why have a purpose? Does it serve any "purpose"?

People who have a purpose in life say that there are many feelings that come with having a purpose. They report feeling peaceful, on top of the world, content, passionate, alive, complete, balanced, centered, blessed, fulfilled, more grateful, joyful and as if they are making a difference.

Your mission is filled with doing words. It could be to experience, build, love, accept, encourage, commit, live with integrity, live healthily, create, serve, inspire, strengthen or ... you fill in the verb.

### Simple statement

Walt Disney created a simple statement that has served as his company's mission to this day: *To provide excellent entertainment for all ages, everywhere.* The mission of the Disney Corp. is in alignment with what they do. From movies to theme parks, they want you to be entertained in a first-class fashion.

When we write a statement of purpose for ourselves we can think of that purpose as the hub of a wheel for everything we do. If the wheel is the hub of our "being," then the spokes are the *doings*.

Sam ambled through his life aimlessly without any sense of purpose. If something came up, and it felt good, he usually did it (the spokes of the wheel). Sometimes, he did things impulsively and ended up in minor scrapes with the law and having problems in his marriage.

Finally, one day, he stopped and thought about his life. He asked himself what he valued. He thought about who he treasured. He challenged himself to think about what was really important to him. He wondered what in his life he was doing that was worthwhile.

In his self-reflection, he wrote down that he wanted his purpose in life to be two things. He wanted to have a feeling of peace and a feeling of usefulness in everything he did.

### The hard part

Then he tackled the hard part. He wrote down all the things he had done that had been neither useful nor brought him peacefulness. The list made him a little sick. *I haven't been there for my children; I haven't sacrificed or given of myself.*

It was then that he was able to come up with a mission for himself. And it was this: *My life's mission is to love and encourage which will bring me a sense of peace and a feeling of usefulness.*

Today, he does only things that are in alignment with his mission and his purpose.

Who benefits from your having a purpose? Your spouse, your relatives, your children, colleagues, supervisors, acquaintances, outsiders and, of course, you. Having a purpose in life is one of the best legacies you can pass down to your children. It will not only spill over into their lives, but it will model for them how meaningful their lives can be, too.

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Group effort: Mother Nature forced members of the Shannon Club - Jan Pimlott (from left), Pat Burklow, John Burklow, Erin Burklow and Jeff Sergison - inside on Saturday, where they focused on preparing to paint the 6-foot-tall leprechaun that will grace the club's float for Sunday's Sat. Patrick's Parade.

## Luck of Irish

## Club hopes for parade honors

BY M.B. DILLON  
SPECIAL WRITER

Behind every St. Patrick's Parade float - at least those built by the Shannon Club - is a good woman. That's not to minimize the excellence in design, carpentry, engineering, painting and inspiration contributed by the club's many males, ages 2 months to 72 years.

"It started with his mother," said Livonia's Grace Carey, speaking of her husband Tom's mother, the late Agnes Walsh Carey of County Sligo, Ireland. "She wanted to be in the parade."

"We all belonged to different Irish societies. We were always in the parade, and she decided she wanted to go," said Tom.

For 40 years, Detroit's Irish have honored their patron saint with a St. Patrick's Parade. This year's event, whose theme is "Unity: An Irish Dream," steps off at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, from Michigan Avenue and Third Street in downtown Detroit. It will end at the reviewing stand near Rosa Parks Boulevard.

"My grandmother had six boys and three girls; when she wanted something, they jumped. She was like the Queen Mother," said Patty Ann Burklow, Tom and Grace's daughter and current president of the Shannon Club.

And so it was that in the early 1960s, the Carey offspring formed the Shannon Club, named after their mother's Shannon Inn family restaurant in Ferndale, which she had named after the River Shannon in Ireland.

"It was mostly family at the beginning," Grace said. "Eventually, different people came in. It was fun."

"People brought their kids, their friends and anyone who wanted to get into the parade who didn't have an in," said Tom. "I brought friends from St. Damian's (Catholic Church in Westland), and they were in the parade. We had a float and a car for my mother to drive in. We won best float a couple years in a row."

For several years, members of the group marched behind the float they built. It was adorned with a "Shannon Club" silk banner, compliments of Grace.

"She sewed the letters on one by one; a box of band-aids was her reward," said Burklow, who remembers getting dressed up to march in the parade with her siblings and many cousins as a child.

### Touch of nostalgia

At one parade before her death in 1987, Agnes rode in a limousine hired by her family as a surprise. As years went by, Shannon Club members resumed marching with other groups, or simply joined the spectators lining Michigan Avenue. That was fun, but once she had children of her own, Burklow grew nostalgic for the parade days of her childhood.

"Our daughter wanted her kids and nieces and nephews to be in the parade like she was, so she decided to revive it," said Grace, also known as Gramma Grace. "Everyone thought it was a good idea."

"I didn't think there would be that many people interested. It turned out it was more than I ever thought,"

said Tom, also known as Pop.

"We decided we needed a place for the kids to have their own day out with the Irish," said Burklow, a Livonia resident. "We had our first meeting in December 1993 and it kind of snowballed from there."

Modern-day Shannon Club floats are large enough for 40 children to ride. They've won two trophies for first-place and one for second-place. This year's float, decorated with the motto, "Peace: An Irish Dream," on a green, orange and white background, will feature a 6-foot tall green leprechaun (sketched freehand by member Kip Kauffman), a rainbow and pot of gold.

Burklow's cousin Margo Carey, who is half Mexican and half Irish, was all for reviving the Shannon Club.

"Since we were kids, we've always celebrated El Cinco de Mayo and St. Patrick's Day; it's like Christmas to us," Margo said. "We figured we had to do something. We were raised in a close-knit family. We really knew our cousins. We have such a sense of community and a wonderful sense of heritage."

Over the years, Burklow has added activities, including Mass and a pancake breakfast before the parade and an after-the-parade party at Holy Redeemer Church and hall in southwest Detroit. This year's post-parade party will be at the VFW Hall on Schoolcraft east of Inkster in Redford.

As the children in the Shannon Club have become proficient Irish step-dancers, they've joined the bag

Please see SHANNON, B2

## In Ireland, St. Pat's Day is holy day

BY M.B. DILLON  
SPECIAL WRITER

For Irishman John Hynes, owner of the Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill in Garden City, St. Patrick's Day summons a rush of feelings and memories and a sense of history.

Hynes spent his youth 30 miles northwest of Dublin in Athboy, a town of 500 in County Meath. Nearby was a landmark called the Hill of Slane.

"This is where St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, lit the paschal fire and spread the gospel in the fifth century," said Hynes, who came to the U.S. in 1964. "There was no other way of communicating, so St. Patrick and his disciples cut down lumber all around the countryside, lit a fire and kept it burning for weeks and weeks. People seeing it were drawn to it. It was from the Hill of Slane that St. Patrick taught the gospel and brought Christianity to Ireland."

Traditionally, St. Patrick's Day is a church holiday in Ireland.

"There was no celebration in Ireland," said Hynes. "You had to go to Mass. The typical thing in my time - I'm talking about the middle and late 1950s - was to go to Mass on St. Patrick's Day morning. Sometimes, we had a brass band and a parade up and down the street. There was no dancing during Lent. But on St. Patrick's night, it was OK to dance. The Church relented, and everyone looked forward to that eagerly."

Church is Hynes' first destination on St. Patrick's Day, but since he opened his pub, it's kind of difficult to get down to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and Corktown, "but I'll try to go some place locally."

For the Irish, St. Patrick's Day is a day of pride, Hynes said.

"Deep down in all of us, we remember the past, right down to your father, mother, grandfather and everything else," he said. "They did the same as we are doing. The feeling is something that doesn't leave. Hopefully, I'm passing that on to my kids, and they're not going to let it die."

Authentic Irish entertainment is on tap at Innisfree on Middlebelt Road south of Ford Road. The Men from Mullingar, an Irish band, will be there next week, playing everything from ballads, folk, celtic and pop to traditional Irish music. The band kicks off the high holy days on Friday, March 12.

The award-winning O'Hare step-dancers will perform at 6 p.m. St. Patrick's Day at Innisfree. Hynes will donate a portion of the proceeds to the young dancers, who are traveling to Ireland to compete in the world championships.

"Whenever he returns to Ireland, Hynes makes a pilgrimage to the Hill of Slane and the Hill of Tara five miles away, seat of the ancient high kings. He does it to maintain a link with the past."

"To me, it's a connection to where it all started," he said. "There's nothing that even comes close to St. Patrick's Day. Maybe Mardi Gras, but in terms of one day, I don't think there's anything to compare."



Hynes

## You can raise kind and courteous children

### PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH



VIRGINIA BURNS

nized you earlier. You have that same kind and courteous attitude."

Could that clerk be your child?

The challenge of raising kind and courteous kids is a demanding task, but with consistency and love you can "make it happen."

You're in a department store frantically looking for a last-minute gift. The store clerk greets you with a smile. "Good afternoon, how may I help you?"

You give the clerk your particulars and proceed to browse around. The clerk returns with three different gift ideas. You smile as you notice the name badge.

"Hey, I know your parents. I should have recognized you earlier. You have that same kind and courteous attitude."

First, be a role model. What you do and how you act is noticed by children. Your child is watching your interactions with others. Even when you think they're not paying attention, they are. Children in other rooms of the house notice the tone and pitch of your voice.

The old cliché, "Do as I say and not as I do," will not work here, so take advantage of teachable moments. Easy starters are "Hello" and "Goodbye." Even very young children can learn to say hello and goodbye, when entering and exiting a room.

Children learn at an early age the impressionable lesson of kindness by how you treat them. Your child is watching. Remember to do the right thing!

Next, be consistent with your actions and words. Demonstrate integrity, mean what you say, and model trust. Compliment your friends, family and spouse in front of your child. Make sure that it is genuine.

Tell your child that kind and courteous behavior helps you feel good about yourself. Every moment of every day is the living laboratory of how your child

will form his or her character.

### Consistent example

Kindness is taught by consistent example. Every human interaction has the potential to shape a child's behavior. Use opportunities at the mall, the restaurant and the car wash to point out kind and courteous behavior.

Take time to discuss why certain actions were important. Kind and courteous behavior can be found in simple gestures and casual remarks, like taking time to visit a sick relative or friend, holding the door open for another person and complimenting a person for job well done.

Give positive reinforcement when your child does something right. For example, "Thank you for your helping me carry the bags. With your help, it didn't take long." Be consistent with your reinforcement, but don't necessarily respond the same way every time. Remember to reinforce kind and helpful behavior.

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# X-rays answer questions about ancient Egypt's pharaohs

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When it comes to royal teeth, Brian Ingalls has seen his fair share. Granted they were in the form of X-ray and they belonged to some rather well-preserved people.

Let see ... Is that the well-worn set of choppers of Ramses II or III? Or maybe they belong to Sety I, Ramses II's father, or the most famous pharaoh - mostly for the contents of his tomb - Tutankhamen.

"Ramses had massive periodontal disease; his lower jaw was rotted away," Ingalls told his audience at a recent Livonia Town Hall. "Egyptians had so much sand in their diet back then that they wore their teeth down to the pulp chamber and would get abscesses."

The Northville orthodontist provided his audience with a "harlequin view of Egypt." His interest in mummies started while he was at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. As a research assistant, he worked on the computerized digitization

of cephalometric (head) X-rays of royal mummies.

Granted a leave to be part of a university research team sent to Egypt, he designed and fabricated a laser alignment system for the portable cephalometric equipment that was being used. None of the mummies had ever been radiographed until Ingalls' mentor, Dr. James Harris, did so at the Royal Museum of Cairo in 1967.

Pyramids are a focal point of the country and Ingalls compares their construction to a Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps project.

"One hundred thousand able-bodied men didn't have anything to do when the Nile flooded each year, so they put them to work on the pyramids," he said. "There are 70 pyramids in the country and every one of them has been robbed. They were never protected by the government."

That may explain why you can still buy mummified body parts to grind up for medicinal purposes or why a French tourist was caught trying to leave the coun-

**Get your tickets now**

**Livonia Town Hall will close out its season on Wednesday, March 17, when retired reporter and editor Joe Stroud will be the guest speaker. The lecture will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia.**

**Lecture tickets cost \$15 each and can be purchased at the door. Luncheon tickets cost \$12 each and are available in advance only. (Patrons must have a lecture ticket to attend the luncheon.) For more information, call (734) 420-0383 or (734) 421-4526.**

try with the head of an unknown mummy in a shopping bag, he added.

Another feature of the country is the temples the pharaohs built, especially in the city of Thebes.

Ramses II, the longest ruling pharaoh, built the Abu Simbel Temple so that the sun would shine directly on its Holiest of Holies chamber twice a year - on his birthday and the date of his coronation. With the construction of the Aswan Dam, the temple was moved and reorientated

the temple at a higher elevation. As a result, the sunlight shines on the chamber a day later.

"I asked James (Harris) what he thought Ramses would think about all the effort to move the temple and he said, 'He would expect it,'" said Ingalls.

Ramses also erected the Ramesseum, his funerary temple, at Thebes. The temple was where his body was mummified. The origin of mummification is unknown, but the process for kings and queens was 70 days and 20 days for all others.

According to Ingalls, at the height of mummification, the bodies had a doll-like appearance. Sety I is the most beautifully preserved mummy, he said.

At the time of the pharaohs, "everything for the living was on the east bank of the Nile and everything for the dead was on the west bank," so the Valley of the Kings is on the west bank.

Among those buried there was Tutankhamen whose tomb was discovered intact in 1922. The youngest pharaoh to rule Egypt, he was 9 years old when he took the throne. The belief was that he died at age 25-26, but X-rays determined that the boy king died at age 18.

X-rays also showed that that Ramses V had small raised areas on his chest, which, when a small sample was examined under a microscope, turned out to be small pox, probably the cause of death.

Another examination also dispelled the theory that the high priestess who died in childbirth was buried with her baby. When X-rayed, smaller mummy was found to be the remains of a

baboon.

Descendants of the same families who worked in the Valley of the Kings and buried the pharaohs, still live there and have knowledge of the burial sites.

One man told investigators about three mummies that had been buried behind a false wall in a tomb. The remains of two females and male were found in the chamber, and X-rays showed one female with an arm across her chest, an indication that she was a "high, high person."

There also was a strong resemblance to the Tutankhamen family line and after many years of red tape, researchers were given hair samples to do a neutron activation analysis. The results were compared to a locket of hair found in a tiny sarcophagus in Tut's tomb.

"When we finally permitted to check the hair samples, we found the remains were of Queen Kiya," Ingalls said. "It was a locket of hair from the queen for her grandson."

## Parenting from page B1

ior. Share dignity and respect with your children. Develop a positive, open environment for discussions. Eye contact with your children will help them develop eye contact with others. This can even be done with toddlers. Have your child look at you when you are talking and vice versa.

Try not to interrupt your child until you believe he or she has completed their thoughts. Share with your child how it makes you feel when they interrupt your

conversation. If your child should need to interrupt a conversation, teach them appropriate language like, "Excuse me please, but I need to use the bathroom."

Use phrases that are comfortable for both you and your child. Have a contest to see who comes up with the most ways to say, "excuse me."

### Teachable moments

Watching television together provides opportunities for teach-

able moments. Ask questions like:

- How would you feel if you were that child?
- What just happened?
- How could you help?

Be sure in your conversation to share how you would react in certain situations. Point out how they feel when someone treats them kindly.

Here are a couple of at-home activities to do with your children:

- Buy an assortment of col-

ored adhesive dots. Give each family member a different color. Using the calendar have each member place a dot on the date whenever they see a family member show kind and courteous behavior.

Acts of kindness can be shared at dinnertime, once a week, or once a month.

■ After a birthday party or gift exchange sit down with your child and MAKE thank you cards. Have your child write (depending on age) something

special for each gift.

■ Have your family draw the names of family members from a hat. At least once a day, you must do a kind and/or courteous act for that person without revealing who you selected.

■ Post kindness materials in your home or at your child's school. "Kindness is contagious... CATCH IT!" is a project of Starfish Family Services, funded by Hudson's Circle of Giving. Materials include a Kindness Pledge Card, a kindness calen-

dar, a flier on 10 ways to help spread kindness, a teacher's curriculum and a colorful poster.

During the month of March, parents are encouraged to talk with their children about kindness and, most importantly, practice kindness at home.

For more information on "Kindness is contagious... CATCH IT!" call (734) 727-3139.

Virginia Burns is director of the Head Start program at Starfish Family Services in Inkster.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's 11th annual spring arts and craft show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and beverages. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or (734) 464-7425.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will hold its 14th annual spring arts and

crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 20 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. The show will feature a raffle with a grand prize of \$1,000 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at \$1 each at the door. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual spring

craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. More than 100 crafters are expected to display their work. A single booth space costs \$50. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. For an application form, call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

### CLARENCEVILLE

The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have "A Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 27 at the high school, 20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, raffle and snack bar. Baby-sitting will be available. Admission will be \$2; no strollers permitted.

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pipers and others in providing first-rate entertainment.

Burklow's mailing list has grown to more than 80 families. While the majority of members live in Wayne County, newsletters are sent as far away as Nashville, Tenn., home of Carlos Carey. You need not be Irish to belong.

"We have lots of Irish blood in the club," said Margo, "but we also have Mexican, Polish and Hungarian."

And English. Burklow's husband Dennis, a police officer in court services for the city of Livonia, has enjoyed the Shannon Club, even if he isn't Irish.

"It's fun, because we get all of Patty Ann's family and friends together for something other than a wedding or funeral," he said.

The Burklow's children - Ryan, 9, Erin, 8, and John, 2 - all help out painting the float.

"I like riding on the float. It's fun," said Ryan.

"I've been a member since I was 3 years old," said Erin. "We get to make the float and we get to dance at the party. We get to see our cousins and friends, and that's probably it."

Jan Pimlott of Livonia helps out every year. She was one of

the few who made it through the snowstorm to Saturday's float-painting session at the Burklow house.

"I enjoy being with all these people. It's a good family group, and it's a chance for the kids to learn about their heritage," Pimlott said.

Everyone seems to have a good time, said Margo. "We are just as happy as the kids; it brings out the kid in us."

"And the older generation is so proud to see their kids and grandchildren marching in the parade, taking a sense of pride in keeping up the tradition they started."

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Or you can think of it the way Richard Bach thought of it in "The Little Book of Wisdom" (1996, Heath Communications): "Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished; if you're alive, it isn't."

Jacque Martin-Downs is the

coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or at her e-mail address: downs@mail.resa.net

### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID Hix Road/Carlson Boulevard Reconstruction, City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan Job Number 0135-98-0063/135-98-0223

Sealed proposals for the Hix Road/Carlson Boulevard Reconstruction Project will be received by the City of Westland at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, until 11:00 a.m. local time on March 30, 1999. (no exceptions will be made) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities of work involved are as follows:

Bituminous Pavement Removal	4,450 syd
Milling Bituminous Surface	3,370 syd
Bituminous Aggregate Binder Course	3,050 ton
Bituminous Aggregate Wedge Course	150 ton
Bituminous Aggregate Base Course	795 ton
Bituminous Aggregate Leveling Course	595 ton
Bituminous Aggregate Wearing Course (F)	2,260 ton
Station Grading - Modified	9 sta
Aggregate Base Under Bituminous	1,175 ton
Inlay Cold Plastic Pavement Marking, 4" (white & yellow)	26,150 lf
Thermoplastic Pavement Marking, 4" (white & yellow)	5,155 lf
Temporary Pavement Marking, Type NR Paint, 4" (yellow)	3,000 lf
3" Topsoil and Hydroseeding	11,535 syd

The project involves approximately 1.3 miles of local street resurfacing on Hix Road between Warren and Joy, approximately .2 miles of local street removal and replacement on Carlson Road north of Marquette and includes miscellaneous ditching, storm sewer work and structure adjustments on both streets. The project also contains pavement marking consisting of temporary paint and permanent overlaid and inlay cold plastic materials.

Contract Documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices, 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185; Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150; Dailey Construction Reports Plan Room, 25229 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071-4221; the area office of Dodge Reports, One Park Lane Boulevard, Suite 328E, Dearborn, Michigan 48126; and Construction Association of Michigan, 3151 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

Contract Documents may be obtained after 1:00 p.m. on March 15, 1999, at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices located at 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. A non-refundable charge of thirty dollars (\$25.00) will be made for each set of Contract Documents.

