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IN THE PAPER TODAY

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Musical family event: *Bob Harris of Livonia, a longtime Rolling Stones fan, tells his story during a "Rockin' Family Valentines" extravaganza./E1*

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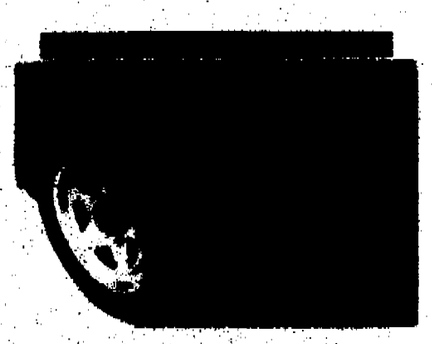

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Council meeting full of wrath

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Closed doors: *People who weren't lucky enough to get seats at Monday's packed council meeting found themselves on the other side of closed doors, unable to hear what was happening inside. They sharply criticized council President Charles "Trav" Griffin for ordering the doors closed. He cited concerns about fire safety codes and overcrowding. Some residents voiced their anger with shouts of "Recall!"*

■ The furor over the firing of City Clerk Patricia Gibbons intensified Monday as hundreds of people descended on City Hall.

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Amid a public thrashing over Clerk Patricia Gibbons' firing, Westland City Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin vowed Monday to release copies of the former city employee's job performance evaluations.

Griffin said he will release the documents after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office concludes a probe of whether he and three council colleagues violated the state Open Meetings Act for their handling of Gibbons' dismissal.

Griffin already divulged during a blistering council session Monday that he didn't believe Gibbons was earning her $69,739 salary. He criticized her writing and verbal skills and said she should've been better organized.

"She had too many performance deficiencies, in my opinion," Griffin said.

His statements came on the same night that nearly 300 people jammed City Hall – many of them to protest the way a four-member council majority handled Gibbons' firing on Jan. 18.

More than 100 people packed council chambers, and Fire Marshal Patrick Harder estimated that 150 to 200 oth-

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City clerk vote nixed for now

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Westland voters will not be allowed to decide a May 9 ballot proposal on whether the city clerk's job should become an elected position.

In a 4-3 vote, the same majority that fired Clerk Patricia Gibbons on Jan. 18 decided Monday that the ballot measure would be premature.

Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin and colleagues David Cox, David James and Sharon Scott chose to appoint a committee to study the issue.

Council members Glenn Anderson, Sandra Cicirelli and Richard LeBlanc supported letting voters decide the clerk issue May 9, when a special election is already scheduled for a 1-mill incinerator tax.

The clerk is now an "at-will" employee appointed by council.

Former council member Thomas Brown strongly urged a ballot proposal to let voters decide whether they want their clerk to be elected, starting with the next round of city elections in 2001.

Brown said the clerk "should be accountable to the voters" and not a council majority.

Cox said the issue, which would require a city charter amendment, deserves more study.

"Personally I'm not in disfavor of the idea," he said.

But he has voiced opposition to moving swiftly to change the charter, in the wake of a public uproar over the Jan. 18 firing of Gibbons.

Cicirelli called May 9 an appealing date to decide whether Westland should have an elected clerk – while the post is filled on an interim basis by former Clerk Diane Fritz.

"I think this is a very rare opportunity that has presented itself time-wise," Cicirelli said.

She also noted that cities such as Livonia and Dearborn have elected clerks, "and they seem to do just fine."

Anderson said allowing voters to decide whether they want to elect a city clerk could help to restore public faith in a council under fire.

Griffin, Cox, James and Scott fueled a storm of protest by firing Gibbons on Jan. 18 – four days after Griffin placed her on leave and took her office keys.

"We need to do the right thing tonight," Anderson said Monday. "Let's put some faith back in city gov-

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Incinerator tax going to voters

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Westland voters will decide during a special May 9 election whether to renew a 1-mill incinerator tax for 10 years, rather than 15.

City council member Sandra Cicirelli proposed the scaled-back proposal to make it more palatable to critics, but colleague Glenn Anderson and some residents still oppose the measure.

The ballot plan would pay for Westland's debt and trash disposal at a Dearborn Heights incinerator operated by the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority.

The owner of an average $120,000 house would continue to pay $60 a year.

The seven-member council reached a consensus on Cicirelli's 10-year plan during a Monday evening study session.

But Anderson changed his mind when the issue

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Winterfest fun draws a good-sized crowd

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Winterfest wasn't just kid stuff, but the kids were having a good time Sunday.

Children at the Bailey Center in Westland had different ideas of what they liked best. "I like to play games," said Sarah Toarmina, 5, a Patchin Elementary kindergartner. Her brother, Zach, 10, a Patchin fifth-grader, liked "the crafts."

The two were watching dad Lou Toarmina of Toarmina's Pizza serve up slices of pizza. Proceeds were going to TLC Greyhound Adoption, with Kathy Darfler of that group helping to serve up pizza.

Down the hall, other children were enjoying crafts. "I think it's pretty fun," said Elizabeth Cizek, 8, a second-grader at All Saints Elementary in Canton. She liked "the moonwalks and making all the arts and crafts."

Robert Kosowski, director of Westland Parks and Recreation, was pleased with turnout at the city-sponsored event early Sunday. The firefighters' pancake breakfast was followed by a day full of entertainment and family togetherness.

Nelson Pearson's Wildlife Safaris brought in wild animals. There was musical entertainment and several inflatables set up in the gym.

"The kids are all anxious to get on the rides," Kosowski said Sunday of the inflatables. He was pleased with the

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STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Merrily: *Chelsea Kangas, Judy Chiesa and Kelly Chiesa prepare to embark on a sleigh ride around the track at the annual Winterfest held Sunday at the Bailey Recreation Center. More than 800 people attended this year's event.*

Amplification system to help young students hear

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Hearing the teacher will soon become easier for some Wayne-Westland students.

The Board of Education approved buying 225 classroom amplification systems for $287,818.75 at a Monday meeting. Systems will be used in preschool through third-grade classes and special education rooms.

"It certainly can impact the quality of instruction," said Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction. Some children lack sufficient ear development to hear well, he said, and others have health conditions which impact hearing.

The systems have a significant impact on helping student achievement, Barresi said.

John Mills, executive director for special education, said installation is planned for March. The price includes staff training on the Audio Enhancement system. Teachers will wear one of several microphone styles, making it easier for young children to hear. There is also a student microphone.

Superintendent Greg Baracy noted that grant money, rather than general fund dollars, will pay for the equipment. "We pursue every possible grant we can."

School board members also discussed possible sale of land at Stevenson Middle School. Trustee Teresa Robbins, who thanked colleagues for discussing the sale in an open forum, urged that any resulting money be used as seed money for development of Sassafras Trails, a nature area in Westland.

In other action, the board

■ Recognized John Glenn High Schools Christopher McFarland as a Metro Detroit Ford Dealers High School Athlete of the Week (WJR-AM). McFarland, who carries a 4.3 grade point average, was lauded by board Vice President Mathew McCusker and others.

"He is an outstanding athlete," said McCusker, announcer for the Glenn Rockets football team. McFarland's plaque will be displayed at North Bros. Ford in Westland.

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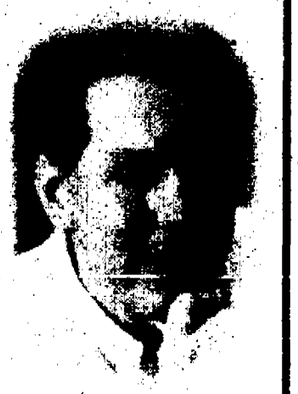

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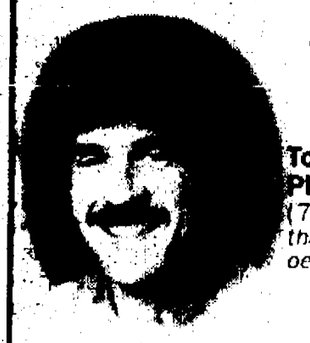

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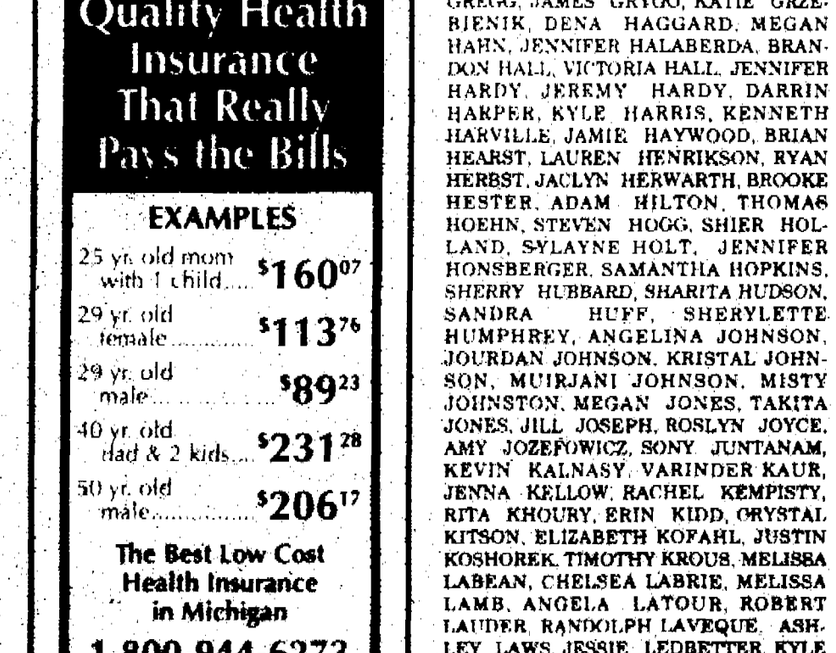

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- DIANE J. FRITZ
Interim City Clerk

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ers stood outside the second-story meeting room.

Griffin quashed hallway shouts of "Recall!" by ordering council chamber doors shut for nearly two hours of the 5½-hour session, angering citizens. He cited safety concerns about overcrowding.

"I think these doors should be open," Councilman Glenn Anderson said, calling Griffin's actions "wrong" and a possible violation of citizens' rights.

Seeking space

Resident Judith Siren, Gibbons' sister, addressed the issue after she managed to get inside the room once the crowd turned over.

"I resent the fact that I was locked out of this meeting," she told the council.

Griffin tried to control outbursts inside the room by pounding his gavel. But he was repeatedly ignored by residents who remain upset that he went to Gibbons' office on Jan. 14, took her keys and placed her on leave until he and colleagues David Cox, Sharon Scott and David James officially fired her four days later.

Monday's meeting turned bizarre at times as discussion of Gibbons' firing disintegrated into personal insults:

- Council watcher Dorothy Smith lashed out at James and said his actions prove he isn't God-fearing. "I am a believer," he responded later.
- Scott became involved in a public rehashing of a family conflict and declared that she was adopted. This happened after her late uncle Ed Gunther's wife, Barbara, addressed the council and accused Scott of withholding family photos she had allegedly promised.
- Resident Linda Bartlett questioned why Cox recently allowed a pet pig to roam around his new residence and yard, in violation of a city ordinance. Cox said he has gotten rid of the pig.
- John Spence questioned why Griffin took Gibbons' keys unless he already knew he had the votes to oust her. "I'd like to see your crystal ball," he told Griffin.
- James conceded that former Clerk Diane Fritz, hired to replace Gibbons on an interim basis, worked on his 1999 council campaign. "She helped me on my campaign, as did several other people. She was not my campaign manager."
- Several residents raised questions about the Griffins and the Fritzes vacationing together after Fritz received her clerk appointment. Griffin called his personal life "nobody's business."
- Fire Chief Mark Neal read a laundry list of other city employees who, like Gibbons, didn't get reappointed in past years. He and former Assistant Fire Chief George Riley, in separate statements, defended the council's authority to choose a new clerk.
- James, accused of opposing Gibbons under advice from Griffin, said, "I voted my conscience on this city clerk issue, and I believe what I did was right." He expressed hope that the community will soon heal.
- Resident Brenda Gracin said Griffin acts like a king, with Cox, James and Scott being his jesters, "only no one is laughing."

Speaking: *Normie Brazier is running out of time to express her opinion at the meeting as Fire Marshal Patrick Harder prepares to escort her from the podium.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Voices: *Protesters, including union members, march outside Westland City Hall.*

We disagree: *Judy McKinney (center) disapproves of a statement made by David Cox at the meeting. Georgia Becker (left) and Debra Hessler-Davis also objected to many comments made by council members.*

Prosecutor's probe

Meanwhile, Wayne County prosecutors early this week met separately with council members Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc to discuss a complaint they filed charging that Griffin, Cox, Scott and James agreed privately to fire Gibbons.

LeBlanc, Anderson and council member Sandra Cicirelli voted against firing Gibbons, a 23-year city employee who had been clerk for 17 months.

Council members who fired Gibbons could face $1,000 fines each if it's proven they broke the law. It isn't known how long the probe will take.

Early in the controversy, Cox admitted that it became clear before Gibbons was ousted that she didn't have the four votes she needed to keep her job.

But, he said Monday, "I have never violated the letter, spirit or intent of the Open Meetings Act."

Said Griffin: "I intend to vigorously defend my actions because there was no violation."

In another development Monday, an estimated 125 to 150 protesters, including union members from at least four United Auto Workers locals, marched outside City Hall prior to the council meeting to show their anger toward Griffin, Cox, Scott and James.

"As a union person, I am very offended by the way they come smiling to us for support when they want to be elected – and now all of a sudden we're treated like goons," said UAW Local 845 member Jack Vernier of Ford Motor Co.'s plant in Plymouth Township.

Protesters carried scores of signs as they chanted recall slogans.

"I feel like it's a slap in the face to us for them to just walk in and take that lady's job that way," said Bill Johnson, UAW Local 900 plant chairman of the Wayne Assembly Plant.

View: *Former Mayor Tom Brown expresses his opinion to the council.*

Recall support

Some protesters said they will work to recall the council four unless Gibbons is reinstated as clerk.

A recall petition already has been filed against Scott. The Wayne County Elections Commission is expected to rule Feb. 16 on proposed ballot language for a recall election.

Griffin, Cox and James started new terms Jan. 1 and can't be recalled for six months.

A handful of counter-protesters led by Fire Chief Neal also marched outside City Hall.

Neal defended Griffin, Cox, Scott and James for taking "a legitimate, legal action in releasing an at-will employee." Gibbons left a union job to become clerk in August 1998.

Recall leader Marian Greenfield said she hopes Monday's protest will send a message.

"We want them to know that the people really mean what they say – that we're going to recall them," she said.

Clerk

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ernment. Allow the citizens to elect the city clerk."

Anderson said the election wouldn't cost taxpayers any extra money because a May 9 election already has been scheduled.

"It's not going to cost us one nickel to put it on the ballot," he said.

But the four-member majority said the issue should be closely studied before a change is proposed.

"When I took the oath of office (in January), it was to uphold the charter – not amend it," James said.

Incinerator

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came up for a vote.

"I still have a great deal of reluctance to support the 10 years," he said.

Anderson and other critics have said the city is only obligated to six years of incinerator debt, but city officials have stressed that other waste-disposal projects will require more money.

"We can't get out of it," Mayor Robert Thomas said. "We still have a lot of debt."

The tax proposal will generate about $1.3 million a year.

Like Anderson, LeBlanc had hoped that council members would agree to a six-year plan, but the two couldn't get enough support for it.

Finance Director Tim McCurley has said the city still has the option not to levy the tax after six years if it isn't needed.

But Anderson said officials who oversee the incinerator will find ways to spend the money.

The mayor said the city will face some real troubles if the tax fails – or if it is allowed to expire too soon.

Thomas said the city could be forced to lay off eight to 14 police officers and firefighters or drain the city's budget surplus.

"I don't think that's a good option," he said.

LeBlanc suggested that taxes collected for specific projects in a special Tax Increment Finance Authority district could be used for the debt if officials choose to terminate the program. TIFA dollars have paid for projects such as the Westland library.

Resident Michael Kehrer criticized an incinerator tax beyond six years and labeled as a waste of money a special election that will cost $30,000.

"I have a real problem with that," he said.

Kehrer suggested city officials could time the ballot measure with another election later this year.

Resident Paul Valovick urged council members who scaled the proposal back to 10 years to go into a "deeper session" and come out with a six-year plan.

Like Kehrer, he opposed a special election.

Critics have accused city officials of scheduling a special election amid hopes that a low voter turnout will mean that pro-tax forces can pull off a victory.

Mayor Thomas noted that services come with a cost.

"You put (trash) out at the curb and you want it picked up, right?" he said Monday. "There's a cost involved with that."

Council President Pro Tem David Cox defended a special election.

"I think this issue needs to be decided on its own merits," he said.

Listen to us: *A large crowd attended the Westland City Council meeting Monday night. In the back, officers closed the doors to a hallway crowd estimated by a fire marshal at 150 to 200.*

Controversy prompts mayor to cancel meeting

Mayor Robert Thomas has canceled a Town Hall meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at Taylor Towers.

Thomas said he fears that the meeting, scheduled at a senior citizen residential building, will be marred by protesters upset over the Westland City Council's decision not to reappoint Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

"I'm not subjecting those people to that," he said. "I'm not even going to take a chance."

Thomas said the meeting will be rescheduled later.

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Salon owner going in style

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After 30 years in the business, Jan Papler decided it was time to go it on her own.

With the help of four stylists and a nail technician, the Westland resident recently opened Hollywood Glamour Salon on Ford Road in Garden City.

"I wanted something cozy, where people would want to come and stay for awhile," said Papler. "What I want to do is make a shop that runs good, where people are taken care of when they come in and are so happy they can't wait to come back."

To accomplish that, Papler has an antique Victorian settee in the lobby area and a juice-beverage bar in the back of the shop that offers customers places to sit and chat.

Papler decided to open the shop because of a recent divorce. She figured a salon would provide a nice income and, with the help of a friend, transformed what had been the former It's a Good Look Salon into a shop with a 1930-40s Hollywood style interior.

"I had a lot of disappointment, but I had a lot more good stuff happen while trying to get it open," said Papler, adding that she wasn't frightened at the prospect of going into business for herself. "Since it's opened, I've loved doing it."

In the four months leading up to the grand opening, Papler's son, Kevin Frost of Frost Construction, handled the construction side, while John Shelton of Livonia did the painting.

While there's still a few finishing touches left to add, Papler says business has been steady since the shop opened on Jan. 4.

"We had a lot of people were waiting for it to open," she said. "People drove by and saw the sign while we were working in here."

The window sign also helped her get her stylists. A friend of Tammy Boucha saw the sign in the window and told the Garden City resident about it.

"My girlfriend had worked here when it was the other shop," said Boucha, who's been in the business for more than 10 years. "Jan is super and it's easy to talk to the other stylists."

Like Boucha's friend, Christian Drazen of Livonia worked there when it was It's a Good Look. When the shop closed, she moved on to two other salons, but came back to work with Papler.

"It's a good location," she said. "Jan's done a lot of changes and it really looks good."

"I worried about finding good help, but I got what I wanted," said Papler. "They come in to work and they don't want to go home."

Papler has had a few problems since opening. She's waiting for new glass shelves for her products case after the top shelf dropped during its assembly, breaking all but one of the others.

She also is wondering what happened to the grand opening sandwich sign that was on the grass in front of the shop.

"Someone took it in broad daylight," she said. "It was heavy, so it had to take two people to carry it off."

In addition to the usual hair cuts, highlights and perms, Hollywood Glamour offers hair care products, waxing, nail care, including acrylics and fiberglass, and a tanning hex.

As part of its grand opening, the salon is offering 20 percent off on all services through Feb. 15. The salon is open Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Papler didn't bother to tape up the first dollar she made at the shop. She's waiting for her first million, she says with a laugh, adding that, "We've gotten a positive reaction from the people coming in."

For more information, call Hollywood Glamour Salon at (734) 525-4050. The salon is located at 33211 Ford Road, west of Venoy Road in Garden City.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Pros: *Jan Papler of Westland (left), owner of the new Hollywood Glamour salon in Garden City, watches hair stylist Tammy Boucha cut Kathleen Frost's hair.*

TAX FORMS

Federal tax forms are now available at the library. Most commonly used forms will be available for pickup during library hours. These forms are located on browsing tables in the library foyer. They are on a self-serve, first-come-first served basis. A book of reproducible forms is available at the Reference Desk for forms which are not as common. Forms can also be printed from the Internal Revenue Service Web site at www.irs.gov/prod/forms-pubs/bpcl

State tax forms will not be available until the middle of February. Forms can be printed from the Michigan Department of Treasury Web site at www.treasury.state.mi.us

While the library has a variety of tax resources available for your use, please remember that library staff cannot provide any tax advice.

WEB SITES OF THE WEEK

http://www.hotwired.com/

This is the online version of the groundbreaking Net magazine, Wired. It includes questions and answers with important Netizens, Wired News, animation clips and the like.

http://tdl.worldpages.com/

This Web site provides worldwide yellow and white pages. It also includes toll-free telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for Canada and the United States. A great communication tool.

http://www2.novagate.net/newsgrt/telephone.html

Contains tons of links to telephone directories and other informational pages for the United States and international.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Scrapbooks & Memory Books

1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Community Meeting Room AB. Bring in your photos, newspaper clippings or other mementos and learn how to make pages guaranteed to keep your memories alive! An experienced consultant will show you ways to cut, decorate and enhance your books. No fee. No registration required, but seating is limited to 25 participants.

Adult Reading Club

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Group Meeting Room C. "Angela's Ashes: A Memoir" by Frank McCourt. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. Discussions are held in Group Meeting Room C. Call and reserve your copy today. No fee. No registration required.

Chess Night

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, Fouts Reading Room. Amateurs and experts alike are invited to join in for the monthly chess night where you can strategize and compete. Participants are encouraged to mentor beginning players. Pick up a chess set at the Reference Desk if you like or use your own. No fee. No registration required.

INFORMATION CENTRAL
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Internet 101: An Introduction to the Internet

2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 26, Community Meeting Room B. Learn what the Internet is and the basics of how to navigate the Internet and find the information you want. Designed for the individual with little or no computer background. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

"I Love This Book" Contest

All day, through Feb. 13, YA Area. Young adults! Select your favorite book and tell why you like it. Two entries will be drawn and awarded a prize. All entries will have their reviews posted on the wall in the YA Area. Pick up your entry form in either the YA Area or at the Children's Reference Desk area, fill it out and drop it in the contest box in the YA Area. Each winner will receive a $20 gift certificate from Harmony House. No fee. No registration required.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sleepytime Storytime

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour family storytime is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankie! No fee. No registration required.

Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15
10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16
Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytimes last about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required, although class size is limited.

After School Special

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program held each Wednesday is for all school-age children. It provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration required.

"All About Me" Memento Craft

2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Children's Activity Room. Bring in your photos, awards and other mementos and create a frame. Feature a special friendship, sport, talent or event and artfully display your keepsakes.

FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

The Friends' board meets on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss fund-raising and program events. All are invited to attend. Stop in and find out how you can help to promote quality programs at the library. Next meeting is 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 14.

Helping hand

Tax help available for seniors at center

Private tax consulting is being offered by the Senior Resources Department in Westland. Service is by appointment only, and a fee may be charged.

The service will be offered 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15, and continuing Tuesdays, Feb. 29 and March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, and Thursdays, Feb. 17, 24, and March 2.

If your taxable income for the service is $9,000 for a single person, a fee of $20 will be assessed. For a couple with taxable income over $12,000, a $20 fee will be assessed.

A $25 fee will be accepted at the discretion of the tax consultant, depending on the time needed to prepare your tax forms.

When making an appointment, you must indicate if you have income derived from a business, rentals, sale of a home or stock sales, as forms for these transactions take a considerable amount of time.

The consultant will charge accordingly (approximately 50 percent of the going rate).

For information, call the Friendship Center at (734) 722-7632.

You should bring all 1998 tax returns; W-2 and W-2P statements for 1999; Social Security SS1099 and all other 1099 forms; real estate tax bill/rent receipts; hospitalization premium receipts and prescription bills; federal and state tax forms sent to you.

Checks should be payable to Treasurer, City of Westland.

Career center to hold open house Feb. 16

The William D. Ford Career/Technical Center will host "2000: A Career Odyssey" 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. The center is at 36455 Marquette, Westland.

There will be technical demonstrations and tours of programs, including accounting, automated manufacturing/machining, automotive technology, child care, computer aided design, cosmetology, culinary arts, data processing, desktop publishing, health occupations, heating/air conditioning/refrigeration, media production, office/word processing, printing technology and welding technology.

The culinary arts program will have cooking and baking demonstrations and light refreshments. Visitors can also see the new Technical Education Manufacturing Lab.

At the same time, Project TEAM (Technical Education Academic Manufacturing) will hold an open house in Room 150 at John Glenn High School.

Project TEAM is a program developed by businesses and educators for high school students who are interested in combining industry experience with applied coursework in mathematics, principles of technology and communication arts. Project TEAM is available through the Career/Technical Center.

This business/education partnership program has won the governor's Career Prep System "Innovators To Watch" Award, American Society of Employers Award of Excellence in Human Resources and Michigan Association of School Boards Michigan's Best Educational Excellence Award.

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U.S. Census Bureau has jobs

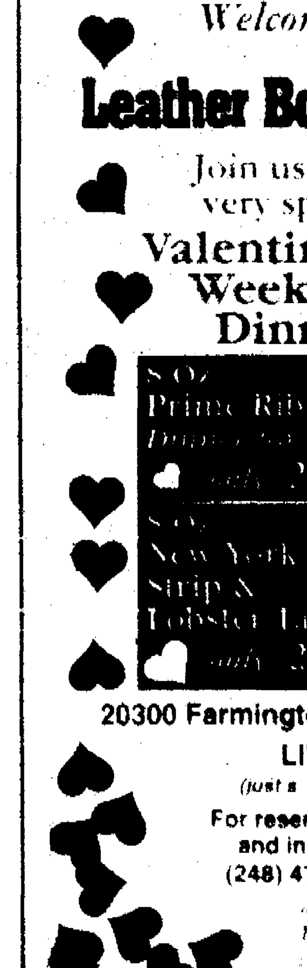
The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking employees to help with the 2000 census. Jobs pay between $10.50 and $16.75 per hour, and include clerk, enumerator, crew leader, recruiting assistant and field operations supervisor.

Candidates should be 18 or older (those 16 and 17 can apply with a high school diploma or GED), be able to read, write and understand English, possess a valid driver's license with a good driving record and pass a basic skills test. Ability to speak a foreign language is a plus, but not required.

Testing will be held at Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church, 29745 Annapolis in Westland. The phone number at the church is 734-722-2567.

The Wednesday, Feb. 16 schedule for testing is 2-2:30 p.m. fill out application; 2:30-3:30 p.m. practice test and 3:30-4 p.m. test session.

Census Bureau representatives will speak 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the church.



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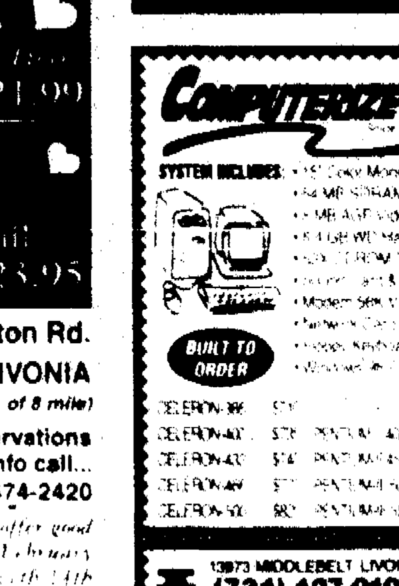

OBITUARIES

GARY F. PAWLOWICZ
Services for Gary Pawlowicz, 63, of Westland were held Feb. 9 in St. Theodore Church.

Mr. Pawlowicz, born Nov. 28, 1936, in Detroit, died Feb. 6 at his residence in Westland. He was a supervisor for a utility company.

Surviving are his wife, Justine; son, Brian (Karen); daughters, Claudia (Doug) Pahl and Janine; and five grandchildren.

MILDRED B. BLACKFORD
Services for Mildred "Millie" Blackford, 77, of South Lyon were held Feb. 5 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton.

Mrs. Blackford, born June 16, 1922, in Goodrich, Mich., died Feb. 3 in Southfield. She was an executive secretary at Vico Products for 20 years, retiring in 1985. She came to the South Lyon community 1½ years ago from Plymouth where she had been a lifelong resident. She was a member of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club. Mrs. Blackford liked to play golf and bowl.

Surviving are her sons, Donald (Kathleen) of Gaylord, Dennis (Olga) of South Lyon, Randell (Margaret) of Chelsea and Eric of Westland; brother, Vern Peck of Canton; sister, Louise (Keith) Baughman of Interlochen; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

ROBERT A. ROGERS
Services for Robert Rogers, 66, of Plymouth were held Feb. 4 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. J.J. Mech.

Mr. Rogers, born March 17, 1933, in Dearborn, died Jan. 31 in Superior Township. He was a warranty claims adjuster for Ford Motor Co. He worked for Ford for 30 years, retiring in 1987.

Surviving are his wife, Rose; sons, Matthew (Doreen) of Westland and Gregory (LeeAnn) of Canton; daughter, Colleen (Kenneth) Dethloff of Plymouth; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207 or in the form of Mass offerings.

Arrangements were handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth Township.

FRANK A. BOWLES
Frank Bowles, 80, of Clinton died Feb. 2 in Chelsea. He was born May 9, 1919, in Subula, Mo.

Mr. Bowles had lived in Clinton for the past eight years, coming from the Wayne-Westland area.