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 "Proposal-Hix Road/Carlson Boulevard Reconstruction Project, bid opening on March 30, 1999, at 11:00 a.m." Proposals must be addressed to the City of Westland, Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298 and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. Bidders are responsible for submitting proposals before the stated closing time. Any proposal received after the stated closing time shall not be accepted and no exceptions shall be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid and be payable without condition to the city of Westland as security for acceptance of the Contract. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities, or accept any bid it may deem in the best interest of the City. All bonding companies must be listed in the Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing.

This project, per City of Westland Ordinance Number 240, requires Contractor's and sub contractors to pay employees the prevailing wages and benefits as stated in the most recent survey of the Michigan Department of Labor for prevailing wage determination, under Act 166 of the Public Act of 1965, as amended.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Charles J. Haas, Project Engineer for Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment at (313) 522-6711.

JILL B. THOMAS  
Purchasing Agent, City of Westland

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### CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Garden City decided on Monday, March 1, 1999 to submit the following projects for funding from the 1999/2000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

LOCATION	PROJECTS ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
Senior Center	Funding for Senior Center Coordinator	\$17,400 (15%)
City Parks	Replace playground equipment with ADA compliant and accessible equipment and surfacing.	\$50,000 (43.1%)
Memorial Pool Bathrooms	Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance project/remove physical barriers.	\$27,000 (23.3%)
City Wide	Housing Rehabilitation	\$10,000 (8.6%)
	Program Administration & Audit	\$11,600 (10%)

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### CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, March 16, 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.
90	Ford	2 Dr. Probe	Red	1ZVPT20C115198149
87	Pontiac	2 Dr. Grand Am	Gray	1G2NE14U7HC919969
88	Toyota	2 Dr. Tercel	Blue	JT2EL31D5J0175287
86	Olds	2 Dr. Firenza	Red	1G3JC27P3GK317005
77	Ford	Stake Truck	Org/Whit.	F37ZUCG1049
90	Pontiac	4 Dr. Gr. Prix	Blue	1G2WJ54T2LF320600

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

87	Olds	St. Wagon	Gray	1G3BP81Y6H8016449
88	Chev	Van	Brown	1GNDM15ZXJB240947
89	Ford	Van	White	1FDEE14N4KH863981
86	Mercury	2 Dr. Lynx	Red	2MEBP5198GB609813

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 11, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

77	Majestic	Trailer	Wh/UGrn	NONE
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### WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTE MTG NO 5-31/99

- Presiding: Council President Cicirelli  
Present: Anderson, Barnes, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott  
37: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 2/10/99  
-Approved request from Moslem Shrine Temple to solicit funds to provide free medical care for children from 6/1/99-6/13/99 at various intersections within City  
-Adopted Ordinance 248-A-7, rezoning from single family residential to low-intensity commercial business, Lot #11 of B D Wright's Sub  
-Adopted Budget Amendment 99-15: FEMA Refund for summer 1998 storm costs, amt \$246,099  
-Adopted Budget Amendment 99-16: For the equipment & installation of the AS400 computer for the Police Dept., amt \$25,000  
-Approved additional funds for purchase & installation of AS400 system for Police Dept. amt \$40,000  
-Approved contract extension with Pritula & Sons Excavating for emergency water & sewer repairs for 2 yr period, expires 6/30/2001  
-Approved Bid-Calcium Chloride to Pollard Highway Products, bid price \$0.269 per gallon  
-Approved Bid-Traffic Control Signs & related materials to Rathco Safety Supply, Inc, bid price \$21,022  
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-18: Therapeutic Program, amt \$25,000  
-Introduced Budget Amendment 99-19: Purchase of Replacement Copier for Economic Growth Center, amt \$8,394  
-Introduced Ordinance 191-B-6-1, amending local amendments to 1996 BOCA National Code  
-Adopted lot split resolution splitting Lot #393 & #402 of Wayne Highlands Sub #4  
-Approved request to go into closed study session immediately following Council meeting to discuss pending litigation  
38: Closed public hearing on request from J Daly to vacate sanitary & water easement in Birch Hill Shopping Center, S of Cherry Hill, W of Merriman  
39: Confirmed the reappointment of J D North to Downtown Development Authority for 4 yr term, expires 3/1/2003  
41: Received & filed recommendation of Local Officers Compensation Commission on salary increases for Mayor for 1999 & 2000  
42: Received & filed recommendation of Local Officers Compensation Commission on salary increases for City Council members for 1999 & 2000  
43: Concurred with recommendation of Selection Committee for firm to provide Architectural Professional Services for Administration Frailility to TMP Associates, amt \$24,800  
44: Approved Check List \$708,581 33 & Prepaid \$1,451,304 95  
Mtg adjourned at 8:10 pm  
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office  
SANDRA A. CICIRELLI  
Council President  
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS  
City Clerk  
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# Nouveau Design stresses teamwork in its creations

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Teamwork is the key to any successful business. Working together for an area design and display company, Raelon Routzahn and Michael Onyskin couldn't deny their camaraderie.

After frequently being told that they should start their own business, the duo did just that. Routzahn, Onyskin and senior design assistant Wendy Atkinson opened Nouveau Design Studio LLC in Canton Township on Dec. 15.

"Everybody was telling us we were crazy not to do it ourselves," said Routzahn, a Livonia resident. "We just felt that we were a really good team and we complemented each other. We felt that we could be very successful in the field together."

Nouveau Design Studio creates custom design exhibits, visual merchandising, store fronts, special event theme decorating, corporate holiday decor and custom-made props.

"We had a lot of people backing us up prior to us coming out," Onyskin added.

That includes Taubman Properties, with which Nouveau Design Studio is getting ready to ink a deal to be its Midwest Regional Visual Merchandisers. For Taubman, Nouveau Design will do all the RMU (retail merchandising units) and all their in-line stores.

"That's a really big thing," she said. "We will design what goes into the kiosks in the malls. What we would do in the in-line store is to do a theme for their store window and the signage."

## Staying current

The company's mission is to stay on the cutting edge of the design industry.

"We want to bring our customers the newest, most innovative stuff that's out there. We're going to go to a lot of design shows and things like that," Routzahn said.

Before starting Nouveau Design, Routzahn, an Eastern Michigan University graduate, owned Raelon's Radiant Parties for five years, doing special event decorating for nights like the Montreux Jazz Festival parties and the Grand Prix black tie ball.

Onyskin, a Dearborn resident, graduated more than 10 years ago from Center for Creative Studies with a degree in editorial illustration.

The two met four years ago when Routzahn was hired as an independent contractor for another area design studio and Onyskin served as her art director.

Routzahn and Onyskin's credits with their former company include the installing the Christmas displays at Lakeside, Westland and Macomb malls and Fairlane Town Center. All the pieces came in boxes and "then we take it out and do the layout, and light all the trees," Routzahn explained.

"We have to have a visual in order to figure out how things go. It's almost like interior design work," Onyskin added. "You get a big element and you have to figure out where this element is going to fit on the stage. They don't really give you a floor plan or layout where anything goes. You have to figure on-site how it's going to be put together. It's an incredible job."



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMAN



**Nouveau look:** Wendy Atkinson, senior design assistant (from left), Raelon Routzahn, president, and Michael Onyskin, CEO/creative director of Nouveau Design Studio, are proud of the exhibit they put together for "MASK-orAIDE," a traveling show of masks that will be auctioned off Saturday to benefit the Coalition for Temporary Shelter.

The two are using experiences like those as learning experiences for Nouveau Design where Routzahn serves as president and Onyskin is the chief executive officer.

"I have a really good eye for quality or for uniqueness and Michael has the eye for putting it all together," she said.

Everything, including custom props and faux finishes, is created and built on-site at the studio.

"If someone was giving a '50s party and someone wanted a giant jukebox built with lights through it, we could do that," Onyskin said. "Everything that we do is always something differ-

ent."

## Masked marvels

The most recent project was an exhibit of celebrity-designed masks that traveled to Fairlane Town Center, Lakeside Mall and Twelve Oaks Mall. It was promoting the "MASK-orAIDE" fund-raiser for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS). The masks will be auctioned at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the International Banquet Center at the Athenaeum Hotel in Detroit's Greektown as part of the benefit.

Soupy Sales, Rosie O'Donnell, Pam Dawber, Vinnie Johnson,

Gov. John Engler, Ted Nugent, Sinbad, Jeff Bridges and several local artists and stars with ties to Detroit created masks for the exhibit. Onyskin made specialty masks for each of the stores.

"We made replicas of the little masks to make the 5 foot tall specialty masks for each mall. They're 5 feet by 4 feet," Routzahn said.

They also designed the cases and the layout for the exhibit, and transported it to each mall.

"We worked with Diana Leone, the marketing director at Lakeside Mall, in designing the cases for the layout of the exhibit. We designed the overhead graphics,

the whole exhibit," Routzahn said.

Next up, Nouveau Design Studio will revamp the Easter exhibit at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn into an English country garden design. It will be on display Saturday, March 20, to Sunday, April 4.

"We want to strive to give really, really good customer service," Routzahn said. "That's going to be our main goal - to be available at all times to provide outstanding customized customer service."

For more information about Nouveau Design Studio LLC, call (734) 354-6400.

## RELIGIOUS NEWS

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.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman in Garden City, has announced its 1999 Lenten programs. It will begin with guest Rev. Olaf Lidums speaking about "New Creation Ministries" 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 new support group for mothers at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. Afterward, the group will meet 7 p.m. every other Friday in the church's parlor, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Some child care will be provided. For more information, call Lisa Bruce at (313) 561-5145.

### FISH FRY

St. Edith Parish will have Lenten fish fries 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 12, 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 "Bring Your Own Sneakers" to the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, Livonia, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13. The price is \$6 for adults, and \$2 for

school-age children. SPM will have a Stepping Stones Seminar 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the church. Gary Sprague, executive director of KIDS HOPE ministries,

will speak to children in grades one-12 whose birth parents are divorced, separated or never married. This workshop will aid in the emotional, relational and spiritual healing of children who live in single-parent families and help the

terpiece in each person and encouraging people to see what God can do through them, no matter what their limitations appear to be.

At 4 feet 6 inches tall, Steinberg holds a microphone in the hook at the end of his artificial arm and uses his singing talent, humorous anecdotes and personal story to inspire his audiences. Steinberg logs more than 80,000 miles a year, performing in concert halls, music festivals and other special events around the United States. He also has record 10 music albums, including his latest, "Tiny Giant."

For more information, about his performance, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

## 'Masterpiece' Jeff Steinberg to perform



Jeff Steinberg

He's called a "masterpiece in Progress," but he doesn't look like a masterpiece. Jeff Steinberg has no arms and deformed legs, but he has a dynamic singing voice that has been likened to that of pop singer Neil Diamond.

A singer and author and in the 20th year of his ministry, he will appear in concert 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45810 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Steinberg was born in Philadelphia with multiple birth defects - no arms and two bent, scissored legs - a condition known as Phocomelia, thought to be the result of Thalidomide or simi-

lar drug prescribed for his mother during pregnancy.

He spent his early years in a welfare shelter in Philadelphia and then later at Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. He underwent numerous operations, learned to walk with braces, feed himself with a hook attached to a prosthetic arm.

In all, he only lived at home for nine months and eventually was placed by the court in the Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children in Allentown, Pa., a home for severely crippled children where he lived for more than 10 years.

Now age 46, he travels around the country, singing and speaking about the mas-

terpiece in each person and encouraging people to see what God can do through them, no matter what their limitations appear to be.

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kids know that even difficult situations can turn into hope. The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 per family.

For information, call the church at (248) 374-5920.

### CONQUERING FEAR

What do you do when rainwater is pouring in your basement at 3 a.m. and the water extraction company says you're number 200 on its list?

Thomas Mitchinson of Naperville, Ill., he, his wife and daughter prayed to understand that God is the only power and this power is good. As they did that, the water stopped coming in their home even though it still poured outside.

That experience is one of three Mitchinson will detail when he speaks at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the auditorium of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail. He has been invited to present his lecture, "Don't Live with Fear - Conquer It" by the church.



Mitchinson

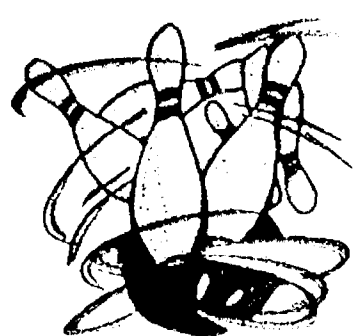
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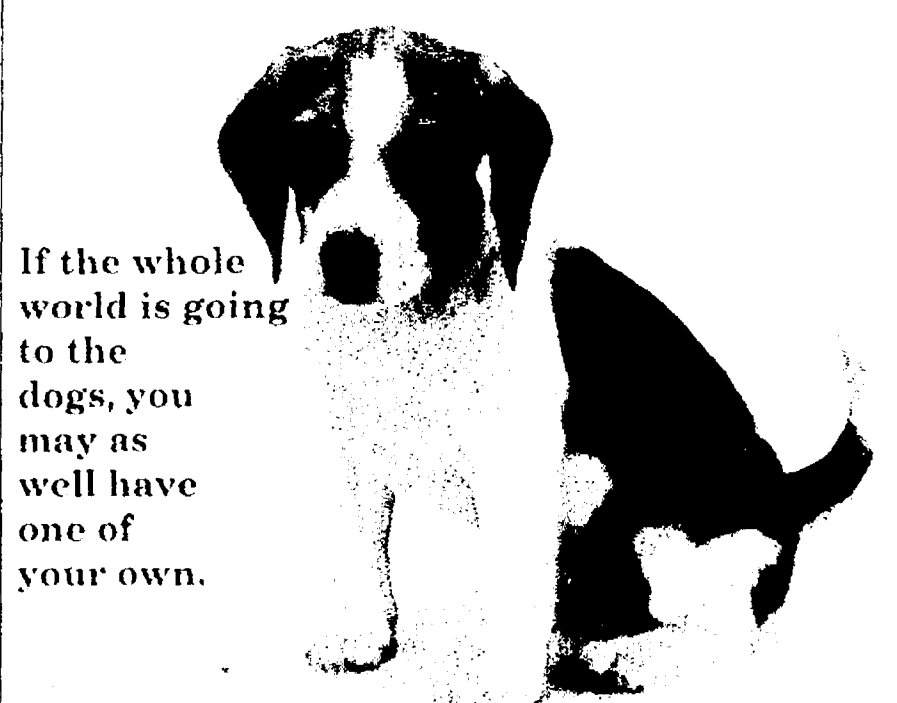
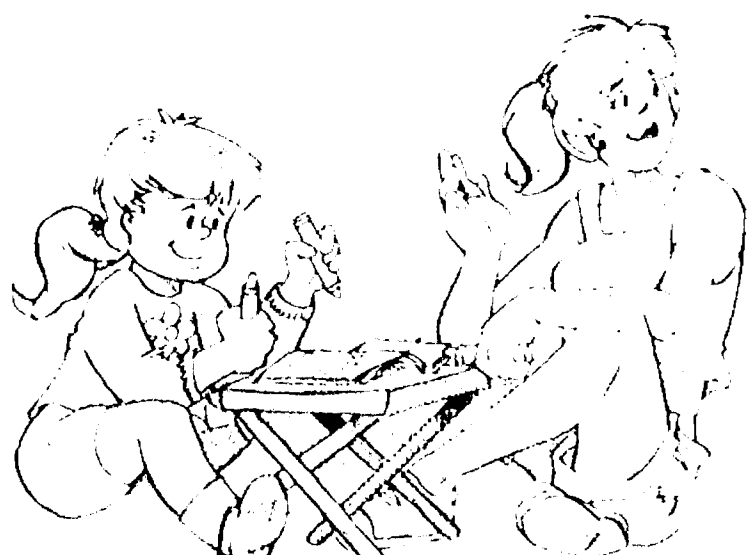
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# CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, and Friday, March 19. Residents in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, can pick up their commodities on Thursday. All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities Friday. Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Distribution this month includes applesauce, spaghetti and ham. Call 595-0366 for information.

### BUNNY ARRIVES

The Easter Bunny will arrive at Westland Shopping Center 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20. Children of all ages are invited to welcome the Easter Bunny in West Court near JC Penney. Also featured is an Easter magic show with Steve Ryder of Absolutely Baffling Magic. Digital image photographs will begin in East Court after the arrival and magic show.

### BOWLATHON

The Tourette Syndrome Association will hold its 13th annual Bowlathon Saturday, March 20, at Vision Lanes in Westland, 38250 Ford Road. For information, call Debbie Likieric at (734) 625-6245.

### FOUNDATION EVENT

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

### 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

### 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 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 Phensant Run Golf Club is planned for Tuesday, June 22. Reservations for four-somes 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

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

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

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

## It all adds up



**Math night:** Kids and their parents participated in Math Night at Elliott Elementary School recently. About 100 students and parents participated in about 18 different activities to show that math can be fun. Some of the games included: capacity and volume in which students were asked to arrange five different shaped containers in order from largest to smallest, then they had to pour liquid in to see if they were right; dollar digits, a board game that helped students learn to count using pennies and nickels; and toothpick puzzles, a brain teaser that asked families to make six squares with 17 toothpicks then remove five and leave three squares. "This gives parents a hands-on how to help their children learn math," Johnnye Summerville, Elliott principal, said.

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 Newburgh 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

### BEGINNING GENEALOGISTS

The Westland Historical Commission and the Westland Library have scheduled a session on learning about family history 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Westland Library conference Room B. Information will include how to get started, forms and how to fill them out. If there is enough interest, a series of classes will be set up. Call Steve Keller at (734) 722-6305 or e-mail stgakeller@aol.com

### 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.

## CLUBS IN ACTION

### WESTLAND JAYCEES

The Westland Jaycees have several upcoming events planned. The club is hosting a bowling fund-raiser 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Vision Lanes in Westland to benefit Jeffrey Clein of Westland. Cost is \$18. The club will sponsor a Vegas Night 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Harris Kehrner Hall. An Easter Egg Hunt will feature 8,000 eggs and different age groups plus the Easter bunny 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Westland Jaycee Park. A social night is planned for 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at the Library Pub and Grill.

Cost is \$15 a person and includes beverages and appetizers.

### WESTLAND ROTARY

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

### MOMS CLUB

The MOMS Club of Westland, a nonprofit, nonreligious support group for stay-at-home moms, will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh. The group will be discussing upcoming spring activities.

### 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.

### T.O.P.S.

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

### T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly. Weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Suzanne at (734) 728-8437.

### 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 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) 595-6194 or Ginny Schroeder at the Garden City Hospital Audiology Department, (734) 468-3408.

### SCREENINGS

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

### AIM

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

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

## Baran-Smith

Erin D. Smith and Steven M. Baran were married Jan. 23 in Sarasota, Fla. The bride's stepfather, Dr. Richard Arno, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Roger D. Smith of Worthington, Pa., and Richard and Phyllis Arno of Sarasota. The groom is the son of Chet and Juanita Baran of Belleville and Ron and Sue Cook of Westland.

The bride is employed as a medical assistant at Great Lakes Orthopedics in Garden City. The groom is employed by Meijer Inc. in Westland.

The couple took a honeymoon in Sarasota. They are making



their home in Livonia.

## Shaw-Cameron

Fred and Sandra Shaw of Dearborn announce the forthcoming marriage 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 fiancé 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.

## Novak-Magreta

Thomas and Lorraine Novak of Rapid River announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tricia Elizabeth, to Mark Raymond Magreta, the son of Carol Magreta of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Rapid River High School. She expects to graduate in May from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in dietetics.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at EDS Company, GM Test Track at Epcot in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

A March wedding is planned



at the Michigan State University Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

## Martin-Worpell

Jim and Jann Martin of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, April Lynn, to Jason Edwin Worpell, the son of Mark and Mary Worpell, also of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree and a major in marketing. She is employed as a merchandiser at the Kmart Resource Center in Troy.

Her fiancé also is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the owner of Paint Rite Inc.

A September wedding is



planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia.

## Yack-Knoll

Tom and Barb Yack of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Daniel Edwin Knoll, the son of Edwin and Susan Knoll of Vassar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an consultant for Triad Performance Technology.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Frankenmuth High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed as an engineer for the Toyota Technical Center.

A September wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.