Mr. Bowles served in the United States Army during World War II, European campaign, with the 321st Bomb Group, receiving many medals. He had been employed as a carpenter before his retirement.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years (October 1945), Bernice; son, Jon (Pat) Bowles of Clinton; daughter, Carol Niedzielski and Mike Morgan of Canton; two sisters; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bowles was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Memorials may be made to the Clinton Masonic Scholarship Fund or the Clinton Community Schools.

Arrangements were handled by Couture-Handler Funeral Home in Clinton.

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Sly and the family: *Sly, a recently adopted 3-year-old black and white greyhound, shows some excitement as children approach. Sly was adopted through the TLC Greyhound Adoption program, which was on hand at Winterfest.*

Winterfest
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great weather, with outdoor sleigh rides part of the fun. "You can't beat it," he said. "Recreation. That's what we're here for, especially when it's free of charge."

Most of the merriment took place Sunday, but the Westland Chamber of Commerce offered Winterfest Bowling Saturday. "It was fabulous," said Lori Brist, chamber executive director. "Biggest year ever."

The bowling, at Westland Bowl, had partial proceeds going to Westland Youth Assistance. "Things just keep getting bigger and bigger," Brist said.

Fun was the order of the day, but getting the word out on the U.S. Census for 2000 was included as well. Staffing a table Sunday morning were Scott Veldhuis, Westland economic development director, and Jackie Gies, recruiting assistant for the Census Bureau's Dearborn office, which serves Westland.

"To promote the census," Gies said of her presence at the Bailey Center. "To make sure everybody fills out their form." Forms are due back April 1, she said, and are important.

"It's where you get the money for your city," Gies said.

By the main door helping with sleigh rides was Jo Johnson, who said of Winterfest, "It's great." Johnson likes the post-holiday event which brings people together.

"It's a good chance to come out and have activities," said Johnson, chairwoman of the Westland Historical Commission, one of many groups helping with Winterfest. "It's good for our community."

Monday, Kosowski of Parks and Recreation said attendance was more than 800 and that the committee and his department were enthused. They're already working on next year's event, set for the first Sunday in February.

Kosowski thanked residents who attended, along with the many volunteer groups, the 18th District Court and police and fire departments. "We enjoyed hosting it," he said.

Creation: *Deanna Hudson glues down the finishing touches on a reindeer she created in the arts and crafts room.*

Students
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■ Recognized sixth-grade teacher consultant Rosalyn Pollard of Stevenson Middle School for reaching National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. Pollard thanked her family, colleagues and students. "They make me do what I do," Pollard said of her students. She was congratulated by board members and Baracy.

"We are very proud of this great honor you have achieved," the superintendent said.

■ Approved bids for remodeling bond work at Marshall Middle School, noting it is within budget.

■ Recognized Feb. 11 as School District Cafeteria Employees Recognition Day in Wayne-Westland and March 10 as School District Transportation Employees Recognition Day in the district.

Safe boating course topic

The Dearborn Power Squadron will present an eight-week safe boating course at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15, at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette west of Wayne Road in Westland, and beginning Wednesday, Feb. 16, at O.L. Smith High School, 23851 Yale in Dearborn. Instruction will cover outboard, inboard and sailing boating.

The course is open to all western Wayne County residents. There is no charge, and an optional student manual and supplies are available.

Students who pass the course will receive a certificate which can be used for an insurance discount and to obtain a youth boating permit.

For more information, call (313) 278-1734 or (313) 322-9917.

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its Public Accuracy Test on the Unilect Patriot voting equipment for the February 22, 2000 Presidential Primary Election on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

DIANE J. FRITZ
Interim City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, February 15, 2000 the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. 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.
1989	CHRYSLER	NEW YKR/4 DR.	SILVER	1C3BC663XKD567241

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

1992	FORD	CRWN VIC/2 DR.	WHITE	2FACP73W3NX209264
1989	FORD	ECONOL/VAN	BLUE	1FTEE14YXKHA99248
1989	CHEVY	CAVALIER/2 DR.	RED	1G1JC111IKJ114374
1989	FORD	TEMPO/4 DR.	RED	1FAPP36X8KK242337
1967	CHEVY	VAN	BLUE	PS327F125199
1987	FORD	ESCORT/WAGON	BLUE	1FAPP2890H165568

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.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places of Garden City. All polling places are handicapper accessible. If you anticipate difficulties at your normal polling place please phone the City Clerk's office to arrange an alternate location. Absentee Ballots for this Election are available at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, February 21, 2000, to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

In addition to our regular hours, the City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 19, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee voting.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk
City of Garden City, Michigan

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CITY OF WESTLAND
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne; Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States.
List of polling place locations:

PCTS.	LOCATIONS
1 - 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2 - 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 - 7	Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette
5 - 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Jr. High, 35475 Palmer
8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
9	Jefferson School, 32100 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 - 23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
12 - 25 - 35	Cooper School, 28560 Ann Arbor Trail
13 - 18	Schweitzer School, 2001 Trendwell
14	Marshall Jr. High, 35100 Bayview
15 - 41	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34800 Fountain Blvd.
17 - 37	Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21	Lowell Jr. High School, 3400 Hix
22	Westland Meadows Club House, 30600 Van Born
24	Lutheran High School-Westland, 35300 Cowan
26 - 33	Hamilton School, 5061 Schramm
27	Perrinsville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail
28	Church of Christ-Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 - 31	Hayes School, 30800 Louise Ct.
34 - 38	Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
36	Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40	Divine Savior Parish, 30975 Joy
41	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.

The polls for said Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of Election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting aides are available/accessible.

DIANE J. FRITZ
Interim City Clerk

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted at the time and location listed, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 in Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan.

Location: Civic Center (City Hall)
6000 Middlebelt
Garden City, Michigan 48135
Date: February 15, 2000
Tuesday
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Contact: Allyson M. Bettis
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Metro Airport set a new record for passengers in 1999

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Metro Airport, led by another increase in international traffic, apparently has again broken its all-time passenger record.

According to preliminary statistics released Thursday, more than 34 million passengers arrived or departed the airport in 1999 – an increase of 7.9 percent over the previous year.

International traffic led the way with an increase of 15.3 percent over 1998, solidly rebounding from that year's atypical 7.8 percent decline, airport officials said.

Additionally, December's record 2.76 million passengers meant Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport has topped its all-tjme passenger records in 72 of the past 77 months. It also has set annual marks the last eight consecutive years.

The records also mean Metro is likely to move up a couple of notches on the list of North America's 10 busiest airports.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara credited the strong economy and improvements in capacity at the airport – including six new gates on Concourse A – for the growth.

However, he said, while more domestic service "is important for our local business and pleasure travelers, the international growth is the most encouraging.

"Increases posted by British Airways, Lufthansa and Northwest Airlines to Europe and the Far East have a far greater impact on the local economy," McNamara said.

Each time an international 747-400 passenger jet lands, it generates $1 million in economic benefit to the community, according to a 1991 study by U.S. Airports for Better International Service cited by Barbara Hogan, Metro's deputy director for external relations.

"That's from travelers staying in the area at hotels, renting cars, going to restaurants," Hogan explained.

Officials said 1999 saw almost 3.4 million international passengers, compared to 2.9 million in '98. That year's decline, which Northwest Airlines spokesman John Austin generally attributed to the pilot strike Aug. 29-Sept. 15, was the first since 1991.

"For 15 days, nothing was moving," Austin said. "And there were not a lot of reservations being made then either."

December's overall passenger total increased 3 percent over December '98, when 31.5 million customers passed through Metro's gates.

Metro landings and takeoff operations increased 3.8 percent over 1998 for a total of 559,547, an average of 1,533 per day.

Officials anticipate that, when all final 1999 numbers from airports worldwide are tallied, Metro will move up in the rankings.

They note that a report published in December by the Geneva, Switzerland-based Airports Council International showed Detroit Metro had risen from 10th to eighth among North American airports based on passenger counts through August 1999.

Other airlines posting increased passenger traffic for 1999 at Metro include Continental and Continental Express, Northwest Airlink, Spirit, America West, Comair and Sun Country.

"These numbers dramatically illustrate our need to aggressively continue the airport's expansion projects," said Metro Director David Katz.

"A new 74-gate midfield terminal, a new south access road, a sixth jet runway and many other smaller projects currently under way will assure that Wayne County and the airlines keep pace with passenger demand, now and in the future," he said.

Metro officials noted that the 34 million passengers is more than 3 1/2 times Michigan's population.

They also noted that Metro's daily passenger count alone is "the rough equivalent of the populations of Garden City, Grosse Pointe, Highland Park, Romulus and Riverview combined."

Here are the December 1999 and year-end statistics:

- Total passengers Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1999: 34,038,381, up 7.9 percent from 31,544,426 in 1998;
- Total international passengers for same periods: 3,391,375, up 15.3 percent from 2,940,762;
- Total passengers (revenue and non-revenue) handled in Dec. '99: 2,764,561, up 2.9 percent from 2,687,315 in December 98;
- Operations Jan.-Dec. '99: 559,547 takeoffs/landings, up 3.8 percent from 539,053 in 1998;
- Operations for Dec. '99: 46,436, down 0.2 percent from 46,518 in December '98.

Rouge group to discuss flood plains, reorganization at Feb. 16 meeting

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Flood plain information and a reorganization proposal are on tap for the first Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meeting of 2000.

Also on the agenda at the 1:30 p.m. Feb. 16 meeting in the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road in Westland, will be issuance of the Rouge Report Card, which gives the status of the condition of the Rouge watershed..

The flood plain information was sought in response to the Dec. 15 tabling by RRAC of a motion urging the state to make flood plain permit restrictions in the Rouge watershed, while the proposed reorganization seeks to make RRAC meetings more efficient and get more members involved, according to Bill Craig, RRAC's new vice chairman.

Representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Land and Water Management Division will report on the condition of the Rouge watershed flood plain.

"We're just trying to get the facts" about what is now happening to the flood plain, "what is expected to happen due to increasing impervious surface development, what is happening to habitat and wildlife and what efforts are being taken to protect the flood plain," said Craig, who also is a leader of the Holliday Nature Preserve Association in Westland.

Craig explained that "impervious surface development" refers to buildings and parking lots, both of which create runoff from their hard surfaces.

More such construction, he said, means there will be "more floods, higher floods and longer (lasting) floods."

The habitat committee, which proposed the restrictions, is concerned about high water flows, he said, because with them, "we lose land, drown or displace animals" in the area and kill off the fish.

However, he said, the restrictions also raised questions such as how big a problem flood plain filling is in the Rouge; what if homeowners living in the flood plain want to make improvements; whether streambank stabilization falls under the guidelines of "no alterations to the flood plain;" and just what are the regulatory issues and who oversees flood plain management.

Craig said RRAC, which aims to protect, restore and enhance the Rouge, is revising its Remedial Action Plan for 2001 because "we want to make it a better plan."

But "the hardest thing to do is preserve the land," Craig noted, because some construction is "necessary." However, "We want to see restrictions" in place.

Kurt Heise of Dearborn Heights, newly elected RRAC chairman, will propose a six-committee structure for the council – both to spur participation by RRAC members and also to accelerate input and deliver a "realistic RAP revision on time," Craig said. The revision deadline is December 2001.

Proposed committees are habitat and wildlife, pollution control, financing, public education, watershed management and public policy, Heise said.

Under the proposal, he said, each RRAC member would need to volunteer by April to serve on at least one committee.

Heise succeeds Rich Badics, who served three years as RRAC chairman.

The RRAC meeting is open to the public.

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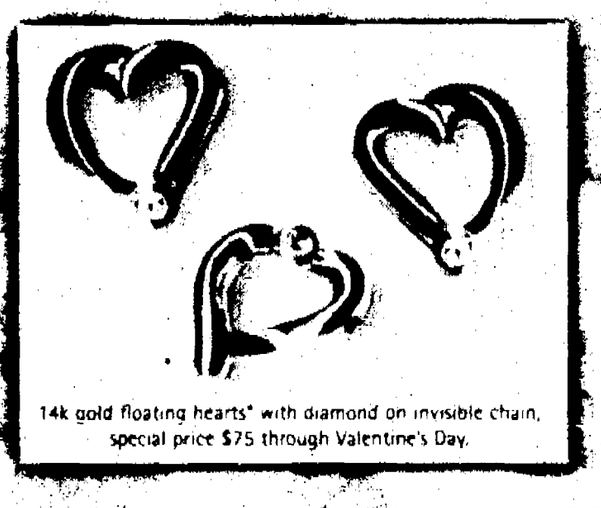

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Librarians take heat for tardy state tax forms

BY RICHARD PEARL
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A conspiracy, a mistake, or just some cost-cutting?

The Michigan Department of Treasury's tardiness in distributing 1999 state individual tax forms to libraries in metro Detroit and elsewhere – along with fewer copies being shipped – is raising all sorts of questions from irate library patrons and librarians.

As of noon Tuesday, forms still had not been received by the majority of Observer-area libraries – almost three weeks late, according to librarians.

However, Bridget Medina, a spokeswoman for the treasurer's office in Lansing, said Tuesday that forms should be in "most libraries by the end of the week."

The delays have caused rumors of a Treasury Department conspiracy.

"I heard unofficially that the state deliberately delayed" sending out the forms "hoping people would use e-file," the electronic-mail tax-filing system, said Bev Papai, head librarian of the Farmington Community Library.

Barbara Lewis, Livonia's head librarian, said she heard a Y2K glitch had delayed the printing and shipping. "'Adjusting' was the word they were using," she said.

Carol Harrison, head librarian at Livonia's Alfred Noble branch, said there were difficulties last year, too, in getting tax forms.

"It's been a huge problem," acknowledged Jean Tabor, head librarian at Canton Township, which finally received a shipment Monday afternoon after fielding some 40 inquiries from angry patrons that morning.

"It makes us look bad and we have no control," Tabor said. The treasury department is "always late," she said.

The only other Observer-area facilities to get shipments Monday were the Farmingtons and the JFK Jr. branch in Dearborn Heights.

A spokesman for Michigan state Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said Tuesday Brown's office would deliver a case to the Redford District Library that evening.

Libraries elsewhere which have gotten reduced shipments already have run out, said Debbie Gallagher, the Michigan Electronic Library government information specialist and the tax forms distribution program liaison between librarians and the Treasury Department.

No communication

On Tuesday, Gallagher announced the creation of a task force to look into what she called "the lack of communication" with the Treasury Department.

The Ann Arbor-based librarian said Treasury Department representatives never contacted her or other librarians about the delays until Jan. 27, almost 12 days after the forms normally are shipped.

Gallagher said Floyd Schmitzer, administrator of the department's individual taxes division, then kept giving her later and later delivery dates, with shipments never materializing.

At one point, Schmitzer called to say "there had been another glitch," and that he "was putting everybody on OT (overtime) to get the forms out" by Monday, Feb. 7, Gallagher said.

Each time, she passed the information on to other librarians, who in turn told their patrons.

On Feb. 7, Gallagher said, "without asking us, without conferring with us," Schmitzer told her that fewer forms were being shipped. He said it was "because so many people are taking advantage of e-file and tele-filing," she said.

Gallagher said she has asked the office of state Sen. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), chairman of the senate's government operations committee, for a senator to serve on the task force. "I'm going to call the governor's office if I don't get anywhere with McCotter," she said.

McCotter said Tuesday he thought the task force "would be helpful."

The freshman senator also noted "not everybody has a personal computer," which weakens treasury's argument for e-mailing tax returns.

Although the Treasury Department "gets swamped with requests" for forms by such agencies as the U.S. Postal Service, he said it's still "not fair for librarians (to be put in the position) to get yelled at" by angry patrons.

McCotter said he believes treasury, in its haste to ship, erred in not paying enough attention to librarians.

But, he said, treasury staffers "didn't sit around thinking of ways to get people to do e-filing.

"I'd never want to confuse a mistake for a conspiracy," he said.

Medina of the treasury office said the same thing: "We just don't have that much time on our hands to think up conspiracies."

As for e-filing, treasury department figures show that, from 1993, the first year it was available in Michigan, to last year, it grew from a mere 117 filings to 623,000.

Medina said 1999's e-filings saved the department $300,000 in "processing costs." The money was "redirected into more automation processes," including more telephone lines for receiving both automated and operator-assisted calls, she said.

As for shipment cuts, Medina said distribution-site databases were updated to correct for previous overages or shortages in the shipments.

U.S. Postal Service branches in the Observer communities had received state tax forms as of Tuesday, according to spokeswoman Elizabeth Nita of the Detroit office.

How to obtain tax forms

The Michigan Department of Treasury, in the midst of delays in getting promised 1999 individual income tax forms to public libraries and state officials around the state, reminded taxpayers this week there are other ways to get and file forms.

The department still mails preprinted forms to previous year's filers, but it is changing how it does business, both to be current and to cut costs, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

For example, those who used a professional taxpayer service last year will only get a postcard this year, according to Bridget Medina of the treasury department.

The card, which says no forms are being mailed to the taxpayer, will in some cases save the department almost $127,600 over mailing the forms, she said.

If you still need forms, call 1-800-FORM-2-ME (367-9263) and request they be mailed, she said.

Forms also can be requested through Fax on Demand (517-241-8780). Completed forms may be filed by fax, too, Medina said.

New this year: If you filed paper EZ forms in 1999, you'll be sent an encoded number this year by which you can file on the telephone, she said. About a half-million of the state's 5.5 million taxpayers will be affected.

If you have access to a computer, you can both get forms and file them electronically, Medina said. To download state tax forms from the Internet, log onto www.treasury.state.mi.us.

Computerization offers faster refunds (about seven days), 24-hour accessibility, security and an on-line error-correction system, she said.

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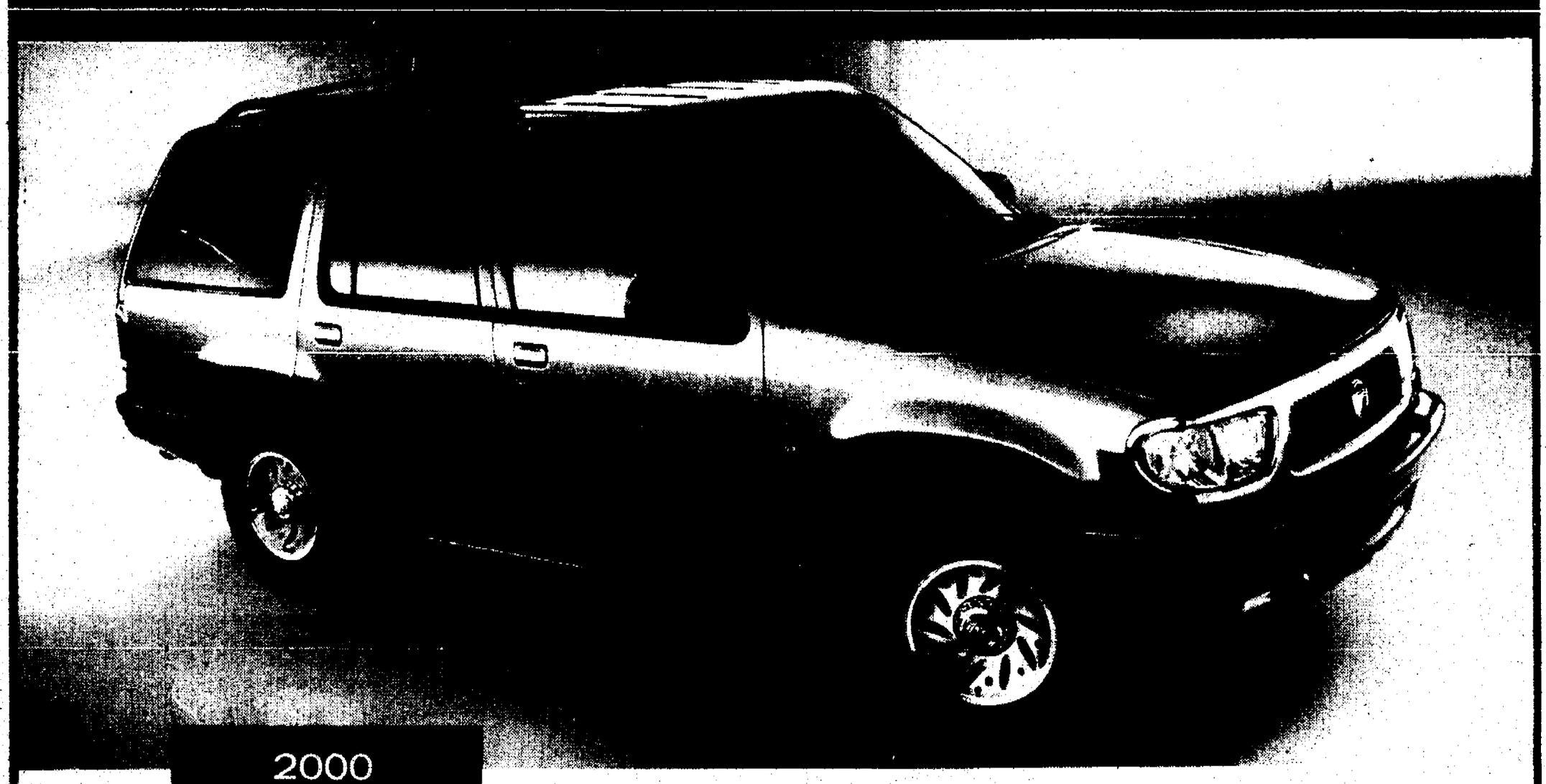

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Travelers: *Second-grader Roxanne Young looks to have a dragon placed over her head by teacher Peggy Flacks as part of their parade at Lincoln Elementary. The second-graders "traveled" to China the past few weeks in their lessons to celebrate the Chinese New Year.*

■ 'They loved it, they really loved it.'

Starr Lang
—teacher

Music: *Playing the drum (right), second-grader Eddie Holland leads the Chinese parade through the rooms.*

Lincoln students travel to distant land via learning

SCHOOLS

China's far away, but to Lincoln Elementary second-graders it seems a bit closer.

Students of Starr Lang and Peggy Flacks have been studying China in recent weeks, with the lessons culminating last Friday with a Chinese New Year parade.

"They loved it, they really loved it," Lang said of the Lincoln pupils. The children are excited about learning new things, she said.

The students spent two weeks learning about Chinese culture and customs. The Friday parade featured six dragons, which traveled throughout the school. Kids made the dragon heads, getting an art lesson in the process.

The dragon symbolizes strength, Lang said. "So everyone has good luck for the year."

Friday afternoon also featured a Chinese meal including stir fry and fortune cookies, which were given to everyone at Lincoln.

Flacks' paraprofessional, Mitzee Valdez, took care of the food. "She was a trouper," Lang said.

The student had authentic placemats and did the math on the year of their birth according to the Chinese zodiac. Feb. 5, a Saturday, was the actual day of the Chinese New Year, Lang said, but Friday was chosen as it was a school day.

The two-week lesson started with Asia and moved to the specifics of Chinese culture and customs. Lang's class did bamboo paintings on rice paper. "They ground their own paint, like they do in China," she said.

The lesson, which this year involved some 40 children, has been done in the past but not to this extent. The Lincoln learners had many books on China read to them, and received many related worksheets.

Lang found that the students, including one born in Asia, didn't have trouble identifying with a distant land. "They do realize that it's different."

Students learned Chinese numbers one to 12. They learned to say "Happy New Year" and a few other words in Chinese. In the parade, students not under the dragon at that moment played musical instruments, the cymbals, tambourine and drum.

It adds up: *Second-grader Stephanie Gertsen writes Chinese numbers as part of a lesson on China.*

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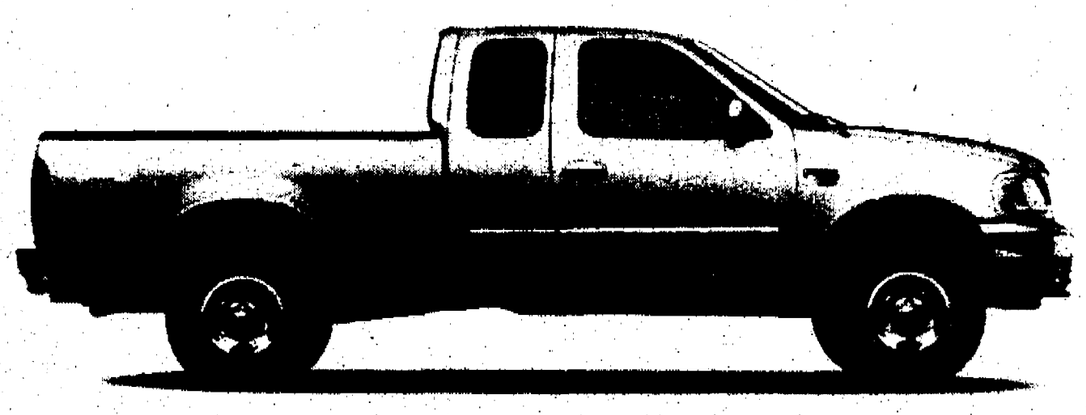

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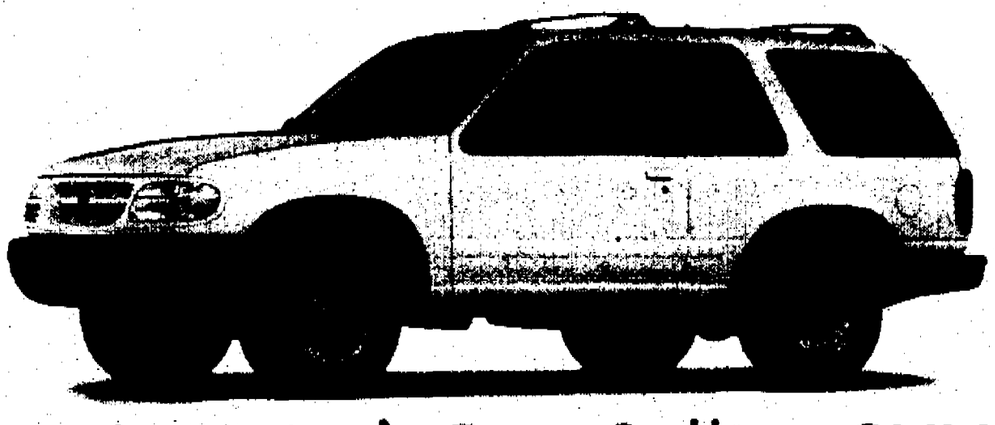

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ACHIEVERS

Nikolai Nolan, a student at John Glenn High School, has placed in the top 100 among the 18,838 participants in the 43rd annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Nolan will be honored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America on March 4 at an awards program at Albion College.

The top 50 students will be presented with scholarships worth up to $2,500 and invited to participate in the American Regions Mathematics League Competition.

"Nikolai is an excellent student with the ability to grasp abstract concepts and apply them to practical situations," said Thomas Durigon, Nolan's calculus teacher.

Local Rotary Toy Show on tap

Some shoppers at the Westland Rotary Toy Show are curious people.

"Some people come just to see how much that tin toy they bought in 1969 is worth," said Ken Belanger, co-chair with fellow Rotarian John Toye for the event.

The next show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Joy Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. Admission is $3, free for kids under age 12.

Some 400-500 people are expected to attend. There will be 50-60 tables of antique and collectible toys.

An ongoing raffle for Drug Abuse Resistance Education will be included. Organisers appreciate donated use of Joy Manor, Belanger said.

The event is a buy/sell/trade one. Questions should be directed to Belanger at (734) 721-1810 or Toye at (734) 729-8693.

Students lauded for art efforts

Livonia PTA Council honored students for their art, music, literature and photography work during the annual Reflections Award Night at Churchill High Jan. 20.

PTA started the Reflections program in 1969 as a way to promote the arts outside the classroom. Winners are selected in literature, music, photography and visual arts.

Up to four winning entries will be submitted to state contests. This year's winners are:

LITERATURE - PRIMARY PRESCHOOL/GRADE 2

Tasi Newton, first place, Hoover Elementary School; Hayley Drozdowski, second place, Buchanan Elementary School; Katy Flaherty, third place, Taylor Elementary; and Stephanie D'Annunzio, honorable mention, Taylor Elementary.

LITERATURE - INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3-5)

Lauren LaPlante, first place, Hull Elementary; Rachel Bhagwat, second place, Webster Elementary School; Amanda Allie, third place, Tyler Elementary; and Emily Turbiak, honorable mention, Webster Elementary.

LITERATURE - MIDDLE/JUNIOR (GRADES 6-8)

Marcy Rowell, first place, Holmes Middle School; Michelle Ellison, second place, Frost Middle School; Stephanie Thom, third place, Hull; and Sara Gutowski, honorable mention; Holmes Middle School.

LITERATURE - SENIOR (GRADES 9-12)

Stephanie Daniels, first place, Stevenson High School; Ramona Iacoban, second place, Franklin; Rachel Feathers, third place, Stevenson; and Justin Mininni, honorable mention, Franklin.

MUSIC - PRIMARY PRESCHOOL/GRADE 2

Grace Zhou, first place, Tyler Elementary, and Patrick Tremel, second place, Webster.

MUSIC - INTERMEDIATE

Tiffany Pao, first place, Webster Elementary School; Eric Grunkemeyer, second place, Webster; Jack Kovsky, third place, Taylor; and Mary Catherine Bender, honorable mention, Taylor.

MUSIC - MIDDLE/JUNIOR

Gail Grunkemeyer, first place, Holmes Middle School; Aaron Abbott, second place, Riley; Hailey MacDonald, third place, Holmes; and Jennifer Morgan, honorable mention, Marshall.

PHOTOGRAPHY - PRIMARY PRESCHOOL/GRADE 2

Hailey Wilshaw, first place, Coolidge Elementary; Katherine Lee, second place, Taylor; and Mariah Morgan, third place, Coolidge.

PHOTOGRAPHY - INTERMEDIATE

Luke Knochel, first place, Tyler Elementary; Mark Kenney, second place, Johnson; Michael Bartshe, third place, Taylor; Alicia Armstrong, honorable mention, Hayes; Matthew Bilger, honorable mention, Taylor; and Bonnie Buis, honorable mention, Webster.

PHOTOGRAPHY - MIDDLE/JUNIOR

Alicia Fedrigo, first place, Hull Elementary; Laura Marietti, second place, Frost Middle School; and Jonathon Tap, third place, Frost Middle School.

PHOTOGRAPHY - SENIOR

Andrea Parker, Stevenson High.

VISUAL ART PRIMARY - PRESCHOOL/GRADE 2

Angela Ayyash, first place, Tyler Elementary; Morgan Piekarski, second place, Taylor; Rachel Lumley, third place; Hull; and Veronica Allen, honorable mention, Webster.

VISUAL ART -INTERMEDIATE

Mallory Fox, first place, Cass Elementary; Alicia Ayyash, second place, Tyler; Kristen Barry, third place, Cass; and Christina Bender, honorable mention, Taylor.

VISUAL ART – MIDDLE/JUNIOR

Kelly Chism, first place, Holmes Middle School; Michelle Nickerson, second place, Holmes; Justin Rzucidlo, third place, Randolph; and Rebecca Grabowski, honorable mention, Coolidge.

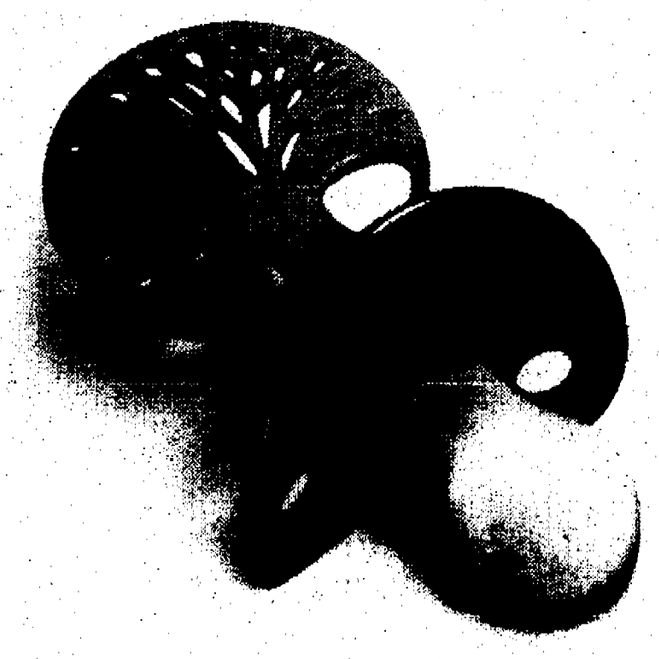
VISUAL ART – SENIOR

Jeannie Eng, first place, Franklin High School; Tessa Tarole, second place, Stevenson; Tessa Tarole, third place, Stevenson; and Andrea Wilcox, honorable mention, Stevenson.

Baby boy gets a silver spoon

Michael Alexander Bustamante, born Jan. 5, has been named a Sterling Baby by Reed & Barton Silversmiths. As part of its 175th anniversary celebration, Reed & Barton launched the Sterling Babies program on Jan. 1, offering a sterling silver baby spoon to 175 babies born in 2000.

Michael is the son of Gabriel and Rachel Bustamante of Westland. He received a Stork Birth Record Spoon, the bowl of which can be engraved with birthdate, time and weight.



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Sealed proposals for the **2000 Sanitary Sewer Program, Westland,** will be received by the City of Westland at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, ***until 10:00 a.m., local time on March 15, 2000,*** (no exceptions will be made) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities for major items of work are 5,000 lft of 10" A.B.S. Truss Sanitary Sewer; 25 each Sanitary Manholes; 1,700 lft of Sanitary Service Lead, 6" SDR 23.5; 4,000 tons of 21 AA Aggregate Base, 8"; 5,000 syd of 3" Top Soil, Seed & Mulch.

The project involves the installation of 10" A.B.S. Truss Sanitary Sewer in six separate locations. Individual lengths of the six projects range from 300 lft to 1,600 lft. A majority of the sanitary sewer work will take place in existing gravel roads. There will be some minor restoration in pavement and greenbelt areas. The project is providing sewer to established residential areas that are currently served by septic fields.

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, 40000 Grand River Avenue, Suite 404, Novi, MI 48375-2147; the area office of Dodge Reports, 25330 Telegraph Road, Suite 350, Southfield, I 48034; and Construction Association of Michigan, 1625 S. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204.

Contract Documents may be obtained after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices located at 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. A none-refundable charge of thirty-five dollars ($35.00) 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 - 2000 Sanitary Sewer Program, bid opening on March 15, 2000, 10:00 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 ninety (90) days after the submitted 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 Acts of 1965, as amended.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Jonathan Kramer, Project Engineer for Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment at (248) 324-5200.

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Hockey brawl prompts regular-season forfeits

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The high school hockey seasons for Livonia Churchill and rival Stevenson have been put on ice.

In an unprecedented move handed down Tuesday, Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Kenneth Watson said each team must forfeit its final regular-season games because of the brawl that followed a 2-2 tie Friday night at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson had five games left, while Churchill had four.

Watson, however, left the door open for the teams to compete in the state hockey regionals, which start the week of Monday, Feb. 28.

Watson said the teams can return to the ice if standards regarding sportsmanship and good behavior are satisfied during the next three weeks. The teams will be allowed to practice in the interim.

"We felt we'd give them a chance to redeem themselves for the state tourney if they demonstrate they can do it right," Watson said. "We had hoped the students come to understand that behavior tolerated by some non-public-school hockey team, or professional hockey, is unacceptable."

The decisions on postseason play will be up to administrators at each building, Watson said.

Watson held two meetings and reviewed a videotape provided by Time Warner Cable, which telecast the game and the brawl that followed, before announcing the sanction.

Included in the meetings were Principals Dale Coller of Stevenson and Rod Hosman of Churchill, along with athletic directors Roger Frayer (Stevenson) and Marc Hage (Churchill). Coller and Frayer were at the game.

Sportsmanship class

Hosman said Churchill players will be required to attend a sportsmanship class and an anger-management class as early as next week.

The classes' effect will be gauged, and players interviewed, before a decision on tournament play is made, Hosman said.

"Maybe we can salvage a piece of success out of a bad situation," Hosman said.

At Stevenson, Coller said postseason play "depends on the desire of the young men to play hockey this season."

"Principals need to determine whether the young men will display appropriate sportsmanship in the state tournament," Coller said.

Hosman said an intense hockey rivalry between the schools, rather than "bad blood," led to the fight.

"It is the kind of thing that is very intense. You don't like losing to them," he said.

School officials felt punishing the entire Churchill team was appropriate given the scope of the brawl, which Hosman said "was almost impossible to sort out" from watching the videotape.

"We preach and firmly believe they're a team and they should do things as a team," he said.

One player needed stitches to close a cut on his hand. There were no other serious injuries, Watson said.

On the video, the brawl lasted about a minute, Watson said. Auxiliary Livonia police officers and coaches were able to break it up.

Even after forfeiting its final two Western Lakes Activities Association, Churchill has already locked up first place with 25 points. Stevenson, which mathematically kept its title hopes alive with Friday's tie, will settle for second place with 23. Farmington Unified, with one WLAA game remaining, currently has 20 points.

Quick response

In his closing remarks Monday night before the Board of Education, Watson made it clear he would respond promptly to the brawl, which erupted while players were passing by each other in a line for the traditional post-game handshakes.

Watson reiterated his comments on Tuesday by saying:

"If this is not the worst in my 36 years in education, it is certainly the worst in recent memory of any athletes or teams in this district.

"And we won't excuse this for hockey, or anything else as far as athletics is concerned. People also don't realize the risk of physical injury we put on some of the adults who were administering or working at the game."

Watson, however, defended the administrators at both schools for taking precautionary steps and measures to ensure sportsmanship behavior is followed.

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"I've commended the people at Stevenson and Churchill, and I feel they've made every effort to prevent this type of incident from occurring."

Watson also said he would lodge a complaint to both Michigan High School Athletic Association and the officials association.

The referee and his three-man crew, all Churchill graduates, called five penalties during the fast-paced, hard-hitting game.

"Statements made by the captains of both teams indicated to us that the official said prior to the game he was going to put the whistle in his pocket and 'Let you play your game,' " Watson said. "I have concerns about the directions that were given. That behavior may contribute, but still does not excuse what happened."

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this story.

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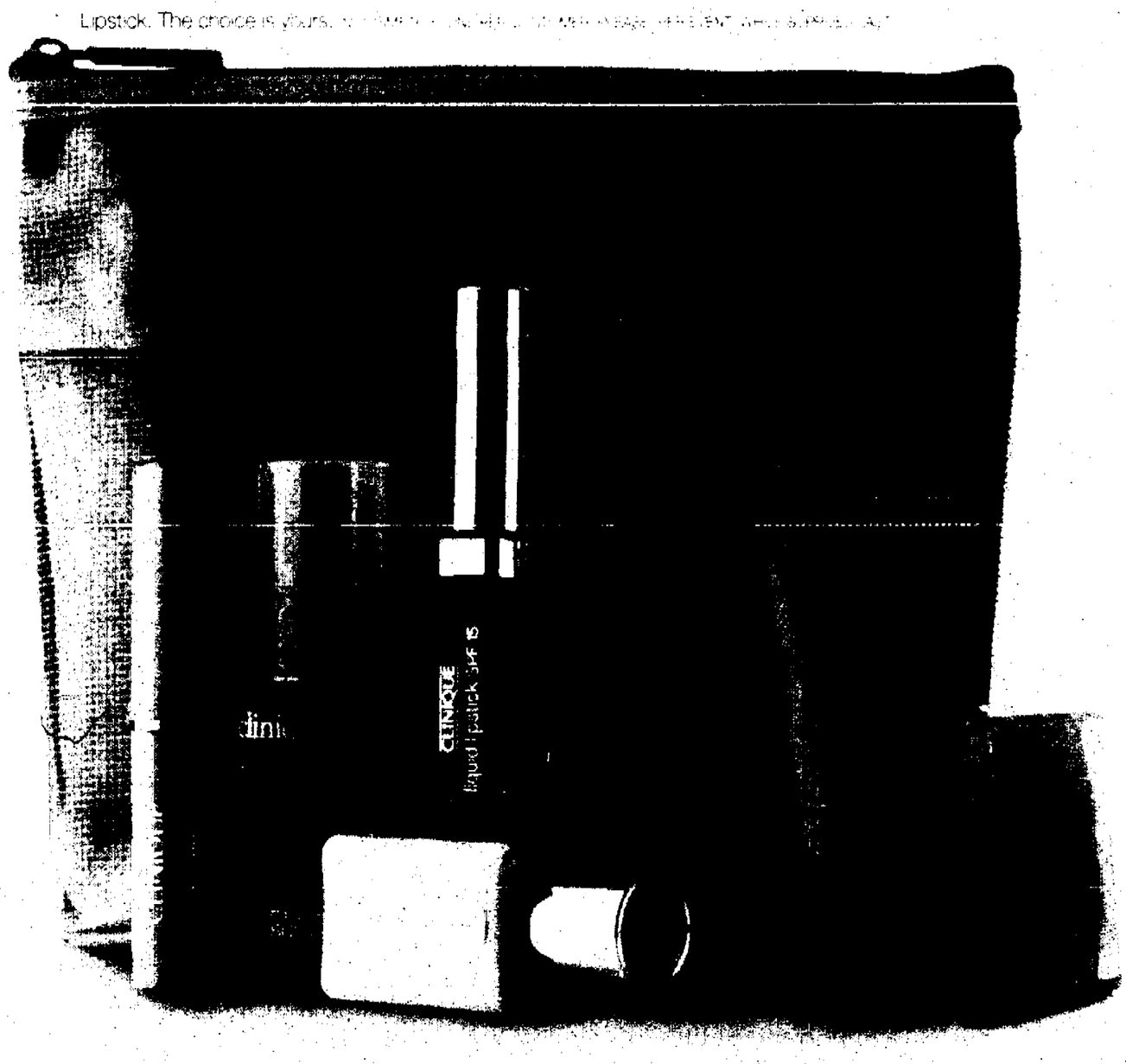

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Make room for all interested

A donnybrook was expected for Monday's Westland City Council meeting and the results bore that out. The protest prior to the meeting at City Hall gave voice to the frustrations of many upset over the abrupt firing of former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Each side accuses the other of trying to pack council chambers, thus preventing rivals from attending and being heard.

All residents have the right to attend the meetings and air their views. It shows a lack of democracy when they are denied their opportunity to speak, or even to sit. The room is only so big, but every effort should be made to accommodate those who wish to attend.

In the future, a contingency plan should be made to move the meeting to a larger room at the nearby Bailey Center. The meeting needs to be taped, however, to meet the needs of home viewers.

Issues will never be resolved if they're not discussed in an open, honest way. Providing a facility sufficient to accommodate the crowd is part of that responsibility.

Winterfest a source of pride

It was the best of times, it was the best of times.

There have been political differences in our community, and these continue, but it was nice to see that set aside Sunday for Winterfest.

The daylong event at and around the Bailey Center featured welcoming ice sculptures. Indoors, there was everything from an animal show to arts and crafts to musical entertainment.

The weather cooperated, making the rides in sleighs a tempting option. Central City Park never looked finer. Saturday's Westland Chamber of Commerce bowling at Westland Bowl enhanced the event.

All those who worked on Winterfest deserve a round of applause for their efforts. Many children came to Winterfest, running up eagerly to the inflatables in the gym or to the food tables.

Children having fun, people donating their time to make Westland a better place to live and do business – these add up to enrichment for our community. It's good, too, for children to see us working together.

Those youngsters' smiles while concentrating on crafts projects should remind us of the many benefits of working together. If children can do it, we should be able to as well.

Congratulations to all who made Winterfest a success, including the many who took time to attend. The volunteers deserve a special round of applause for their efforts and thoughtfulness. Let's make next year's Winterfest another shining success, even as we learn from the event lessons about working together for the greater good.

Parents the best Net 'filters'

The Internet has become a blessing and a curse to our public libraries. It has opened the wide world of information to library patrons on every subject under the sun. It has allowed them to contact others with similar interests in every corner of the world. It has helped expose scalawags and bring down tyrannies.

On the other hand, it has allowed hate mongers, pornographers and shady commercial enterprises to send their messages out for all to see, and it has opened a new way for sexual predators to seek out and ensnare their prey.

This is a tough issue, especially when it involves children. We want them to benefit from the special power that information gives, but we also want to protect them from the dangers of demeaning material and the physical danger of the sexually unbalanced.

Several groups have demanded that libraries use filtering software to keep out all sexual material, while others also demand that certain kinds of political or religious subjects be filtered. Many are also demanding that librarians or library aides stand guard and watch what patrons, especially young ones, are viewing.

The American Library Association opposes filters because the current filtering programs do not work. The software keys on particular subjects or key words. They often allow some inappropriate material through while filtering out perfectly good material. The ALA objects that the filters provide a "one-size-fits-all" solution that treats young children, older children and adults in the same way.

The ALA also emphasizes communication between parents and children before they get to the library and while they're there.

The group suggests:

- talking to your children about the Internet
- asking your children to share their favorite Web sites
- talking to them about what they see on the Web
- teaching them how to behave when using the Internet
- providing guidelines on what you deem appropriate for them, and
- teaching children safety rules for dealing with strangers on-line just as you teach them how to deal with strangers in person.

As libraries cannot select the material on the Web as they do with books, we believe all libraries should have available unfiltered computers for use by adults (including young adults who are often seeking legitimate information about the very subjects blacked out by some filters). These computers should have screens which allow a patron to view the computer monitor privately and keep others from being offended.

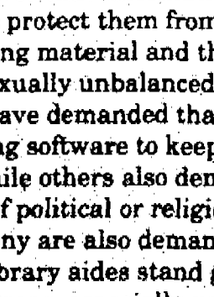
We believe that parental involvement is the most important tool against inappropriate use of the computer by children.

But using filters in the children's section of the library will help keep out some inappropriate material, as will some staff monitoring.

A good library makes available a wide range of material so that patrons can make their own choices about controversial ideas. It is not the role of a library to pick and choose which ideas should be "filtered" out on the Internet just because some sites deal with those ideas in an inappropriate manner.

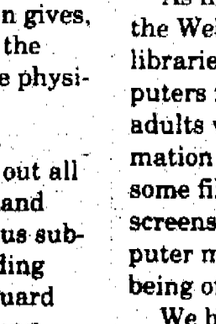
COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: How do you plan to spend Valentine's Day?



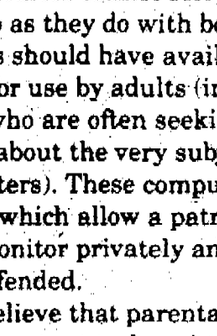
"I'll be spending time with my daughter."

Craig Trimble



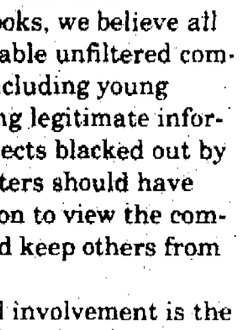
"I'll be spending it with my husband."

Kim Hanks



"Probably hanging out with my family and my ex-boyfriend."

Jolinda Strong



"Probably spending it with my soon-to-be-boyfriend and my family."

Katelyn Smith

We asked this question at the Westland public library.

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LETTERS

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Family thankful

All too often, the members of our government carry the stereotype of being self-centered individuals, only interested in their own gain or advancement. My family and I have just had the opportunity to disprove this belief.

My husband's father recently passed away in Buffalo, N.Y., and we notified all family members so we could attend the funeral services. We have two sons currently serving in the Marine Corps. Both are stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C. However, one of our sons was on maneuvers in 29 Palms, Calif., at the time.

The Marine Corps was not going to release my son for the funeral because they were on maneuvers and a grandfather is not considered immediate family. His grandfather was a World War II veteran and would have been very proud to have his grandsons be his pallbearers in full uniform. We spoke with several members of the Marine Corps to no avail.

We contacted Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) for help in getting my son released for the funeral. Congresswoman Rivers came to our rescue and was instrumental in getting our son released for his grandfather's funeral. She even called us in Buffalo the next day to make sure the Marine Corps had released him on time.

Congresswoman Rivers not only does an excellent job at taking care of us politically, but along the way has not lost sight of the human beings she services.

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her from the bottom of our hearts for all her help.

Dawn Peterson
Westland

What's missing?

I can't forbear speculating about some of the statements attributed to our local politicians by this paper as they describe their role or their colleagues' role in the mess they have gotten themselves into recently.

It's confusing: We're told Trav is so politically savvy he would not violate the Open Meetings Act, but this is the same guy who was a party to writing a letter encouraging support for his council campaign on stationery bearing the city clerk's letterhead. Now, this may or may not have been illegal, but it was not politically astute, and it surely was ethically questionable. And now, we're told one of our council persons can't recall if she talked to any other council person in depth about the "Gibbons affair." Well, for heaven's sakes, how many people do you talk to, and in what state of mind, that you can't recall what you said, and to whom?

Of course, we know what all this means. How many times have we heard one of our elected officials say he couldn't recall an event many of us think would have seared itself onto our memory?

Help me out, folks. What am I missing?

Jim Cook
Westland

Recall support

The people of this community now have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

If you desire to have your city government returned to one of honesty and integrity, if you are tired of the status quo and the monarchy which has established itself in this city, join with us in the very real effort to recall Griffin, Scott, James and Cox from Westland's City Council.

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We have the opportunity to exercise the freedom given to us by our forefathers, the ability to have those in office who answer to the will of the people and not to their own agenda. It can be done, and will be done.

Mr. Griffin's statement that he is not intimidated by a recall effort should provide more incentive for those who wish to stop the power grabbing and misuse of our city council, to work with us. We have established two Web sites at which you can learn more and also sign up to work for the recall.

The URL for Web site RecallNow2000: http:// recallnow2000 .homestead.com RecallNow2000.html. At this Web site, you will find the link to RecallNow, the other Web site established for those who wish to participate. Please join with us, allow the voice of the people to be heard and not silenced by the mayor's new majority. Thank you.

Brenda Gracin
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– Philip Power

LETTERS

Say 'yes' to proposal

We have all heard the phrase "good things are happening in our schools." As many of you know, this motto rings true daily within the halls of the Livonia Public Schools. Please allow me the opportunity to share some of these "good things," with specific regard to health, physical education and athletics.

During the past 20 years, participation has doubled (and in some cases tripled) in the content areas of physical education and athletic competition. We have witnessed the addition of several new sports (at all levels of competition), expanded curriculum offerings and ninth-grade participation at the senior high school level.

The 2000-01 academic school year will mark the start of two new female sports – gymnastics and competitive cheerleading. Currently, our physical education program is the highest rated in the state of Michigan. Our district's athletic teams have garnered a total of 18 state championships and 26 runner-up finishes during our years of existence. I, for one, am quite proud.

While our athletic teams and physical education programs have enjoyed exemplary status, it has been at a premium price. Quite frankly, our children deserve better in this global society ... These "good things" are also happening in our schools: athletes practice until 10 p.m. due to limited gymnasium availability; athletes practice off-site at inadequate facilities with no medical personnel available (due to lack of space); practices and classes are conducted daily in the school cafeteria; practices are cut short due to limited gymnasium usage; many students and staff have been run into and injured by physical education classes and athletes running in the hallways, due to lack of gymnasium availability; physical education offerings have been canceled; physical education classes frequently meet in the auditoriums or hallway commons areas; students and athletes share locker facilities and wait extended periods of time (in the hallway) for each other to conclude; after-school instruction/tutoring has been hindered by hallway participation ...

Having said all this, I implore you to consider voting "yes" on the April 10 Livonia Public Schools athletic facilities bond issue. We are sorely in need of expanded physical education and athletic facilities, if we are to remain competitive with our neighboring districts. Our newest high school is Churchill High and it is now over 30 years old – with no athletic improvements during that time. Every school in our conference has been able to pass a bond issue for this exact purpose, and some have done so multiple times ... Yes, we just passed a bond issue for a recreation center and now we have another bond issue before us. The timing is not the greatest but the cold reality is that we desperately need both (and both were long overdue). The advent of Title IX has necessitated many of our additional programs, as it should have been all along.

If there is such a thing as a good problem, this is it. We have more participation than we know what to do with. However, we will need much community involvement and support to assist with our facility concerns.

I urge you to please "say yes to schools" on April 10 and to keep in mind our current mission statement in our district, "Teaming Together To Ensure Learning For All." Anything less would be a grave injustice which we will all experience for years to come.

Marc G. Hage
certified athletic administrator,
Churchill High School

Editorial irresponsible

This letter is in regard to your Feb. 3 editorial (on helmets and sledding). I believe that it is irresponsible for The Observer to recommend that parents put bicycle helmets on children for sledding. Bicycle helmets are activity-specific safety devices. With the last bicycle helmet that I purchased there was a disclaimer that said that the helmet was only designed for use while cycling and that an injury could occur during any other kind of use.

It seems to me that if you were to encourage any helmet use, it should be one that is designed for sledding and not bicycle riding. I think that an even better step toward safety would be to encourage parents to closely monitor their children while sledding. Parents should find hills that are free from trees and water (creeks and lakes). It would also be smart to not sled down hills that are too steep to help reduce speed. They should also try to find times to go when the hills are not so crowded.

These very simple steps alone, followed by some common sense would go a long way to preventing accidents while sledding.

Bernie Brosnan
Canton

Bush no longer the clear-cut front-runner in Michigan

John McCain is pretty much running state to state at this point, says his Michigan campaign coordinator Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.

No doubt about it, his presidential candidacy against the favored George W. Bush got a significant shot in the arm by his 18-point victory in the New Hampshire primary. And the reaction here was immediate. In the days after the vote, volunteers were calling McCain's state headquarters in Grand Rapids to sign up at the rate of one every minute, Schwarz said.

"I've spent more time with the media in the last 30 hours than I have in the last 30 years," Schwarz said. "There's been so much ... he (McCain) couldn't buy that kind of publicity."

This month is the critical time for McCain. Bush already has enormous support nationwide. With legendary networking skills, Bush has already built "grassroots" organizations throughout the nation, his backers say. He certainly has a hefty campaign war chest.

MIKE MALOTT

Bush also has the Republican loyalists working for him. From Gov. John Engler on down through the legislative ranks, a majority of the players in Michigan GOP politics signed on to support George "Dubya" long ago.

The key to keeping the McCain candidacy alive then, Schwarz said, is for his supporters to take his newfound resources – volunteers and contributions – and deploy them swiftly and intelligently between now and Feb. 22.

With only a few primaries left before Super Tuesday, McCain has to keep the momentum going – in South Carolina Feb. 19 and in Arizona and Michigan on Feb. 22.

Would a loss in Michigan kill the McCain campaign?

"Certainly a loss in both South Carolina and Michigan would pretty much put a capper on it," Schwarz said. "He's running state to state and he would be out of money heading into Super Tuesday."

Arizona is McCain's home state. South Carolina is small by comparison. That makes Michigan strategically significant to the point that we'll see a presidential primary campaign here in the next couple of weeks unlike anything we've seen before.

The state Legislature's decision to move up the primary election date to Feb. 22 was believed to have its political ramifications. GOP leaders said it was done to increase the state's profile in the primary, but critics believe it was more intended to give Bush "aid and comfort" heading into March 7.

And it may well backfire on them, Schwarz contends.

"... Probably 21 or 22 percent of Michigan voters are devout independents and ticket splitters. A majority of them will vote for McCain," Schwarz predicted.

There's yet another factor that may make the outcome of Michigan's primary even more difficult to get a handle on – Democratic crossover. We're likely to see a lot of that this year.

In some previous presidential primaries in Michigan, voters have been asked to name a party preference. That's gone now. And in most other primaries, typically, the voter is confronted with a choice – vote on the Republican ballot or the Democratic ballot. Mixing tickets cancels out the vote.

That's not the case this year. In fact, with the Democrats voting in caucuses on March 11, their primary balloting doesn't even take place the same day. According to the Secretary of State's office, there is no cross checking taking place to assure that voters don't cast ballots in both contests. The parties may be "officially discouraging" it, but from what I can tell there is little real reason why voters should avoid voting twice.

Dems want their votes to count, to have an impact, as much as anyone. And their own party admits things will pretty well be decided between Al Gore and Bill Bradley by the time its caucuses roll around.

It's been thought McCain's position as the moderate Republican was a political liability. That's not likely to be true in Michigan. Crossing Dems it seems to me, are more likely to look to him than to Bush, or Steve Forbes or Alan Keyes.

Michigan was once thought to be Bush country. It may turn out to be perilous territory for him.

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Ford has better idea with employee computer program.

We are plop in the middle of the greatest surge of technological change since the Industrial Revolution in the 18th century. Information technology and its various applications such as the Internet will produce an enormous range of innovations that will bring fundamental changes to our entire society.

We saw a great example in Michigan last week.

It was the decision by Ford Motor Co. to provide home computers, software and Internet access to all 350,000 employees for a cost of $5 per month.

What a sensible and far-reaching step! At one stroke, Ford not only brought its entire work force up to date with tomorrow but also gave each worker an incentive to engage in the technology that will change profoundly everything in our society, including automobiles.

To achieve by traditional means such engagement and potential productivity gain would have taken years of complicated head-butting negotiations with the UAW. Now Ford is ahead of the pack, with DaimlerChrysler and General Motors scrambling to catch up. Many other employers are sure to follow. Already, Delta Airlines has announced a similar plan.

Moreover, the sheer numbers of people who will enter into IT through employer-subsidized plans will propagate the technology throughout all reaches of society in a way never believed possible. And for a big state like Michigan, where class divisions have often stalled profound social change, the impact will be unimaginably great.

A couple of years ago, I served on the Information Technology Commission, a think group put together by the Kellogg Foundation. A group of Michigan leaders from business, labor, education and government all struggled to make sense of the coming IT revolution and worked to figure out how Michigan could gain competitive advantage from it.

One of the big worries that surfaced was the uneven distribution of computers and Internet access through the society. In relatively wealthy counties like Oakland, as many as 50 percent of all households have home computers and modems. But in poor and working class areas, the penetration of IT drops to near nothing.

Speaker after speaker argued that not to equalize the distribution of computers throughout our society would inevitably lead to the kinds of conflict that followed the Industrial Revolution. But the commission was unsuccessful in figuring out ways to do it, partly because the cost was high and partly because nobody believed a government body would be efficient enough to do it.

PHIL POWER

Now the distribution of IT throughout society is going to come about through the simple device of employer self-interest in a competitive global economy.

■ ... not to equalize the distribution of computers throughout our society would inevitably lead to the kinds of conflict that followed the Industrial Revolution.

What was particularly striking about the Ford move is how it resonates with the Ford family history.

Remember, it was Ford chairman William Clay Ford Jr.'s great-grandfather, Henry Ford, who carried the consequences of the Industrial Revolution to Michigan in the early days of this century when he perfected the assembly line in manufacturing.

The exponential increase in labor productivity brought about by the assembly line made it possible for Ford to pay his workers at the previously unheard-of rate of $5 per day.

Now, nearly a century later, the Fords have produced an equally revolutionary and far-reaching idea based on similar insights about productivity.