## McKolay-Snider

Hedy McKolay of Traverse City announces the engagement of her daughter, Sally J., to Michael J. Snider, the son of Robert and Diane Snider of Belleville and Sharon and Robert Rose of Delray Beach, Fla.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Stephen McKolay, is a 1983 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed by North Bros. Ford.

An August wedding is planned at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic



Church in Canton.

## WRC joins in 'Clean Your Closet'

It's the time of year to clean our closets, right? Well, there's no better motivation to do so than to help women who are entering, or reentering the workforce - and need a hand up the business ladder. WJBK FOX 2's "Working Women" program has teamed up with Art Van Furniture, Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College and local Dress For Success agencies for Clean Your Closet Week March 14-21.

FOX 2 and Art Van Furniture are working together to collect gently used women's business attire while the WRC and Dress For Success are handling clothing distribution.

Clothing can be dropped off at all Art Van Furniture stores in

the Detroit area 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

People are asked to drop off women's business attire in all sizes, including plus sizes, including dresses, suits (including pant suits), professional skirts, dress/tailored slacks, coats, new cosmetics, blouses, jackets/blazers, shoes (that are not badly worn), scarves and unused, unopened packages of pantyhose and knee-high stockings.

Appropriate receipts for tax deductions will be available. Individuals who donate clothing will receive a coupon for special savings on accessories at Art Van Furniture.

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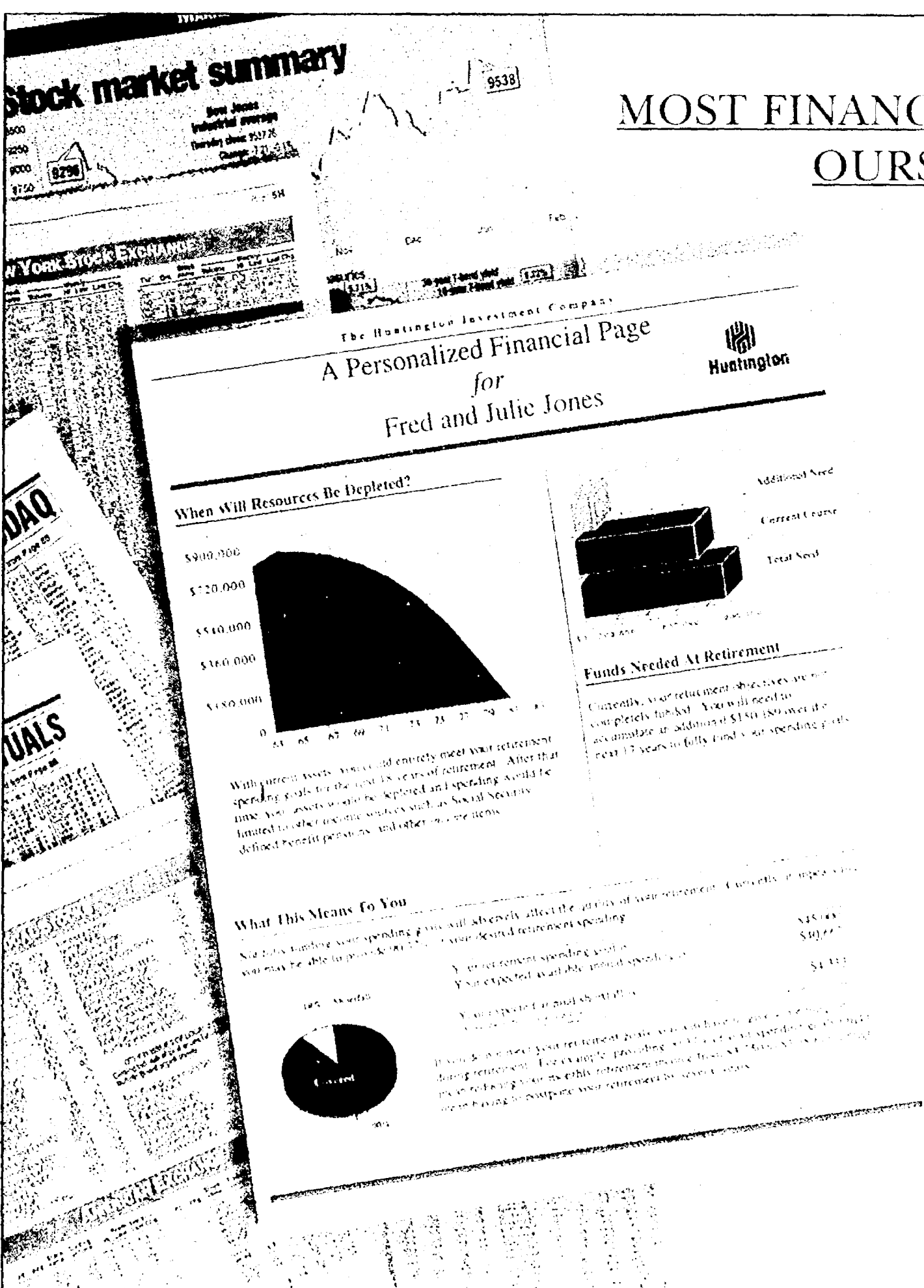
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## Religion from page B3

Mitchinson is an experienced Christian Scientist healer and writer. He serves as a Christian Scientist chaplain at Cook County Correctional Facility in Chicago and is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

There is no admission charge and no offering will be taken. Child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1676.

### SEMINAR FOR GROUPS

National speaker and author Dale Galloway will address starting, building and multiplying small groups and small group leaders in churches during the "Successful Small Groups Seminar" 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Tri-City Christian Center, 2020 Hannan, east of I-275, Canton. The registration fee is \$99 per person, with discounts for groups. To register, call (734) 326-0330 or (800) 420-2048.

### SING-ALONG

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Hilary Catholic Church will host an Irish sing-along, beginning 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the church social hall, 23902 Elmira, Redford. Cost is \$10 per person. Corned beef sandwiches, soda bread, nibbles, beer and setups will be provided. For information, call Dorothy at (313) 533-5698 or Betty at (313) 533-8239. Seating is limited.

### FRIENDSHIP SERVICE

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Church is inviting the public to attend a Celebration of Friendship Service 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The service will feature a message of hope and friendship by the Rev. Luther Werth and a music ministry by adults and children. Complimentary breakfast will be served 9:30 a.m. and a coffee hour will be held after the 11 a.m. service. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

### IN CONCERT

The multifaceted singing group, Proclaim, will provide special music at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services and perform in concert at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The concert will include original compositions from the group's nationally released projects, "Thankful Hearts" and "Acapella Praise." For more information, call at (313) 937-3170.

### 'THE RIDE'

Calvary Baptist Church will host the area showing of World Wide Pictures' new dramatic film, "The Ride," 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Activity Center of the church, 43065 Joy, Canton. The film deals with a former world champion bull rider who learns that God is someone who can really be trusted while teaching a 14-year-old boy how to ride a bull. For more information, call the church at (734) 455-

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### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Herbert Byer will present a program on Philip Melancthon, a colleague of Martin Luther who wrote the Augsburg Confession, one of the important documents of the Lutheran Church, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light salad luncheon will be served before the talk. For more information, call (734) 427-2290.

### BABY SHOWER

Several area churches will be participating in Right to Life-Lifespan's 10th annual baby shower Sunday, March 14, to benefit pregnancy help centers. New or gently used baby and maternity items can be dropped off at Resurrection Church, 48755 Warren Road, St. John

Neumann Church, 4480 Warren Road, both in Canton; the Resurrection Room of St. Raphael Church, 5775 Merriman Road, Garden City; St. Genevieve Church, 29105 Jamison, Livonia; Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring, the school gymnasium at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1062 Church, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, all of Plymouth, and the rectory meeting room of St. Valentine Church, 25881 Dow, Redford. For more information, call (248) 777-9090.

### FAMILY SHOW

Dan Bergen along with his son, Nicholas, and daughter, Alicia, will be ministering in a program of praise and worship featuring vocal, piano, saxophone and violin 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Calvary Missionary Church, 29850 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 261-5050.

### LENTEN PROGRAM

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will have a potluck dinner and performance Sunday, March 14, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dinner will be 6 p.m. and participants should bring their place settings and a dish to pass. Frieda Spafford, president of the Detroit Conference Foundation, will present a program on Indonesia at 7 p.m. There also will be a children's mission study for those in kindergarten-fifth

grade, entitled "Islands of the Rainbow - An Indonesian Adventure." Registration is required. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038.

### HYMN OF ST. PATRICK

The Hymn of St. Patrick - which expresses much of the early Celtic Christian faith - will be presented 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at St. Maurice Parish, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. The program will look at the life of St. Patrick and studied the hymn. For more information, call (734) 421-5340.

### WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

Geneva Presbyterian Church is hosting a free orientation session for the Weigh Down Workshop weight loss group 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton

Township. Regular classes are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays beginning March 22. Men and women are welcome. First-time participants will receive 12 audio cassettes for home study, and a study manual. Classes will include videotapes, group discussion, prayer and fellowship. The fee for first-time participants is \$103. For more information or to register, call Mary Kay Siebel at (734) 459-9077.

### SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

St. Raphael Parish will have a Shamrock Shuffle card party 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the church Activities Building, Merriman Road north of Ford Road, Garden City. Tickets are \$6 each and include dessert, coffee, blarney bags, table and door prizes. For more information, call (734) 522-8595.

## Bruce Marchiano visits Clarenceville UM

The actor known for his recent poignant portrayal of Christ in "The Gospel According to Matthew," Bruce Marchiano will bring his speaking ministry to Clarenceville United Methodist Church in Livonia Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21.

Marchiano will speak to young adults in a relaxed coffeehouse atmosphere at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, 20300 Middlebelt, north of Seven Mile. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling (248) 474-3444.

After appearing at Arise United Methodist Church in Pinckney 10:30 a.m. Sunday, he will return to Clarenceville UM to give his personal testimony at 6 p.m. Sunday for Gathering. A love offering will be accepted.



Bruce Marchiano as Jesus

For more information, call the church at (248) 474-5581.

"The Gospel According to Matthew" is the first multimillion-dollar release produced by

Visual Entertainment, a company with plans to reach more than 1 billion people with the entire Bible presented word-for-word on videocassettes by the year 2010.

An actor for 13 years, Marchiano has appeared in seven motion pictures and numerous television shows like "Murder She Wrote," "L.A. Law" and "Columbo." He was the last actor to audition in the worldwide search and was for the role of Jesus in the production.

In his new book, "In the Footsteps of Jesus," he takes readers on an intimate adventure into the life of Christ as he describes the Jesus of joy he discovered while filming "Matthew." The emotionally charged account shares his story of walking in

the footsteps of Christ from the passionate Sermon on the Mount to the suffering on the cross.

As a popular Christian speaker, Marchiano has addressed thousands of people all over the world to reveal how his faith went from a simple belief in Christ to a profound awareness of God's powerful reality in his life. He is frequently asked to share his portrayal of the compassionate, loving Savior, and through his speaking ministry, has witnessed thousands of people come to Christ.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Taormina 3rd in triathlon

Livonian Sheila Taormina finished third in the women's elite division Sunday in the South African National Triathlon Championships with a combined time of 2 hours, 16 minutes, 45 seconds.

The event, part of the International Triathlon Union series, was held at Club Mykonis, Langebaan, approximately 120 kilometers from Cape Town.

Lizel Moore of the Republic of South Africa and Sian Brice of Great Britain finished first and second, respectively, in 2:13:05 and 2:14:31.

Taormina, who has been training in Arizona, finished the 1.5K swim in 19:57, best among women. Her 40K bike time was 1:11:54 followed by a clocking of 44:54 in the 10K run.

Taormina, a Stevenson High product, won a gold medal in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga. as a member of the victorious U.S. women's 800-meter freestyle relay team.

She also swam for the University of Georgia.

The triathlon will become an Olympic sport in 2000.

### Madonna signs spikers

The Madonna University volleyball team, 44-7 last year and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champions, have added two new recruits for the 1999 season.

Hayley Ann Myers, a 6-foot middle and outside hitter from Milford, and Jen Wing, a 5-8 setter from Rochester Adams, will both join the Lady Crusaders' squad next year.

Myers, a three-year varsity player, was Milford's captain as a senior. She was voted Most Improved as a freshman. Myers also played varsity basketball the past two seasons for the Lady Redskins.

Wing, named All-Oakland Activities Association, All-Region and All-Eccentric each of the last two years. She was voted third-team All-State by the Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches Association.

### Sunday Corktown races

The 1999 St. Patrick's Parade Corktown races will be Sunday with the start at Tiger Stadium.

The 4-mile run starts at 1 p.m. along with the 1½-mile walk. Special trophies will go to the top five male and female finishers. Medals go to the first 150 men and top 100 women finishers.

The quarter-mile run/walk for youngsters 12-and-under starts at 12:30 p.m. Awards ribbons will given to all participants.

Late registration is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium. The entry fee is \$15. Each participant will receive a commemorative St. Patrick's Parade Run T-shirt.

For more information, call (248) 544-9099.

### Anderson highly touted

Seattle Mariners' left-hander Ryan Anderson (Westland, Dearborn Divine Child) was rated seventh on Baseball America's list of top 100 minor league prospects in the magazine's latest issue.

Anderson was projected to arrive as a pitcher with Seattle after just one more season in the minors. The magazine said he made good progress in his first exposure to professional hitters and would likely be given a long look this year in spring training.

### SOVA AAU girls volleyball

Registration and practice for the Side Out Volleyball Association for 12-and-under and 14-and-under will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and for 16-and-under and 18-and-under, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14 at Schoolcraft College's main and auxiliary gyms.

The cost is \$250 for 12-and-under and \$400 for the 14-, 16- and 18-and-under teams. State tournament will cost an \$100. Elite team players will pay an additional \$100 to cover expenses and fees. Costs will vary for national tournament fees (either Orlando, Fla. or Chicago, Ill.).

For more information, call SOVA director Tom Teeters at (248) 305-9804 or (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5607.

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.

## John Glenn topples Wayne, reaches district title game

BY BRAD EMONS  
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They may not be classified as the twin towers, but Westland John Glenn's inside tandem of 6-foot-3 Ben Harris and 6-4 Ty Haygood played tall in the Rockets' 51-47 Class A district semifinal win Wednesday night over rival Wayne Memorial.

Harris scored a game-high 21 points and Haygood added 11. The two also combined for 25 rebounds as Glenn (12-8 overall) will meet Belleville (14-7) in the district championship final, 7 p.m. Friday on the Tigers' home floor.

Back in December, Haygood had 18 points in Glenn's 56-54 victory over the Zebras.

This time Harris got into the act. "The rebounding was the key factor," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We controlled the boards. Ben and Ty did a nice job on the glass. We were able to get some second and third opportunities on the offensive glass."

"When I saw Romulus play Wayne, we knew Romulus had success on the boards. And with Ben and Ty, we wanted to exploit that a little bit."

Glenn's victory appear all but wrapped up with 2:55 remaining after a Harris dunk provided a seven-point cushion, 46-39.

But Wayne's Mike Zielinski nailed two straight three-pointers to pull his team to within one, 46-45.

Glenn junior guard Eric Jones, saddled with four fouls in the second half and 0-for-seven from the floor, stepped up with a key basket and two free throws in the final 1:19 to preserve the Glenn victory.

"We had difficulty stopping their dribble penetration and their rebounding," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry, whose team bowed out at 7-14 overall. "You can't win when you don't do those things."

Wayne, however, had its chances, leading on three different occasions in the third quarter.

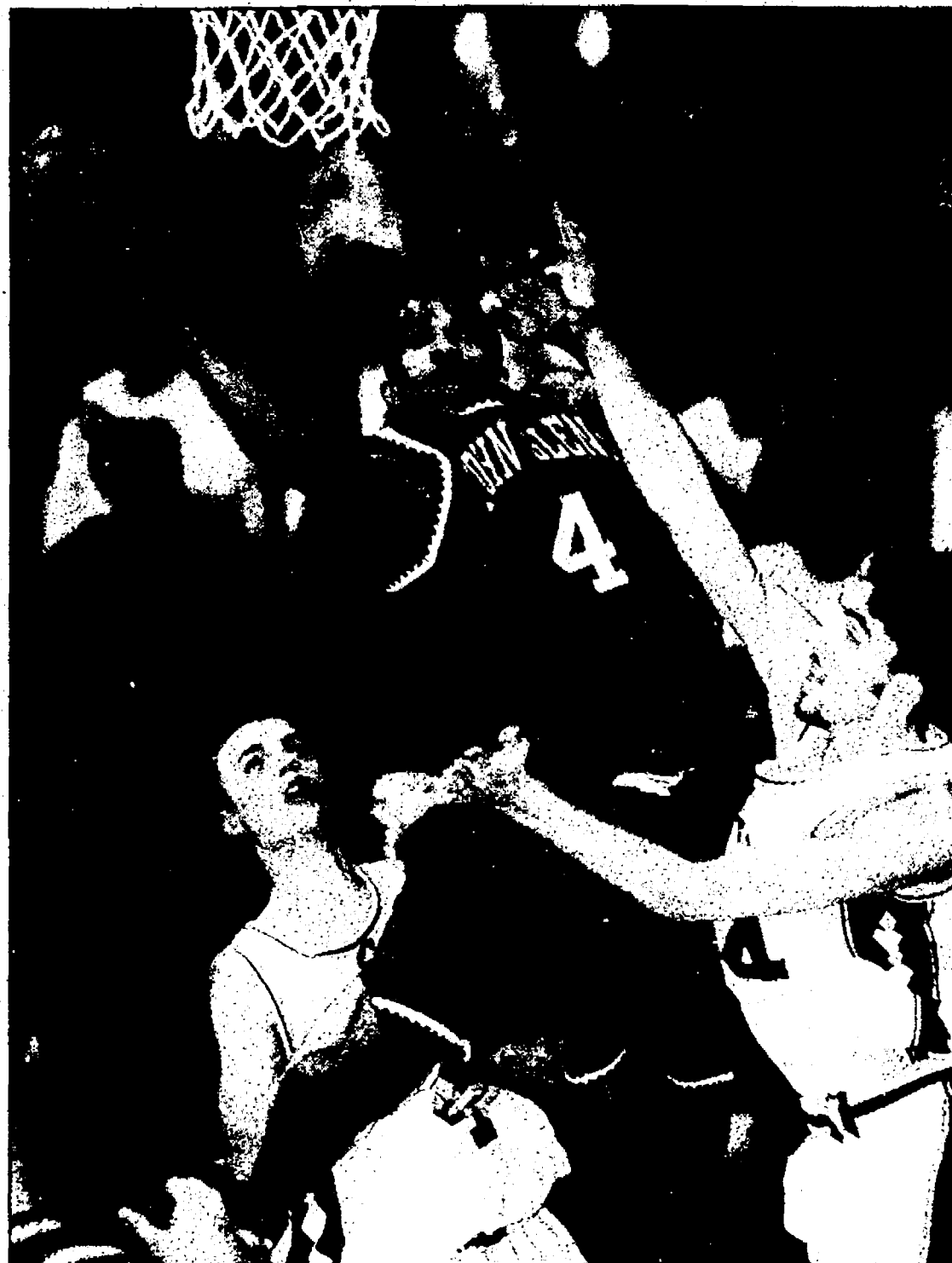
The Zebras, however, couldn't hit shots with any consistency, finishing 19 of 53 from the floor (35.8 percent).

"In practice yesterday (Tuesday) we were shooting the eyes out," Henry said. "It was one of our poorer shooting nights this season."

Glenn, a horrendous free throw shooting team this season, held true to form by making only 10 of 22 (45.4 percent).

The Rockets did make 21 of 52 shots from the field (40.3 percent) even on an off-night by Jones.

"When he (Jones) is on the court, teams think he's going to score because he's always an offensive threat and teams have to respect that," Schuette said.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HARLEY

Hang time: Westland John Glenn's Stephen Woods (No. 4) goes airborne between Wayne defenders Shane Nowak (left) and Justin Goins (right) in Wednesday's district tourney at Belleville.

Three seniors — Nathan Wade, Robert Price and Jamar Davis — were the Zebras' top three scorers with 12, 10 and 10, respectively.

"Those three guys may not be the greatest players, but they really played hard basketball," Henry said. "Even though we were 7-14, they were still working hard. They showed a lot of character and it was a positive."

Henry, who enjoyed much success during the Lorenzo Guess era when the Zebras went to two semifinals and one state quarterfinal, characterized 1998-99 as a "frustrating season."