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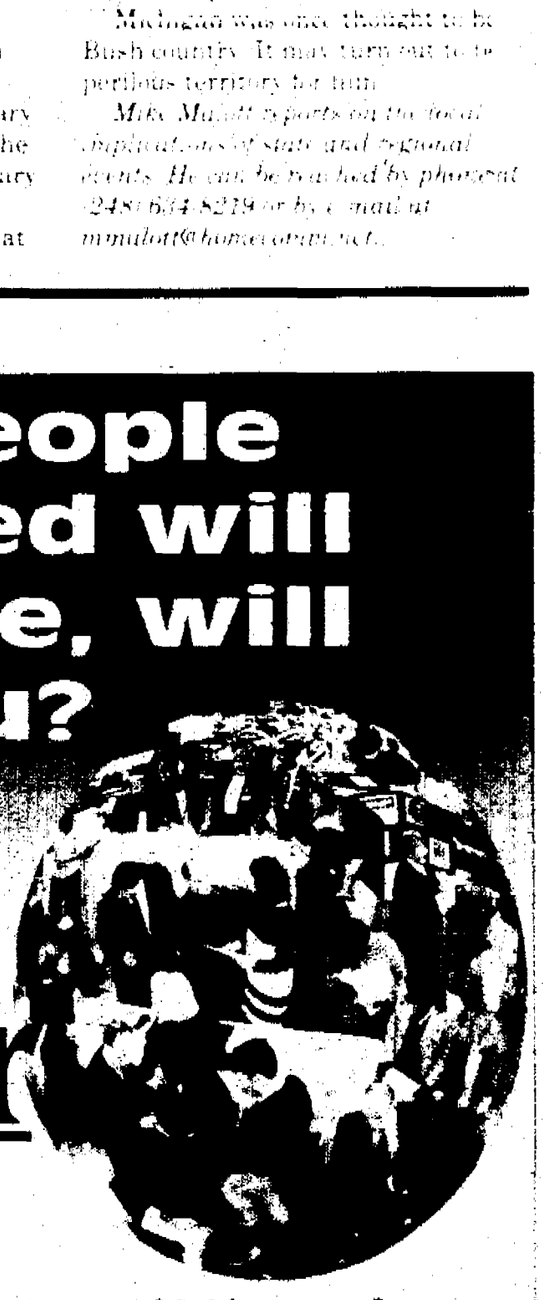

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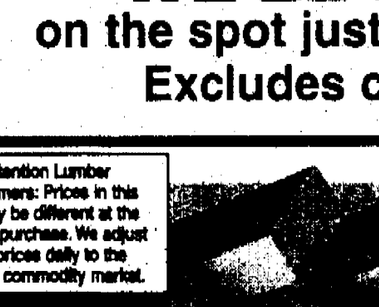

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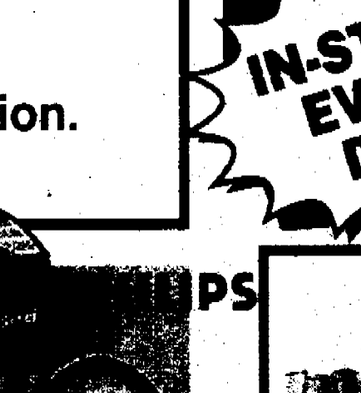

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

MARGO DEWEY

Keep romance alive Feb. 14

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, I can't help but remind all the men out there to remember your special love!

Yes, it may be one of those holidays that is very commercialized. Yes, a dozen roses is skyrocketing anywhere from $49 a dozen to $100. But, just think about all the hugs, the kisses and the romance that will spark as a result of you showering your girlfriend or wife with a token of your affection.

I target men because it seems women are always reminding the guys of special occasions. There are a few men, however, that never forget the holidays. Applause goes out to you!

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It's really easy to make someone happy. Find out if she collects something like crystal or dolls or books? Does she have her eye on a certain piece of jewelry? Would she enjoy more of her favorite perfume?

I have to say one of my favorite gifts from my husband on Valentine's Day didn't cost a thing, but it meant the world to me.

My husband, Earl, works a lot of hours. And, yes, he sometimes forgets a holiday or two but he always makes up for it.

On one Valentine's Day I remember he told me he didn't have enough time to buy anything. I thought he was joking. How could he forget this special romantic day? He wasn't joking. All day long I felt miserable. I had spent nearly a month shopping for a special Craftsman tool that he didn't have and would enjoy using every day. I felt like he didn't care enough to take that amount of time to look for something for me.

Then, when he came home from work ,we decided to have dinner at home. He sat down first as I started to dish out spaghetti. As I walked over to the table to sit down, there on my placemat was a card. I, of course, was still upset. I just opened the card and said "thanks" without even reading it.

He looked at me and said, "Read it". I didn't notice, but he had written a love note. He told me how much he loved me, how thankful he was to have someone so understanding in his life. He said he couldn't live without me, and that I was the love of his life forever.

That was the best gift he could have given me. His true feelings. Roses only last a week or so. Perfume fades within a matter of minutes. But, a love note means you give a piece of yourself to the one you love forever. So, if you're still thinking about what to give your loved one on Valentine's Day, try a few words from your heart. True feelings are very powerful.

That's just a thought.

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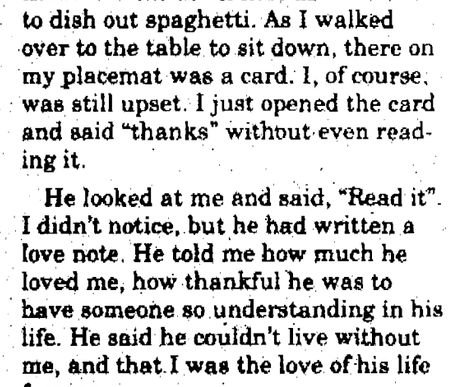


Romance IN Rome

Livonia couple weds at the Vatican

STORY BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON

Newlyweds: *Sara and Casey Reed are pictured just minutes after they exchanged vows at the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The pair is standing in St. Peter's Square.*

Sara Reed clearly remembers the message her then fiancé now husband, Casey, left for her in May of 1999, on her voice mail system at work.

"He said, 'Wouldn't it be neat to get married at the Vatican?'" Sara recalled.

Although the couple already made plans to wed at St. Theodore's Catholic Church in Westland, and reserved the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth for May 20, 2000 – the idea of getting married at the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica was enchanting.

This wasn't the first time Casey Reed had thought about saying 'I do' in Italy. His mom, Bernice Reed, cut out an article she saw in The Michigan Catholic in November 1998 about "dream weddings" at the Vatican and that only 100 couples are eligible each year. At the time, though, Casey's father, Michael, was ill and wouldn't be able to make the trip abroad.

'When we came out of the church all these people started yelling "Auguri, auguri," which means best wishes in Italian. That was really neat.'

Sara Reed

"I don't even think I mentioned it to Sara," said Casey. "It was out of the question if my dad couldn't go."

Sadly, Reed's father died in April 1999. The following month the idea of getting married at the Vatican surfaced again.

This time Reed called the Paulist Fathers who coordinate Rome weddings as part of their duties at Santa Susanna – the parish for U.S. Catholics living in Rome. He spoke to Father Greg Apparcel, who explained the application process and what was required of the American couple.

For the next three months Casey and Sara prepared both documents and letters to be sent, first, to the Archdiocese of Detroit, which would verify its contents, approve their decision to marry in Rome and return it to the Reeds so they could forward it onto Italy.

"They are a wonderful couple – so full of life. I thought it would be really special if they got married at the Vatican," said Bernice Reed.

One month after they sent in their application, Casey said he received a phone call from Father Greg in Italy saying their application was accepted and they should be in Italy for a Dec. 9 wedding.

The happy couple

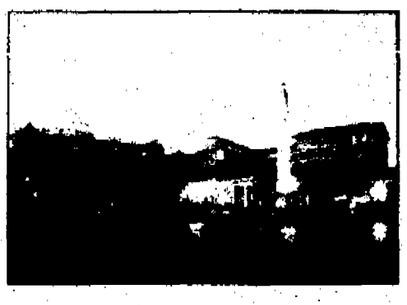
Introduced by a mutual friend, Casey and Sara met in 1994. Sara, an occupational therapist with Rainbow Rehabilitation in Ypsilanti, is a 1985 graduate of St. Mary Academy in Carleton. Casey, a 1987 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia, is an on-site manager at VSI Olsten. The pair graduated from Eastern Michigan University together in 1996 and were engaged in February 1998.

"To be honest, the idea of getting married in Italy wasn't something we talked about before Casey's mom saw the article," said Sara. "But after he told me about it, I couldn't think of anything more special."

What would eventually make the trip even more unique was that a dozen of the couple's family members were able travel to Italy for their wedding.

"We never expected that most of our family would be there with us," said Sara. It was Sue Reed, Casey's sister-in-law, that pulled together all the travel plans and even learned enough Italian to get the group by while abroad.

Arriving in Rome on Nov. 29, Sara and Casey first saw Father Greg at Santa Susanna, who gave the couple, along with Casey's mother and brother, Ron Reed, and Sara's parents, Jerry and Mary Reeber, tickets to the papal audience, a Catholic service delivered in five languages by Pope John Paul every Wednesday morning for approximately 10,000 worshippers.



At dusk: *St. Peter's Square.*

"It was like a rock concert when the Pope came out on stage," said Bernice Reed. "He's an amazing man and I expect him to be made a saint one day."

Reed's excitement about seeing the Holy Father was exceeded when she saw her son and future daughter-in-law receive a blessing from Pope John Paul. According to Casey, couples about to be married in the Vatican commonly attend the Papal Audience, dressed in their wedding dresses and suits or tuxedo's, and receive a one-on-one blessing from the Pope.

"I can't even remember what he said to me," said Casey. "Isn't that awful. I was so nervous I just don't know what he said."

Over the next week, Casey and Sara, along with their family, traveled around Italy taking in the historic sites of Rome, Naples and Venice and seeing such wonders as the Coliseum and the ruins at Pompeii. By the following Thursday, all of Sara and Casey's family arrived in Italy for the ceremony.

The morning of the wedding, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999, a light drizzle fell on the Vatican City. "We were told in Italy that it's good luck if it rains on the bride," said Sara.

Married at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica, the couple partook in a full Catholic Mass before Father Greg and 12 of their family and friends.

"When we came out of the church all these people started yelling 'Auguri, auguri,'" said Sara, which means best wishes in Italian. "That was really neat."

The newlyweds and their guests (Jerry and Mary Reeber, Chuck and Rhonda Horn, Mark and Sue Reed, Nick Reed, Erik Reed, Bernice Reed, Deanna and Ron Reed and Mike Powell) enjoyed an early afternoon celebratory meal at a local restaurant in Rome following the ceremony.

Historic setting

St. Peter's Square and colonnade, the work of Bernini, form a superb entryway to what Catholics refer to as the greatest church of Christendom. It's dominated by the massive Dome of Michelangelo. The construction of this basilica, plagued by numerous obstacles and problems, was carried out by several including Michelangelo.

The basilica rises over the foundations of a paleochristian Church, which, according to tradition, was built at the request of the Emperor Constantine over the tomb of the martyred apostle Peter. It was completed in 349.

In 1492, Niccolo V entrusted B. Rossellino to rebuild the church on the verge of collapse. The new construction began in 1506 under Julius II. Michelangelo took in charge in 1546, "leaving the mark of his genius."

He planned a church in the form of a Greek cross crowned by a grandiose dome. At his death (1564) the works, left in a well advanced stage, were continued by Pirro Ligorio, Vignola, Giacomo della Porta and Domenico Fontana. At the request of Paul V Carlo Maderno they transformed the Greek cross into a Latin cross and added the present facade (1614).

'... getting married in Italy, the whole trip was like a dream, Sara and I couldn't have asked for a more special day... a day made even more special by our families presence.'

Casey Reed

"All the sites were amazing," said Sara, "particularly St. Peter's Basilica. It's something Casey and I, and our families will always treasure."

Returning to the states as Mr. and Mrs. Casey Reed, the pair sent out a special announcement in their December 1999 Christmas cards letting the rest of their family and friends know of their nuptials and plans to renew their vows, as planned on May 20, 2000.

Casey said they'll exchange vows again at St. Theodore's in Westland then receive approximately 250 guests at the Mayflower Meeting House where they'll display pictures and video from their once-in-a-lifetime wedding.

The couple plans on inviting any guests in attendance, who would also like to renew their vows, to do so at the May ceremony.

"Never having seriously thought about getting married in Italy, the whole trip was like a dream," recalls Casey. "Sara and I couldn't have asked for a more special day ... a day made even more special by our families presence."

A blessed event: *Sara Reeber bows to greet Pope John Paul II alongside her fiancé Casey Reed. The Pope blessed the pair at his weekly Papal Audience just a week before they were wed at St. Peter's Basilica.*

Hopelessly Romantic

Readers share what romance means to them

■ My husband and I dated for seven years before we decided to tie the knot. It wasn't that we didn't know if we wanted to be together. Time just passed so quickly.

When we did decide to plan our wedding, we both knew we wanted it to be not only special, but unusual. We wrote down on a piece of paper what each really loved. We found we both loved the ocean, and we both enjoyed a warm climate. So, we decided to pack our bags and get married in Maui, Hawaii.

On the day of our wedding, June 5, everything was just perfect. The weather was 85 degrees. We had arranged for our vows to be said before a priest, inside a floating chapel, on the ocean, near a beach. It was just my husband to be, the priest, me and God — all surrounded by paradise.

Nothing could have been more perfect. When the ceremony was over, my husband and I took a quiet walk around our hotel which had an unbelievable garden. As we walked he promised me that for the rest of our lives together we would return to Maui, the place we were married, to renew our love for each other.

We have been married for 7 years this year, and we have returned to Maui every year. Big weddings are truly wonderful with family and friends. But, a wedding with just you and the one you love can be much more memorable.

Gabrielle Chun, Livonia

■ I'd just given up on the idea of finding true romance when we met at Kmart. He was buying laundry soap and I was buying cat treats and milk. He got behind me in line and I struck up a conversation. He walked me to my car and asked for my phone number (he was afraid that I'd given him a bum number).

We talked on the phone a couple of times and on our first date he walked into the restaurant with a rose for me and we spent several hours having great conversation. Our second date he persuaded me to go to a haunted house (I don't like them) and I talked him into going to eat at a restaurant that played a lot of country music (he hates it)! We ended up waiting in line for four long hours in line for the haunted house. While we were waiting in line, in the chilly October air, the strangest thought went through my mind — we need to invite the cashier from Kmart to our wedding. I felt crazy for thinking it on a second date!

As if he was reading my mind, he asked what I was thinking about. Feeling foolish, I said that I was just thinking how much fun I was having. He nodded in agreement, smiled and said, "We'll have to make sure that Eva [the cashier] makes the guest list for our wedding." It was at that moment that I knew he was the man I would marry. I knew he was who my heart had searched for.

We've been married now for almost 2 years and we have a wonderful son, Anthony. He still brings me roses, usually coming into my workplace, leaving them on my desk when I am out. My heart still melts at the sound of his voice, when I read the notes he's left for me or when I watch him playing with our son.

The best thing is being able to laugh with my husband, who is also my best friend. Now that's romance! I count myself lucky every day.

Happy Valentine's Day, Stan. I love you. Dana L. Getz - Plymouth

■ My husband doesn't woo me with flowers of 14 karat jewels. It's the little things he does that really means alot.

My husband works alot so the time we do have together is special to us because we just don't include ourselves — we make sure our son is a part of it. Whether it's a walk in the park or a picnic on a sunny afternoon.

To me romance doesn't have to have a price tag it's the priceless things that mean the most.

Kim Pienton speak about her husband John Pienton

■ When I met my boyfriend at a Pontiac bar, the last thing I ever imagined was that I'd still be so taken with him nine months later. He was bartending at the newest club in town and I was out for a night of dancing with friends.

Now, just being in his company makes me smile.

He may not think of himself as a romantic, but each time he spontaneously picks me flowers, each time he shows up or calls me unexpectedly, my heart skips a beat. I never know when he's going to randomly bring me some a hard-to-find novel by my favorite writer, or draw a pict-o-gram in the snow outside my front door.

I see that spontaneity in almost everything he does.

By our second date I knew that, no matter what happened next, we would become and always remain close friends. We spent a wonderfully exhausting day doing all of our favorite things — from a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, to dinner at a Thai restaurant in Windsor, then back for drinks at The Deck in Detroit, and tickets to a concert at the State Theatre. We ended the evening with a long conversation at Dick O Dow's pub in Birmingham. Talk about a whirlwind romance.

I'm still trying to catch my breath.

Thank you, Brian, for everything. Happy Valentine's Day.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a Troy resident and Observer & Eccentric writer who works in Livonia.

■ A hopeless romantic is what my husband is. When we were first married he surprised me one night when I came out of work. He was supposed to be picking me up from work but instead, when I came out of work, the only vehicle in front of the building was a taxi cab. The man got out of the cab and asked me if I was Sandy. My husband had instructed him to pick me up and take me to a surprise destination.

He drove me to a hotel and handed me an envelope. Inside the envelope were directions to the room and the hotel key. When I reached the room, turned the key and stepped inside, there inside a huge Jacuzzi tub was my husband with a bottle of champagne and candles all lit around the tub. Still to this day he is surprising me with small tokens of his affection. I am very lucky to have married such a kind and gentle man!

Sandy Felt, Plymouth

DAR celebrate 'good citizens'

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth-Northville Chapter will host their annual DAR Youth Tea at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 to celebrate the "good citizen award winners and American History award winners."

All DAR members are welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Karen Woodside, supervisor of Northville Township will be the guest speaker. She will address "Our Local Government."

1999 winners are as follows:

The American History Essay contest winner is Sarah Zimmerman, a sixth grader who attends St. Paul's Lutheran School in Northville.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter 1999-200 Good Citizenship winner is Adam James Jones of Northville High School. He has been very active in American politics and worked as a page for Congress. He's also contributed volunteer efforts to the campaigns of Michigan Governor John Engler, U.S. Senator Spence Abraham, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Chris Bachelder, Bob Dole and Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.

Honorable mention nominees who exhibited outstanding citizenship this past year included: Sara Lewandowski - Canton; Jeanette Fershtman - Stevenson; Megan Bohr - Salem; Eric Zacharias - Garden City; Courtney Wilmering - Ladywood; Danielle Zucchet - Churchill

Feast on this for Valentine's Day, 2000

Marriage is the ultimate expression of Valentine's Day. And so, to Old Country Buffet, Country Buffet and Home-Town Buffet, 50 years of such loving deserves the ultimate celebration— a feast. A free feast, at that.

Come on it all you Valentines who've been married 50 years or more and enjoy a free lunch or dinner on us Monday, Feb. 14. All you've got to do is show us your marriage license. The free meal, by the way, isn't the only thing to look forward to. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photograph, which can be picked up later.

"Valentine's Day is all about the heart," said Kerry Kramp, president of Buffets, Inc., the parent company. "And there's nothing more heart-warming than being around people who've shared so much for so long."

The food is plenty heart-warming too. After all, this isn't your normal buffet. Here, you can create your own meal from a wide selection of made-from-scratch, home-style foods.

Entrees include old-time favorites like baked and fried chicken and fish, and on-the-spot carved meats are available at dinner — ham, roast beef, or turkey. The salad bar has already-prepared salads as well as the make-it-yourself kind. There's a separate beverage station, and expansive case of baked goods and desserts.

"This is a place where we feel at home," one customer told us. "It's a nostalgia trip," added another. And, "the free Valentine meal shows us that they feel being married 50 years is special."

Local restaurants participating include 6539 N. Wayne Road in Westland (595-8207), and 5854 N. Sheldon Road in Canton Township.

Papa Romano's will be offering for the 13th consecutive year, special heart-shaped pizzas for Valentine's Day. The unique tradition began in the late 1980s when Ron Hancock, founder of Papa Romano's Inc., started giving away the heart-shaped pizzas on Valentine's Day as a token of appreciation to his regular customers.

Papa Romano's offers the heart-shaped pizzas for $5.99 with one topping. They are available through Feb. 15.

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ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS

Fabello-Podwoiski

Mr. and Mrs. Andres Fabello of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Simonette to Todd Anthony Podwoiski, son of Ann Zaron and Norbert Podwoiski of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of V. Mapa High School in Manila, Philippines and earned a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management from St. Paul College in Quezon City, Philippines. She is currently employed as rooms controller at the Livonia Mariott.

The groom is a graduate of Harrison High School and is currently pursuing a bachelor of science degree in hotel and restaurant management. He is employed as a kitchen supervisor at the Livonia Marriott.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette's in Livonia.

Kolla-Gean

Richard and Colleen Kolla of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Patricia, to Steven Lee Gean of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a Redford Union graduate and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She works as a recreational therapist for St. John Riverview Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of George and Kathleen Gean of Vassar, is a graduate of Crowley Ridge College in Paragold, Ark. He works as an activity director for ABBY Living Center in Warren.

A March wedding is planned

at the Utica Church of Christ in Sterling Heights

Pulis-Carney

Stephen and Danielle Pulis of Katy, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Jennifer, to Brendan Patrick Carney.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Katy Taylor High School and received bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania and her master's degree in Finance from Wharton School in Philadelphia, Penn. She is a management consultant for Deloitte Consulting in New York City.

Her fiancé, son of John and Hope Carney, is a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Michigan and his

master's degree at Wharton School in Philadelphia, Penn. He works for Medsite.com in New York City.

A May wedding is planned in New York City.

Bres-Riley

John and Pat Bres of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Mary, to James Anthony Riley, son of George and Linda Riley of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by St. John's Health System.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Hartland High School and from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at the Michigan Hand Rehabilitation Center in Warren.

A November wedding is

Kaufman-Green

James and Gail Kaufman of Royal Oak announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey M., to Charles L. Green.

The bride-to-be is a performance and development consultant for GMAC Mortgage Corporation in Troy.

Her fiance, son of Paula Green of West Bloomfield and Leonard Green of Baytown, Texas, is a project management consultant for Great Lakes Technologies Group in Southfield. An April 2000 wedding is planned.

Marulis-Sego

Steve and Sandy Marulis of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Loren Marie, to Christopher James Sego.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor's degree in child development and training in 1995 and a master's degree in curriculum and teaching in 1999 from Michigan State University. She worked as a research assistant at MSU in the Teacher Education department and has begun working on her doctorate in teacher education.

Her fiance, son of Dave and Rose Sego of Clawson, attended Albion College, majoring in Music and Computer Science. He works as an independent computer consultant and does studio work in music.

planned at St. Cyprian's Church in Riverview.

An August wedding is planned at The Summit on the Park in Canton.

Helmick-Brossy

Kenneth and Barbara Helmick of Livonia announce the engagement of Sarah Anne to Shaun Richard Brossy.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School, and a student at Eastern Michigan University in elementary education. She works at Buddy's Pizza in Livonia.

Her fiancé, son of Dean and Sandra Brossy of Livonia, is a 1996 graduate of Churchill High School and is enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. He too works at Buddy's Pizza in Livonia.

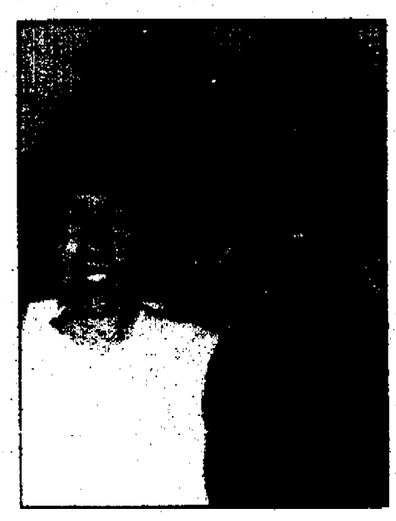
A summer wedding is planned in 2003 at St. Genevieve's Church

James-Douglas

Daniel James of Swarthmore, Penn. and Beth Free James of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Elizabeth, to Dane Michael Douglas of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is a 1986 Stevenson High School graduate and a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University. She received her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1994 and works as a consultant for DataWatch.Net, Inc.

Her fiancé, son of Don and Donna Douglas of Waterford, is a 1989 Waterford-Mott High School graduate and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is pursuing a master's degree and working as an Operations Supervisor for



General Motors Service Parts Operations in Memphis, Tenn.

A February 2001 wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Wood-Penny

Colleen Myers of Haines City, Fla. announces the engagement of her daughter, Denise Wood, to Merle Penny of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Madonna University and works as a registered nurse at Garden City Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Geraldine Penny of Novi, is a 1989 graduate of Opelika State Technological College, and has recently retired.

An April wedding is planned at Laurel Wedding Chapel in Livonia.

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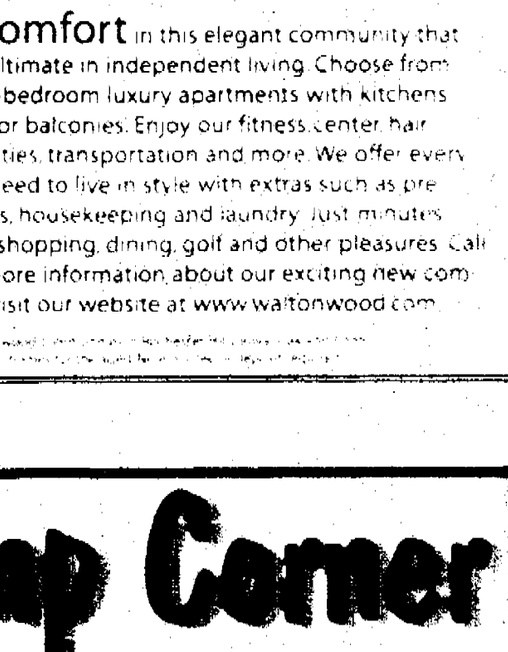

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

RACING COLLECTIBLES
A Racing Collectibles show will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post No. 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, at Avondale in Westland. Admission is $2, free for children under age 12. Proceeds will support the Michigan Vietnam Monument. For information, call (517) 467-2376 evenings.

TRAFFIC MEETING
A meeting on traffic concerns at Joy and Merriman will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia. State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and a representative from the Wayne County Division of Roads will meet with those concerned about traffic control at the intersection.

COIN SHOW
The Wayne Coin Club will hold its annual Coin Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Wayne Community Center, Howe and Annapolis roads. Admission is free. There will be coins, paper money, stamps, books and other items. Door prizes will be given.

RAILROADIANA
Toys and trains will be available for buying/swapping from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. The fund-raiser is hosted by the Usher's Club. To register for tables, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Preregistered tables are $12, tables at the door, if available, $20. Admission is $2 per person or $4 per family.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 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
Westland Walkers meets the second Wednesday of each month except during the summer. Westland Center, located at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING
Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint-venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING
Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive in 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.

ANGEL CARE
Angel Care is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet or knit blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527.

CAMELOT HALL
Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is located at 35100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department, (734) 522-1444, Ext. 27.

PET-A-PET
The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a $5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House, 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2680.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karin at (734) 522-3714.

CHERRY PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in 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 located 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 age 4. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. To register, 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 located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

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

LITTLE PEOPLES
Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. 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.

GARFIELD CO-OP
Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years of age. It is located at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135 for additional information.

BUILDING BLOCKS
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. A Pre-Kindergarten Readiness class for 5-year-olds and a Parent/Child Toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. A neighborhood Open House will be held 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, for the 2000-01 school year. Registration will continue 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

Books and more

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Knowledge: *Current hours at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The library is on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. For information, call (734) 326-6123.*

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the 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, Livonia, MI 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. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 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.

ADULT LITERACY
An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For adult literacy enrollment or additional information, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

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

HISTORIC

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 at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

VALENTINE CELEBRATION
A Valentine celebration will be held noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh at Marquette. The meal will be served at noon. February birthdays will be celebrated. There will be a band, dancing, door prizes and crowning of a king and queen of hearts for 2000. Price is $6 for members, $9 for nonmember Westland residents. Tickets are available at the front desk and through clubs. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

CARD PARTY/PLAY
The Westland Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) is planning a card party, luncheon and play Friday, March 24. The day will start 10 a.m. with a card party and competition for prizes, followed by a noon luncheon. Topping off the day, the Friendship Center, in cooperation with Parlour Theatre Productions, will offer a live performance of "Driving Miss Daisy." Tickets will be available at the front desk. For more information, call the center, (734) 722-7632.

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

SENIOR CHOIR
The Friendship Senior Choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

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

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an $8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

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

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

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

CLUBS IN ACTION

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

SWEET ADELINES
The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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

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

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan next to the Farmer Jack supermarket in Wayne. For more information, call (734) 421-1517.

MORE DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. For more information, call (734) 421-1517.

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

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

MORE BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and School for the Blind. For more information, call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

GRIEF SUPPORT
"Living the Journey," a six-week support series for those experiencing grief, is being offered by Community Hospice & Home Care Services Inc. of Westland. Meetings for adults will be 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 22 through March 28, at the CHHCS office, 32932 Warren, at Venoy in Westland. To register, call (734) 522-4244. Donations are accepted.

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

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SINGLES MINGLE

Listings for the Singles Calendar 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 or kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Speakers or open discussion in a friendly, supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Free child care provided; Lighthouse Cafe, a coffeehouse setting, is offered 7-10 p.m. on the fourth Friday of the month in Knox Hall. The cost is $5; all events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLES WELCOME

Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of ~~every month at~~ 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).

■ Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn on the northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beech Daly roads in Redford, followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church on Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 729-1974.

SKI THE SOO TRIP

Attention all single skiers. Join the Farmington Singles Professionals group for an extended four-day weekend getaway Feb. 18 through the 21st to ski in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. Cross country skiers will enjoy Stokley's while downhill skiers will love the runs at Searchmont. Package includes four day and three nights at the Water Tower Inn (two people per room); use of the Club Cabana recreational area including outdoor sauna, heated pool and indoor/outdoor hot tubs. The cost is $199 for members and $234 for non-members. All levels of skiers welcome. RSVP by calling (248) 851-9909 or www.fsp.org

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. A Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

■ Singles Dance is scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the Grotto (2070 W. Stadium in Ann Arbor). 60-90s music will be played by a dee jay. Cash bar, non-smoking dance area. $5 members; $7 non-members. Call (734) 973-1933.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc., meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs $5; $4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443.

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES

Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meets every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Event is open to the public for ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). Cost is $5; $4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call (313) 842-0443.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single (30 years and older) and feeling alone? Coming join us. Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. - west of Haggerty in Northville) invites you to join over 550 single adults each and every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. For information or a newsletter call (248) 374-5920.

FARMINGTON SINGLES

A non-profit social group for singles ages 25-45 who share common interests and look to form new friendships. All events are open to non-members. Call (248) 851-9909 or visit www.fsp.org. Upcoming events include:

■ Playing wallyball Tuesdays at Racquetball Farmington on Nine Mile. Check in starts at 6:45 p.m. and court time at 7 p.m. sharp. New players welcome. Courts are designated recreational, intermediate and advance. Cost is $5 for one hour.

■ Join us Thursday for "Fun and Fine Dining." Our goal is to provide members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Each week the restaurant will differ in style, ambiance, price range and menu. We meet every Thursday anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

■ Singles Mingles Dances - locations vary weekly. Call (248) 851-9909 for specifics.

■ Co-ed bowling leagues is held every other Sunday starting at 5:45 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes (located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills). We bowl every other Sunday for 12 weeks including a bowling banquet. Substitute bowlers are needed most weeks. Leagues start at 5:45 p.m. bowl three games.

EUCHRE-PINOCHLE

Euchre and pinochle are planned every Monday and dinner is served from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cowley's Old Village Inn (on Grand River just east of Farmington Road in Farmington next to the Civic Theater. Tables will be set up for all skill levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced). Tables are rotated every half hour. Cash bar and munchies available. A reasonably priced dinner is also available off the menu. Event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Single Professionals. Cost is $4 for Farmington Single Professional members and $5 for non-members.

SPM VOLLEYBALL

Join Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. - west of Haggerty in Northville) for indoor volleyball Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLE PARENTING

Join Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church (40000 Six Mile Rd. - west of Haggerty in Northville) for a single parenting support group. SPM single parenting meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the parlor (room C317-C319) at Ward Church. A free meal is served at 6:15 p.m. and the class begins at 7 p.m. Single parents also meet every Wednesday night in the SPM office, dinner arrangements can be made for this meeting also. Sometimes there is a speaker and sometimes it is open discussion. Child care is free.

NEW VOICES

■ **Colleen and Scott Southers of Romulus announce the birth of their daughter Corryn Elizabeth born Sept. 19, 1999 at Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center in Wayne. Corryn joins sister Victoria Joy, 2¼. Grandparents are Clarice and Michael Killian of Canton and Arlene and Glen Southers of Trenton.**

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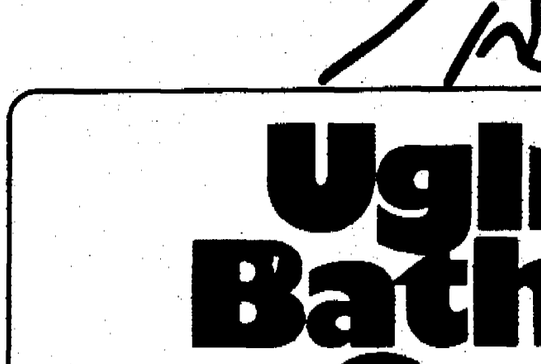

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

The annual UMYF spaghetti dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne (3 Towne Square) in the fellowship hall. Adults, $6.50; Seniors, $5; and kids (5-12) $3.50. Four years and younger eat free. All you can eat spaghetti and bread. Beverage, salad and dessert included. Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

LEADERSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

Dr. Steward L. Tubbs will be speaking on "Leadership and Spirituality: Taking Jesus with you Daily," at 9:45 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia on Sunday, March 6. Tubbs is the Darrell H. Cooper Chair of Leadership and former Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. St. Paul's is located at 27475 Five Mile Road, one block west of Inkster. Call (734) 422-1470.

HANDLING STRESS

A seminar titled "Handling Stress the Meditation Way," is being presented from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road). Rev. Gene Sorensen will present a host of ideas and techniques to help you identify and manage stress in your life. For information call (734) 421-1760.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

A seminar for quality parenting will be held from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Family Impact ministries, 3761 Commerce Ct. (one mile east of I-275). Pre-registration deadline is Feb. 15. Cost is $25 per person/$35 per couple. Child care available.

NEW BEGINNINGS

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker series, beginning with Del McPherson and "The Healing Power of Humor," March 2; the Rev. Kurt Stutz of Botsford Hospital with "Healing Grief" April 6; the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

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Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The morning study is led by members of the congregation and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Luther Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia.com

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The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit organization, is forming new, beginner Tai Chi classes, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bloomfield and Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Observers welcome. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Newburg United Methodist Church will host a women's retreated titled "Faith in action - our legacy and our future," March 17-19 at Lake Huron Retreat Center in Lakeport, Michigan. It will be an event for study, conversation, growth, inspiration, sharing good meals with friends and walks along the lake. All rooms are doubles with private baths. Our meeting room will be a short outdoor walk from the sleeping rooms. Bring comfortable clothes, snack, your bible, notebook and board or card/games. Cost $85. For information please call Heather Perkins at (734) 422-0149 no later than Sunday, Feb. 27.

TLC STORYTIME

For children and their parents TLC Storytime at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia (8820 Wayne Road) from 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 Com join us for crafts, Christian stories and snacks. Kids are invited to bring parents. The books are chosen for ages 3-10 but kids of all ages are welcome. Call (734) 427-2290 for information.

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LES HARDIN

My children are my pride and joy. I know that's a cliché: every parent says that. But it's not until just now that I realize how significant that becomes to every parent who ever cast reputation to the wind and said as much. They truly are the source of joy for us in this dark and putrid world. They're given to us as a smidgen of the blessings that await us in Heaven as the "children of God." Children teach us about the things of God. If we listen, they'll teach us about His character.

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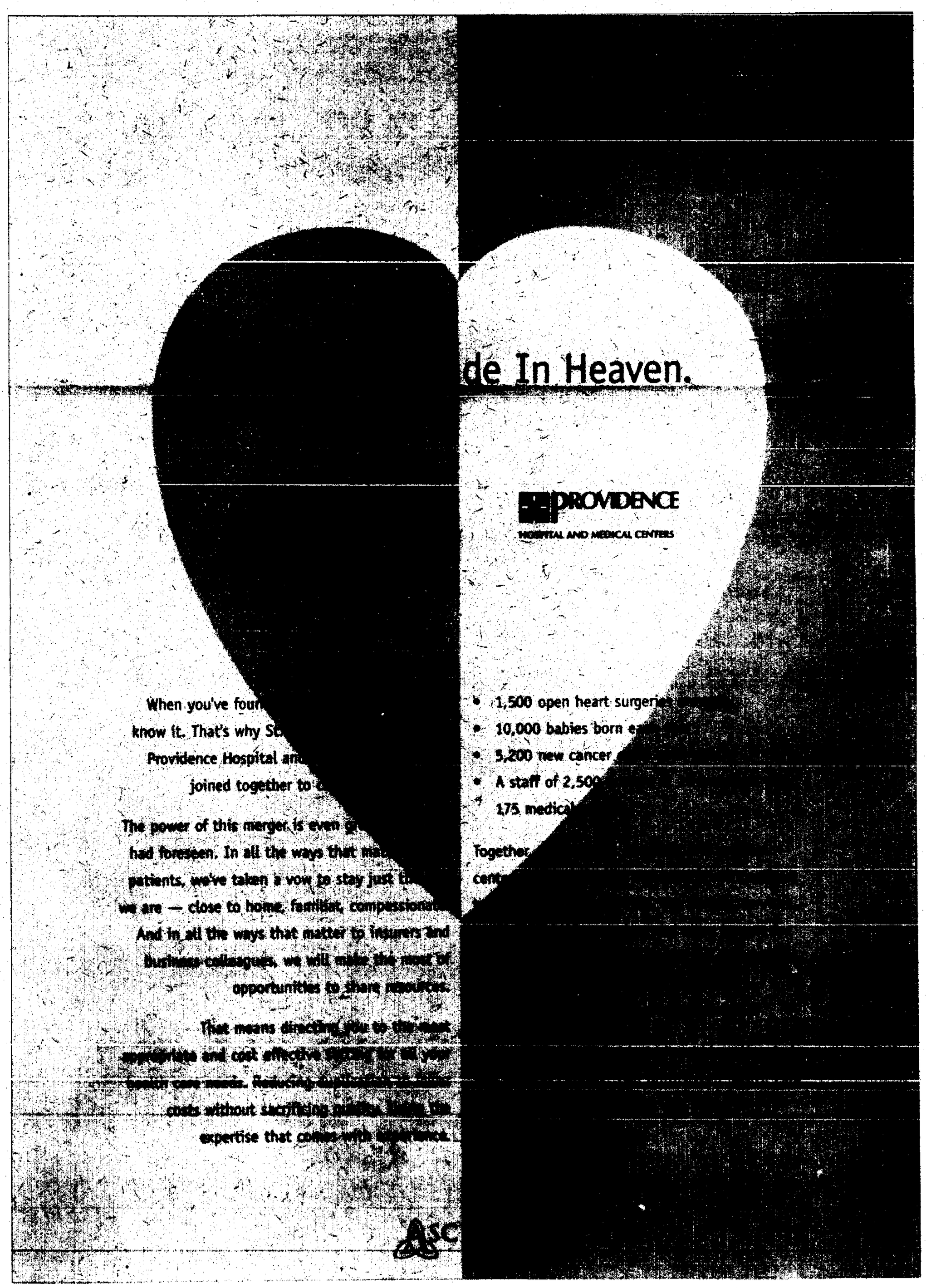
This was the extent of my prayer: "Father, I'm at my wits end. I don't know what to do. But I'll do anything to take this pain away from her. Even if it means that I have to take it three-fold on myself, I'd do it if you'd make it possible."

What would make a father want to take pain on himself for his own children? What could possibly cause us to forsake the self-preservation instinct (in however small a fashion) and be willing to accept pain that wasn't ours for the benefit of another? I believe it comes instilled in us from the character of God.

The Bible tells us that God loved us enough to take the pain of our sin upon himself (1 John 3:16). Our Heavenly Father became one of us, and took the pain himself, so that we might be healed spiritually. The only exception was that in his case the pain was so much greater and the benefit to us eternal.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1)

Les Hardin has served as the Minister of Christian Education at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia since August 1997. He grew up in Kentucky and resides with his wife and three children in Livonia. He can be reached via e-mail at memorialchurchof christ@juno.com



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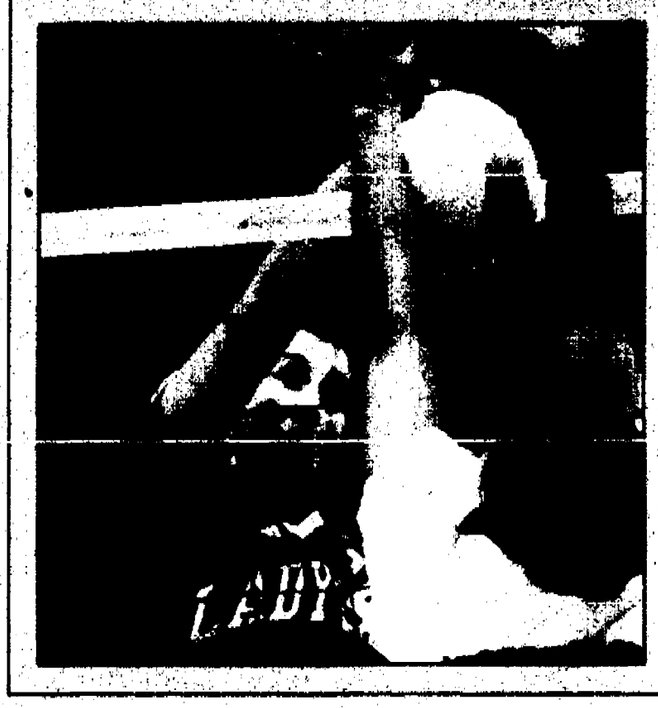

Schoolcraft Invitational

Round the clock action: *Thirty-two girls high school teams converged Saturday on Schoolcraft Community College for the 27th annual invitational volleyball tournament, which attracted some of the state's elite teams. Two area schools reached the semifinals, including Livonia Franklin (top photo), which celebrates a dramatic third-game pool play victory over Plymouth Salem. The players celebrating the victory include (left to right) Alexis Bowman (No. 4), Rachel Bramlett (No. 12), Andrea Kmet (No. 10), Lyndsay Sopko (No. 14), Tera Morrill (No. 15) and Monica Little (No. 11). Livonia Ladywood also reached the semifinals. The Blazers' Erin Bartee (left photo) drills a shot past Walled Lake Central's Colleen Saldana during the elimination round. For a complete roundup of the tournament games, see page C4.*

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Reaction varies over ice penalty

Churchill, Stevenson hockey teams could get reprieve for state tourney

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Reaction was mixed following the cancelation of remaining regular-season games for the Livonia Churchill and Stevenson hockey teams.

Early Tuesday afternoon, administrators from both schools informed players about Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Ken Watson's decision, made in response to a postgame brawl Friday at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson will forfeit a total of five games, including non-league contests versus Birmingham Brother Rice (Feb. 9) and two dates in the East Kentwood Falcon Classic (Feb. 11-12). The Spartans will also forfeit their two remaining games in the Western Lakes Activities Association — Feb. 16 versus Plymouth Salem and Feb. 18 against Livonia Franklin.

Churchill will forfeit the four remaining games of its 24-game regular season schedule, including WLAA dates with Walled Lake Central (Feb. 11) and Farmington Unified (Feb. 16), along with non-league contests with Redford Unified (Feb. 19) and Clarkston (Feb. 25).

Watson said the teams could possibly resume play at the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional tournament the week of Feb. 28. Stevenson has been assigned to play at Redford Ice Arena, while Churchill is scheduled at Kilpatrick Arena in Dearborn.

Stevenson parent Chuck Nebus, whose son Mark was an All-Stater as a junior and team captain this year as a senior, called canceling the end of the regular season "extreme.

"I support the fact that they had to take some kind of action and I'm disappointed as anybody about the incident," said Nebus, an assistant chief with the Farmington Hills Police Department. "Nobody is proud the way it happened and I don't promote what happened.

"I feel they might have canceled one or two games, but not the rest of the season. It's an unfair penalty to Stevenson not to let them play in the (East Kentwood) tourney."

Nebus said he has not discussed with his son whether Stevenson players are willing to come back for the state tournament.

Watson has allowed the teams to continue practicing and left the door open for the two schools to resume play in the regionals.

"The boys are crushed by the news they received," Nebus said. "They had a private meeting themselves afterwards and they were going to practice to talk about it with their coach (Mike Harris). It really has to be their decision to go forward or not."

Gary Turri, the father of Churchill senior forward Jason Turri, said punishing the entire team was unfair because not all players participated in the brawl.

"When you take a penalty, you go into the penalty box. You don't sit the whole team in there," Turri said.

Jason Turri was not involved in the

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Talented Hamtramck rolls by C'ville in 1st-place duel

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BOYS HOOPS

It wasn't quite the ghost of Rudy Tomjanovich, but the Hamtramck boys basketball team certainly haunted Livonia Clarenceville.

Led by 6-foot-5 Eli Warren's 23 points and 13 rebounds, the Cosmos left little doubt who is the team to beat in the Metro Conference Tuesday with a convincing 63-30 victory over the host Trojans.

The loss snapped Clarenceville's nine-game winning streak and dropped the Trojans to 10-5 overall and 6-1 in the Metro.

Hamtramck, which owns a 63-58 victory over Redford Catholic Central, is 9-3 overall and 6-0 in the Metro.

The Cosmos only three losses this season have come by a total of 11 points — 51-48 to Redford Bishop Borgess; 44-38 to Detroit Kettering; and 53-51 to Highland Park.

"They're really good," Clarenceville coach Bill Dyer said of Hamtramck. "They stroked a couple of early shots and some of those didn't even hit the rim. They just went right through.

"Those first five or minutes they had all the confidence in the world. We just got down too quick and we were never able to put the fear into them."

Hamtramck made 10 of 15 first-quarter shots to take a 23-9 advantage.

Warren, an all-around player who goes inside and outside, lived up to his season averages (22 points and 15 rebounds) by scoring 15 first-half points to stake the Cosmos to a 36-16 halftime advantage.

He also sparks the interior defense with his shot-blocking.

And with former Detroit DePorres coach Ed Rachal (four state titles) sitting on the Hamtramck bench as an assistant, the Cosmos also know now how to play defense.

"They're not the same defensive team they were a year ago," Dyer said. "They do all the things we like to do — overplay the wings and deny the passing lanes."

Warren wasn't the only Hamtramck player to score in double figures. Jason Gorney had 14, while cat-quick point-guard Aaron Brock and Irman Islamovic chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

Nick Dockery came off the bench to score nine.

"Brock doesn't have to score and he just doesn't turn it over," said Dyer. "He and Warren are just good. They also made 14 of 15 free throws. They had only seven turnovers."

Clarenceville was somewhat handicapped going in. They went without 6-2 starting forward Tim Shaw, a sophomore who missed his fourth straight game with an ankle sprain.

"He just isn't ready yet and he's day-to-day," Dyer said.

Rick Burack and Scott Wion each scored nine points to pace the Trojans, who shot 13 of 38 from the floor (34 percent).

The game ended on a somewhat sour note as Hamtramck's 14th-year coach Russ Collins, who also happens to be the

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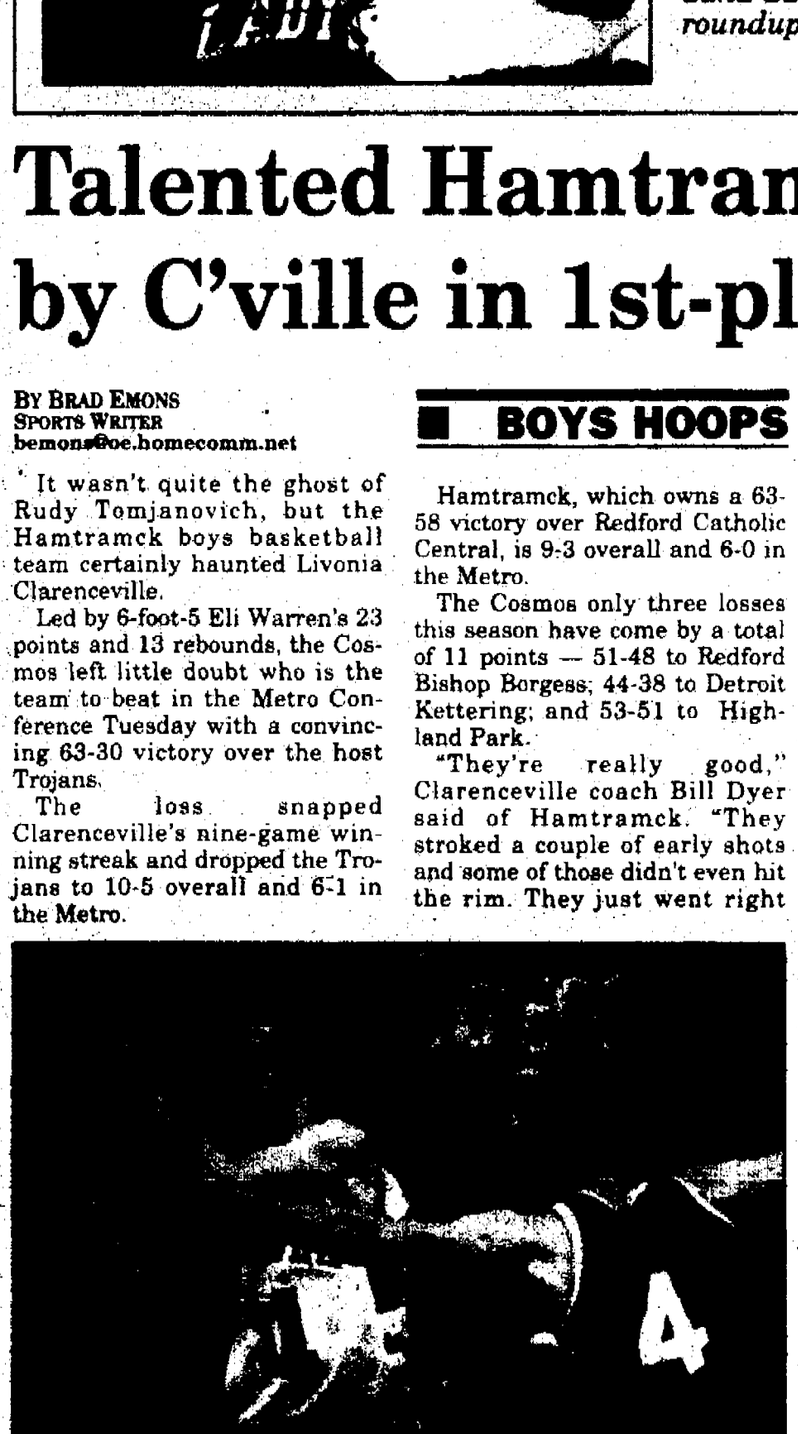

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Under duress: *Clarenceville's Corey McKendry (left) is pressured by Hamtramck's defender Irman Islamovic.*

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Whalers move into 1st with 1-0 win

It was a game for the goalies. Their turn to shine. On Tuesday at Compuware Arena, the Plymouth Whalers' Rob Zepp shone a bit brighter.

Zepp turned away 19 shots on goal — including a penalty shot — in leading the Whalers to their third-straight win, this one by a 1-0 count over the Sarnia Sting in an Ontario Hockey League game.

The victory boosted the Plymouth into a tie for first in the OHL's West Division with the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The Whalers are 29-17-4; the Greyhounds are 27-20-4. Both teams have 63 points, but the Whalers have played one fewer game.

Sarnia, which is also challenging for the top spot in the West, fell to 27-20-7, with 61 points. The Sting are third in the division.

The game's only goal was scored in the opening period by Eric Gooldy. It came off a feed from Shaun Fisher with 9:04 elapsed.

With 4:26 to play in the first, Plymouth's Andre Robichaud was called for a trip and a penalty shot was awarded. Zepp, however, made the save on the Sting's Dusty Jamieson.

It was a sign of things to come — for both teams— as the defenses took over. Sarnia goalie Greg Hewitt was nearly Zepp's equal; he had 24 saves.

The Whalers were just a bit better, against one of the hottest teams in the OHL. Going into the game, the Sting had been 7-2-1 in their past 10 matches.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Plymouth goal: *Whalers left winger Eric Gooldy (left) slides the puck past Sarnia Sting goaltender Greg Hewitt in the first period Tuesday.*

Whalers win a pair

Playing in front of a crowd of 3,613 Friday in Sault Ste. Marie, home of the West Division-leading Greyhounds, the Whalers faced long odds in a hostile surrounding. And they overcame them, scoring the game-tying goal with 4:11 left in regulation, then getting the game-winner from Nate Kiser 3:01 into overtime to claim a 7-6 victory over the Greyhounds.

For the second time in three weeks, the Whalers had to travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a Friday night game, then bus six hours back to Plymouth for a Saturday game. In each case, the Whalers came out double-winners.

Last Saturday in Plymouth, their victim was the Guelph Storm, whom they thumped 8-4.

Friday's game against the Greyhounds was a key one. Plymouth twice had to battle back from one-goal deficits.

The third period was a wide-open offensive affair. Damian Surma gave the Whalers a 4-3 lead at 1:26 of the period, but the 'Hounds Smith re-tied it at 3:53. Tomas Kurka then recaptured the lead for Plymouth with an unassisted goal at 9:28.

But the action wasn't over yet. Sault Ste. Marie scored twice in a span of 1:23 to take a 6-5 lead with 4:46 remaining in regulation.

It took Plymouth just 35 seconds to knot it once again, this time Stephen Morris getting the goal that ultimately forced overtime.

Kiser's game-winner was assisted by Stephen Weiss.

All seven Whaler goals came from different players. Kris Vernarsky scored in the first period; Rob McBride and Justin Williams scored in the second. Other Whaler assists in the game went to Randy Fitzgerald (two), Vernarsky (two), Morris, Williams, Chris Cava, George Nistas and Libor Ustrnul.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the win, making 23 saves. Jason Flick stopped 32 shots for the Greyhounds.

Saturday's win over Guelph shared none of the drama, but it was welcomed just the same. Plymouth scored first, getting a goal from Williams — the first of three in the first period by the Whalers' leading scorer. Charlie Stephens tied it for the Storm at the 15:02 mark, but then Williams took command.

He scored twice in a 24-second span, with Surma assisting on all three of his goals. Surma scored two goals of his own in the second period and assisted on a third to bring his point total for the evening to six.

Kurka also had two goals, James Ramsay had a goal, Shaun Fisher had three assists, Nistas had two assists, and Weiss, Cole Jarrett, Eric Gooldy and Kiser had one assist apiece.

Zepp made 33 saves in goal for Plymouth.

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fight, his father said.

With the regular season over early, state tournament play should be scrapped as well, Turri added.

"It definitely hurts the chances of going very far," he said. "I think everybody's kind of upset over this."

Churchill coach Jeff Hatley met with school administrators Monday and his team on Wednesday for practice.

"The tone is that they're remorseful for what they did," said the eighth-year coach. "They've been cited for good sportsmanship and good play the last two years at the MHSAA level.

"They don't want to be remembered for the handshake incident. They don't want that to be their legacy. They want to make amends and show the community they can be good citizens."

Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said regular season suspension was "a very difficult decision, something we did not take lightly.

"I think the kids and most of the parents have responded admirably," Hage added. "They're trying to put this thing behind them and put themselves in the best possible light so they have an opportunity to compete in the state tournament."

Staff writer Matt Jachman contributed to this story.

Franklin continues winning ways with 6-2 victory over Walled Lake

PREP NOTEBOOK

Shamrocks capture Alpena Tournament

Redford Catholic Central's powerful hockey team is in its stretch drive to the playoffs.

CC, which played at Trenton on Wednesday, went to Alpena for a tournament during the weekend and swept both games.

The Shamrocks defeated Marquette, 4-1, in the opener Friday night and blanked Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 4-0, on Saturday.

CC took a 17-1 record into its rematch with Trenton.

"Forward Brandon Kaleniecki was just fantastic," coach Gordie St. John said of his team's performance in Alpena. "And (forward) Mike Ratigan was one of the stars up there."

Against Cranbrook, Kaleniecki scored twice and assisted on CC's other two goals while Ratigan had a goal plus two assists.

Defenseman Ryan Yost assisted on three of the four goals.

Defenseman Andrew Eggert scored CC's other goal while Brett John had an assist.

"I should say this," St. John said, "Ryan Yost was the best defenseman in the tournament. Forget the scoring, he just was all over the place. He was excellent."

Ben Dunne was in goal for both contests and earned the spot on the All-tournament team.

Against Alpena, Kaleniecki opened the scoring at 11:47 of the first period, assisted by Yost and Dave Moss. The lead went to 2-0 at 14:04 when Jared Ross scored, assisted by Jim Spiewak and Jeff Davis.

Marquette — "A tough team," St. John said, — narrowed the margin to 2-1 70 seconds into the middle period but it went back out to a two-goal margin at 9:48 when Tim Rybinski scored, assisted by John Perkovich and Davis.

Ross notched his second goal at 13:42 of the final period, Moss and Sean Genrich drawing the assists.

"A lot of our guys played well," St. John said, "but particularly Ross, Rybinski, Spiewak and Moss."

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Patriots' Sopko heads to MAC school Akron

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Livonia Franklin High senior setter Lyndsay Sopko will have a new Zip code this fall.

Lyndsay Sopko, Akron signee

The 5-foot-10 Sopko, a first-team All-Observer selection as a junior, signed a National Letter of Intent last week to play volleyball for the University of Akron — nicknamed the Zips — of the Mid-American Conference.

Not only will coach Mike Sweitzer receive a talented and promising player, but a stellar student as well. Sopko carries a 4.11 grade-point average and plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Four of six starters return next season for Akron, which finished 18-14 overall and captured the East Division championship of the MAC.

Sopko is among three Akron recruits for the 2000 season. She will be joined by Sandy Lewis, a 6-foot outside hitter from Mentor, Ohio, and 6-foot middle hitter Monica Morlock of Norwayne, Ohio.

"Lyndsay will be able to come in and be an impact player immediately with the graduation of Kim Schaper," Sweitzer said. "We really like her leadership ability and the quick tempo sets she is able to make.

"She also gives us size at the setter position, which we have not had in the past."

Sopko has been one of the catalysts for Franklin's 35-5-1 start this season, including a 7-0 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Last year Sopko helped Franklin to the Class A district championship and regional finals.

Sopko, who appeared headed to Saginaw Valley State, caught Sweitzer's eye Jan. 8 at the Grand Rapids Press Tournament.

She made a visit to Akron later in the month and was sold on the Ohio school.

"I really like the players on the team and I've always wanted to play Division I volleyball," Sopko said. "Plus, their engineering school is rated one of the top schools in its region. There are a lot of major companies there (Goodyear and Firestone). They also have a lot of good internships available."

Sopko apparently was destined to become a volleyball player.

Her mother Sue Terbrack, played at Redford Thurston High School and Wayne State University. Lyndsay would often accompany her mother, who later became a volleyball referee, to matches.

"I was pretty young when I started," Sopko said. "My mom coached my first AAU team. She's stopped refereeing now to watch me play. She leaves the coaching to others."

One of Sopko's mentors is Lee Cagle, her club coach for the Crusader Juniors AAU team based out of Madonna University.

Cagle is the former successful coach at Livonia Stevenson High.

"He's been my AAU coach the last two years," said Sopko, who has played seven years of club volleyball.

Last summer, Sopko and her Crusader Junior under-17 teammates captured the state AAU title and finished 11th in the Junior Nationals.

Sopko is glad the recruiting process is over and looks forward to next season's challenge.

"I really love volleyball," Sopko said. "I couldn't go to college and not play it. It relieves the stress of the day."