"It just wasn't one thing," he said. "We had more than our fair share of injuries and academic problems."

Meanwhile, Glenn gets a second crack at Belleville, the team that eliminated the Rockets in the first round of

last year's district tourney.

"If we're all playing well, and our perimeter people step up defensively, and our big guys control the glass again, that will give us a chance," Schuette said.

Belleville won the second game of Wednesday's double-header with a tougher-than-expected 75-63 win over 9-12 Garden City.

C.J. Grantham and Kevin Harrison scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, for the winners.

Justin Ockerman, a 6-10 sophomore center, led GC with 18. Jerry Cherwalk contributed 17.

"Glenn is so athletic, they have talented players," Tigers' coach Rod Fisher said. "We're going to have to play better than tonight in order to win."

## Shamrock icers reach Final 4

Flint isn't a candidate for tourist capital of Michigan, but the Redford Catholic Central hockey team sure makes a habit of visiting there.

CC earned its fourth trip in the last seven years to the site of the Final Four with an 8-2 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer in Wednesday's Class A quarterfinal at Ann Arbor's Ice Cube.

No. 1 ranked CC, 26-1-1 overall, will play Marquette in a Class A semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Flint IMA.

Marquette beat Midland Dow in double overtime, 3-2, in another quarterfinal Wednesday night.

This is the third trip for CC to the Final Four in coach Gordie St. John's six seasons. The Shamrocks won state titles 1994 and '97. CC lost in the 1993 Class A final under former coach Jack Gumbleton.

Jim Spiewak had two goals and an assist and Matt VanHeest scored one goal with three assists for CC.

The line centered by Todd Bentley with wingers David Moss and Spiewak scored CC's first three goals.

Bentley opened the scoring 52 seconds into the game, assisted by Moss and VanHeest.

Spiewak followed with goals 23 seconds apart, the first assisted by Rowe and Bentley and the second by Moss and VanHeest.

The Shamrocks made the lead 4-0 with a power-play goal by Brandon Kaleniecki, assisted by VanHeest, with 4:30 left in the first period.

Goals by Pioneer's Kyle Mast and Chris Cherven sandwiched around VanHeest's power-play tally, assisted by Rowe and Ryan Yost, left CC with a 5-2 lead after two periods.

CC goaltender Ben Dunne made 15 shots through two periods.

The Shamrocks responded at the other end with Keith Rowe's goal on a slap shot in the circle that beat goalie Jon Bowling on the short side for a 6-2 lead.

Nathan Lewarne added a goal, assisted by Joe Moreau and Pat O'Dea, 47 seconds later to put the Shamrocks up 7-2. Erik Hawkins finished the scoring with an unassisted goal with 8:14 remaining.

•**REDFORD CC 9, DEARBORN 1:** Redford Catholic Central breezed to the Class A regional championship Saturday night at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

The Shamrocks led 3-0 after one period and 5-1 after 40 minutes.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MURPHY

Slap shot: Catholic Central's Keith Rowe (No. 23) takes aim against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

before outscoring Dearborn 4-0 in the final period.

Eric Hawkins scored a pair of goals to lead CC, one coming short-handed.

Brandon Kaleniecki and Brad Holland each had a goal and two assists. Ryan Yost also had a goal and one assist.

Keith Rowe contributed three assists.

Other CC goal scorers included David Moss, Jim Spiewak, Derek Genrich and Todd Bentley.

Other assists went to Shawn McGowan, Matt VanHeest, Ross Bentley and Nathan Lewarne.

Dearborn's only goal came in the second period — from Matt VanHeest from Brent Hurlbut at 2:17, cutting the deficit to 4-1.

## BASKETBALL

### Philippines on horizon for Hatfield

BY BRAD EMONS  
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Rudy Hatfield's college eligibility is up, but that doesn't mean his basketball career is over.

The 6-foot-4, 210-pound power forward from the University of Michigan-Dearborn — via Livonia Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College — is most likely headed for a tour of duty later this year in the Philippines.

"It's pretty much a for-sure deal," said Hatfield, who is half Philippino. "I'd definitely like to play there at least five years."

"And what's better than playing basketball and making money at the same time?"

Hatfield, who averaged 19.8 points and 9.8 rebounds per game his senior year at UM-Dearborn, is scheduled to make his first visit this summer to the Philippines.

Since his mother Lillian Schisler is Philippino, Hatfield has an advantage. He will not be counted as an import in the professional league.

"I've never been there, I don't speak the language and I really don't know the culture, so I guess it will be a shocking experience," Hatfield said. "But I'm really looking forward to going over there. My grandmother (Lolita Valdez) is visiting family there right now."

Chicagoan Rolando Hiso, a cycling manager and journalist, is arranging an informal tryout for Hatfield in July. If Hatfield sticks, the Philippino league runs for eight months with a month's break in between.

Hatfield, who just began playing last week in a local Philippino league out of Ferndale, caught Hiso's eye last summer when he took MVP honors representing a Detroit team in an All-Star game in Toronto.

Schoolcraft College coach Carlos Briggs, who starred at Baylor, still holds many scoring records in the Philippines. During one season he averaged 62 points per game and had a high game of 86.

Also, former Lake Superior State standout Eric Mink, who is part Philippino, played there last season.

Hatfield, meanwhile, is considered a late bloomer in the game of basketball who may only get better.

After averaging 15.5 points and eight rebounds his first year with UM-Dearborn, Hatfield exploded for coach Charles Turner his senior year leading the Wolves to a school-record 14 wins.

UM-Dearborn's season ended Feb. 25 with an eight-point loss to Peru State (Neb.) in the NAIA Division II regional in Sioux City, Iowa. In that game, Hatfield scored 28 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

"We were seed third and they were sixth — I didn't want to go out that way — I tried to lay everything on the line," Hatfield said.

UM-Dearborn, an independent, finished 14-18 overall but enjoyed some fine moments, including an upset win over Division II foe Saginaw Valley State.

Against Cornerstone, the No. 1 ranked team in NAIA Division II and playing this week in the nationals in Nampa, Idaho, Hatfield scored a career-high 30 points.

"I'm more of an offensive-minded player now whereas I was a role player at Schoolcraft," Hatfield said of his junior college days. "I have much more confidence now as a scorer."

Coming out of Churchill in 1995, Hatfield had one coach, and only one coach in his corner — Schoolcraft's Glen Donahue.

"Rudy's such a good player."

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Rudy Hatfield  
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**at BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAISER**  
Thursday, March 11: Farmington vs. Farmington Hills Harrison, 5 p.m.; West Bloomfield vs. North Farmington, 7 p.m.  
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**CLASS A**  
March 12 at Ann Arbor Huron  
Semifinals: Lincoln Franklin vs. Wayne Maumet, 4:30 p.m.; Plymouth Salem vs. Saline, 5 p.m.  
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the University of Michigan's Cliff Koen Arena vs. the Dearborn regional champion.)  
March 13 at Walled Lake Western  
Semifinals: Birmingham Groves vs. Rochester Adams, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Central vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, noon.  
Championship final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Farmington High School vs. Grosse Pointe North regional champion.)  
**CLASS C**  
March 13 at Almont  
Semifinals: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett vs. Southfield Christian, 5 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Almont, 6:30 p.m.  
Championship final: 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Saginaw Heritage vs. St. Louis regional champion.)  
March 13 at  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Thursday, March 11  
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, March 13  
Ply. Whalers vs. Guelph at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, March 14  
Ply. Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 6:30 p.m.

# Lady Crusaders off to 5-4 Florida start

Madonna University's softball fortunes could be in good hands with Janell Leschinger and Janelle Schmidt.

Especially their pitching hands.

Leschinger took a no-hitter into the seventh inning, settling for a two-hitter Tuesday, as Madonna defeated Malone (Ohio) College, 2-1, on Vicki Malkowski's game-winning solo home run in the bottom of the seventh.

In the Crusaders' second game of the afternoon, Schmidt hurled a one-hitter while her Madonna teammates were pounding out 17 hits in an 8-0 beating of Robert Morris College.

Madonna is getting its spring games in at Fort Myers, Fla.

The Crusaders made three errors against Malone, which scored an unearned run in the second. Madonna tied the score in the fourth before Malkowski won it with her two-out blast in the bottom of the seventh.

Leschinger (3-1) walked just one and struck out seven. She allowed two hits with two outs in the top of the seventh but retired the side with no damage.

Madonna scored five runs in the first and three in the second to cruise past Robert Morris (Pa.) in the second game. Schmidt (1-0) struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

Kelly Zurawski and Jamie Cook had three hits each. Courtney Senger, Jenny Kruzel and Missy Bako had two RBI apiece as the Crusaders raised their spring record to 5-4.

Madonna started its three-game winning streak Monday with a 17-7 pulverizing of Mercyhurst (Pa.). Tanya Liske allowed four hits and four runs in the first three innings and Schmidt gave up three runs and three hits. The Crusaders pounded out 20 hits in the game, scoring 12

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times in the third.

The Crusaders opened their season Saturday, splitting two games. They lost a 5-2 decision to Slippery Rock (Pa.) before coming back to blank St. Joseph, 9-0.

Senger had two hits against Slippery Rock and Bako was the losing pitcher. Leschinger allowed one hit in five innings of work against St. Joseph in the second game. Kruzel had just one hit, but it was a home run, and she drove in four runs.

On Sunday, Madonna played three games. It dropped a 10-1 contest to St. Anselm, pounded Waynesburg College, 9-1, and lost to Holy Family College, 7-2, getting just one hit.

Leschinger collected the win over Waynesburg with one-hit, six-strikeout work in five innings. Cook and Senger each drove in a pair of runs while Kristy McDonald had three hits.

Madonna dropped a 5-2 game to Avila College on Monday. Leschinger gave up eight hits in seven innings but the Crusaders could only muster five.

Senger led the team with a .444 batting average after Madonna's first nine games. Jen Walker and McDonald were each at .391 while six other Crusaders were at .300 or better. The team was hitting .335.

Malkowski and Kruzel had the team's only home runs. Senger had the team RBI lead with nine but Kruzel was right behind at eight.

Schmidt had a 1.02 ERA for 13 and 4 innings of work and Leschinger was at 1.46 for 24 innings. Leschinger had walked 11 but had struck out 20. Opponents were hitting just .138 against her.

## REGIONAL GYMNASTICS RESULTS

**CLASS A REGIONAL GYMNASTICS**  
March 6 at Plymouth Canton HS  
Team results

(Top 3 advance to state)

1. Northville-Novl., 140.025; 2. Saline, 137.60; 3. Hillsdale, 134.00; 4. Jackson County Western, 132.80; 5. Plymouth Salem, 132.50; 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 132.10; 7. Westland John Glenn, 132.00; 8. Adrian, 131.60; 9. Plymouth Canton, 131.45; 10. Ann Arbor Huron, 124.90; 11. Coldwater, 119.15; 12. Jackson Northwest, 116.80; 13. Ypsilanti, 116.40; 14. Jackson, 109.50; 15. Jackson Lumen Christi, 106.75; 16. Napoleon, 67.00; 17. Trenton, 40.00.

**Event Results**

**Division I**

(Top 10 — top 6 advance to state)

**All-Around** — 1. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 35.975; 2. Courtney Clark (S), 35.35; 3. Meline Miller (S), 35.1; 4. Melissa Drake (PS), 34.95; 5. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 34.3; 6. Monica Fink (N-N), 34.2; 7. Erin Keeler (AAH), 34.0; 8. Megan Fett (S), 33.8; 9. Andriel Calligan (H), 33.25; 10. Laura McCann (S), 16.2.

**Vault** — 1. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.15; 2. Monica Fink (N-N), 9.0; 3. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.75; 4. Melissa Drake (PS), 8.65; 5. Courtney Clark (S), 8.55; 6. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.5; 7. (tie) Meline Miller (S), Megan Fett (S), 8.4; 9. Laura McCann (S), 8.2; 10. Andriel Hillsdale (H), 7.95.

**Balance Beam** — 1. Courtney Clark (S), 8.9; 2. Meline Miller (S), 8.65; 3. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.65; 4. (tie) Lindsey Carlson (N-N), Jennifer Saprio (A), 8.55; 6. Megan Fett (S), 8.4; 7. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.2; 8. Andriel Calligan (H), 8.05; 9. Melissa Drake (PS), 7.75; 10. Monica Fink (N-N), 7.7.

**Uneven Parallel Bars** — 1. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.275; 2. Meline Miller (S), 9.25; 3. Melissa Drake (PS), 9.2; 4. Courtney Clark (S), 8.95; 5. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.75; 6. Andriel Calligan (H), 8.65; 7. Monica Fink (N-N), 8.55; 8. (tie) Andrea Led-

better (N-N), Megan Fett (S), 8.4; 10. Laura McCann (S), 8.0.

**Floor Exercise** — 1. Melissa Drake (PS), 9.35; 2. Lindsey Carlson (N-N), 9.0; 3. (tie) Courtney Clark (S), Monica Fink (N-N), 8.95; 5. Meline Miller (S), 8.8; 6. (tie) Megan Fett (S), Andriel Calligan (H), 8.6; 8. Erin Keeler (AAH), 8.55; 9. Andrea Ledbetter (N-N), 8.5.

**Division II**

(Top 10 — top 6 advance to state)

**All-Around** — 1. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 36.2; 2. Jessica Beach (JG), 36.1; 3. Kara Cretsingler (H), 35.85; 4. April Aquino (PS), 35.5; 5. Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), 35.00; 6. Nicole Simonian (JG), 34.85; 7. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 34.6; 8. Jessica High (AAP), 33.95; 9. (tie) Gabriela Aparicio (AAP), Sarah Holliday (H), 33.35.

**Vault** — 1. Jessica Beach (JG), 9.1; 2. April Aquino (PS), 9.05; 3. Nicole Simonian (JG), 9.0; 4. Maggie Bett (PC), 8.8; 5. (tie) Liz Fitzgerald (PC), Ashley Turek (A), 8.7; 7. Kara Cretsingler (H), 8.65; 8. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 8.6; 9. (tie) Jessica High (AAP), Sarah Holliday (H), 8.5.

**Balance Beam** — 1. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 9.5; 2. Kara Cretsingler (H), 9.35; 3. Jessica Beach (JG), 8.95; 4. April Aquino (PS), 8.9; 5. Erica Gregory (AAP), 8.75; 6. Kai Mathey (AAP), 8.7; 7. Maureen Clevenger (JCW), 8.65; 8. Monica Hirth (S), 8.55; 9. (tie) Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), Jessica High (AAP), Gabriela Aparicio (AAP), 8.45.

**Uneven Parallel Bars** — 1. Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), 9.15; 2. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 9.05; 3. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 8.95; 4. Megan Mason (T), 8.9; 5. Nicole Simonian (JG), 8.85; 6. (tie) April Aquino (PS), Grace Metz (A), 8.7; 8. (tie) Jessica Beach (JG), Kara Cretsingler (H), 8.6; 10. Maji Tinervia (C), 8.55.

**Floor Exercise** — 1. Jessica Beach (JG), 9.45; 2. Kara Cretsingler (H), 9.25; 3. Julia Brown (A), 9.1; 4. Alaina Stuart (JCW), 9.05; 5. Liz Fitzgerald (PC), 9.0; 6. (tie) Jennifer Rohlfis (N-N), Ari Aycock (AAH), Kristen Costantino (JG), 8.95; 9. (tie) April Aquino (PS), Nicole Simonian (JG), Sara Chaplin (C), 8.85.

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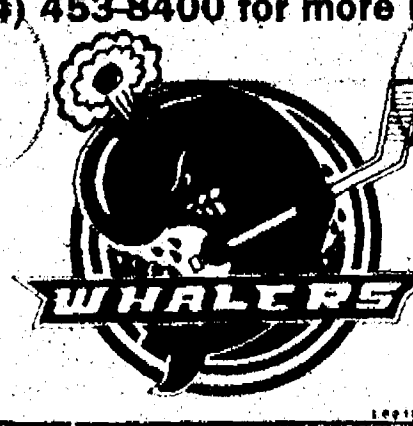
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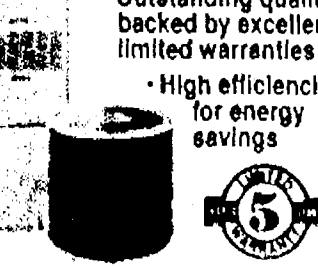
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# Churchill ousted in finals

BY C.J. REAR  
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A war of nerves — that's what playing Livonia Churchill in volleyball is. The Chargers often take the best opponents to the three-game limit, wearing them down and frustrating them.

Plymouth Salem was well aware of Churchill's methods going into Saturday's Class A district final at Novi HS. It didn't make it any easier to play the Chargers, but by the third game it was the Rocks who did the wearing down to win the deciding set 15-5. Salem won the opening game, 16-14; Churchill won the second, 15-13.

Salem, now 46-10-1, advances to Friday's regional at Ann Arbor Huron. The Rocks will play Saline after the Livonia Franklin-vs.-Wayne Memorial match, which starts at 4:30 p.m. The championship will be at approximately 7 p.m. Churchill bows out at 29-12-3.

"We were very competitive in the first two games," said Churchill coach Mike Hughes. "I thought in the last game, the difference was Salem got good swings at the ball and we didn't. You've got to give (Salem) credit — they've got good athletes and they played well."

"I was pretty pleased with the way we played. I thought we got the maximum out of our players."

Indeed the Chargers did. The two teams had met twice earlier this season, Salem winning in three games in their Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season encounter followed by a split of their two-game set at the WLAA Tournament.

"I thought it would be tough," said Rocks' coach Tom Teeters. "That first game was crucial, and it could have gone either way."

"If we didn't win that, there wouldn't have been a third game."

The first set was indeed a gut-wrenching test. Neither

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team scored more than two points on a serve; Salem's biggest lead in the game was 9-6, after an ace served by Alekha Marquez. But Churchill scored five of the next six points and led 11-10 after Luba Steca's ace.

The Rocks got to within game point at 14-12 on an Erica Stein kill, but the Chargers answered with two kills by Lauren Ruprecht to tie it at 14. A kill by Angie Sillmon and Amanda Suder's ace finally gave Salem the victory.

The second game was similar; only Churchill — after falling behind 3-0 at the start — got in front and stayed there. The Chargers led 9-6 after a tip by Steca dropped between Salem defenders. The Rocks twice pulled to within a point, but could not overtake Churchill. Shannon Munn had four kills for points in the game for the Chargers.

However, any momentum they gained with the win didn't last. The third game bore no semblance to the first two; the Rocks got in front early and stayed there. Laine Sterling started it, serving four points to put Salem up 6-1.

After that, Andrea Pruett took control. The 6-foot-1 senior had two kills for points on Stein's serve to make it 8-2 before serving out the game, collecting seven points — two on aces, four others on kills by Suder.

"Pruett's serving," was Teeters' reply when asked what the difference was in the third game. "Just because she was on."

Sillmon and Suder propelled Salem offensively; Sillmon totaled 19 kills (a .333 kill average) and Suder had 18 (.293). Jill Dombrowski contributed eight (.278).

Suder also had four aces and 14 digs in the match, while Sillmon got five digs. Pruett had three kills, seven digs and three aces, and Stein chipped

in with three aces and four digs.

Sterling collected 40 assists to kills and a team-high 20 digs.

Churchill was led by Steca with nine kills; Ruprecht with six kills, 10 digs and seven blocks; Fernanda Leite, with six kills; Amy Cadovich, with five kills; and Shannon Munn, with four kills and six blocks. The Chargers had just three service errors in the match.

In the district semifinal, the Chargers disposed of Northville 15-6, 15-9, and Salem defeated Novi 15-2, 15-1. Churchill, which had an opening-round bye, was paced by Cadovich's seven kills; Ruprecht's five kills and eight digs; Munn's two kills and five blocks; and Steca's four kills.

Salem got seven kills from Suder (.375); six kills from Sillmon (.667) to go with six digs, and four kills apiece from Pruett (.250) and Dombrowski (.1000). Sterling finished with 18 assists to kills, and Marquez served five aces.

In Saturday's district opener, the Rocks knocked off Plymouth Canton 15-2, 15-8. Sillmon again was unstoppable, collecting 14 kills (.476) and eight digs. Suder had six kills (.222) and six digs, and Pruett got four kills and two aces. Marquez and Stein had three aces each in the match, and Sterling finished with 21 assists and five digs.