East Kentwood No. 1 at SC

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Livonia Franklin and Livonia Ladywood made strong runs Saturday in the 27th annual Schoolcraft College Volleyball Invitational.

But top-ranked East Kentwood and No. 3 Temperance Bedford squared off for the tournament title, which attracted 32 high school teams.

East Kentwood, led by tournament MVP Kelly Eveland, a Georgia Tech signee, repeated as champion with a 15-12, 11-15, 15-9 victory over the Kicking Mules.

East Kentwood, now 48-6, also placed two others on the All-Tourney squad including Susan Poll, who has signed with Miami of Ohio, and Crystal Weaver, a Marquette University basketball signee.

Bedford, 45-10 overall and perennial SC Invitational contender, knocked out Franklin in the semifinals, 15-10, 15-8, while East Kentwood eliminated Ladywood, 15-10, 15-7, in the other semifinal.

"This tough competition will prepare us for the rest of the season," said Franklin coach Mary Helen Diegel, whose team is 35-5-1 overall. "We got consistent play throughout the day and we accomplished most of our goals for the tournament."

Bedford All-Tourney picks Valerie Lyczkowski and Nicole Salisbury were too much for Franklin, combining for 24 kills.

Senior Tera Morrill led Franklin with 10 kills, while Andrea Kmet and setter Lyndsay Sopko added five and four, respectively.

"Franklin is a good team," Bedford coach Jodi Manore said. "Their left-hander (Morrill) is a nice player and their setter (Sopko) moves the ball around."

Franklin finished 5-1 on the day with Morrill leading with a total of 48 kills.

Other standouts included Kmet (28 kills), Rachel Bramlett (17 ace serves), Kerstin Marshall (13 block-assists and seven solo blocks), Alexixs Bowman (63 digs) and Sopko (108 assists).

Eight-time defending Catholic League champion Ladywood (24-15-2) proved to be the surprise of the day.

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Ball control: *Livonia Ladywood's Melissa Buckshaw makes the play in the Schoolcraft Invitational.*

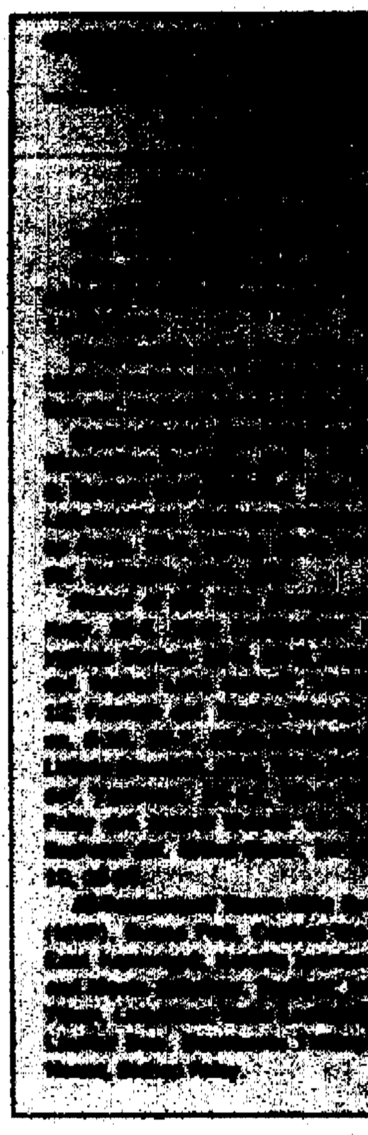
The Blazers and Franklin got out of the tough Pool F, which also included Plymouth Salem.

Franklin beat Ladywood (17-16, 15-6), Salem (15-10, 4-15, 17-16) and Redford Thurston (15-6, 15-3) to finish first.

Ladywood also advanced by defeating Salem (12-15, 15-6, 15-13 and Thurston (15-5, 15-9).

"We played really well when leading and we also had a couple of big comebacks," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "It was our best performance of the year and my best day as a coach at Ladywood."

But after beating Walled Lake Central and Madison Heights Bishop Foley the elimination round, the Blazers simply ran out of fuel against powerful East Kentwood.



"I think our kids were gassed by the Kentwood match," Wyatt said. "We just didn't have the size and power to sustain it any longer."

Ladywood All-Tourney pick Jessica Tilson finished with 34 kills, seven aces and seven blocks on the day.

Erin Bartee was Blazers' top attacker with 67 kills to go along with 13 aces. Patty Horal added 44 kills, while setter Melissa Buckshaw had a total of 170 assists.

Against East Kentwood, Cameron Kompoltowicz came off the bench to record six kills and three blocks.

"Ladywood makes you work for every point," third-year coach East Kentwood coach Roxane Steenhuysen said. "They're fundamentally sound, they play hard and they served well. They wouldn't go away. They were very scrappy. They keep it in play and they're fun to play."

See tournament results.

Blazers open title defense

The streak is on the line once again for the Livonia Ladywood girls volleyball team.

The Blazers (24-15-2 overall) will open defense of their Catholic League championship Saturday at Riverview Gabriel Richard. They will be gunning for their ninth consecutive playoff crown.

Last Thursday, Ladywood finished unbeaten with an 8-0 record in the Central Division with a 7-15, 15-10, 15-10 triumph over host Farmington Hills Mercy.

The loss dropped the Marlins to 3-5 in the Central.

Patty Horal led the Ladywood attack with 14 kills and two ace serves, while Erin Bartee contributed 10 kills and three blocks.

Other contributions came from setter Melissa Buckshaw (39 assists), Jessica Tilson (eight kills, four aces, four blocks) and Kelly Carey (three kills, three aces).

On Feb. 1, Ladywood downed visiting Harper Woods Regina (15-5, 15-6) led by the spiking of Horal (nine kills), Bartee (six kills, three blocks) and Tilson (five kills, three blocks).

On Jan. 29, Ladywood got 13 kills from Horal, along with nine kills and five blocks from Tilson in a 15-10, 15-8 win at Birmingham Marian.

Kelly Predmasay (18 assists), Cameron Kompoltowicz (3 kills, six blocks) and Carey (15 digs, 16 kills, seven aces) helped Ladywood to a 4-3 record and a runner-up finish in the Silver Division of the East Kentwood Tournament (Jan. 23).

Warriors rule tourney

Lutheran High Westland finished 3-0-2 Saturday en route to capture the Ann Arbor Greenhills Invitational title.

The Warriors, struggling in the Metro Conference with an 0-4 record, are 8-13-5 overall.

"We had been losing and not doing very well at all," Lutheran Westland coach Tom Olinger said. "But Saturday everybody came through."

Lutheran Westland defeated Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in the finals, 16-14, 15-6, after advancing with a 15-10, 15-5 semifinal victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

In pool play, the Warriors split with Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (15-5, 14-16) and host Greenhills (9-15, 15-8), while defeating [illegible] (15-12, 15-8).

Emily Reinke came off the bench to give Lutheran Westland a lift for the injured Jen Dash.

Other solid performances came from Sarah Marody, Kelly Pruchnik, Amanda Sales and Anna Rolf.

Glenn evens record

Setter Sarah Pack had 15 assists and Noelle Swartz added 12 digs and five ace serves Monday as Westland John Glenn (11-11-4, 3-4) downed visiting Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association match.

Other standouts for Glenn included Lacey Catarino (five kills), Jangie McLeod (four aces) and Jessica Sanchez (three aces).

Rocks block Stevenson

Plymouth Salem stayed unbeaten in the WLAA with a 15-4, 10-15, 15-7 win Monday over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

Salem is 27-8-1 overall, while Stevenson drops to 25-10-2. The Spartans are 4-3 in the WLAA, while the Rocks are 7-0.

Top hitters for the Spartans included Kate LeBlanc (10 kills), Cassie Eldredt and Katie Drews, [illegible] each. Carly Wadsworth, three.

Setter Kelley Hutchins had 19 assists and three aces.

Ada Pioner, Megan Urbats and Wadsworth each recorded eight digs.

"We played very well in the second game, but our serve reception took us out of the first and third games," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said.

Salem (28-8-1, 7-0) was led by Amanda Suder (11 kills and 10 digs) and Denise Phillips (eight kills). Setter Jill Dambrowski added 10 digs and 27 assists.

Churchill defeated

Meagan Sheehan had six kills and Sheila Gillies added four, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Churchill (18-9-2, 3-4) fell Monday to host Northville in a WLAA match, 3-15, 12-15.

In Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational, Churchill lost in the first round of the elimination bracket to Northville (9-15, 2-15), as coach Mike Hughes singled out Carey Zonack for her excellent passing.

In pool play, Churchill defeated Redford Union (15-13, 15-15, 15-10) and [illegible] (15-8), while losing to Madison Heights Bishop Foley (11-15, 15-13, 14-16).

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Meanwhile, Shannon Munn led Churchill with eight kills against Fenton. Amy Cadovich and Sheehan chipped in with five and four, respectively.

Gillies had five kills against Foley.

For the day, Munn led with 20 kills and Cadovich added 14. Sarah Phillips contributed nine blocks.

Kmet leads Patriots

On Monday Senior Andrea Kmet had six kills (11 of 14 attacks) to pace Livonia Franklin (35-5-1, 7-0) to the Western Lakes victory over North Farmington.

Other Patriot standouts included Alexis Bowman, eight of 11 serve reception and seven of nine serving; Rachel Bramlett, three aces (seven of nine serving); and Tera Morrill, 14 of 15 serving (four aces) with nine of nine serve receive.

Hawks fight to win

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran went the distance Tuesday night to defeat host Warren Zoe Christian, 15-13, 18-20, 15-13, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Gretchen Grosinske bailed her teammates out for the second time in recent matches. This time she served seven straight winners to help the Hawks (6-4) overcome a 9-3 deficit in the third game.

Rachel Zahn had 10 kills for Huron Valley while Stacie Graves made six saves.

The Hawks are now 5-3 in the MIAC to Warren's 4-4 league mark.

"The first two games were back and forth," coach Kris Springstroh said. "We could have put it away several times.

"We dug ourselves out again and came back to win."

Clarenceville rolls

Sophomore Faye Croteau had seven kills and setter Nicole Kasparian had 11 assist-to-kills, propelling Livonia Clarenceville to an easy 15-4, 15-7 Metro Conference victory Tuesday at Hamtramck.

Clarenceville is 3-2 in the Metro.

In Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational, Clarenceville lost four straight matches to Temperance Bedford (2-15, 0-15), Livonia Stevenson (3-15, 1-15), Holly (4-15, 4-15) and Farmington (6-15, 15-1).

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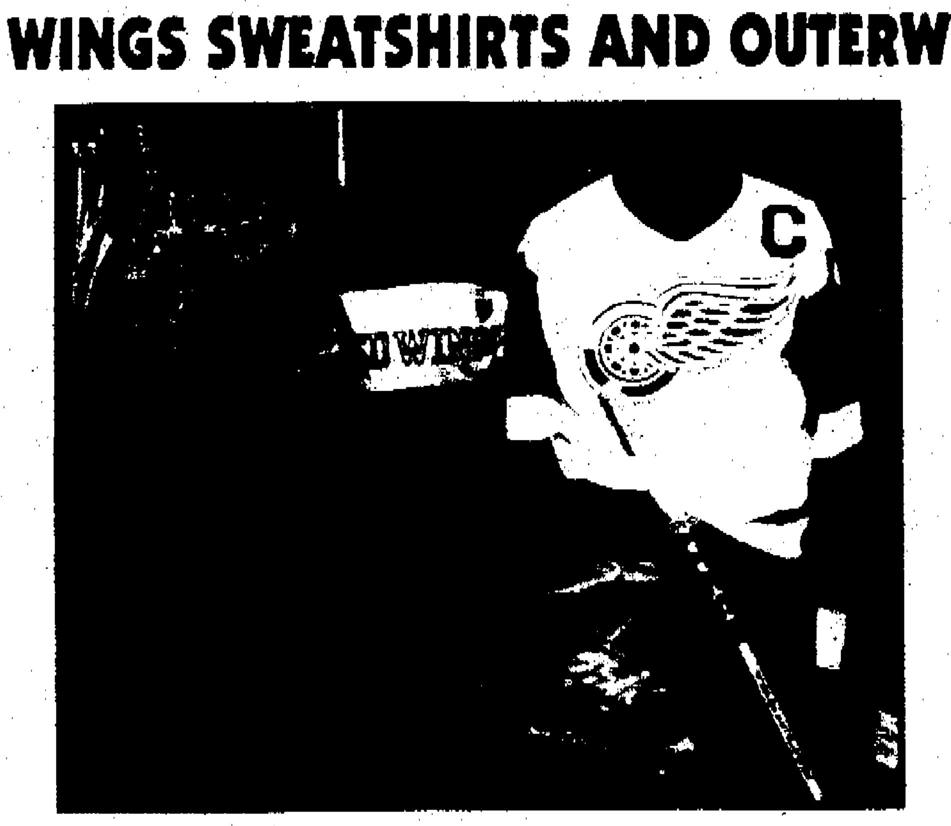
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

'98 MISS SOCCER TRANSFERS

Central Michigan University head women's soccer coach Mark Salisbury announced the signing of eight new recruits, including University of Tennessee transfer Allison Campbell.

The Livonia Stevenson High product, voted Michigan's Miss Soccer in 1998, played two seasons for the Lady Volunteers where she set season records for goals, assists and points.

Campbell, who led the Lady Vols in scoring 11 goals and four assists, earned All-Southeastern Conference second-team honors twice and was a two-time All-NCAA Central Region pick. She was named SEC Freshman of the Year in '98.

Campbell was also a two-time All-State selection and three-time All-Western Lakes Activities Association pick, who helped Stevenson to the 1997 and '98 state championships.

She was also a member of the Michigan Hawks Soccer Club which captured state cup titles from 1993-97.

"It's not every day that you get an All-America transfer," Salisbury said. "She is a tremendous player and we can't wait for her to join the team."

The second transfer is Missy Simons (Plymouth Salem), who started at sweeper for Wofford College (S.C.). She was an All-State selection at Salem, a two-time All-WLAA pick and was also member of the state cup champion Hawks.

PREP HOCKEY CORRECTION

Jana Beumel scored the game-winning third period goal in Livonia Ladywood's 4-2 girls hockey win last week over Grosse Pointe South at City Center Arena (Sunday, Feb. 6 edition).

Katie O'Dea tallied two goals, while Machrina Fallon had the other for the Blazers, who handed South its first defeat in three years.

MITE VIPERS WIN TOURNEY

The Livonia Mite Vipers, coached by Bill Tyler, captured the Gordon Butler Trophy in a nine-team house holiday tournament at Edgar Arena with a 4-1 record.

Members of the Vipers include: Michael Alonzi, Stephen Burk, Nicholas Givas, Donald Grandahl, Scott Hartzel, Matthew Jarecki, Tyler Miller, Ted Roberts, Kevin Robinson, Michael Selesko, Michael Shonce, Drew Sieber, Anthony Stempin, James Tyler, Adam Yarber and John Vella.

Team sponsors include Title One, Concord Dental Group and Alkoz, Inc.

YOUTH HOOP TOURNAMENT

The Great Lakes Spring Classic, a USSSA open division tournament and qualifier for the USSSA World Basketball Tournament, will be Friday through Sunday, April 7-9 at Allen Park High School and Allen Park Middle School.

Divisions for boys include seventh grade (13-and-under) and eighth grade (14-and-under). The round-robin format includes a three-game guarantee. The entry fee is $275.

For more information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 274-5405 or Jeff Bradley at (734) 595-6096. You can also E-mail at wilkk@ix.netcom.com.

AAU VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

Registration, skills testing and team assignments for the 2000 Crusader AAU volleyball program will be Sunday March 12 and 19 at the Madonna University gym, located at Levan Road and I-96, in Livonia.

Age groups include 12s and 14s (1-3:30 p.m.); 16s (4-6 p.m.) and 18s (6:30-8:30 p.m.).

Program fees are $325 (12s), $375 (14s) and $425 (16s and 18s).

There is an additional $300 expense for those elite team players who will compete in the state AAU championship and USA Nationals in Chicago, Ill. The cost covers additional shirts, individual and team registration, hotel accommodations and some meals.

For more information, call Jerry Abraham or Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Madonna University will stage its summer volleyball camps from Wednesday through Sunday, July 5-8 (elite); Tuesday through Friday, July 11-14 (setters and youth) and July 18-21 (hitters camps mornings and afternoons, along with defensive specialist).

For more information, call Jerry Abraham at (734) 432-5612.

JUNIOR HOOP SHOOTOUT

The Milford Police Athletic League will sponsor its 10th annual 3-for-3 Junior Shootout for boys and girls in grades 4-12 Friday through Sunday, March 17-19.

There will also be a special three-point shootout in each division to win a pair of $100 Converse basketball shoes.

The entry fee is $60 per team (four players).

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Michigan Lake Area Rams are conducting tryouts to fill three roster spots for a new 14-year-old summer travel baseball team.

The team will participate in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation Sandy Koufax Division.

Players should have travel baseball experience. Home games will be played in the Farmington Hills area.

For more information call Dick Miller at (248) 476-1089.

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Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:48.36
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 1:51.84
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.40
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:53.54
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:53.73
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 1:53.92
Ben Dzielo (Salem) 1:54.30
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 1:55.26
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 1:55.44
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:55.66

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 2:00.17
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:04.82
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:05.00
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.20
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:06.54
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.51
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:10.09
Ben Dzielo (Salem) 2:10.32
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:10.72
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 2:11.00

50 FREESTYLE

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.51
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.64
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 23.10
Brandon DiGia (N. Farmington) 23.11
Mike Johnson (Salem) 23.14
Eric Lynn (Salem) 23.22
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 23.29
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 23.31
Mark Witthoff (Salem) 23.53
Dan Jones (Salem) 23.69

DIVING

Chris Totten (Garden City) 295.00
Greg Braziunas (Redford CC) 260.80
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 246.15
Dave Sutton (Redford Union) 225.60
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 219.45
Mark Moratto (Redford Union) 212.85
Scott Clark (John Glenn) 207.55
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 199.25
Kory Stevens (Redford CC) 186.60

100 BUTTERFLY

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.29
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 55.02
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.53
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 55.75
Ben Dzielo (Salem) 56.22

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Sammer Alver (N. Farmington) 52.71

500 FREESTYLE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:56.41
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.30
Ben Dzielo (Salem) 5:04.20
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:06.06
Justin Ketterer (Stevenson) 5:09.80
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.83
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 5:13.96
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 5:14.36
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:14.74
Danny Price (Farm. Unified) 5:14.84

200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:31.83
North Farmington 1:32.94
Redford Catholic Central 1:33.63
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.87
Farmington/Harrison 1:36.50

100 BACKSTROKE

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.62
Jon Gabriel (N. Farmington) 56.46
Devin Hopper (Farm. Unified) 56.53
Eric Lynn (Salem) 57.12
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.68
Aaron Reeder (Canton) 57.69
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.70
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.07
John Kern (N. Farmington) 1:00.45
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 1:00.59

100 BREASTSTROKE

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:01.61
Kevin VanTiem (Stevenson) 1:04.11
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.86
Chris LaFond (Redford CC) 1:05.39
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.55
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:07.10
Jon Zald (N. Farmington) 1:07.64
Jason Reberchik (Salem) 1:08.27
Brandon Goad (Farm. Unified) 1:08.60
Dan Zoumbaris (John Glenn) 1:08.87

400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Plymouth Salem 3:25.02
Redford Catholic Central 3:26.15
North Farmington 3:27.27
Livonia Stevenson 3:29.50
Farmington/Harrison 3:36.04

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

RED. CATHOLIC CENTRAL 104
LIVONIA STEVENSON 82
Feb. 8 at Stevenson

200-yard medley relay: Redford CC (Brett Meconis, Chris LaFond, Bryant Steele, Ed Lesnau), 1:42.26; **200 freestyle:** Nick Markou (CC), 1:53.76; **200 individual medley:** Andrew Carlin (CC), 2:06.12; **50 freestyle:** Joe Bublitz (LS), 22.64; **diving:** Greg Braziunas (CC), 202.95; **100 butterfly:** Steele (CC), 55.56; **100 freestyle:** Lesnau (CC), 50.81; **500 freestyle:** Bublitz (LS), 5:03.78; **200 freestyle relay:** Stevenson (Kevin VanTiem, Mike Nemer, George Earhart, Pat Rodemeyer), 1:37.03; **100 backstroke:** Markou (CC), 58.70; **100 breaststroke:** LaFond (CC) 1:05.39; **400 freestyle relay:** Redford CC (Lesnau, Carlin, Meconis, Steele), 3:26.73.

CC's dual meet record: 7-0 overall.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 95
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90
Feb. 8 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: John Glenn (Garrett Stone, Dan Zoumbaris, Dan Fowler, Corey Marschall), 1:53.2; **200 freestyle:** Nathan Ford (LC), 2:03.9; **200 IM:** Stone (WJG), 2:16.9; **50 freestyle:** Zoumbaris (WJG), 24.1; **diving:** Chris McFarland (WJG), 246.15; **100 butterfly:** Brad Barron (LC), 1:04.5; **100 freestyle:** Jeff Anderson (WJG), 57.1; **500 freestyle:** Stone (WJG), 5:27.8; **200 freestyle relay:** John Glenn (Jeff Ballard, Anderson, Marschall, Zoumbaris), 1:42.3; **100 backstroke:** Kyle Grant (LC), 1:06.8; **100 breaststroke:** Zoumbaris (WJG), 1:08.8; **400 freestyle relay:** Churchill (Rob Shereda, Chris Risner, Ford, Grant), 3:49.3.

John Glenn's overall dual meet record: 3-6.

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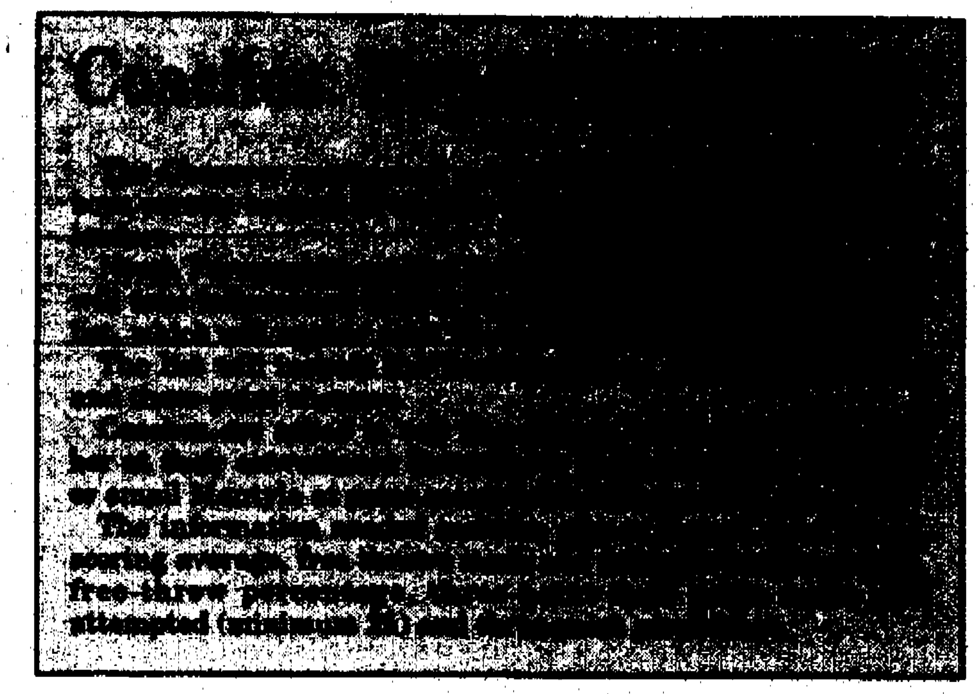

Glenn gains 1st WLAA win

Mike Schuette got his first victory of the millennium Tuesday night.

It was so agreeable the Westland John Glenn coach came right back for another.

Glenn jumped out to a big early lead and breezed to a 66-47 victory over Livonia Franklin (4-9, 2-5) in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball game.

Earlier, Schuette had guided the junior varsity to a 63-47 victory filling in for the regular JV coach, whose mother had died late last week.

The varsity win was the first for Glenn (3-10, 1-7) since the 1990s ended.

The Parent's Night crowd was put in a good mood right away when Michael Franks scored Westland's first 11 points of the game, including a basket off the opening tip to give the Rockets a lead they never gave up.

Franks scored 13 of his 16 points in the opening quarter.

Chris Thauvette took over in the second quarter, scoring all seven of his points, while Yaku Moton netted seven of his 15 in the third period.

Michael Goree also came up big for the Rockets in the third quarter, scoring six of his eight. All but two of John Glenn's 11 players scored.

Junior forward Joe Ruggiero scored a team-high 18 points for Franklin.

•FARMINGTON 57, CHURCHILL 44: The Falcons made 16 of 28 free throws in the final quarter Tuesday to beat visiting Livonia Churchill in a WLAA encounter.

Farmington is now 11-3 overall and 6-2 in the WLAA. The loss drops Churchill to 8-6 and 5-3.

Justin Milus, a 6-foot-5 senior center, led the victorious Falcons with 13 points, 12 coming in the opening half as Farmington led 28-18.

Curtis Tillman contributed 12, including seven of eight free throws in the fourth period. Matt Mikel and Garlin Gilchrist chipped in with nine and seven, respectively.

Randall Boboige led Churchill and all scorers with 16 points. Avery Jessup added 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL

•W.L. WESTERN 54, STEVENSON 40: A little full court pressure went a long way for the Warriors.

Walled Lake Western opened up with wall-to-wall pressure and smoked host Livonia Stevenson for a 22-8 lead.

"When we beat their pressure," Spartans' coach Tim Newman said, "our execution was fine. We played a nice second quarter. We really played hard on defense."

The Spartans (3-11) outscored the Warriors (11-3) by an 8-4 margin in the second quarter but Walled Lake Western began the third period with full court pressure and cranked out an 18-10 quarter.

Stevenson outscored Western 14-10 in the fourth but it wasn't enough to keep the Spartans from slipping to 1-7 in the WLAA. The Warriors and North Farmington are tied for the lead with 7-1 records.

Guard Jenero Dawson led the Warriors with 15 points and forward Chris Howder scored 10.

Harland Beverly paced the Spartans with 12 points and Pete Pinto added nine.

•WAYNE 61, WILLOW RUN 51: Gary Johnston poured in a game-high 26 points, including 11 in the decisive final period as host Wayne Memorial (6-8, 4-6) earned the Mega Conference Red Division victory over the Flyers (6-7, 3-6).

Johnson sparked a 25-14 Wayne fourth-quarter run. Senior point guard Shane Nowak chipped in with 17 points.

Garrick Mason and Derrick Billups each scored 12 for Willow Run.

Wayne made 11 of 16 free throws, including 10 of 14 in the final period. Willow run was 11 of 17.

•HAPRER WOODS 63, LUTH. WESTLAND 60 (OT): In a Metro Conference game Tuesday, the host Pioneers (7-6, 3-3) outscored Lutheran Westland (8-5, 4-2) by a 5-2 margin in overtime to earn the win.

Lutheran Westland forced OT by coming from seven points down in the final quarter.

Junior guard Luke Kasten scored 19 points in a losing cause, including eight in the final quarter. He connected on five 3-pointers, two in the last eight minutes.

In the OT and the Warriors trailing [illegible] Kasten's three point attempt with 12 seconds to play fell off.

Junior forward Nate Meckes and senior guard Charlie Hoeft chipped in with 14 and 11, respectively.

Corey Moore led Harper Woods and all scorers with 26 points. James Douglas added 15.

A free throw by Brent Habitz with just under a minute to play tied the game at 58.

•DeLaSALLE 60, REDFORD CC 50: Redford Catholic Central (7-8, 5-4) let a halftime lead slip away Tuesday night as Warren DeLaSalle (10-5, [illegible]) scored a Catholic League Central Division victory over the visiting Shamrocks.

The Pilots, who clinched first place in the Central Division, held a 15-12 lead after the first quarter but the Shamrocks outscored them by eight in the second to grab a 28-23 halftime lead.

DeLaSalle ripped up CC by an 18-8 margin with a barrage of three point baskets in the third quarter and tacked on five more points in the fourth to win by [illegible].

The Pilots made four triples in the third, including one that was meant to be a lob pass for a high [illegible] but when [illegible]

Ryan Dryderman [illegible] the Pilots with 20 and [illegible] Anderson scored 12.

Junior forward Steve Lareck led CC with 11 [illegible] Matt Condas was next with 10.

•FAIRLANE 48, HURON VALLEY 45: The Hawks tripped on their way to the [illegible]

Host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran couldn't nurse a 37-34 third quarter lead home, getting outscored 14-8 in the fourth quarter at Marshall Middle School.

"We had the opportunities," coach Tod Bartholomew said, "but we could not make the shots when we needed it.

"We played them tough, though. They're tied for first in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association Red Division. Our guys played a very good game."

Matt Anderson paced Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian (9-5) with 16 points and Aaron Beg [illegible] notched 15. Fairlane is now 6-1 in the MIAC Red.

Huron Valley Lutheran (2-11) got 17 points from Pete Amp[illegible] and 17 from Adam Kemke. The Hawks are 1-6 in league play.

Westland trailed by a point, 25-24, at halftime.

Free throws were a factor: Huron Valley missed 12 and made eight while Fairlane was 16-for-26.

MEN'S COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

Crusaders trip Tech; Ocelots drill Alpena

For most of the season, the balance of power has favored the opponents of Madonna University's men's basketball team. Last Saturday against Indiana Institute of Technology, it was the Fighting Crusaders who had the edge in power.

Four Crusaders reached double figures in scoring, compared to just two for Indiana Tech, to lead them to a 74-65 triumph in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game played at Madonna.

The victory raised Madonna's record to 4-23 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC. The Warriors fell to 10-14 overall, 2-8 in the WHAC.