The Huron regional won't be easy for the Rocks, but at least one former adversary won't be present: Livonia Ladywood, which knocked Salem from the state tournament the last two years, lost in the district semifinals to Livonia Stevenson.

Should the Rocks get past Saline, they will most likely face Livonia Franklin in the regional final — a team they lost to 9-15, 17-15, 15-9 in WLAA play.

"The key for us is to play half-way consistently," said Teeters. "And for us as a coaching staff, the key is if we don't play consistently, we have to find ways to get it done."

# Wayne, Lady Warriors advance

Wayne Memorial has extended its girls volleyball season, meaning it still has a chance to reach 500.

The Zebras, getting hot at the right time, raised their record to 18-21-3 Saturday by winning their district at Ypsilanti Lincoln to advance to the Class A regional semifinals Friday at Ann Arbor Huron against Livonia Franklin.

Wayne Memorial defeated host Ypsilanti Lincoln in its district tournament opener, 15-8, 15-8, and then came from behind to shade Garden City, 14-16, 15-10, 15-6, in the championship match.

Rachel Raines recorded seven kills at the net and served five aces in the victory over the Cougars while Kristin Kerhrer backed her four service aces with six kills.

Setter Amy Paling recorded 23 assists and Beth Molitor had five kills.

Coach Laura Fisher cited Molitor for playing outstanding defense in the match.

Julie Gunther and Melissa Jones were keys on defense, Fisher said, while playing consistently well at serve-receive.

Garden City defeated Westland John Glenn, 16-14, 15-8, to reach the finals of the district at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

John Glenn finished its season 8-21-8. Garden City, 7-18-2, was eliminated in the district finals by Wayne Memorial.

Junior Jamie McLeod had six kills and eight digs for John Glenn, which had four aces and 15 assists by senior setter Jessica LeTourneau.

Kristen Krohn served three aces and had five digs while junior Nicole Panyard spiked home four kills.

"I think we'll be a tough team next year with Noelle Swartz (injured) coming back," coach Stacy Graham of the Rockets said. "This year was an up-and-down season."

"We had a lot of skill on the team, but at critical moments we were not always able to come up



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**Tip drill: Clarenceville's Kristina Skrela controls the ball against Borgess.**

with the big play."

Other key graduation losses for John Glenn also include Melanie Panyard and Amanda Bell.

## Lutheran Westland rolls

Lutheran High Westland captured its first-ever district title in school history Tuesday with wins over host Detroit Communication Media Arts (15-6, 15-4) and Detroit Benedictine (15-8, 15-1).

The Lady Warriors, Metro Conference tournament champions, advance to Saturday's Class C regional to play host Almont.

The first semifinal match pits Southfield Christian vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett at 5 p.m. followed by Lutheran Westland and the Raiders at 6:30 p.m. The final is scheduled for 8 p.m.

"I'm real proud of them, they

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played very well," Lutheran Westland coach Joan Ollinger said. "We're all very excited to be going to the regional."

Despite a week layoff, Lutheran Westland overcame a sluggish start in the Benedictine match to win handily.

Against Detroit CMA, senior Anna Schwewe served nine straight points in the opening game.

And behind the blocking of Bekah Hoffmeier, Sarah Marody, and Hana Hughes, Lutheran Westland finished off the Pharoahs in quick order.

## Clarenceville ousted

Livonia Clarenceville made it to the finals of the Class C district Saturday at Southfield Christian before losing to the host Eagles, 15-10, 15-4.

Clarenceville blasted Redford Bishop Borgess, 15-1, 15-0, in the semifinals as Danielle Sledz served all 15 points of the second game against the Spartans, notching 10 aces.

The Trojans, who finished 33-14-3 overall, were hurt against the host Eagles when middle hitter Kristina Skrela re-aggravated a hyperextended knee and had limited mobility.

Rachael Koernke had 15 digs against the host team while Sledz put down eight kills. Setter Nicole Kasprian recorded 19 assists.

## Huron Valley sidelined

On Saturday, host Southfield Franklin Road Christian eliminated Westland Huron Valley Lutheran from the Class D state tourney with a 15-9, 15-10 district victory.

The Hawks finished the season with an 11-10 overall record.

Jessica Whitaker recorded three kills for Huron Valley Lutheran while Stephanie Graves had a kill and a block.

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## STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

# Southfield gets past CC, 60-52

Southfield and Redford Catholic Central combined for only 11 points in the third quarter of Wednesday's Class A boys basketball district semifinal and the Shamrocks could have lived with that if they had a majority of the points.

Trouble is, Southfield scored seven and CC four to leave the Bluejays with a 38-35 lead after three quarters.

With defensive-minded Ben Kelso as the Southfield coach, that's like a 10-point lead for most teams.

Southfield went on to win the fourth quarter, too, 22-17, and left with a 60-52 victory over the host Shamrocks.

Senior guard Desmond Martin led Southfield with 21 baskets, making six of seven free throws to help seal the outcome. Senior forward Malcomb Ross added 16 points, including four of five free throws.

The Shamrocks let a 16-9 lead after one quarter go to waste in the second quarter when Southfield enjoyed a 22-17 scoring advantage to tie the score at the half, 31-31.

CC senior guard Nick Moore had a game-high 23 points, including four baskets from three-point range. He also made all five of his free throws.

Southfield, 13-8 overall, advanced to the district final to play Detroit Redford at 7 p.m. Friday.

CC finished its season with a 15-7 record.

**BORGESS 83, LUTH. WESTLAND 57:** Junior guard Donald Didlake scored 21 points Wednesday to lead host Redford Bishop Borgess to a semifinal district win over Lutheran Westland.

Sophomore forward Marcuz Young added 13 points for the Spartans (11-11), who will play Detroit Benedictine in the final at 7 p.m. Friday.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Hoop shot: Lutheran High Westland's Andrew McLaughlin takes aim against Dearborn St. Alphonsus in Tuesday's first round game.**

Senior forward Ryan Ollinger scored 15 points and senior center Thomas Habitz 14 for the Warriors (14-8).

Borgess held quarter leads of 20-12, 40-25 and 61-39.

**BENEDICTINE 47, C'VILLE 34:** The Ravens outscored the Trojans 15-8 in the third quarter to open a 38-26 lead in a district semifinal game Wednesday.

Benedictine's Husani Irwin led all scorers with 14 points. Sophomore forward Scott Wion and junior center Rick Burack scored nine points apiece for Clarenceville (8-14).

The Ravens (9-11) were ahead 13-7 after one quarter and 23-18 at halftime.

# Clarenceville notches rare tourney win

Clarenceville, which last won a Livonia District boys basketball championship in 1993, won its first boys high school district basketball title since 1993.

Southfield Christian made it interesting, getting within a point with eight seconds left on a free throw by junior forward Matt Chapman.

But Southfield was forced to foul with three seconds to play and Scott Carr made a free throw to account for the final score — 53-52 — and send the Trojans into Wednesday's Class C district semifinal against Detroit Benedictine at Redford Bishop Borgess.

A desperation half-court shot at the buzzer by Southfield Christian was way off the mark.

Junior forward Rick Burack, who had nine points and eight assists, made a key steal with 20 seconds to play to keep Clarenceville in command.

Sophomore center Scott Wion scored 21 points for Clarenceville, 8-13 after the victory.

Clarenceville muscled its way to an 18-14 lead after one period and increased it to 35-28 at the half before faltering in the third period, when Southfield Christian posted an 11-4 margin.

Junior center Eric Hall paced Southfield Christian with 15 points while Clemens and forward John Dresser each had 10.

Clarenceville was at the line for 23 free throws and made 15, 11 by Wion.

Southfield Christian went 5-for-9 from the line.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 83, ST. ALPHONSUS 52:** The Warriors repulsed a late Arrows' rally Tuesday to win their Class C district opener.

Lutheran High School Westland played host Redford Bishop Borgess in a Wednesday district semifinal game. The Spartans demolished Detroit School of the Industrial Arts, 87-28, to advance.

Junior Charles Hoelt scored 21 of his 27 points in the first half to help Lutheran Westland build up a 40-25 lead. He had 12 of the Warriors' 20 second quarter points.

Senior forward Ryan Ollinger added 18 points to help the Warriors improve to 14-7 this season.

Guard Thomas David led Dearborn St. Alphonsus with 17 points and junior forward Lamond Benney 16.

A 16-6 third quarter let the Arrows make a run in the second half but the Warriors staved off defeat with some good defense in the fourth quarter.

**BEAVERVILLE 75, FRANKLIN 44:** The guard-oriented Tigers showed the Patriots why they made the state Class A finals last year.

Junior guard Kevin Harrison led Beaverille with 21 points, senior John Edwards added 20 and point guard C.J. Grantham ran a fine floor game while scoring nine points.



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**Driving force: Stevenson's Dave Stando (right) takes a Southfield defender to the basket.**

Edwards swished six triples from the corner to help Beaverille, host team for the district, raise its record to 14-7.

The Patriots tried to stop the outside shooting with a zone defense. The few times they went to a man-to-man, the more experienced Tiger guards beat them off the dribble.

Franklin, which won one of 20 games this season, got 15 points from sophomore Joe Ruggerio, who made three three-point shots himself. Dustin Kuras had 11 and junior Derek Schema scored nine.

"They're a tough team," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said of his opponent. "They're good."

"Our kids played hard and never gave up. We had good attitudes all year long."

Franklin trailed, 22-11, after one period and 46-22 at the halfway point. The Patriots made half their 16 free throws while the Tigers missed five of the eight free throws they tried.

**CANTON 64, CHURCHILL 45:** Livonia Churchill's strategy looked like a winner — at least for a half.

The Chargers used an extended zone defense against Plymouth Canton in the Monday district opener hosted by the Chiefs. Their object: "We wanted to take away their perimeter game," explained Churchill coach Rick Austin.

And his Chargers carried it out well, pressuring well and keeping senior Joe Cortellini, in particular, off the scoreboard. He had just five points in the game — all in the first quarter.

At halftime, Canton had a 21-18 lead.

Jason Weidmann, Nathan Rau and Scott Samulski combined for 42 points to lead their team in a dominating second-half performance. Weidmann finished with 18 points, while Rau and Samulski added 13 apiece.

"We made them beat us from the inside," said Austin. "And Canton capitalized on that. (Ryan) Vickers, (Brandon) Gerlach, (Ryan) Cousins and

(Brad) Sacco — those four guys played very well on defense. They took away Cortellini."

Unfortunately, it left too many holes for the bigger Chiefs to take advantage of inside. Canton converted 10-of-15 second-half floor shots and drew a lot of fouls (20 in the second half). They were 20-of-25 from the line in the second half (80 percent) and 22-of-29 in the game (76 percent). Churchill was 9-of-12 from the line for the game (47 percent).

Rau's presence inside, with Weidmann, was particularly effective. The 6-foot-2 senior scored eight third-quarter points, making all six of his free throws, as the Chiefs outscored Churchill 18-7. Samulski took over in the final quarter, converting five straight from the line while scoring nine points in Canton's 27-20 fourth-period surge.

John Bennett paced the Chargers with 17 points, 11 coming in the fourth quarter on three three-pointers and two free throws. Devin White was next highest with eight.

Churchill finishes with a 7-14 record — its best since the 1990-91 season.

**SOUTHFIELD 62, STEVENSON 32:** Livonia Stevenson (8-13) stayed close for a half before the Blue Jays (12-8) pulled away in the second half Monday in the opening round of the Class A district at Redford Catholic Central.

Kerry Nether and Malcolm Ross scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for Southfield.

Kenney McChristian led Stevenson with 12.

Southfield led by only three at intermission, 26-23, before outscoring the Spartans 26-9 in the second half.

"We played a real good first half," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "We used a 1-2-2 zone and we rebounded."

"They (Southfield) picked up their intensity with their press and we made some poor choices."

**REDFORD CC 60, HENRY FORD 58:** Senior guard Nick Moore scored 20 points and dished out 12 assists Monday to lift host Redford Catholic Central (15-6) past Detroit Henry Ford (7-14) in the district opener.

Juniors Rob Sparks and Matt Loidas chipped in with 12 points apiece for CC.

Henry Ford's Morris Hall led all scorers with 22.

**PCA 71, HURON VALLEY 30:** There were no thoughts of extending the season by any of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran players after the first quarter of their Class D district opener at Jackson Baptist Monday.

That's because Plymouth Christian Academy wasted no time taking command, outscoring the Hawks 23-5 in the opening quarter. By halftime it was 44-16.

"We jumped on them early," said Eagles' coach Doug Taylor. "We played real good defense. It was a great team win and a good way to open district play."

Nine Eagles scored in the game, with Michael Huntman leading with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Jordan Roose contributed 15 points, six steals and five assists, and Dave Carty totaled eight points, six steals, four rebounds, four assists and three blocked shots.

Rene Armat topped Huron Valley with 11 points. The Hawks finished their season 2-16.

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## HOCKEY

## Plymouth earns No. 1 junior ranking

If they weren't prepared to be used for target practice before, the Plymouth Whalers better be now.

For the first time in franchise history, the Whalers are ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League in the weekly Bank of Montreal/MasterCard Canadian Hockey League's Top Ten. The ranking is done by a panel of NHL scouts.

The Whalers own the best record in the entire CHL — 49-11-4. Their 8-1-1 mark in their last 10 games boosted their winning percentage to .797, also best in the CHL. They have already clinched first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, and their 102 points is one better than the Barrie Colts, who dropped from third in the poll to fourth.

The Calgary Hitmen (48-10-7), members of the Western Hockey League, dropped from No. 1 in the rankings to No. 2. The Quebec Remparts (48-12-5), who compete in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, are No. 3, followed by a pair of OHL teams: Barrie (48-11-5) and the Ottawa 67s (47-12-4).

## Whalers win, tie over weekend

If there is a single team that must register as more of a concern to the Plymouth Whalers than their record would warrant — like that unreachable itch in the middle of your back, a minor problem that becomes a major annoyance — the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds are it.

In a league that consists of a Big Three (Plymouth, Barrie and Ottawa, each with 98 points or more) and the rest (next best: Guelph, with 84), the Greyhounds are members of the latter. They have a 31-25-7 record, and their 69 points ranks 10th in the 20-team league.

But they have certainly made things rough on the Whalers, the OHL's best team with a 49-11-4 record. Sault Ste. Marie has beaten them once, handing them their first loss of

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Ottawa 67s	47	12	4	98
Bellefonte Bulls	37	21	8	80
Oshawa Generals	35	24	1	75
Peterborough Petes	36	24	2	74
Kingston Frontenacs	19	42	3	41
Central Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Barrie Colts	48	11	5	101
Sudbury Wolves	23	33	8	54
North Bay Centennials	21	37	6	48
Thornhill M. Majors	18	38	6	42
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	56	3	9
West Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Plymouth Whalers	49	11	4	102
Sarnia Sting	35	23	5	75
SSM Greyhounds	31	25	7	69
London Knights	32	29	3	67
Windsor Spitfires	21	37	6	48
Midwest Division	W	L	T	Pts.
Guelph Storm	41	20	2	84
Owen Sound Platers	37	23	6	79
Erie Otters	27	32	4	58
Kitchener Rangers	21	37	5	47
Brampton Battalion	8	54	3	19

the season (5-4 in overtime Sept. 27), and three times the Greyhounds have forced Plymouth to overtime — winning once, losing once, tying once. The Whalers narrowly averted another OT when they thwarted a three-goals-in-the-third-period Sault Ste. Marie comeback.

The tie came Saturday, and again the Whalers were pushed to the limit. They led 2-1 going into the second period, but the Greyhounds scored three times to take a 4-2 lead. It took a pair of power-play goals by Plymouth, the second with 1:59 left in the game, to forge a 4-4 tie.

Paul Mara got the game-tying goal, with

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assists from Nikos Tselios and David Legwand. Mara also had an assist in the game; Tselios finished with a goal and two assists.

Adam Colagiaco, who scored four goals in a 7-1 win over Kingston Friday, added two more against Sault Ste. Marie to bring his season-total to 40. Shaun Fisher collected two assists for Plymouth.

Rob Zepp made 22 saves for the Whalers, while the Greyhounds' Jake McCracken had 40 stops. Cory Pecker scored two goals and had an assist for Sault Ste. Marie.

In the 7-1 win over Kingston Friday, Colagiaco was the show. His three-goal second period stretched a 2-1 lead after one to 5-1. Mara, Harold Druken and Jamie Lalonde also scored for the Whalers; Druken had two assists as well. Mark McMahon collected three assists, and Legwand and Randy Fitzgerald added two apiece.

Plymouth outshot Kingston (19-42-3 through the weekend) 46-16. Robert Holsinger made 15 saves, while the Frontenacs' Patrick DesRochers had 39.

## Ambassador Kowalski honored

Craig Kowalski of the Compuware Ambassadors was selected as Goalie of the Month after posting a 5-1-2 record with a .933 save percentage and a 1.63 goals-against average during February. For the season, Kowalski's record is 29-6-6; he ranks first in the North American Hockey League in wins and goals-against average (2.14 per game), is second in minutes played (2,413) and save percentage (.921), and is third in shutouts (two).

The Ambassadors didn't do too well last weekend, losing 8-3 to Cleveland Friday in Jackson. The loss dropped first-place Compuware's record to 32-11-6. Jack Redwood led the Ambassadors with a goal and an assist.

## ALL-WLAA BOYS HOOP TEAMS

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Coratellini, Sr., Plymouth Canton;  
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Obomsawin, Sr., Walled Lake Central;  
Adam Wilson, Sr., Plymouth  
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mouth Salem; Adrian Bridges, Jr.,  
North Farmington; Eric Jones, Jr.,

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George Thompson, Jerry Hargan;  
North Farmington: Matt Kelmigian,  
Phil Watha, Brian Shulman; Ply-  
mouth Salem: Rob Jones, Jake Gray;  
Westland John Glenn: Ben Harris,  
Bill Foder, Reggie Spearmon,  
Stephen Woods; Farmington Hills  
Harrison: Dave Pesci, Matt Reed,  
Joe Hundley, Brian Nelson; Ply-  
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Mike Major; Walled Lake Central:  
Mark Bortz, Joe Paletta, Eric Jack-  
son; Northville: Brett Allen, Ryan  
Eller, Travis Bliss; Livonia Churchill:  
John Bennett, Ryan Vickers, Randall  
Bobolga, Devin White; Livonia  
Stevenson: Keshay McChristian,  
Marty Kennedy, Ryan Tobin; Farm-  
ington: Justin Milus; Livonia  
Franklin: Dustin Kures.

## Hatfield from page C1

said the former SC coach, now at Dearborn Heights Annapolis High, "and he's such a competitor. He just plays so hard and gives you everything he can. And what a great kid."

The two have remained close over the years.

"He (Donahue) came out to my last two home games," Hatfield said. "Glen's the reason why I played college basketball. Coming out of high school I was nervous and worried. I didn't know if I could play. He's the one who asked me to play. He's the greatest coach I've ever had."

Hatfield, whose father Rudolph is a psychology professor at UM-Dearborn, plans to put his graduation plans on hold. He has about a year remaining to obtain a degree in business.

"I have no regrets about my college basketball career," said Hatfield, who lives in Canton with his mother. "It was the greatest time in my life."

Now comes the second phase his basketball career.

And who knows, maybe they'll make a movie about him and call it Rudy II.

## Spartans top voting

Eight players from league champion Livonia Stevenson highlight the 1998-99 Suburban High School Hockey League All-League team.

In addition, Mike Harris of the Spartans was honored as the league's Coach of the Year. Stevenson went undefeated in SHSHL play.

Redford Unified was honored with three players; Livonia Churchill, Redford Thurston, Livonia Franklin and Northville two apiece; and Dearborn Unified and Walled Lake Central one each.

Goalies: Ryan McBroom (LC), Soph.; Kevin Marlowe (LS), Soph.; Eric Pagel (RU), Soph.

Defense: Thom McNamara (Dhn), Sr.; J.J. Price (RU), Sr.; Dave Sellin (RU), Jr.; Adam Sexton (LF), Sr.; Joe Suchara (LS), Sr.; Justin Wainio (N), Sr.; Chris Williams (LS), Sr.

Forwards: Tim Allen (LS), Sr.; Dan Cieslak (LS), Sr.; Dan Cook (LC), Sr.