Madonna succeeded without one of its most potent offensive weapons: sophomore guard Mike Massey, who was suspended for three games after getting two technical fouls in a non-league game against Rochester College.

The Crusaders took command in the first half, breaking a 6-6 tie with an 11-0 run that Tech never overcame — although the Warriors came close.

Five three-pointers in the first half helped Madonna take control with a 34-24 first-half lead.

Three more triples, two by Jason Garrison, helped the Crusaders extend their lead to 25 at 51-26 4:29 into the second half.

Dan Kurtinaitis was instrumental in the quick second-half start, scoring five points and picking up four assists.

Chad Putnam (from Redford Thurston) led Madonna with 20 points, including four threes. Kurtinaitis finished with 19 points, eight assists and two steals, and both Jason Skoczylas and Aaron Cox scored 13 points. Skoczylas also had 11 rebounds, six assists and five blocked shots, while Cox had seven boards and two steals.

The Warriors were led by Damion Jackson with 20 points and Dan Davis with 15.

Madonna made a red-hot 26-of-44 of its floor shots (59.1 percent) compared to Tech's 22-of-63 (34.9 percent). The Crusaders also had a 36-29 rebounding edge and hit 10-of-19 triple tries (52.6 percent).

•SCHOOLCRAFT 82, ALPENA 52: The Schoolcraft College express just keeps rolling.

SC's men's basketball team took a 10-point lead by halftime of its game Saturday at Alpena CC and never let up in pounding the Lumberjacks, 82-52.

The win was the Ocelots 12th in a row, the fifth longest winning streak in the NJCAA Division I. SC also ranks seventh in scoring in the NJCAA, averaging 96.5 points a game, and is eighth in scoring defense at 67.4 — the only Division I team ranked in the top 10 in both.

The Ocelots remain unranked, however, despite their 18-4 overall record (11-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference); they were honorable mention top 20.

The loss dropped Alpena to 12-11 overall, 6-6 in the conference.

SC built a 36-26 lead by halftime. Nick Evola and Lamar Bigby led the Ocelots in scoring with 18 points apiece; Robert Brown scored 12 and Quentin Mitchell had 11.

Gary Greenwood led Alpena with 12.

SC has three players among the top seven scoring leaders in the conference: Brown, who ranks second (18.4 points a game); Mitchell, who's fourth (17.4); and Bigby, who's seventh (16.1).

Brown is also the conference leader in rebounding (12.2) and field goal percentage (64.6 percent). Brian Williams tops the conference in assists (6.7), Nick Evola is tied for first in blocked shots (2.0) and Mitchell is first in three-point shooting (44.4 percent).

Not surprisingly, the Ocelots are first or second in every team offensive and defensive category except steals per game (they're fourth).

They last major test on their regular-season schedule is Saturday, when they travel to Flint Mott CC for a 3 p.m. game.

Mott is 18-4 overall, 10-2 in the conference — which ranks second.

Madonna falters in road game

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Madonna University made a game of it, for a half anyway.

The Lady Crusaders led host Indiana Institute of Technology 33-32 at the half of their women's basketball game Saturday. But poor shooting and turnovers ruined Madonna in the second half as the Lady Warriors pulled away to a 72-60 triumph.

The win raised Indiana Tech's record to 7-17 overall, 2-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Madonna, a team that has struggled on the road, fell to 10-12 overall and 4-6 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders led 33-32 at the half, making 11 of their 23 floor shots (47.8 percent) compared to Tech's 14-of-35 (40 percent). The second half was a reversal: Madonna made just 10-of-35 shots after the intermission (28.6 percent) compared to the Warriors' 14-of-26 (53.8 percent).

That, combined with 26 turnovers (compared to 18 for Tech), doomed the Crusaders.

Michelle Miela turned in a solid game, making 7-of-11 floor shots (including 3-of-6 three-pointers) to score 19 points. She also had three assists. Hayley Myers added eight points and nine rebounds.

Roslyn Turner's 21 points and 11 rebounds paced Tech. Nichole Meyers and Kelly Hays added 13 points apiece, and Jan Johnson scored 12 and had seven assists.

Glenn gymnast 3rd at meet

It was a state-meet like line-up at Saturday's Plymouth Canton Gymnastics Invitational, but Nicole [illegible] didn't mind the competition.

The Westland John Glenn standout finished third in the Division II all-around, scoring a 36.00. East Kentwood's Sarah Robinson was first with a 36.35, followed by DeNay Kippley with a 36.05.

[illegible] finished fourth in the balance beam with an [illegible]

Metro duel *from page C1*

school's athletic director, kept Warren in the lineup until 1:45 remaining.

The Cosmos, nursing a 30-point fourth-quarter advantage, also ran a semi-delay spread offense.

"We're just trying to win the game and run some of our offense," Collins said. "I respect all the coaches in this league and I hope they (the Clarenceville coaches) didn't take it that way."

Dyer, apparently disgusted with Hamtramck's tactics, ordered his troops to sit back in a zone for the final 1:30 as Brock stood near mid court and dribbled out the clock.

"I saw them play three times," Collins said of Clarenceville. "Dyer has done a nice job as far as preparing them to play.

"We knew we had to play defense on them. We expected to see backdoor action and we wanted to overplay the ball when they ran their flex offense.

"We've played well in our gym against them, but we haven't played well against them in this gym."

That all changed Tuesday, thanks to the efforts of Warren and company.

"He has started for us all four years," Collins said. "He's a great kid. He's an excellent passer. He sees the court the best of anybody. He gets double and triple-teamed so we have to run some different things with him. He's an unselfish kid, but sometimes we'd like to make him more selfish."

And how about making Hamtramck [illegible] less greedy?

Ex-Red Wing great Sid Abel touched many

Farmington Hills resident passes away at age 81

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As well as one of professional hockey's all-time great players, Sid Abel is being remembered this week by those who knew him best as a person of integrity, a good friend and a devoted family man.

Abel, a resident of Farmington Hills, had been in declining health for several years and died early Tuesday at Botsford General Hospital. He was 81.

Abel spent much of the last half century representing the Detroit Red Wings as a player, coach, general manager and broadcaster.

During a 14-year career in the National Hockey League, Abel played 12 seasons with the Wings and achieved fame as a member of Detroit's "Production Line" of the 1950s that included Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay. He was inducted into the NHL Hall of Fame in 1969.

"I always called him a gentle man as well as a gentleman," said Abel's wife, Gloria. "He was a terrific husband, father and grandfather, and he'll be terribly missed.

"He just enjoyed life and, of course, hockey."

But sometimes watching a hockey game on television could be an anxious experience for him.

"He made me laugh," Mrs. Abel said. "He'd flip the channel, and I'd ask him 'Aren't you going to watch?' He'd say 'I get too nervous!'

"But he was a Red Wings fan, that's for sure."

Longtime Red Wings fans remember Abel as much for his broadcast work. On TV and radio, he provided color commentary alongside play-by-play man Bruce Martyn from the mid 1970s until he retired after the 1985-86 season.

"We first met in 1950 when I just started right out of high school for a radio station in Sault Ste. Marie," recalled Martyn, who is now retired and living in Florida.

"Sid was centering the Production Line up there with Lindsay and Howe, and I went down to ask Sid if I could interview him. He was so friendly I couldn't believe it, and (their friendship) continued for 50 years."

Abel was one of the most knowledgeable hockey people he has ever known, Martyn added.

"I just learned more hockey from Sid than anybody in the world, just sitting beside him and listening to him explain things, being with him before and after games and listening to his stories," he said.

"Of all the people I know from 31 years with the Red Wings, the one I know best and consider closest to me was Sid, (former broadcaster) Budd Lynch, too, but Sid was right there.

"He was an amazing person, and he was respected around the league. Anytime you went into another NHL city, people wanted to talk to him. He had the greatest sense of humor in the world. Everything about him was genuine."

Abel spent the last two years of his playing career as player-coach of the Chicago Blackhawks, but he returned to Detroit in 1958 to coach the Red Wings and later became general manager.

Abel signed former Red Wings defenseman Gary Bergman, now president of the Red Wings Alumni Association and a metro-area businessman, to his first NHL contract in the mid 1960s.

"More importantly than hockey, we were great friends, and our families were very close," Bergman said. "I always said Sid was the finest gentleman who ever walked into a hockey rink. He was an honorable man.

"One of the most important things to a player is knowing he can trust his boss. Anything Sid told you you could take to the bank. He was a first-class guy.

"He's the kind of guy we're really, really, really going to miss."

Abel's grandson, Brent Johnson, is a goalie with the St. Louis Blues organization, and Abel, who was coach and general manager of the Blues from 1971-73, was one of his biggest fans.

"Sid, even after he got ill and Brent was doing well and was drafted, his wish was to live long enough to see him play in the NHL," Mrs. Abel said.

"His wish was granted when St. Louis brought him up last year, (and he was in goal for several victories). His grandpa was so proud of him, and his prayer was answered when he did see him play in the NHL."

Away from hockey, one of Abel's favorite haunts was Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.

He enjoyed playing euchre with friends, including longtime friend Michael McEvoy of Redford, whom he met at the tavern.

"He was one of the finest gentleman I've ever met," said McEvoy, who knew Abel for more than 20 years. "He never said a bad word about anybody even if he could."

Abel's ice skills far outshone his card playing skills, however.

"He was a better hockey player than euchre player," he said, jokingly.

McEvoy and two other friends were looking for a fourth player Tuesday afternoon at Cowley's.

"I'll miss the camaraderie, and the hockey stories were tremendous," McEvoy said. "He knew (just) about everybody since hockey was invented. He liked to have a drink and talk — he was a great talker."

Cowley's manager Carol Renodin agreed with McEvoy's assessment of Abel as a gentleman, especially when it came to his fans.

"He wouldn't refuse anybody an autograph," Renodin said. "It was always a treat to wait on him." An autographed photo of Abel sits in a prominent spot at the bar.

Abel often visited Cowley's with his wife. His favorite drinks were vodka and water with a splash of orange juice, whiskey and water or a Miller Lite.

Another friend, England native Bill Richardson of Farmington Hills, said Abel had been sick for some time. Like McEvoy, Richardson met Abel at Cowley's.

"It's so sad," Richardson said. "He'd been sick for over a year; he just slowly wasted away. The only reason he hung on so long was for his grandson.

"He was just an all-around nice person — he and his wife. He was very down to earth and never had a bad word to say about anybody."

Friend Steve Nahina of Dearborn, who met Abel 35 years ago, said Abel shared a special friendship with athletes, including Cowley's owner John Cowley, a former Irish soccer player and winner of three Gold Cups.

"You know athletes; they tend to stick together," Nahina said.

SID ABEL CAREER FACTS: Abel was born Feb. 22, 1918, in Melville, Saskatchewan, the same Canadian province that produced fellow Red Wings great Gordie Howe.

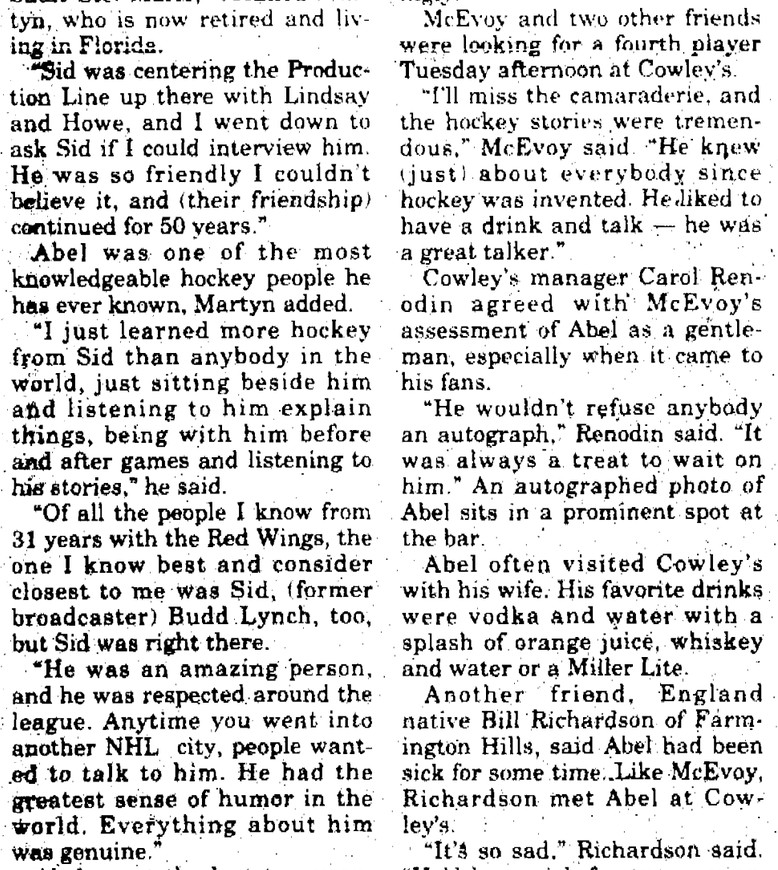
Abel's NHL career began with the Wings in 1938 and was interrupted for two years (1943-45) while he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II. He returned to play seven more seasons with the Wings (1945-52) and two as player-coach of the Chicago Blackhawks (1952-54).

Abel is best known as the veteran centerman on the Red Wings' famous Production Line, which included young wingers Ted Lindsay and Gordie Howe.

In 612 regular-season games, Abel scored 189 goals and had 283 assists; in 97 playoffs games, his totals were 28 and 30, respectively. His best season was 1949-50 when he had 34 goals and 35 assists, finishing second in league scoring behind Lindsay; Howe was third.

Abel was named to the NHL All-Star team four times and played on three Stanley Cup championship teams with the Red Wings (1942-43, 1949-50 and 1951-52).

He won the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player and was named "Hockey's Man of the Year" by Sport Magazine in 1948-49 when he led the league with 28 goals.



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Hockey memories: *Cowley's Village Inn employees Stephanie Rose and Carol Renodin display a signed photograph and hockey stick from Sid Abel.*

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Chevy Chase stars in "Snow Day" a family comedy opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY

Robert Jones, host of WDET's "Blues from the Lowlands," brings a sampling of blues guitar and vocals to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.

SUNDAY

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents a chamber concert featuring romantic music for Valentine's Day, 3 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. Tickets $10, call (734) 464-2741 or (248) 645-6666. Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra is also presenting a concert 3 p.m. at Hilbert Junior High School, 26400 Puritan, east of Inkster Road.

Hot Ticket Item: *"Stars on Ice," featuring Olympic champions Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ilia Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva and others stops at The Palace of Auburn Hills 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets $60, $42, and $35 reserved available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com*

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE PRESENTS

'ALL MY SONS'

PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Process of discovery: *Director Henry Woronicz (left) consults with Robin Lewis and Ray Chapman during rehearsals of "All My Sons."*

ARTHUR MILLER'S

CLASSIC

A CALL TO MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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A week before the opening, and the cast of "All My Sons" was going through rehearsals with workman-like efficiency, much like the dogged style of Arthur Miller's first-acclaimed play set in World War II-era America.

While Miller's later work, "Death of a Salesman," offered an opus about the disintegrating soul of America, "All My Sons" is a winding sonata that pulls at the heartstrings that tie together the dysfunctional union of families.

The play is currently in preview performances at Meadow Brook Theatre with opening night on Saturday and a three-week run ahead.

In the ground-level rehearsal space next to the Meadow Brook stage, the actors with the guidance of Director Henry Woronicz sorted through lines as they looked for the appropriate emotional tenor of the multi-layered play.

WHAT: "All My Sons," a three-act play by Arthur Miller.

WHEN: Through Sunday, March 5. Previews - 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11; Opens - 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Performance times vary this week. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16; 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 17-18; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

TICKETS: $19.50-$35. Call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316.

Basically, the story involves a father whose son, a pilot, was apparently killed in action. The father, Joe Keller (Dennis Robertson), operates an airplane-parts factory, and was responsible for approving defective material, resulting in the crash of 21 planes.

But Keller isn't taking responsibility. He denies any involvement, standing by as a foreman at the plant is convicted of the crime.

Meanwhile, guilt-ridden and tortured, the father ponders what remains steadfast in his life — his surviving son. He observes: "When you get older, you want to feel like you're accomplishing something... Well, I've accomplished my son."

The dramatic question, of course, is what is exacted when people fail to live up to their moral responsibility?

Timeless tale

Miller has created plenty of passages about generational differences, and offers a psychological portrait dissecting why people do not take responsibility for their

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Chronicles of the V-word

'Vagina Monologues' at OCC broadens awareness of violence against women

BY ALICE RHEIN
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Yolanda Fleischer has known about Eve Ensler's Obie award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues," since it premiered Off-Broadway in 1996.

The West Bloomfield resident and associate professor of theater at University of Detroit-Mercy has also known that the controversy surrounding its title caused many newspapers to censor it, calling it the "V. Monologues" or simply "Monologues."

The play, based on interviews with more than 200 women, is part of a nationwide campaign to stop violence against women. It'll be performed Monday at the Oakland Community College Farmington Hills campus.

The impetus for Fleischer to direct the play came while she was eating breakfast one morning.

"When I can watch Bob Dole talking about erectile dysfunction on a morning talk show, that put it in perspective," she said. "This play gives women the permission to talk and say, and to say diffuses the danger."

WHAT: The V-Day 2000 College Initiative presents "The Vagina Monologues."

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

WHERE: Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills.

TICKETS: $20 general admission, $10 student (with ID) may be purchased at the door. Groups greater than 10 may prepay by calling the OCC Womencenter at (248) 471-7602 or UD-Mercy Women's Studies Program at (313) 993-6172.

The danger is real. Every two minutes, a woman is raped somewhere in America. More than 500,000 women are raped in the United States each year according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

But for Fleischer, it goes beyond statistics. "In my 20 years of teaching, there has never been a year that I haven't had a student tell me about an experience with rape," she said.

When she heard about V-Day, Fleischer knew it was time to act. V-Day is a campaign to end sexual violence which began in New York in 1998 with a production of the series of composite interviews featuring such notable stars as Glenn Close, Winona Ryder and Calista Flockhart.

Fleischer sought assistance from Arlene Frank, program coordinator of the Womencenter at OCC. Together, the two pushed to bring the V-Day initiative to their campuses. More than 300 colleges nationwide have pledged to do the same this Valentine's Day.

Locally, the program will benefit three organizations fighting violence against women: HAVEN in Pontiac, and the Detroit-based Women Alive and Alternatives for Girls.

Frank said that even when she approached her campus about the performance, she felt it necessary to offer reassurance this was not some sort of clandestine, naughty production.

"It is very powerful," she said. "It's a chance for women to talk about things we don't often get to hear."

Please see V-WORD, E2

FAMILY EVENT

Rolling Stones fan will premiere his tribute to band

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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When it comes to Rolling Stones fans, no one is more dedicated than Bob Harris.

The 69-year-old Livonia resident takes pride in his long history working in the music business, and it was that career which led him to a chance meeting with the legendary rock band while on their first U.S. tour in 1964.

At the time, Harris was reporting for *Teen News*, a weekly newspaper. He was granted an interview with the rising stars who were performing at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

With his photographer by his side, he asked permission to take a picture with the band. That photograph has become one of his most prized possessions. For a man who's managed, promoted and worked with major talents like Wayne Newton, Bob Hope, Sonny and Cher, Bobby Vinton and The Temptations – just to name a few – he's never forgotten the details of that day almost 40 years ago.

He was even able to meet the Stones again and have the picture autographed on their last stop in Detroit.

Meet the Stones: *Livonia's Bob Harris (right) met the Rolling Stones in 1964 on their first stop in Detroit. Keeping this photo as a momento, he met the band again last year and had it autographed. Harris has been called the oldest Rolling Stones fan.*

With the help of the Dearborn-based band Benny and the Jets, Harris' memories have been set to music. "Bob Harris, Oldest Rolling Stones Fan" is his story. Harris' voice can be heard talking throughout the song, playing off Benny's lyrics. That song can be heard live at Livonia Mall as a highlight of the "Rockin' Family Valentines" extravaganza 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. The mall is showing Harris' extensive collection of candid photographs with celebrities, including the famed Stones photo.

When Bobbi Gelman, promotions coordinator at Livonia Mall, heard Harris' story, she decided to show his souvenirs and couple the event with other family activities. Gelman said she's sure the crowd – especially parents – will enjoy the music and memorabilia. "I think it's great, very nostalgic," she added.

Benny and the Jets – including Bob's son Tony Harris on harmonica – will perform the song more than once, as well as play other original tunes.

Tony accompanied his father to meet the Stones when they were in town last year and posed a great suggestion, Bob Harris recalled.

"He went with me to meet the Rolling Stones and on the way there, he suggested

Please see FAN, E2

WHAT: Rockin' Family Valentines

WHEN: 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

WHERE: Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

HIGHLIGHTS: Meet Bob Harris the oldest Rolling Stones fan, and see his collection of music memorabilia; hear Benny and the Jets perform 4-8 p.m.; kids can make "love bugs" with Arts and Scraps 3-5 p.m.; Dream Weavers will take free digital photographs with proof of $50 purchase from Livonia Mall stores and shoppers can win cash prizes at the mall's mystery stores. Call (248) 476-1160 for more information.

V-Word *from page E1*

And it also brings to light how few gains there have been in women's rights when violence is still allowed to occur with such alarming frequency, noted Frank.

"Does it really matter that we can elect women to offices when we can't prevent this from happening?," Frank asked. "Do we really have power?"

Ensler wrote her play (which Random House published in 1998) based on interviews with women on topics ranging from amusing euphemisms to appalling atrocities. The play alternates between wildly funny and sadly compelling — sometimes within the same interview.

"My Vagina Was My Village," recounts a Bosnian refugee's chilling tale of the horrors she endured at the hands of soldiers. Fleischer plans to use two separate voices to intensify this piece.

■ The cast includes former Attic Theater artistic director Lavinia Moyer and Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

In "Flood," West Bloomfield actress Shirley Benyas impersonates an elderly woman recalling why she closed herself off "down-there" after her date scorned her for her sudden arousal.

There are plenty of lighthearted bits, too, such as when hypothetical questions are posed: "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" and "What would it say?"

The audience will have the opportunity to answer many of Ensler's questions prior to the show. Several booths will be set up outside the auditorium with students taking responses from audience members.

"Your responses may end up on stage," said Fleischer.

The cast includes former Attic Theater artistic director Lavinia Moyer and Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton, a former member of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and several theater students.

"There's a line in the monologues that says, 'To make them visible so they cannot be ravaged in the dark without great consequence,' " Fleischer said. "That's why it's important to talk. There doesn't need to be shame. Shame happens when there are secrets."

Classic *from page E1*

actions.

Most striking, however, is that "All My Sons" is as contemporary and relevant as the days when it was written.

"Any play about personal and social responsibility is timeless," said Woronicz. "And with Miller, the drama is rooted in family dynamics. We all have to deal with that."

In many ways, Miller reminds audiences that personal responsibility isn't merely political rhetoric, or something that changes with social fads.

On the 40th anniversary of the play in 1987, *The New York Times* critic Frank Rich noted the timeless relevance of the play: "In an America rocked by inside traders on Wall Street, ethically blind managers in the space program and shredded documents in the National Security Council, no one can doubt the continued pertinence of 'All My Sons.' "

Conciliator in jeans

Woronicz has a light, yet firm directorial touch. His style is to "create an atmosphere where actors can make choices" about what motivates a character.

Dressed in faded denim jeans with a neatly trimmed beard and a soft, reassuring voice, he comes across as a conciliator, meeting the actors halfway.

Arms folded, and reading the script as the actors rehearse, Woronicz isn't quick to interrupt.

He takes a moment to crouch next to Robin Lewis of Livonia, who portrays Ann Deever, and prods her to "find something" in her character. He assures Ray Chapman, who plays Chris Keller, to pursue the current path of emotional intensity. And then, he persuades Robertson to experiment a little more with his character (Joe Keller).

"I don't have everything figured out before hand," said Woronicz, former artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, who marks his first time either acting or directing a Miller play.

"But I do know the story, and theater is all about collaborating on telling a story."

Family dynamics

The cast stepped lightly around props and masking-tape markings on the floor that approximates the location of the set.

They ran their lines. They laughed. They argued. They pointed fingers. Call them unreasonable people bound together for apparent random reasons. Better yet, call them a family.

"The play is about family dynamics," said Woronicz. "There are great, dark secrets in some families. Back in the 1940s, when a mother and father said they didn't talk about some things; well, they didn't talk about it."

It's Woronicz's task to meld the various strands of the cast into a quilt.

With an extensive career performing Shakespeare, Ibsen and Chekov, he knows something about the classics. And ultimately, "All My Sons," which introduces Miller's resonant moral tone, is a classic, from its dramatic construction to the universal theme in the tradition of Greek tragedy.

As with all classic stories, the key to making the play appealing is to shape it for the sensibilities of a contemporary audience.

With a long list of impressive acting credits, including appearances on TV's "Seinfeld," "Law & Order," and "Ally McBeal," and in "Primary Colors" and "Living Out Loud," Woronicz certainly knows what makes a story appealing.

And ultimately, one worth remembering.

Fan *from page E1*

to me that – since they are the number one group and we've got the number one hockey team, 'let's stop by and get some Red Wings hats for them.' We took them to the hotel and I said (to Mick Jagger), 'I want to present this to you from one champ to another.' He put the hat on and was jumping up and down. I loved doing that. It was Tony's idea."

Since then, Harris has garnered attention from Detroit newspapers and by ABC's "Good Morning America," and a national sports radio station has picked up the song and played it in cities like Boston, San Francisco and Miami. It could be heard as far away as the Netherlands, he added.

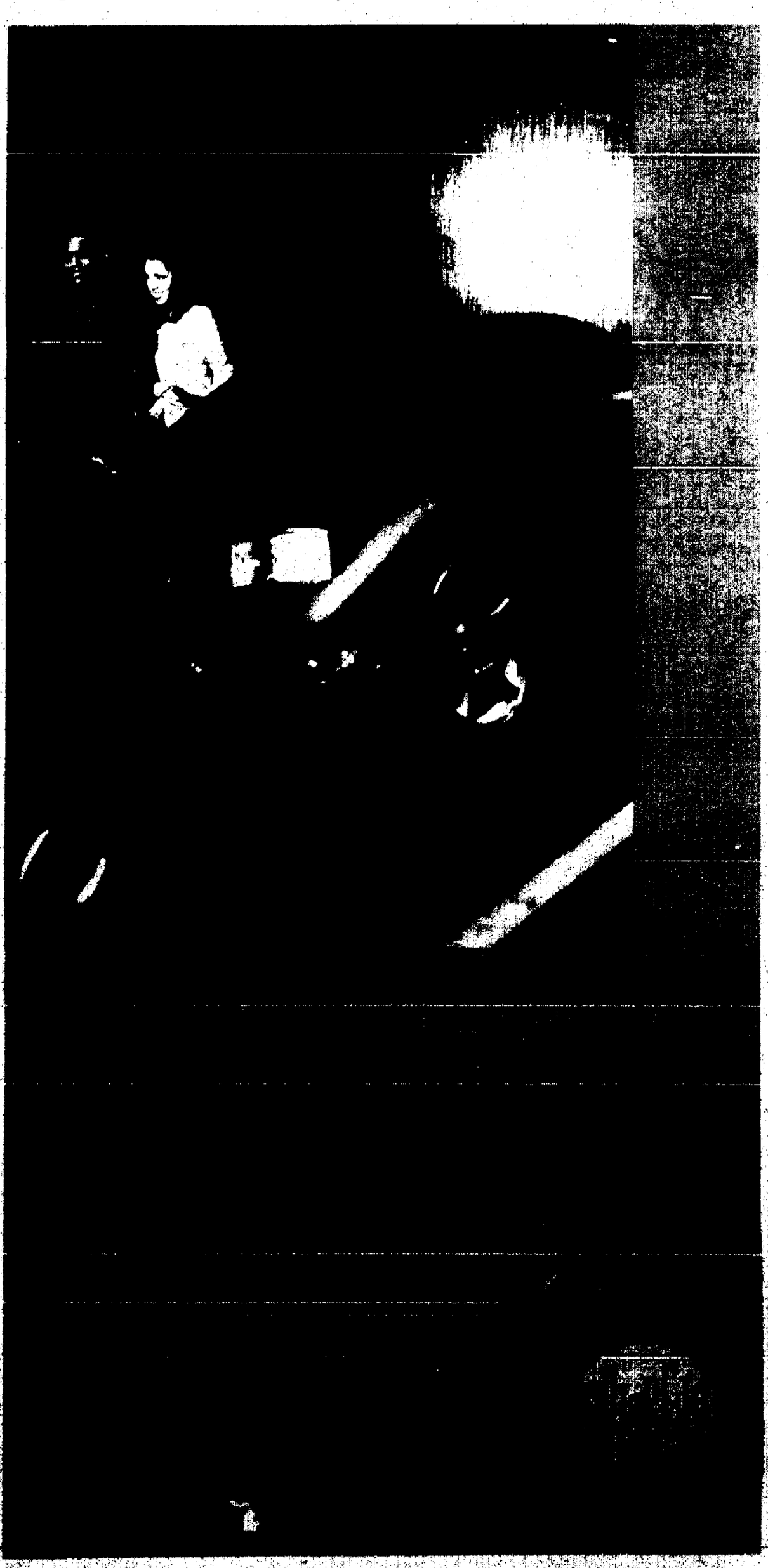
■ 'It's got a good beat to it. My grandkids love it. I've got one that just gets up and starts dancing.'

Bob Harris
Rolling Stones fan

"It's got a good beat to it," said Harris. "My grandkids love it. I've got one that just gets up and starts dancing."

And that's what's most important to Harris. He said if the song does well and becomes popular, he'll be happy. But if not, at least it's something his family will always have to treasure.