## ALL-SHSHL

Joel Halliday (RU), Sr.; Brent Hojnicki (DU), Sr.; John May (LS), Sr.; Jason Moul (RU), Soph.; Mike Murphy (WLW), Sr.; Sean Nappo (N), Soph.; Mark Nebus (LS), Jr.; Tony Saia (LF), Sr.; Ryan Sinks (LS), Sr.

Honorable Mention: Stevenson — John Katruski, Chris McComb, Mike Nebus, Willie Wilson, Mike Zientarski; Redford Unified — Brad Johnson, Bill McSweeney, Justin Rosin; Dearborn Unified — Johnathon Harvey, Derek Lips, Joe Virga; Churchill — Nate Jakubowski, Adam Krug, Chuck Leight, Ed Rossetto; Northville — Evan Edwards, Marc Olin; Walled Lake Western — Vinnie Azzopardi, Roderic Dolega, Rex Trott, Eric Wojciechowski; Walled Lake Central — Chad Haven, Joe Torosian, Mike Vittore; Franklin — Josh Garbutt, John Nichol, Ryan Tracy, Chad Van Hulle; Farmington Unified — Tom Close, Matt Lee, Logan McLean, Dan Mooney, Ross Patterson.

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## BEST BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING PERFORMANCES

Following is a list of boys Observerland best swim times and diving scores. Coaches can report updates to Dan O'Meara by faxing information to (734) 591-7279 or calling (734) 953-2141.

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**  
(state cut: 1:42.99)  
North Farmington 1:40.37  
Plymouth Salem 1:41.14  
Livonia Stevenson 1:41.35  
Plymouth Canton 1:43.11  
Redford Catholic Central 1:45.31

**200 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 1:49.39)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:44.71  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 1:47.71  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 1:48.79  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 1:49.10  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 1:50.34  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:50.61  
Don LeClair (Canton) 1:51.18  
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:51.80  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 1:52.49  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.25

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**  
(state cut: 2:03.99)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:57.33  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:57.82  
Paul Perez (Salem) 2:04.26  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 2:05.40  
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**  
(state cut: 22.59)  
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 21.66  
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 Meekins (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 Brazunas (Redford CC) 256.30  
Mike Mattis (Redford CC) 230.50

Justin Goodwin (N. Farmington) 197.65  
Greg Kubitzki (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**  
(state cut: 55.59)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 54.00  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 54.55  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.45  
Paul Perez (Salem) 55.84  
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.68  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 56.00  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 56.59  
Mark Wachsberg (N. Farmington) 57.29  
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 58.66  
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 58.97

**100 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 49.49)  
Matt Zaid (N. Farmington) 48.17  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 48.32  
Brandon Digia (N. Farmington) 48.85  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 48.92  
Andrew Locke (Salem) 49.34  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 49.66  
Jim McPartlin (John Glenn) 49.81  
Don LeClair (Canton) 50.59  
Bill Randall (Churchill) 50.61  
Brad Buckler (Stevenson) 50.63

**500 FREESTYLE**  
(state cut: 4:57.39)  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 4:45.03  
Brian Mertens (Salem) 4:56.94  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 5:00.06  
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:04.58  
Paul Perez (Salem) 5:07.47  
Ryan Meekins (Redford CC) 5:07.81  
Mike Malik (Stevenson) 5:08.46  
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 5:08.73  
Danny Price (Harrison) 5:09.86  
Kurtis Hornick (Canton) 5:10.60

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
(state cut: 1:31.90)  
North Farmington 1:29.69  
Plymouth Salem 1:30.61  
Plymouth Canton 1:31.58  
Livonia Stevenson 1:33.78  
Redford Catholic Central 1:34.53

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
(state cut: 56.39)  
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.78  
Devin Hopper (Farmington) 56.07  
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 56.35

Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.62  
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.33  
Eric Lynn (Salem) 58.00  
Justin Allen (Canton) 58.25  
James McPartlin (John Glenn) 58.42  
Matt Casillas (Salem) 59.28  
John Kern (N. Farmington) 59.48

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
(state cut: 1:03.19)  
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.68  
Keith Falk (Stevenson) 1:03.76  
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.97  
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:05.13  
David Hartmann (Farmington) 1:05.58  
Jon Zaid (N. Farmington) 1:05.66  
Sonny Webber (Wayne) 1:05.72  
Josh Markow (Redford CC) 1:06.01  
Mike McCowan (Stevenson) 1:06.15  
Jason Rebarchik (Salem) 1:06.76

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
(state cut: 3:23.09)  
Livonia Stevenson 3:18.60  
North Farmington 3:19.85  
Plymouth Canton 3:20.57  
Plymouth Salem 3:20.73  
Redford Catholic Central 3:24.16

## DIVING REGIONALS

INDIVIDUAL CLASS A BOYS DIVING  
REGIONAL MEET RESULTS  
March 9 at Grand Rapids North

Top 12 qualify for state meet: 1. Andrew Silukis (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 499.75 points; 2. Paul McCarty (Ypsilanti), 488.30; 3. Chris Gawronski (Walled Lake), 442.55; 4. Comendow (Adrian), 413.45; 5. Folk (Ann Arbor Huron), 382.95; 6. Chris McFarland (Westland John Glenn), 377.60; 7. Joe Lebovic (North Farmington), 368.95; 8. Walter (Woodhaven), 358.80; 9. Elliott Meyers (Walled Lake), 352.90; 10. Greg Brazunas (Redford Catholic Central), 342.25; 11. Hackbarth (Brighton), 334.50; 12. Zillich (Pleasant), 322.35.

Other participants: 13. Mike Mattis (Redford CC), 312.35; 15. Scott Clark (John Glenn), Justin Goodwin (North Farmington); Mike Baskin (Livonia Stevenson); Greg Kubitzki (Plymouth Salem); Ken Douglass (Livonia Franklin); Kurt Brunner (Plymouth Canton); Chris Moretto (Redford Union).

## Jays' Stafford uses all resources

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The outlook is bright right now for Mike Stafford. The former Plymouth Canton baseball star recently left for Dunedin, Fla. to get in some early workouts prior to the start of the Toronto Blue Jays spring camp for its minor league players.

But his road to pro baseball hasn't been without potholes.

At Canton, Stafford was a standout — at first base. Indeed, it was his play at that position that drew the interest of Ohio State. He committed to the Buckeyes during the early signing period.

That was prior to his senior season at Canton, in 1993. It was also the only year Stafford pitched at Canton. A lefthander, he posted a 6-1 record as the No. 2 starter behind Craig Benedict, who went on to star at Madonna University.

The Chiefs won the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, but lost in the state district final.

Off Stafford went to Columbus in the fall for his first season at OSU — as a first baseman, not a pitcher. "I never even thought about pitching," Stafford recalled.

When he got there, he discovered OSU wanted him to build himself up physically. So he red-shirted a year and did just that. Unfortunately, the developments awaiting him in his second year were not promising.

"There was no room there," he said. "They had three All-Americans at first base."

Stafford was discouraged. Faced with a no-play college

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career, he weighed his options.

That's when he got some much-needed advice, from a totally unexpected source.

"I was about to quit," said Stafford. "I wasn't playing, and it didn't look like I was going to get much playing time. Then I ran into Chris Spielman working out there. We started talking, and he asked me how I was doing, and I told him my problem."

A former All-American at linebacker at OSU, and a Pro Bowler for the Detroit Lions, Spielman listened and talked it over with Stafford, telling him to stick with it and keep trying.

After that, Stafford approached his coaches about changing positions. "I told them I could pitch," he said simply. "We didn't have any lefthanders."

Utilized as a set-up man and a closer, Stafford posted a 4-2 record with a 2.27 earned run average as a junior. His senior year was even better: He went 5-2 with seven saves, posting a 2.54 ERA and earning all-Big Ten accolades. He led his team in ERA both seasons, and put his name in the OSU record books: second highest number of appearances in a season (29), second longest scoreless streak pitched (15.3 innings), third most pitching appearances in a career (52).

Although not overpowering — "On a good day, I'll throw 85 mph," Stafford said — he drew enough interest to be drafted by the Blue Jays last year.

He started his pro career with their Rookie League team in

Medicine Hat, Alberta, playing in the Pioneer League. He was there just three weeks, going 1-0 with a 2.60 ERA, before being called up to the Jays' team in St. Catharines, Ont., near Buffalo. Competing in the short season Class A New York-Penn League, Stafford again sparkled, going 1-0 with a 1.38 ERA.

Stafford isn't a dreamer. That, in great part, is due to his heritage; his dad, Bill, pitched eight seasons of Major League baseball. Bill remains the answer to a baseball trivia question he must relish — he was pitching for the Yankees when Roger Maris hit his 61st home run in 1961.

"Usually, after every game I pitch, I call him and we talk about it, how I pitched," Stafford said. "He gives me advice and we discuss strategies."

He'll play Class A ball this summer, hopefully reaching the Jays' advanced A team at Dunedin by season's end.

"I don't want to go too fast, but I don't want to go too slow," the 23-year-old said. "My college experience should help. I've faced a lot of good hitters."

And if he makes it to the majors, he won't be talking long distance with only his dad. Stafford still confers with Spielman, who sat out the 1998 football season to aid his wife while she recuperated from cancer. Spielman has signed to play with the expansion Cleveland Browns this fall.

"We still stay in touch," Stafford said. "He helps keep me motivated."

It's a valuable lesson, one that Stafford learned early — to succeed, use all the resources at your disposal.

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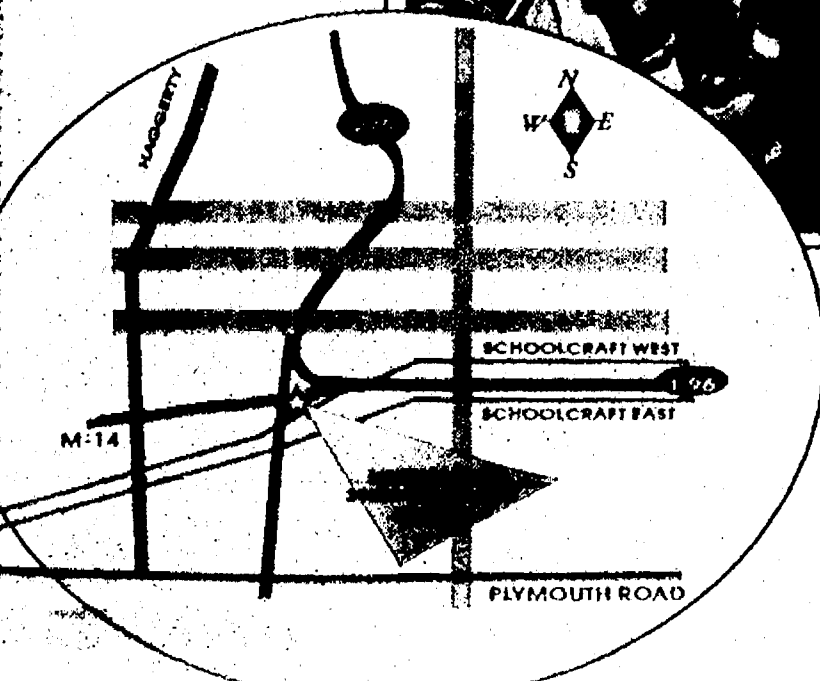
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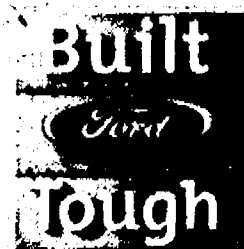
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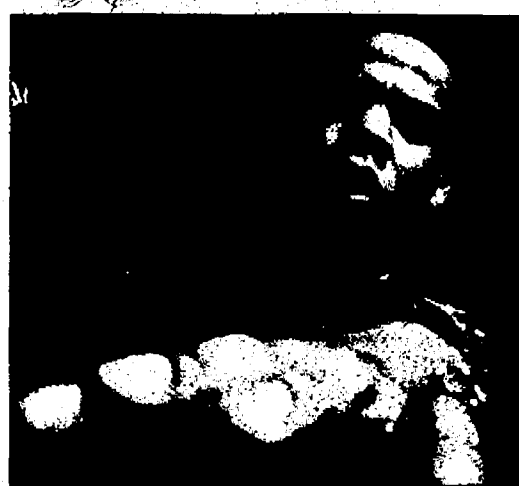


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Love affair: Playwright Karim Alrawi's story examines the relationship between Edsel and Eleanor Ford.



## A mural transcends walls



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Tribute to Industry: Diego Rivera in early 1932 as he worked on the "Detroit Industry" frescoes at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The mural is considered the finest example of the Rivera's work.

## Meadow Brook's 'Gift of Glory' raises expectation for regional-specific theater

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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When he arrived at Meadow Brook Theatre two years ago, Karim Alrawi never suspected that the educational outreach program placed in his charge would extend so broadly.

Ostensibly, as the theater's playwright-in-residence, he has lectured about drama at local schools, and encouraged area writers in their literary pursuits.

But Alrawi's most lasting impression might be the parable for the stage he's created about one of the most recognizable symbols of labor, technology and gritty Motown — Diego Rivera's "Detroit Industry Frescoes" at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Because of the widespread anticipation for his new play, "Gift of Glory," based on the relationship between muralist Rivera and Edsel Ford — who funded the wall painting — Alrawi is proving that indigenous stories have a place on center stage. Especially if that stage is at Meadow Brook Theatre, with its slipping subscriber-base, sluggish ticket sales, and reputation for predictably safe, albeit high-quality productions.

The subtext of "Gift of Glory," which opens this week for a three-week run, may be the play's foreboding sense of how art transcends ruthless aggrandizers and short-sighted politics.

Throw in a couple subplots about the love story between Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the "common man" in search of a rallying cause, and the layers of Alrawi's drama come to life.

On a more practical level, however, "Gift of Glory" may also hold a clue to Meadow Brook's future.

### History revisited

"This play demonstrates one of the most important reasons for a regional theater — doing 'geographically specific theater,'" said Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director at Meadow Brook.

"Not only will 'Gift of Glory' get an audience, but many people will



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Inspired: Playwright Karim Alrawi, left, discusses Rivera's mural with actor Geoffrey Beauchamp. The cast spent a day at the Detroit Institute of Arts to study the mural.

realize that they can't get this kind of intimate, communal experience anywhere else."

Ironically, those central to the play's development aren't even from the area. Alrawi, Sherman, director Deborah Wicks and five of the seven-member cast are transplants to the region.

The Egyptian-born Alrawi, who

speaks with impeccable diction and an accent inherited from his British mother, recognized that sometimes you just don't see what's right in front of you.

"Growing up in Alexandria, I thought the pyramids were a pile of rocks," he said.

That, of course, understates the type of biographical mining Alrawi has done to recreate the milieu of Detroit in the early 1930s; a time of economic depression, class warfare and ideological

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Surrounded by history: Chris de Oni, left, portrays artist Diego Rivera in "Gift of Glory," directed by Debra Wicks, (right).

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

### St. Patrick's Day events showcase local talent

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Denise Marie Costello of West Bloomfield, recently crowned the Maid of Erin, is looking forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

"It's an honor," said Costello, 22, about being crowned Maid of Erin, and the responsibility that goes along with it. "My father grew up in Ireland. I've always been interested in my family's history."

She and her court — Maureen Lewis of Livonia and Bridget Mulcahy of Canton, will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, March 14. The parade begins at 2 p.m. on the corner of Michigan Ave. and Third St. in Detroit and ends near Tiger Stadium at the Gaelic League.



Costello was judged on poise, personality and Irish history. For the talent part, she sang an Irish song. "I was actually less nervous this year than last year," she said about the competition. Last year she was first runner-up.

Costello earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater performance from Western Michigan University. She recently finished "A Wonderful Life," the musical, in Warsaw Indiana's Wagon Wheel Theatre, and is currently involved in an on-camera class taught by Jane Brody one of Chicago's top casting directors.

"I want to be able to perform in musicals or live theater," she said. As Maid of Erin, Costello will be a role model for young Irish girls, and participate in various Irish activities throughout the year.

She's also planning a trip to Ireland. Her Maid of Erin prize package includ-

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### ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

■ **Sunday, March 14** — Liz Carroll, Larry Nugent and Jim Dewan in concert with three champion step-dancers at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road (east of Newburgh), Westland. Doors open 6 p.m., concert begins 7 p.m. Dinners and cash bar will be available 6-7 p.m. A warm-up group will entertain during the dinner hour. Tickets \$12 at the door. Call Mick Gavin, (313) 537-3489, for more information.

■ **Sunday, March 14** — St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2 p.m. on Michigan Ave., followed by entertainment at the Irish American Club, Gaelic League, 2062 Michigan Ave., Detroit, call (313) 963-8895 for information. Entertainment will also be offered at the Gaelic League throughout the day on Wednesday, March 17.

■ **Wednesday, March 17** — 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest featuring over 60 local Irish entertainers at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Doors open 4 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage dinners, snacks and cash bar will be available all evening beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets \$8 at the door. No charge for children accompanied by an adult. Continuous entertainment all evening until approximately 11 p.m. Call Mick Gavin, (313) 537-3489, for information.

■ **Wednesday, March 17** — Blackthorn performs 7-10 p.m. in the School of Management lecture theater on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road (between Ford Road and Michigan Ave.) in Dearborn. Also performing will be the Celtic duo of Mike Mullen and Andy Kilburn and dancers from the Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dance Troupe. A sampler of Irish treats will be served during intermission. Tickets \$35 per person, call (313) 943-3095. Proceeds benefit the Fair Lane Music Guild and Dearborn Community Arts Council.

■ **Friday-Saturday, March 19-20** — "Irish Eyes are Smiling" starring June Haver, Dick Haymes and Monty Woolley, guest organist Dave Callendine at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road (at Grand River) Detroit. 7:30 p.m. (organ overture), 8 p.m. film Friday and Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. (organ overture), 2 p.m. film Saturday. Tickets \$25, available at the door.

■ **Sunday, March 28** — Concert by Ireland's Golden Tenor, Frank Patterson, accompanied by Ely O'Grady & the Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum Band 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave. at Parson's Detroit. Advance tickets \$25 balcony, \$30 main floor, \$50 dress circle. Call (313) 576-6111. Event benefits St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit.

**WHAT:** "Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Arts," written by Karim Alrawi and directed by Debra L. Wicks

**WHEN:** Through Sunday, April 4. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, except 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13 and March 27. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

**WHERE:** Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

**TICKETS:** \$19.50-\$35 (248) 377-3300



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battles between capitalism in need of profound reform and communism holding out the promise of working-class utopia.

So impressed was the Ford family with Alrawi's research that their initial caution turned quickly into a resounding endorsement after reading an early draft of the play.

Perhaps the Fords recalled the hackneyed characterization of Henry Ford in Meadow Brook's 1995 production, "Camping with Henry and Tom," a story about a fictitious camping trip gone awry, involving Ford, Thomas Edison and Warren Harding.

Ever vigilant to preserve the Ford family's reputation, "Gift of Glory" is considered to reveal the deep humanitarianism of Edsel Ford, said John Miller, president of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We're hoping that this is the beginning of Edsel Ford being considered as a courageous and heroic figure," he said.

Indeed, Alrawi compares the Ford family to Italy's Medici family, who supported works by Donatello, da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli.

### Dramatic question

A stack of books on Detroit's first family rests on a file cabinet in Alrawi's first-floor office beneath Meadow Brook Theatre. By now, the broad details of the lives of Henry, Edsel and Eleanor Ford are no longer drawn in pastels, but deep hues.

Alrawi is quick to cite Edsel's generosity in subsidizing Ford Hospital in the 1920s and 1930s,

paying the bills of the poor, and funding medical research. All the while, he noted, the Ford Family's support for the DIA was integral to the development of one of the country's finest museums.

In addition, Alrawi points out that it was Edsel Ford who established the Ford Foundation, one of the world's largest philanthropic nonprofit organizations.

For the playwright, there's a certain pride in talking about Ford, as if perhaps Alrawi is a distant relative since his father worked as an engineer and his mother was employed as a secretary for Ford Motor Company.

Regardless of Alrawi's admiration for both Ford and Rivera, the dramatic question at the heart of "Gift of Glory" is why would one of the world's wealthiest, most powerful men pay a \$20,000 commission to a renowned communist, albeit the world's preeminent muralist?

### Compassionate portrait

Through "circumstantial speculation," Alrawi offers the motivating reason that Ford funded the mural, then maintained his unequivocal support for Rivera despite criticism about the artist's communist background.

In March of 1931, a few weeks before Rivera arrived to look over the mural site at the DIA, a hunger march at the Ford Rouge Plant turned violent. As laid-off workers marched outside the factory demanding to be employed, Ford Motor Co.'s security officers — under the direction of Ford's Chief of Security Harry Bennett — opened fired on the crowd, killing five and wounding 30.

At the time, Edsel was president of Ford, and resoundingly blamed for the incident. "By many accounts he was sickened by what occurred," said Alrawi.

As a consequence, the playwright contends, the significance of Rivera's interpretative mural of the "working man" became a means of redemption for Edsel Ford.

The collaboration, in Alrawi's view, grew into a symbol that transcended the painting. Typically, Rivera would complete a sketch for the mural, then show it to Ford.

When Rivera expanded the idea for the mural to include the upper part of the walls, Ford responded by doubling the commission.

Alrawi among others contend that Rivera's compassionate portrait of Ford in the mural reflects the artist's affection for the billionaire turned collaborator.

### From an assembly line

Many of the characters in "Gift of Glory" are familiar personages. In addition to Rivera, Henry, Edsel and Eleanor Ford, the story includes Bennett (Ford's ruthless head of security), Father Coughlin (the Royal Oak preacher whose nationally aired radio programs railed against what he saw as anti-American), and William Valentin, the far-sighted DIA director.

Much like the grandeur of Rivera's mural, Alrawi has constructed mythic-like characters playing out a drama of honesty versus deception, and compassion versus profiteering.

sion versus profiteering.

The play opens as Ford's chief of security Bennett, who Henry Ford called "his second son," looks back at one of the defining moments in the history of Ford Motor Co. — the 1930s, and particularly, the controversy surrounding Rivera's mural.

While Bennett was hardly a supporter of Rivera, he does prove to be an appropriate foil to gauge the lasting power of the mural.

In the light of history, Alrawi's "Gift of Glory" suggests that Rivera's mural serves as a metaphor whereby the mechanical assembly line was transformed into a union of sweat-and-blood laborers.

That Alrawi manages to distill such a grand theme into a play essentially about the painting of a mural demonstrates the scale of the playwright's own storytelling gifts.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

On location: Dan Kremer (left) as Edsel Ford and Paul Hopper as William Valentin. Above them on the mural at the Detroit Institute of Arts are the same people they play.

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ed two tickets to Ireland compliments of Key Tours.

"My parents went back to Ireland for their 25th wedding anniversary and saw where my dad grew up," said Costello. "Now I'll have the opportunity to research and explore my family history. I'm looking forward to going there to meet my relatives."

On Friday she and her court will paint a shamrock in the middle of Michigan Avenue, in front of the Gaelic League to establish the start of St. Patrick's Day festivities in metro Detroit.

If you can't make it downtown to the parade, tune in the Irish Hour on the radio, WNZK-AM 6.90 — 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday. Costello and her court will be on the show.

### Irish concert

On Sunday evening, Liz Carroll, two-time All Ireland fiddle champion and Green Linnet recording artist will present a concert at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland with Larry

Nugent and Jim Dewan.

Nugent, six time champion of the All-Ireland flute championship has appeared with the Chieftans and Green Fields of America and recorded two solo albums with Shanachie Entertainment Corp. Dewan will provide guitar and vocals. Doors open 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. with dinner available 6-7 p.m.

"I thought it would be nice to have a traditional Irish concert in metro Detroit," said presenter Mick Gavin of Redford. "These performers are very well known on the Irish music scene, they're well known on the Irish music scene — they're top of the line."

Local step-dancers will also perform including 1998 World Champion Paul Cusick of Plymouth, 1999 All-Ireland Champion Mike Belvitch also of Plymouth, and Pat Quinn, also an All-Ireland Champion. Cusick and Belvitch have both been accepted to join "Riverdance."

A warm-up group of young musicians will perform during

the dinner hour.

### Irish Fest

On Wednesday, Gavin is hosting the 14th Annual Irish Fest which features over 60 local Irish entertainers including Cusick and Belvitch at the Hellenic Cultural Center from 4 p.m. to about 11 p.m.

"There will corned beef and cabbage dinners, snacks, food for the kids, pop, beer, it's not your regular pub outing," said Gavin. "We get people of all ages. We're beginning to get calls already. People know about it."

Gavin began the event to offer families a way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Jeremy Kittel, a 14-year-old fiddle prodigy from Saline, will perform with Tyler Duncan on uilleann pipes and Sean Gavin, Mick's son, on flute and whistle.

"There are a lot of young people interested in the Irish arts," said Gavin. "We're a little bit behind Chicago and Boston, but we're slowly catching up. These kids are excellent."

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# 'Our Country's Good' strong ensemble piece

"Our Country's Good," continues through March 14, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m., at the Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$8-10, call (313) 577-2960. BY SUE SUCHYTA SPECIAL WRITER

A play within a play may be a familiar convention, but in "Our Country's Good" it is also a vehicle to illustrate the change that occurs in people when they are given a goal and a chance to rebuild their shattered self-esteem.

Brought to Australia via an eight-month sea voyage with conditions similar to African slave ships, England populated and built its new colony of Australia with convict labor. Many of the transported prisoners, some convicted of seemingly minor crimes such as stealing food, lived under brutal, oppressive conditions and lived on the ragged edge of humanity.

A young lieutenant, with the encouragement of his liberal commanding officer, decides to stage a comedy with convicts in the cast, not only for the entertainment value, but for the morale of the convicts as well. The humanizing effect on the convicts' lives, and the changes in the attitudes of their captors creates a revealing, insightful piece of theater.

Director Blair Anderson has created a strong ensemble piece, creating a core of officers rife with divisions and a cadre of prisoners with bitter personal

rivalries, but an unshakable code of silence and loyalty.

The harshness of the conditions are immediately illustrated by the graphic depiction of the inhumane conditions between decks where the prisoners were housed for the horrendous sea voyage. The audience immediately witnesses a beating for "insolence," a very strong reinforcement of the degradation to which the prisoners were constantly subjected.

What becomes amazing as the play unfolds is that the prisoners are able to endure the taunts and abuses from military personnel while maintaining their tenacious hold on self-respect nurtured by the play being rehearsed. As the convicts rehearse and try to understand characters so different to their own experience, they glimpse a future brighter than their own, while the audience is given a picture of the abject degradation, such as hunger and poverty, they have experienced.

Greg James is the naive and winning young Lt. Clark who takes on the challenge of molding the diverse group of convicts into a theatrical troupe. The convicts, in the process, overcome their ingrained hatred and suspicions to rise above their situation and bring the play to life.

Teresa Ann LaFranca winningly portrays Mary, a beautiful and gentle young convict with whom lieutenant Clark falls in love despite his strong devotion to his bride in far-off England. Mary is

also pursued by an earnest convict, John Wischhammer, a Jew accused and convicted in a climate of racial bigotry, skillfully played by Dusan Dean Cechvala.

The officers' roles were mostly one dimensional, while the prisoners offered the richest character roles in the production.

Jennifer Hild was memorable as the angry, outspoken Dabby Bryant. Brandon Randles was poignant as he struggled with his guilt as the convict assigned to be the hangman, earnestly assuring his fellow prisoners that he would do it "so they felt not pain."

One anomaly to the richly detailed and well-costumed production was the double casting of some female convicts as male officers. In one back-to-back scene, several female convicts used the brief blackout to don a soldier's coat or wig, and played the military scene with their full skirt and feminine appearance. And since the gesture seemed in no way symbolic, it seems unusual that the director did not utilize other actors from the large Bonstelle company to play the other roles, which were speaking parts even if they were limited to one scene.

Kathleen Crosby of Rochester successfully captured the period and poverty in the convict and military uniforms. The sound effects — a ship under sail, the Australian outback at night, or a prisoner being savagely beaten offstage — were realistic and greatly enhanced the production.



Rehearsing: Kevin Edwards (standing, left to right), Sarah James, Heather Blackwell, Lesa Bydalek (seated, left) and Katherine Hardy in a scene from the Avon Players production of "The Children's Hour."

## Avon offers taut 'Children's Hour'

Avon Players presents "The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, Friday-Sunday, March 12-14 and Thursday-Saturday, 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. Call (248) 608-9077.

BY MARY JANE DOERR SPECIAL WRITER

There are no apples for the teachers in the Avon Players latest production "The Children's Hour." But, there is one rotten apple that spoils the whole bushel in this powerful interpretation of Lillian Hellman's 1934 masterpiece of sexless lies and whispering secrets.

As the scene opens with the theatrical Sheila Lyle, as former actress Lily Mortar, instructing nine young pupils at the Wright-Dobie School, reading the script of a play, everything seems congenial. The girls are dressed in the usual boarding school uniforms — white blouses and red plaid skirts, and other than Lily's odd theatricality, life in the countryside private school seems normal enough.

Then Heather Blackwell enters as Mary Tilford. Mary doesn't follow the rules of the house and while the others are reading their parts in the play she is out walking. She doesn't need Mortar's lessons in acting either.

She has already learned to act and adlib in each situation when her lies get her into trouble. When the teacher, head mistress Karen Wright played by a stately and lovely Lesa Bydalek questions her, Mary fakes an illness and adds lie upon lie.

Wright's fiancé arrives, the Dr. Joseph Cardin who is Mary's Uncle, and examines her to find nothing wrong. Well aware of

the young girl's deviations, he recognizes her phoniness. Then, Wright makes the mistake of punishing Mary by grounding her — an act that sets the entire tragedy in motion. Mary has figured out how to manipulate and play her adoring grandmother against the disciplining teachers, and frighten her classmates into submissively supporting her. Twelve-year-old Blackwell plays the cunning little brat with an annoying smugness that grinds Katherine Hardy is good as the frightened Rosalie.

Kimberley Britt's tight direction of this drama is best in the pivotal scene between the two headmistresses Karen Wright (Lesla Bydalek) and Martha Dodie (Sarah James). In the smooth dialogue, it becomes apparent that the nervous Martha has three problems — student Mary, Aunt Lily, and the upcoming marriage of her business partner and friend Karen to Joe played by Kevin Edwards.

Britt and her cast give a 90s interpretation of what the play calls "unnatural affection" but what the story is mostly about is the destructiveness of false

accusations. When Mary leaves the school and goes home to avoid her punishment, she expounds upon her lies to keep her grandmother from sending her back to school and certain disciplinary actions.

Judy Privasky is the proud and stalwart grandmother Amelia Tilford who prejudicially acts on Mary's misinformation.

Privasky's dignity and Sheila Lyle's capriciousness as Amelia and Lily make this drama believable. Sarah James has the subtlety tuned acting skills as the unstable Martha to bring the drama to its climatic conclusion.

Tom Russel and Diane Tihansky and the other students (Julia Rudolf, Kristin

Halladay, Tara Subbarao, Trisha Poling, Jennifer Burstein, Katherine Hardy,

Kristen Freels, Katherine Timpf) enhance the production.

If it were not for the fact this drama has been repeated too often on the nightly news, this classic might be passed off as only a play. It is a play though with more than an ounce of truth.

## Great music, cast in 'Beau Jest'

Ridgedale Players presents "Beau Jest," at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21. Tickets \$11. \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. Call (248) 988-7049.

BY HELEN ZUCKER SPECIAL WRITER

The Ridgedale Players production of James Sherman's comedy "Beau Jest" has great music, a lively cast, and lots of Jewish in-jokes that almost everyone in America understands by now.

Ably directed by veterans James R. West and Lynn R.E. Cummings, the characters' motivations are crystal clear, and the tight little world of the Goldman family is as claustrophobic as only a Jewish mother (and Mrs. Bennet in "Pride and Prejudice") can make it.

Jack Abella is wonderfully deft as Abe Goldman, the father with too many birthday ties, an unmarried daughter, and a wife who cannot agree on how long it took them to park, what night they saw Jay Leno, where they saw "Fiddler on the Roof," and how long the seder should go on.

Abella's accent is accurate; he

lends authenticity as a man who started as a tailor and now that he owns two dry cleaning stores wants to open another. Of course, he has a heart condition; there are no Jewish fathers with healthy arteries.

Selma Cohen is in fine fettle as Mom Miriam; she brings the same bowl of luchschen kugel (noodle & raisin pudding) whenever she shows up; it must be warmed in the oven, not the microwave. The kugel is a symbol of Mrs. Goldman's desire to keep things the same. Selma Cohen exudes warmth — as long as she thinks her daughter is about to marry a Jewish doctor. Cohen was made for this role; she understands this woman who wants nothing but to be about the business of calling caterers and marrying off her daughter.

Lynn Koch plays an understandably nervous Sarah Goldman. Koch gives us an intelligent, slightly ditz kindergarten teacher who's attracted to guys who aren't Jewish. Sarah wants to please her parents and is so afraid of hurting them that she hires an actor to impersonate a "Doctor David," and winds up with two boyfriends who aren't Jewish. Like Elizabeth Bennet in

"Pride and Prejudice," there is no way Sarah is going to repeat her parent's marriage.

Carl Jones nearly steals the show as Bob/Dave, the hired actor from an escort service who stays to escort Sarah through her travails, and presumably through the rest of her life.

Bob is funny, friendly, apt, in need of a family, and does very well at the family seder, having played Perchick in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Thom Griffen is wonderfully sad and angry as Sarah's brother, a divorced psychologist who understands his sister and hands out therapy right and left. As Joel Goldman, Griffen gives us a dutiful son and brother who manages to look like a lost swan.

Eric Henrickson was standing in for Scott A. Joseph as Chris, the lovesick boyfriend who works in an ad agency at the performance I saw. Henrickson was especially good in the last act: his proposal and offer to convert were both manly and funny.

Kudos to the tech staff, especially Sonia Milton and crew: nice touches like kedem wine, the Farmer Jack Haggadah, helped. So did Mike Flum's set. Great slippers by Terri Garrett and Dolores Grier

## A Gift of Glory



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# Guays a week

## A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

### THEATER

#### DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

"Sunset Boulevard," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical starring Petula Clark as Norma Desmond, continues to March 21, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the opera house, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$32.50-\$65. (248) 645-6666

#### DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"Camp Logan," Celeste Bedford Walker's play about the 1917 Houston riot and court martial, through Sunday, March 21, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347

#### JET

"Dear Esther," Esther Terner Raab escaped with 300 others from Sobibor, a Nazi death camp, as a result of the book and film "Escape from Sobibor." Esther received hundreds of letters and poems and letters from children everywhere, the play shows the impact of the correspondence, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre on the lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6500 West Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. \$13-\$23, discounts for seniors/students. "Anne Frank & Me" continues to March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for students \$5, general public 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$5 students), at the Millennium Theatre Center, Southfield. (248) 788-2900 or visit the web site at <http://comnet.org/jet>

#### MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Annie" featuring Sally Struthers, Brittny Kissing as Annie, and Conrad John Schuck as Daddy Warbucks, Wednesday, March 17 to Sunday, March 21, at the theater, Detroit. \$19.50-\$49.50. (248) 645-6666/(313) 832-2232

### COLLEGE

#### EMU THEATRE

"35 Miles from Detroit," a one-man drama about one black man's life in the latter half of the 20th century, starring Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sponberg Theatre on the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-1221

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors" 6:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27 (\$19 includes dinner and 8 p.m. show), and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 2-3 (\$8), at the college, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4596

### COMMUNITY THEATER

#### AVON PLAYERS

"The Children's Hour," Lillian Hellman's adult drama, March 12-14 and 18-20, at the theater, 1185 Trienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13. (248) 608-9077

#### BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-27, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. \$14. (248) 644-2075

#### BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Wizard of Oz," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 21 and 28, at Andover High School theater, Andover and Long Lake roads, west of Telegraph. \$10, \$8 under age 12. (248) 433-0885

#### FIRST THEATRE GUILD

"Anne of Green Gables," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12, 19-20 and 2 p.m. Saturday March 13 and Sundays, March 14 and 21, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook Roads. \$7, \$5 seniors/students, seniors free March 13. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

#### NOVI THEATRES

"The Wizard of Oz," the Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. (248) 347-0400

#### PARK PLAYERS

"Quilters," a musical celebrating life in pioneer America in the late 1800s, March 12-14, 19-21, and 26-27, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit. \$10-20. (313) 531-0431

#### PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN

"I Remember Mama," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the theater, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn. \$11. (313) 561-TKTS/(313) 277-5164

#### RIDGE DALE PLAYERS

"Beau Jest," at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12-13 and 19-20, and 3 p.m. Sundays, March 14 and 21. \$11, \$10 students/seniors on Sundays. (248) 988-7049

#### ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK

"Dearly Departed," a comedy about a group of Southerners brought together by the death of a family patriarch, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 25-27, at 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527



HENRY FORD MUSEUM

**Swing Into Spring: March Family Fun Month "Swings into Spring" with hands-on activities for children, musical performances, swing dancing, yo yo demonstrations, puppet shows and more, Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28, at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.**

\$12, \$10 seniors/students. (248) 644-0527

#### SRO PRODUCTIONS

"Eat Your Heart Out," Nick Hall's comedy about an out-of-work actor paying the bills as a waiter, March 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 senior/child. (248) 827-0707

#### STAGECRAFTERS

"Light Up the Sky," a theatrical comedy about an idealistic young author runs Fridays-Sundays, March 12-28, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$10-12. (248) 541-6430; Special dinner/theater package available from Illusions Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. (248) 586-1313

#### THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-RED-FORD

Lillian Hellman's "Little Foxes," March 12-14, 18-21, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. (313) 531-0554

#### TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

"Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, an adult production suitable for families, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, 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 and Gloria," a drama about two women from different backgrounds who find friendship as they struggle with matters of death and life, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 14, 21 and 28, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, (west of I-75), Livonia. \$10, \$8 for groups of 10 or more. (734) 464-6302

#### 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 Underground Theatre, 110 S. Main St., south of 11 Mile above ACE Hardware, Royal Oak. \$12. (248) 541-1763

#### DINNER THEATER

##### BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, has an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. \$50 Wednesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, \$55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

#### YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

##### ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE'S JUNIOR THEATRE COMPANY

A futuristic version of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 18-19, 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at the theater, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$6 adults, \$5 children. (734) 971-2228

##### HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

"The Frog Prince"

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with museum 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

"Velveten Rabbit," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through 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

#### DETROIT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOWS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Cobo Conference Center, Detroit. \$25 family ticket includes two adults and three children; individual tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children ages 12 and younger, and senior citizens. (248) 400-3500

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Detroit Women's Coffeehouse celebrates the day with a variety of programming including speakers on music and poetry, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the First Unitarian Universal Church, 4605 Cass at Forest, near Wayne State University, Detroit. \$3, evening performance sliding scale \$7-\$12 (more if you can, less if you can't). (313) 832-5888

#### PENN AND TELLER

Several shows, Tuesday-Sunday, March 16-21, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$22, \$25, \$27, \$32 and \$37. All ages. (248) 645-6666/(313) 471-3099/(313) 983-6611

#### 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 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

### "FAMILY EVENTS"

#### BEANIE BABY SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. \$5, \$2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

#### GEMINI

1 p.m. Sunday, March 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$6. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

#### SHRINE CIRCUS

Family night 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the State Fair Coliseum, Detroit. \$4.

at Farmer Jack Supermarkets.

### BENEFITS

#### "CELEBRATING LIFE"

A Broadway-style musical presentation featuring Petula Clark and other cast members of "Sunset Boulevard," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$72, \$36, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition, Broadway Cares, Ann Arbor. \$125, \$75, \$37.50, \$18.75, \$9.375. (248) 594-6522

#### PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Holds its annual Dinner/Auction Pops Concert, guest conductor Gerard Yun leads the program ranging from a polka to music from Les Miserables and Titanic, 6 p.m. Friday, March 12, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$45, \$25 children. (734) 451-2112

#### MICHIGAN WOODWORKERS GUILD

Hosts a silent toy auction to benefit Children's Hospital of Detroit, an exhibit will showcase guild members hand-made 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

#### VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Hosts their annual theater event, "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway's longest running comedy, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Baci Abbracci Italian Chophouse, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. \$125, includes dinner, performance, wedding cake, and champagne toast. Proceeds benefit the VNA's community health program which provides free health care for the homeless. Reserve tickets by March 12. (248) 967-9600

#### "IT'S THE TOPSI!"

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/aast>

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

##### AFTER WORK PARTY

6 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, March 17, D.J., corn beef and cabbage appetizers, at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft service drive, west of Inkster Road, Livonia. 21 and over. Dressy attire. (734) 981-0909

##### COMPANY OF STRANGERS

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060 (Celtic rock)

##### MARY ANN MURPHY

5 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 544-1141 (Celtic folk)

##### MICHAEL O'BRIEN

Performs during the St. Patrick's Day Parade afterparty from 3:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5 donation. (248) 879-5779

### CLASSICAL

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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; With Conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Julian Rachlin, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13-\$48, and a limited number of box seats for \$40-\$60. (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.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>

#### TAKACS QUARTET

Performs music of Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$18, \$22 and \$24. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

### ORGAN

#### DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY

Concert by Chris Elliott, 3 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave., at Livernois, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-0850

### POPS/SWING

#### COUNT BASIE TRIBUTE

Johnny Trudell's Big Band featuring Teddy Harris Jr. is joined by trombonist Al Grey, 3:5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Clarenceville High School auditorium, Middlebelt south of Eight Mile, Livonia. \$15, proceeds to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Clarenceville Foundation. (248) 474-2720/(734) 459-2454

#### "FRESHETTA MIRROR BALL TOUR"

With New Morty Show, Alien Fashion Show and Blue Plate Special, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$13 in advance, 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com>

#### THE JOHNNY FAVOURITE SWING ORCHESTRA

With DJ Del, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (swing)

#### MARILYN MCCOO AND BILLY DAVIS, JR.

Star with a cast of Broadway performers and jazz band in "Hit Me with a Hot Note-The Duke Ellington Songbook" 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 and Garfield, Clinton Twp. \$24, \$22 seniors/students. (810) 286-2222/(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)

#### RAISIN PICKERS BAND

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, at Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Free with museum admission of \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, free for members and children ages 4 and younger. (313) 271-1620 (swing, bluegrass and folk)

#### SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Karl's, 9779 Old N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing)

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older. Renaissance Festival is Aug. 14-Sept. 26. (800) 601-4848

#### NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for ages 13-college for "Picnic at Hanging Rock" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 16 and 18, once cast all actors pay fee of \$125, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances May 14-16. (248) 347-0400



# 8 days a week

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## KUZ

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 ("out-jazz")

## SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE

7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Woodruff's, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 586-1519

## MATT MICHAELS

With vocalist Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, with saxophonist Paul Vornhagen Thursday, March 18, with trumpeter Marcus Belgrave Thursday, March 25, 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 11-13, and Wednesday-Saturday, March 17-20, Duet, 3663 Woodward Ave., at Mack/Martin Luther King Boulevard, Detroit. Reservations recommended. (313) 831-3838

## POIGNANT PLEOSTOMUS

With Gravity Well and Prime Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (avant-jazz)

## QWEN 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 BUDDSON

With Dan Koltan, 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

### 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-Saturday, March 12-13, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

### NOMOS

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Irish)

### 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 Cappuccino. \$38. \$19 those younger than 21, includes 3 percent for Yad Ezra, the Jewish community's kosher food bank. (248) 547-7970 (klezmer music, Yiddish theater songs and Eastern European folk music)

### JIM PERKINS

9 p.m. Wednesdays in March, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5060; 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, the Starry Night Lounge, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (Celtic folk)

### GENNADY ZUT

Balalaika virtuoso and his wife pianist Tatyana Zut perform Russian folk songs, and classical and modern compositions, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 14, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building of the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile Road, Oak Park. \$2. (248) 967-4030

## FOLK/BUEGRASS

### DAN BERN

8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### THE CANTRELLS

8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee House in St. William Parish Hall in Walled Lake. \$10 adult, \$20 family. \$7.50 student. (248) 624-1421 or <http://www.off-the-wall.org>

### LAUREL FEDERBUSH AND NIGHTFIRE

Poet and composer Federbush performs original material, Nightfire performing original group weaves poetry, music and dancers Kalea and Irena, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, located in the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. \$5 suggested donation (734) 327-2041

### DAVID GRISMAN QUINTET

8 p.m. Thursday, March 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$25. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

### LUCY KAPLANSKY AND SUGAR

8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

### RAISIN PICKERS

7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All

ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

## RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, March 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

## PETER ROWAN AND TONY RICE

8 p.m. Friday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

## 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

### "POETRY IN MOTION"

Featuring Lenore Langs, 6-10 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. No cover. (248) 615-9181

### THE SPOKEN WORD

Poems- Chapter and Verse featuring Detroit's own Terry Blackhawk and student poets from the nationally acclaimed writing project "Inside/Out," 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, open mic opportunity, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$2 at the door. (313) 831-1250

## DANCE

### ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$18, \$28, \$34. \$38. (734) 764-2538 or <http://www.ums.org>

### RADOMIANE POLISH FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLE

The dance ensemble hosts their annual performance and Polish Easter Brunch (Swieconka), 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Dearborn Heights. \$16, includes brunch and 2:30 p.m. performance. No tickets available at the door. Deadline for reservation is March 12. (734) 427-8640/(734) 522-6560

### 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, with proceeds to benefit needy patients and their families at the University of Michigan's Mott Children's Hospital, 8 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 students/seniors. (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

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

"The Mindless Crowd: New Studies in Theater and Dance Based on the Work of Magdalena Abakanowicz" brings together community performers inspired by the Polish artist's sculptures, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 in the museum's Apse 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$7, available in advance at the museum gift shop. Seating limited. (734) 647-0521. The installation of Abakanowicz's headless sculptures continues to May 2. (734) 764-0395 or <http://www.umich.edu/~umma/>

### 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

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

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Lowell Sanders, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 (\$12, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 14 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package). Jason Stuart, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$20, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

### MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

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); Rich Hall, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18 (\$10), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 19 (\$12), and 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, March 20 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

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Jim David and Manny Shields, Thursday-Sunday, March 11-15; Tim Lilly and Keith Ruff, Wednesday-Thursday, March 17-18; Carol Leifer, Friday-Saturday, March 19-20 (\$17.50), and Sunday, March 21 (\$15), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

## SECOND CITY

"Impeachment and Cream," Wednesday, March 17, through May, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

## MUSEUMS AND TOURS

### CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

"Weird Science: A 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. Museum hours: 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>

### 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 Hoesen Farm, 1005 Van Hoesen 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

## POPULAR MUSIC

### AHADA

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

### THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

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With Bumpus and Sugar Buzz, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

### ROB BASE AND DJ-EZ ROCK

8 p.m. doors with 11 p.m. showtime Friday, March 19, La Boom, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. \$10 in advance. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960/(248) 645-6666 (rock)

### BIZER BROTHERS

8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

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With Caravan, The Shades and Shifty Gears, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

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9 p.m. Friday, March 12, CK Digs, 2010 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 853-6600 (blues)

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9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

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### THE BURROS

9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. All ages. (313) 886-8101; 10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Alwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (313) 393-2337 (roots rock)

### DAWN CAMPBELL AND BLUE FUSION

10 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Gameworks inside Great Lakes Crossing, 4316 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 745-9675; 10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 (R&B)

### SCOTT CAMPBELL

8:10 p.m. Friday, March 19, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0100 (rock)

### CRASH TEST DUMMIES

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 Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

## GLEN EDDIE

9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty St., Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

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7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, the Starry Night Lounge inside Van Gogh's, 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 324-0400 (blues)

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10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-6911 (rock)

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With Away and The Buzz, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)

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With Sunday Afternoon, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (funk)

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With The Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, and Ah La Rocca, 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (humor rock)

## GRAYLING

With Mine, 9 p.m. Friday, March 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (rock)

## GRR

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 19-20, Bogey's, 142 Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)

## JOE HENRY

9 p.m. Saturday, March 13, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

## AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS

9 p.m. Thursday, March 18, Arbor Brewing Company, 116 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 (blues)

## THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

11 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemens St., at Broombach, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 873-RAFT or <http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch> (rock)

## LISA HUNTER

8 p.m. Friday, March 12, Green Wood Coffee House, 1001 Green Road, Ann Arbor. \$8. All ages. (734) 665-8558; 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 13, Espresso Royale, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838; 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, Coffee Beanery, 307 S. Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 650-3344 or <http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping/llsa.htm> (acoustic rock)

## INTRIGUE

Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at D.L. Harrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road at M-59, Rochester Hills. \$10; 852-0550 (top 40)

## JILL JACK

With Jody Carlson, 9 p.m. Friday, March 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 (roots rock)

## JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION



# 'Analyze This' so funny it would be a crime to miss it

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

You say you wanna sink into your movie seat and be intellectually challenged? You wanna meditate on life and love and how bad that popcorn butter is for you? You wanna lose yourself in the Elizabethan era of those Shakespearean Oscar contenders? Well "FUGGETABOUTIT!"

"Analyze This" will keep you too busy laughing and mimicking Robert De Niro's mob-speak to engage in such lofty pursuits. Perhaps the ultimate tribute one can give a comedy is that even the straight lines are punch lines. This is such a comedy.

De Niro, perhaps our greatest

contemporary film actor, was understandably concerned about playing what is essentially a parody of the very character he's turned into a franchise. Fortunately, he decided that "the time had come for me to poke a little fun at myself." He's awfully funny, and, hopefully, Joe Pesci's not around to grill us on what we mean by "funny."

Billy Crystal is a perfect joke-mate for De Niro; he's best-suited at setting up and reacting to the gag while letting his partner fill in the funny middle. It works when he knows his place ("Throw Momma From the Train") and doesn't work when he tries to wear the baggy pants himself ("Mr. Saturday Night").

In "Analyze This," De Niro is

Paul Vitti, capo (boss) of one of New York's mob families, who as a child witnessed his gangster father being slain. With a big meeting coming up to decide who will be capo de capo, Vitti suffers a series of panic attacks. He cries while watching a life insurance commercial; he can't get it on with his mistress; hey, he can't even whack a stoolie. Confiding to his huge henchman Jelly (Joseph Viterelli), he wonders whether he might need a head doctor-a shrink.

"This is like one of those psychic ESPN things," says the Runyonesque Jelly, who was in an auto collision with psychiatrist Ben Sobol (Crystal) just the night before. The doc is not thrilled about taking on a new

patient with such a high - and wanted - profile. ("When I got into family therapy this is not the family I had in mind"). This particular patient, however, doesn't take no - or even maybe - for an answer.

So Ben finds himself on-call 24/7. No matter that he's in the middle of his marriage ceremony to Lisa Kudrow; when the boss cries, you come. It's not so easy, he finds, to treat a goodfella. When Ben suggests that Vitti might have an Oedipal complex, his patient is a bit defensive ("I don't wanna hear no more filth about my mother").

Crystal soars in the final scene when he must assume the role of Vitti's "con-sig-li-lari," presenting himself to the other bosses as "Benny the Groin, Tubby the Tuba, Elmer the Fudd." Certainly he had an uncredited hand in the writing of this bit, as well as a dream sequence that salutes the first "Godfather" movie (Crystal had previously recognized "Godfather II" in "City



PHILIP CARUSO/WARNER BROS.

**Comedy:** Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro), Dr. Ben Sobol (Billy Crystal, center) and Laura MacNamara (Lisa Kudrow) in "Analyze This."

Slickers II"). "Analyze This" is not, however, an "Airplane" style burlesque, the kind that Leslie Nielsen attempted in "Mafia." It doesn't put a twist on the genre; rather, the film pulls it into another dimension: ours. Director Harold Ramis ("Groundhog Day") is the ideal maestro for just this kind

of comedy. His pacing and editing are masterful, although at least four shots with a visible boom mic slipped into the final print.

Don't sweat it, then; you won't need to brush up your Shakespeare. A little review of "Guys and Dolls" and you're made in the shade, pally.



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## 'Lock, Stock, Barrels,' tortuous film

BY VICTORIA DIAZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Want to catch a movie that will make you feel really good? Then, by all means, don't miss "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels." It's absolutely packed with uplifting stuff like a human torch, a hatchet murder, drug and porn kingpins. And it's just crawling with a kaleidoscopic collection of idiots who have little trouble outdoing each other when it comes to ineptitude.

If ever a movie came out of the carnage-is-comedy school of filmmaking, "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" is that movie.

"Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" is a tortuous movie with a tortuous plot, although that serpentine plot certainly doesn't render it into anything slow-moving. Essentially, it tells the story of four close London pals who find themselves in big trouble and big debt after a fixed

card game.

Eddie (Nick Moran), Tom (Jason Flemyng), Bacon (Jason Statham), and Soop (Dexter Fletcher) have to find a way to repay porn king Hatchet Harry (P.H. Moriarty) or, within a week, handsome Eddie loses his fingers and then some.

While the quartet, none of whom are exactly geniuses, struggle mightily to come up with some idea of how to solve the problem, various matters keep gumming up the works - including marijuana, coke, Hatchet Harry's porn empire, and, especially, those two smoking barrels of the title.

As the movie zips along at a rather breathless pace, American audiences may find themselves actually hoping for subtitles. Although most of the characters certainly aren't swift, their East End vowels seem beyond comprehension at times.

To give credit where it's due, Ritchie, in his debut film, demonstrates that he definitely knows how to manipulate an audience, keeping movie-goers at seat's edge from start to nail-biting end. Production qualities are not just clever, they are stylish and highly imaginative. He's employed everything from split-screen shots to voice-overs to bits borrowed from other films to freeze frames (the card game and its aftermath seem suggestive of a strange, painful dance) to consistently creative low lighting that makes this monstrous world and its people come disturbingly to life.

You might look at "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels" as something loose and screaming out of the pages of Mad Magazine, turned loud, large, mean and nasty. It may be British, but it may not exactly be your cup of tea.

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## STREET SCENE

## Crash Test Dummies singer tries a soulful falsetto



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Tell the Crash Test Dummies' lead singer Brad Roberts that his band's forthcoming album, "Give Yourself a Hand," sounds like War meets the Crash Test Dummies and he'll let out a hearty laugh.

"I like 'Superfly' meets the Crash Test Dummies," he offered in his trademark baritone voice.

Roberts was inspired to massage the sound of the Crash Test Dummies after moving to New York.

"The last time I went there I tried to find an apartment. I found a place that happened to be in Harlem. I kept hearing people singing in falsetto all over the place, of course, so I started singing falsetto in the shower just for fun," Roberts explained.

Realizing he had a falsetto voice, Roberts began writing groovier, bluesy numbers for "Give Yourself a Hand," due in stores March 23. The folk-inspired, orchestral pop tunes have been replaced by whispery falsetto vocals, drum machines and even some rapping.

"Everyone who hears the single can't believe it's us," he said of "Keep a Lid on Things." "I either whisper or I sing falsetto. Usually I sing bass baritone, 'La, la, la, la.' I didn't do either. It made the lyrics go in a different direction, too. Before I was writing about different ideas, now it's more about prostitutes and going to seedy bars. It's a little change of pace, but it all comes together in the end."

The Crash Test Dummies will preview "Give Yourself a Hand" tonight at Second City 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Roberts is looking forward to the challenge of reproducing the music

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**Brad Roberts**  
Crash Test Dummies

live.

"There will be no machines, just extra people (playing instruments). It's gonna be fun. I probably won't play the guitar. I'll probably just sing and jump around like an idiot, and have lots of beers."

The Crash Test Dummies and special guest Big Rude Jake perform at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for Gold Circle seating and \$25 general admission. For more information, call (313) 965-2222. The concert kicks off the "Dine Out Detroit" benefit which takes place Friday. Local restaurants will donate 10 percent of that day's lunch and dinner sales to the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project (MAPP). For a complete list of participating restaurants, call MAPP at (248) 545-1435.

## New name, old faces

Kris Kohls, drummer/percussionist for Videodrone, is not afraid to admit his true feelings about opening for Korn and Rob Zombie in arenas around the United States.

"I'm gonna throw up. We've been looking forward to this forever. It's gonna be great. We're a little nervous," said Kohls, a Bakersfield, Calif., native.

Touring is nothing strange to Videodrone. For 10 years it strapped on guitars at dingy, sweaty rock clubs as Cradle of Thorns. The band decided to ditch the name and its sound during the recording session for

what turned out to be

Videodrone's self-titled debut record. Videodrone called upon hometown friend and Korn bassist Reginald "Fieidy" Arvizu to produce the record.

When Arvizu took the band in a different direction, Kohls explained that the band took a different name.

"The sound, I think, was a natural progression if you listen to old Cradle stuff. We just kind of progressed into this and we're using more technology now and all that," Kohls explained.

"We just kind of progressed into this and we're using more technology now and all that."

The album marks the first time the band members had called on an outside producer. The result, Kohls said, was a much more focused record.

"One of the problems with our older stuff was we went in so many different directions. We have so many different influences. He actually tried to hone us in one thing. If you listen to the new Korn record, every song is different."

But it's still one vibe. As far as the songs and music and the way the record came out, none of that was planned. We all got in a room and what came out came out."

The guests on Videodrone's album, released on Korn's Reprise Records-distributed label Elementree, reads like a who's who of alt-rock hitmakers - Korn singer Jonathan Davis,



**Opening for Korn: Videodrone** - from left, keyboardist Rohan, guitarist David File, bassist/vocalist Mavis, vocalist Ty Elam, and drummer/percussionist Kris Kohls - performs with Korn and Rob Zombie.

Korn guitarist Brian "Head" Welch, Fred Durst and DJ Lethal of Limp Bizkit, and Duke and Jacken of the now-defunct Psycho Realm.

Psycho Realm, an off-shoot of the rap act Cypress Hill, broke up late last month after Duke was left paralyzed after a reported gang shooting.

"Pretty much the whole project was just like a dream. It was such a great time with all these guys coming in that you respect."

"We're proud of Cradle of Thorns. It was just time to move on. Videodrone just fits us more now. Cradle of Thorns was us at 16 and listening to the Cure too much, Depeche Mode and all that. We're into a whole new trip. This record is the record of our lives. It's the best thing we've ever done as us five guys."

Korn, Rob Zombie and Videodrone perform Saturday at The

Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$29.50 reserved and general admission floor. Showtime is 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com>

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## DINING

## Friendly O'Malley's offers something for everyone

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER  
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Relaxing after a busy lunch, Patrick Kelly was smiling. O'Malley's Bar & Grill in Livonia, which he owns with his son Brian, has been doing well since it opened on Feb. 17.

There's only a small paper sign on the door, but people seem to be finding O'Malley's, which is tucked into a shopping plaza on the corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

They'll be open at 7 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day and have special events throughout the day, including bag pipers at 3 p.m.

Kelly said he chose "O'Malley's" because it's a "catchy, easy-to-remember name."

"We're a family style restaurant with a great bar," he said. "We get a lot of families in here," adds general manager Sandra Bingamen, pointing to the children's menu. There are also booster chairs and high chair for little ones.

The menu offers something for everyone. They have a saying at O'Malley's — "When Irish eyes are smiling, there's always something cooking at O'Malley's!"

"We wanted some great corned beef, which everyone says we have," said Kelly. Tender baby back barbecue ribs prepared with Chef Tony Tocco's sauce are another specialty.

Order a New York Strip Steak, broiled pork chops, or barbecue chicken. If you're hungry for some Irish fare, try Shawn's Shepherd Pie or the

**O'Malley's Bar & Grill**  
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corned beef and cabbage.

O'Malley's also offers deep fried lake perch, fish & chips, broiled white fish, shrimp, and a Catch of the Day. "You can order any item on the menu blackened or Cajun-style at no extra cost," said Bingamen.

Pasta lovers can choose from spaghetti, mostaccioli or Chicken Parmesan. On Friday's and Saturday's, O'Malley's features prime rib dinners, 8 ounce for \$10.95 or 10 ounce for \$13.95.

For lunch, try one of the many



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**House special:** Sandra Bingamen presents corned beef and cabbage, one of the items you'll find on the menu at O'Malley's Bar & Grill.

sandwiches. From the usual tuna salad, stacked turkey and ham to the "Go Fish! Sandwich," and Portabella Burger — char-broiled giant mushroom cap topped with tomato and Mozzarella cheese on an onion bun. All sandwiches are served with soup of the day and Zapp's pota-

to chips. Patrick Kelly serves Zapp's potato chips because he likes them. They're shipped in from Louisiana.

Be sure to ask about the daily lunch and dinner specials.

"Our corned beef is awesome and our hamburgers are great," said Bingamen. "We offer a

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