"It's only rock 'n' roll," but Bob Harris likes it.



Tara Lipinski steps out into a new arena – acting

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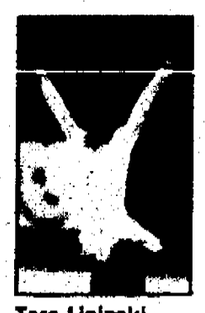
Tara Lipinski, who won an Olympic gold medal in women's figure skating two years ago, dabbles in acting when not busy with school or traveling with the "Stars On Ice" professional tour stopping at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday.


Tara Lipinski

Her acting career includes an appearance on "The Young And The Restless," where she plays the role of a nice girl, a friend of one of the show's young stars.

What else would you expect? An American, and worldwide audience for that matter, just couldn't get used to the sweetheart of the 1998 Winter Olympics playing a villain.

Lipinski flashed her winning smile again on Monday at Detroit's Whitney Young Middle School where she and Ilia Kulik, a men's gold medalist two years ago at the Olympics, promoted their Stars On Ice visit.

"I just take it one step at a time," said Lipinski, 17, about her acting career. She made her TV debut on CBS' "Touched by an Angel," and has a future commitment with Nickelodeon. "I like both (skating and acting). They're similar in some ways. Acting is new and kind of exciting because I haven't tried it before."

Lipinski lives in Sugar Land, Texas where she is a senior in high school, but considers Detroit, and Bloomfield Hills in particular, her "second home."

She trained as an amateur for several years at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Lipinski said her gold medal is kept in a "safe spot at home."

Photographs of her wearing it are rare.

"I don't wear it around my neck much," she said, laughing. "You wake up every morning wanting to win gold and one day you do. You feel lucky and grateful for all the hard work it took getting there. If you really want it bad enough your dreams can come true."

Like others who experienced success as a teenager it was inevitable for some to say she'd lose a step as she grew. Lipinski laughs at the suggestion.

"At the Olympics I weighed 98 pounds," she said. "Now I weigh 95 and I'm two inches taller."

That she has lived in the two states that have produced the last three Stanley Cup champions is a bit ironic. The Dallas Stars won last year's National Hockey League championship following two straight titles by the Detroit Red Wings.

She has one allegiance, she said, and not because the interview was taking place in Detroit.

"The Red Wings, for sure," she said.

Though she tries to lead a typical high school existence, demands on her time make it impossible. The Stars on Ice Tour, for example, will prevent her from attending her senior prom.

"I've made so many great friends (on the tour)," she said. "We have fun on the road all the time."

"Stars on Ice" stops at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Tickets $60, $48, and $35 reserved, at the box office, or call (248) 645-6666, or online www.ticketmaster.com

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BY ROBERT WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

John Steinbeck's classic morality tale, "Of Mice and Men" is set in the Salinas River valley of California in the 1930's. America is in the depths of the Great Depression.

Today's prosperity is almost surreal compared to those desperate times. Under the thoughtful direction of Sue Rogers, the Farmington Players precede the play with black and white slides of the poorest of the poor farmers to create a mood of despair. About all these folks have are dreams of better times. And so it is with George and Lennie, two migrants moving on to another job, whom we meet on a river bank.

Lennie, played superbly by John Boufford, is huge manchild. Possessed of strength beyond his understanding, he can outwork any three men. He loves to pet soft things like a mouse, a rabbit, a puppy. He is so strong, he can and does on occasion, innocently kill them with too much love. Boufford wisely avoids playing Lennie as a stereotypical village idiot. He creates a character of dimension and sympathy. Thomas Adams effectively plays his tragic friend, George, who attempts to keep Lennie out of trouble.

A greater use of inflections and pauses would add impact to his important scenes. Trouble is on the horizon as we meet fellow workers on the ranch. Jim Snideman, Phil Hadley, Dave Gilkes, Jim Jernigan and Gene Connolly play a variety of ranch hands. Snideman, as Candy, who has lost a hand in an accident and Connolly, a black man who lives by himself in the stable, create exceptionally good characters. Mike Carraway, the boss, looks terrific, but needs to be more forceful to put the fear of God in his new workers. Frank Ginis plays his son, Curley, with appropriate nastiness.

Kathleen Warner does a nice job as Curley's bored new wife, who as they say, has "the eye" for other men. Warner would be even better if she were a bigger tease and more flirtatious. At any rate, she messes with Lennie, he strokes her hair, she screams, and in trying to quiet her, Lennie inadvertently strangles her. A posse takes off after Lennie. The play ends tragically where it began, on a river bank. George realizes he and Lennie will never have that little place of their own. Lennie never meant no harm.

With a flawed love, George, ends their mutual misery the only way he knows how. The real harm, perhaps, was the way George covered up for Lennie, because society wasn't structured to take care of the Lennie's of the world.

One hopes we're doing a better job of it today.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident who writes community theater reviews for the Observer Newspapers.

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Depression Era: *Farmington Players Jim Snideman (left), Gene Connolly, John Boufford, Kathleen Warner, and Thomas Adams (background) rehearse John Steinbeck's riveting story.*

Museums collaborate to tell story of African-American dance

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

With America being pelted by a torrent of trivia TV game shows, permit me to ride the wave by asking a couple of quick questions in the visual and performing arts category.

1) Which of the following dance crazes received their creative spirit from African American dance?

a) The Slow Drag
b) The Charleston
c) The Twist
d) All of the above

2) Which of the following Detroit area cultural institutions is presenting the exhibit:

"When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art?"

a) The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
b) The Detroit Historical Museum
c) All of the above

The answers to both questions are: **all of the above (d and c).**

In a unique collaboration, the Detroit Historical Museum and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History are jointly presenting this sweeping exhibit through mid-April from two distinctly different approaches.

The history exhibit at the Detroit History Museum on Woodward Avenue tells the story of African American dance from its beginnings in Africa to the present. With video, rare musical instruments and masks used in African dance through the ages, it makes a strong case about the dominant influence of African dance in the shaping of American cultural identity. Particularly fascinating is a demonstration of how the melding of features in African and European line dancing formed the roots of the "called" American square dance tradition.

"Spirit Moves"

Doh-see-doh down the road a piece to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on East Warren and you can the experience the artistic component of the "When the Spirit Moves" exhibit. The works of more than three dozen African American artists are exhibited, including Benny Andrews, John Biggers and Elizabeth Catlett, with each piece reflecting the history of African dance.

In the words of exhibit curator Dr. Samella Lewis, "The art responds to cultural impulses and historical realities. African American dance gave meaning and beauty to its people. The strength and appeal of this dance tradition was so great that it also shaped and impacted White dance and culture."

On the next edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, segment host Nkenge Zola takes viewers on a tour of both exhibits.

One last question.

Why is "When the Spirit Moves: African American Dance in History and Art" such an appealing exhibition?

a) It celebrates a form of expression that has had tremendous impact on American culture.

b) It exposes the works of some great artists to a broad audience, both at the museums and to viewers of BACKSTAGE PASS

c) It represents a significant collaboration between two worthy cultural institutions, which are offering workshops with shuttle service to the exhibits, and discounted tickets for those visiting both venues.

d) All of the above.

I think you know the answer. You've been a wonderful contestant. As a parting gift, don't forget to play the home version of Detroit's cultural scene. BACKSTAGE PASS.

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "All My Sons," opens Wednesday, Feb. 9, continues to Sunday, March 5, at the theater, Rochester. $24-$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Dames at Sea," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Sponberg Theatre on campus, Ypsilanti. $8 Thursdays, $13 Fridays-Saturdays, $11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

HFCC: "Bachelors," 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 16-18, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center Adray Auditorium on campus, Dearborn. $15. (313) 526-3278 or e-mail to SAlexProd@msn.com

U-D THEATRE COMPANY: "The Dumb Waiter and More," Feb. 11-27, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the OnStage Theatre on the University of Detroit campus. $10, $2 discount for seniors/students with ID. (313) 993-1130

WSU HILBERRY: "Breaking the Code" opens Thursday, Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. $11-$18. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Perform John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12 and 18-19, Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 and 20, at the Farmington Players Barn, Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. $12. (248) 553-2955

MT. ZION THEATRE: "The Celestial Helix and Other One-Act Plays," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Feb. 11-12, at the Mt. Zion Center for the Performing Arts, Waterford. $8 advance, $10 at door, $7 students/seniors/groups of 20 or more. (248) 673-5432

PLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: "A Soldier's Play continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 6 p.m. Sundays, at Detroit's Holistic Development Center. $15-$18. (313) 872-0279

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: "Oliver," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, 25-26 and March 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Water Tower Theatre, Northville. $12, $8 students. (248) 349-7110

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: "A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19 and 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 and 27, at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit. (313) 535-8962.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest," continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; Feb. 18-19; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets $10, discounts for seniors and students. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

HEIKEN PUPPETS: Present Father Millennium's Zero Show noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, on the stage in the food court at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, Livonia. Free. (734) 522-4100

MOSAIC YOUTH THEATRE: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at Planet Ant Theatre, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4949

PUPPETART: "Kolobok," the Russian version of "The Gingerbread Man," 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 19 and 26, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

STORYTELLING, MUSIC AND MOVEMENT: Betty Appleton will enchant the younger set with story-telling, music and movement as they participate in a lively South African folktale. Children will also have the opportunity to play and explore African instruments, 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, Borders Books & Music on Woodward, downtown Birmingham.

Starry, Starry Ice: *Target Stars on Ice presents professional skaters (front row, left to right) Jenni Meno, Kristi Yamaguchi, Renee Roca, Scott Hamilton, Tara Lipinski, Ilia Kulik, Ekaterina Gordeeva, (back row, left to right) Todd Sand, Steven Cousins, Lu Chen, Gorsha Sur, Elena Bechke, Denis Petrov and Kurt Browning, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $35-$60 on sale at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 or buy online at www.ticketmaster.com. Group tickets available by calling (248) 371-2055.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

BARBIE DOLL SHOW: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. $5, $2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

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FOUR FRESHMEN/ROCHESTER SYMPHONY: Greater Orion Performing Arts Council presents The Four Freshmen with the Rochester Symphony, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Lake Orion Performing Arts Center. Tickets $14. (248) 693-5436

VEGAS & VETTE EXTRAVAGANZA: 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Burton Manor, Livonia. $160 per couple, includes buffet dinner. (810) 227-5086

FAMILY EVENTS

THE PHOENIX ENSEMBLE: Join the Gemini brothers for a magical, musical concert for children and the whole family 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, includes an instrument petting zoo in the lobby beginning at 2 p.m., at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $15, $10 students/children. (734) 763-8587/(248) 645-6666

BENEFITS

GREYHOUND CONCERT: Flutist Natasha Harhold; Donna Kallie, a Madonna University music professor; Benjamin Hayes (French horn), and Evola Music teachers Cathy Feldman (flute) and her father, Irving will perform a concert of classical music to benefit TLC Greyhound Adoption 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. $5, $3 students. (734) 765-2248 or e-mail greyhounddog@earthlink.net.

MICHIGAN JEWISH AIDS COALITION: And Affirmations Lesbian/Gay Community Center present an evening at the Hilberry Theatre, "Breaking the Code," 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the theater, Detroit. $25, $18 students/seniors. (248) 594-6522

VENEZUELAN DISASTER RELIEF FUND: Peter Soave will perform as a soloist with the Emerald Sinfoniette Orchestra under the direction of Felix Resnick, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Venezuelan Disaster Relief Fund. (313) 438-0780. An afterglow follows the concert at the Ambleside Gallery.

VALENTINE'S DAY

DINNER DANCE: Featuring the Farmington Community Band, Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. buffet dinner followed by dancing until midnight, at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills. $40. (734) 261-2202/(248) 489-3412

CLASSICAL

BRUNCH WITH BACH: Guitarist Javier Calderon performs works by Fedrico Moreno-Torroba, Issac Albeniz and Manuel Ponce 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. $22, $11 children under age 12, $5 stairwell seating. (313) 833-4005

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Features the Suite from Strauss's opera "Der Rosenkavalier" and German pianist Christian Zacharias, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $14-$50. (313) 576-5111

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Deja'Vu- I Love You," 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. $10. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER: The violinist performs a recital, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $20-$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

MURRAY PERAHIA: Performs an all-Bach program 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $16-$55. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "All That Jazz" features drummer Pete Siers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth. $12, $10 seniors/college students, free for students through grade 12. (734) 451-2112

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hilbert Junior High School, Redford. Free.

POPS/SWING

MUSICAL REUNION: Tom Saunders' Surfside Six and Eric Mannering's Imperial Jazz Band, 2-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, at Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia. $10 advance, $12 at door. (248) 476-2674/(248) 476-8383

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: "Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through February, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

JAZZ & SPIRIT DANCE THEATRE: 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Northwest Activities Center, Detroit. (313) 862-0966

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA REDFORD: is searching for directors, choreographers, musical directors, and all others interested in musical comedy theater. Call (313) 531-0554 for information

VOICES IN TIME: Has a limited number of openings in all voice parts, rehearsals for spring/summer season begin in late February. (248) 449-6540

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 21-22 at the Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Be prepared to sing a song of your choice. Call Ralph Rosati, (248) 669-0436 for information.

DESTINATION EARTH LLC: An independent production company is seeking extras for the science fiction film "Nobody Knows." Filming will take place in Detroit and surrounding cities in late February and early March. The film is about a man from the year 2039 who appears in Texas on the day of the Kennedy assassination, Nov. 22, 1963. He is able to prevent the murder of the president and as a result, history changes in surprisingly different ways. For more information, call Nicole Sylvester (248) 980-8504

CHORAL

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $15, $12 seniors/students. (248) 358-9868

ESTONIAN PHILHARMONIC CHAMBER CHOIR: 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. $25, $10 students. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

GOSPELFEST CHOIR: Joins the University of Michigan Symphony Band in a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-5588

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Presents a concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. $8, $5 students/seniors, and will be available at the door 30 minutes before the concert. For advanced ticket sales or more information about this concert or other concerts in the Noteworthy Concert Series, call (734) 453-5280

PARADE OF HARMONY: Features one of the Barbershop Harmony Society's top-ranking quartets 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Clarenceville High School's Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia. Tickets $13 for Friday's performance, and $15 for Saturday's. All seats reserved. (248) 559-7082.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC: The University Symphony Orchestra, University Choir and Chamber Choir present Verdi's "Requiem," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-5580

ORGAN

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY: Organ students of local universities in concert, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alexander Music Building on campus, Ypsilanti. (734) 381-1314

JAZZ

MR. B: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. $25, $15, $10. (734) 769-2999

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m.Saturday, Feb. 12, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

TODD CURTIS: Thursdays, at Elie's, 263 Pierce Street, Birmingham. (248) 647-2420

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE: Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Magic Bag, Ferndale.

MAYNARD FERGUSON: And his 10-piece band Big Bop Nouveau perform as part of Detroit Symphony Orchestra's jazz series 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $16-$62. (313) 576-5111

BILL GAFF QUINTET: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

RICH K. TRIO: 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Barbara Ware 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. $5 cover. Reservations recommended for the Jazz Room. (734) 762-7756

STRAIGHT AHEAD: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Livonia. Free. (734) 432-5541

JANET TENAJ TRIO: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 25, at Tom's Oyster Bar, Southfield.

ED WELLS: The pianist performs 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

PAMELA WISE & THE AFRO-CUBAN ALLSTARS: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

WORLD MUSIC

BLACKTHORN: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, at John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern, Farmington. (248) 474-5941 (Irish)

TRIAKEL: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Swedish folk trio)

BENNY CRUZ Y LA BEUNA VIDA: 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. $8. (248) 424-9022 (Latin)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

ERIC ANDERSEN: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $14. (734) 763-TKTS

JUNIOR BROWN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $22.50. (734) 763-TKTS

LIMELITERS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $17.50. (734) 763-TKTS

MOXY FRUVOUS: The alternative folk artists from Canada perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $24, $19. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

RFD BOYS: Friday, Feb. 18, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Poetry reading features the works of Ulysses, Annodal, Boogie, Khary Kimani Turner and Malik, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, with sign-language interpretation, at the museum, Detroit. Free with museum admission. (313) 833-7900

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN: Workshop for poets looking for more members, 2-4 p.m. third Tuesday of month, in the Jenkins rooms on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library. (734) 762-7586

THE WRITER'S VOICE: The Colloquium Poetry Series continues with Ken Waldman, Beverly Matherne, Ali Helius & The Plastic Haiku Band, and Conversions & Liberty R.O. Daniels, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Scarab Club, Detroit.

DANCE

BIG BAND DANCING: 8-11 p.m. every Friday, free dance lesson 7-8 p.m., at The Amber House, Warren. $5. (810) 754-3434

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-5158

LORD OF THE DANCE: Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 8-13, at the Fox Theatre. $10-$60. (248) 433-1515/(248) 645-6666

POLKA BOOSTER CLUB: Dance with music by the Varitones, 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Pvt. John Lyskowa Post, Dearborn Heights. $9. (313) 937-1316/(313) 561-8389

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY DANCE: "Approaching Extremes," the 71st annual Spring Dance Concert features works by the Detroit Dance Collective, Alan Danielson & Dancers and Erica Wilson-Perkins, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26, at Music Hall for the Performing Arts, Detroit. $15, $8 students. (313) 577-4273

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. $7. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

ELDORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Danny Gray with Bill Bushart & Dee Profitt, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Mary Ellen Hooper Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 10-13; Jackson Perdu Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 17-20, Victoria Jackson Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. $10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; $17.50 Friday, $19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

LORI AMEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-2770; 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Borders Books and Music, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7652; 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Coffee Beanery Royal Oak. (248) 543-6653; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Novi. (248) 347-0780

MARC ANTHONY: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced.

FIONA APPLE: 7:30 p.m. showtime Friday, March 10, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Ticket price to be announced. (248) 645-6666.

APPOLLO FOUR FORTY: 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $8.50 advance/$10 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

ASTRAL PROJECT: 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 17-18, Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $15 advance. (734) 662-8310.

ANTHONY B: 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $15 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (roots reggae).

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 10 p.m. Thursdays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

BLACK OCEAN DROWNING: Featuring Dead By 28 and Degenerative Velocity, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $7. (248) 645-6666.

BLACK SHEEP: Featuring Das Efx Mountain Climbaz, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15 advance/ $18 day of show. (248) 645-6666.

BLUE FLOYD: With members of Gov't Mule and Black Crowes, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $20 advance. (313) 833-9700 (bluesy Pink Floyd covers).

BLUE RAYS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Arbor Brewing Company, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and over. (734) 213-1393.

BLUE ROSE: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. 21 and older. Free. (734) 721-8609 (blues).

BRANDED: With PT's Revenge and Sugar Pill, 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Cross Street Station, Ypsilanti. $5. 18 and over. (734) 485-5050; 10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. No cover. 19 and over. (734) 996-8555.

THE BROTHERS CREEGAN: Features current and former members of Barenaked Ladies, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $10. (248) 645-6666.

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.

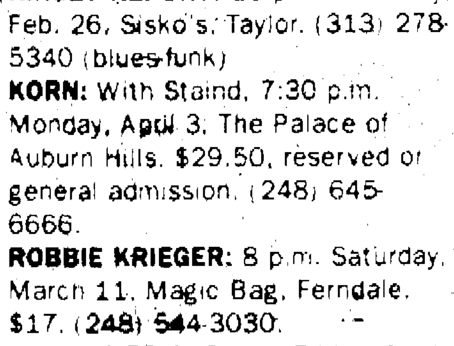
SCOTT CAMPBELL: Will host an acoustic open mike jam every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Carbon Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. Free admission, free parking. 18 and over. (313) 366-9278 or www.scottcampbell.net

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

CASH MONEY MILLIONAIRES: Featuring Juvenile, The Hot Boys, 'Lil Wayne, B.G. and The Big Tymers, Ruff Ryders with Eve, DMX, Lox ad Drag-On, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, The Palace, Auburn Hills. (248) 645-6666.
COLD BLUE STEEL: Featuring Rick Warner, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Lake Point Yacht Club, Livonia. Free. (734) 591-1868.
PAULA COLE: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Clutch Cargo's, Pontiac. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.
CRUD: Featuring members of Sponge and Hoarse, Friday, Feb. 11, Lili's 21, Hamtramck.
LISA CUNNINGHAM: 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free Thursday. $5 Friday and Saturday performances. 21 and older. (248) 305-5856.
KARL DENSONS TINY UNIVERSE: With Funktelligence, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $10. (248) 544-3030.
DETROIT BLUES PIANO SUMMIT III: Featuring Al Hill, Joe Hunter and Bob Seeley, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Scarab Club, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-1250.
DETROIT ROAD RAGE: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Village Bar and Grill, Wayne. (734) 729-2360 (modern rock).
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS: With Hello Dave and Carl Black Fiasco, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
DREAM THEATER: With Dixie Dregs, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $26.75 advance. (248) 645-6666.
E TOWN CONCRETE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Shelter, Detroit. $7 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
FAT WRECK CHORDS TOUR: With No Use For A Name, Mad Caddies, Frenzal Bomb and Consumed, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. $10 advance, $12 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.
FEMI KUTI: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $13 advance/$15 day of show. (248) 645-6666.
FIGHTING GRAVITY: 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 7th House, Pontiac. All ages. $7. (248) 335-3540.
THE FLOW: Smokestack and Blissfield, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
LESLIE FREDERICK: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013 (folk).
THE FROGS: With The Witches, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Stick, Detroit. $9 advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700.
GHOSTFACE KILLAH: With Inspecta Deck and Cappadonna, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $20 advance. All ages. (249) 645-6666.
GIVE: Saturday, March 11, The Attic, Hamtramck.
GRAYLING: CD Release Party with Cromwell and The Lanternjack, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $5. (313) 961-MELT.
GRUESOMES: With Soot and the Sex Machines, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpig-music.com
ROY HAMILTON JR. & THE GOLDEN BOYS: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 17 Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.
WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK: With Big Barn Combo and Driftweed, 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12.50 cover. (313) 833-9700.
HARRINGTON BROS.: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.
COREY HARRIS: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, The Ark, Ann Arbor. $12 advance. (248) 645-6666.
MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340.
GARY HOEY: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $10. (248) 544-3030.
HOT WATER MUSIC: With Elliot and Inside Five Minutes, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. $8. (248) 645-6666.
H2O: With Saves the Day and Kill Your Idols, 6 p.m. Friday, March 17, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $10 advance, $12 day of show. (248) 645-6666.
INNERCOURSE: 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Shelter, Detroit. $8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

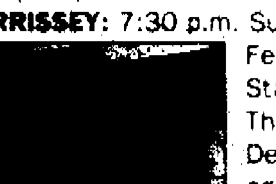
IMPACT 7: 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Oxford Inn Tavern, Novi. Free on Thursday. $5 cover on Friday and Saturday. 21 and over. (248) 305-5856.
THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. $12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700.
JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Sundays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-6368.
THE JAZZ MANDOLIN BAND: Featuring Jamie Masefield and Jon Fishman, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 7th House, Pontiac. $15. (248) 645-6666.
JETTISON RED: With Trouser Blue, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (indie rock).
THE JUDDS: With Jo Dee Messina, 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale for $65, $32.50 and $25. Group discount available for March 19. Call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 371-2055 for group tickets.
JUST THE SAX: Featuring Paul Taylor, Gerald Albright, Marion Meadows and Kim Waters, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. $36.50. (248) 645-6666.
K-CI AND JOJO: With Ginuwine, Donell Jones and Ideal, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. $35 and $27.50. (248) 645-6666.
KINA: 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. Free. www.961melt.com
KINSEY REPORT: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, Sisko's, Taylor. (313) 278-5340 (blues-funk)
KORN: With Staind, 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. $29.50, reserved or general admission. (248) 645-6666.
ROBBIE KRIEGER: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Magic Bag, Ferndale. $17. (248) 544-3030.
DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $35, $25. (248) 645-6666.
KRUST: With Morgan, Dynamite MC and Yuval Gubay of Soul Coughing, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 4, Motor, Hamtramck. $10. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080.
KUNG FU DIESEL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
SHEILA LANDIS TRIO: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Borders Books and Music, Rochester Hills. Free. (248) 652-0558; 8 p.m. Friday, March 3, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. (248) 335-5089. See Landis and Rick Matle every other Wednesday at Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. Free. Call (248) 586-1519 for details (jazz).
THE LAREDOS: With Reflections, Deuce Coupe Band, '50s-Style Valentine's Dance, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Stilettoes Club, 1430 Oak Street, Wyandotte. $22 donation includes food, drinks, door prizes. 21 and over. (734) 229-0678.
LFO: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. All ages. Tickets $19.31 on sale now. (248) 645-6666.
LIT: 22 Jacks, 7:30 p.m.



Wednesday, March 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $15. (248) 645-6666.
LONG BEACH DUB ALL STARS: Featuring Jungle Brothers, 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, St. Andrews, Detroit. All ages. $17.50. (248) 645-6666.
LORDS OF ACID: With Genaside 2, Praga Kahn, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, State Theatre, Detroit. Clutch Cargo tickets will be honored for this change of venue. $18.75 advance, $19 day of show. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. 21 and older. Free. (734) 721-8609 (blues).
MAZINGA: With The Triggers and Cobra Youth, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

DAVID MEAD: 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, Coffee Beanery, Royal Oak. All ages. Free.
MELLINCOLIN: With Ten Foot Pole, Vision and Oskar, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $8.50 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. $12. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
PAT METHENY TRIO: With Larry Grenadier and Bill Stewart, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 23, Royal Oak Music Theatre. $37.50. (248) 645-6666.
METHOD MAN AND REDMAN: With The Outsidaz, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, State Theatre, Detroit. $30 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
METHODS OF MAYHEM: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 6, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. $16.50 advance/$18 day of show. On sale Feb. 19. www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-6666.
METROPOIX: With Cloud Nine and Liquid 9, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

MOODS FOR MODERNS: 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (mod).
MOXY FRUVOUS: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. Tickets $19, $24. (248) 645-6666.
MORRISSEY: 7:30 p.m. Sunday,



Feb. 13, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. (248) 645-6666.
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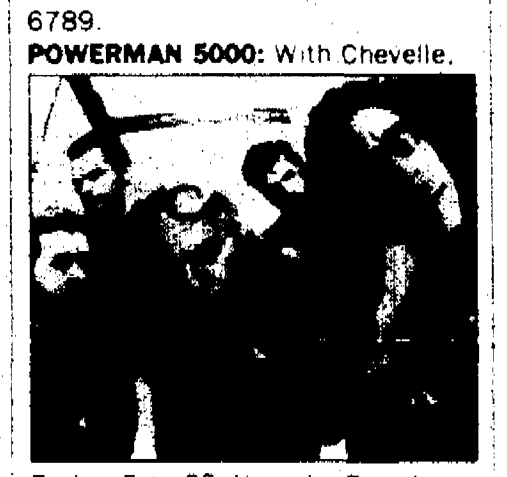

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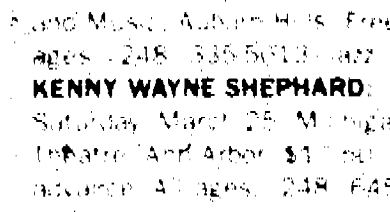

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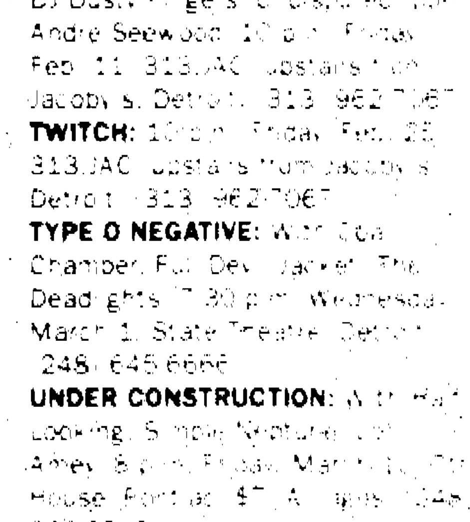

p.m. Friday, March 3, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. $12. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 or [illegible]

Don't expect 'Scream 3' to measure up to the original

■ The problem is that when the killer's identity is finally revealed, you'll say, 'Yeah, OK.'

In *Scream*, director Wes Craven was credited with reinventing the horror genre. In *Scream 3*, he seems intent on reinventing *Scream*.

He doesn't.

All the familiar elements are in *Scream 3*. That cast of survivors from the first two *Scream* outings returns, it has excellent production values and the usual quota of shock scenes, although the gore factor is disturbingly low.

This time around the much put-upon Sidney Prescott is again targeted by a maniac with the pale melting mask and black cloak. Now, however, she lives in secluded northern California where she works for a crisis hotline.

Imagine her surprise when the killer calls her. That sends her packing to Hollywood where the production of *Stab 3: Return to Woodsboro*, the mythical reflection of *Scream 3*, is being filmed. She links up with Dewey Riley, the Barney Fife-ish cop in the two pervious *Screams*, who now is serving as a technical adviser on *Stab 3*.

Dewey had called Sydney when cast members began turning up with multiple puncture wounds. Sidney and Dewey join forces with a hard-boiled homicide detective to track down the killer.

Craven lets us know in the first few minutes that this is not going to be an easy ride. Cotton Weaver, Sidney's savior in the last film and now the host of his own TV talk show called *100% Cotton*, is quickly dispatched along with his girlfriend. It's Craven's way of saying expect the unexpected. He keeps hammering that this is the third part of a trilogy and in the final chapter, anyone can get killed – even the star.

So who is the killer? Could it possibly be Sidney herself, driven over the edge by the ghost of her mysterious dead mother who keep reappearing? Or is it someone out of central casting? Just keep in mind, as is pointed out in the film, trilogies end where they begin.

The problem is that when the killer's identity is finally revealed, you'll say, "Yeah, OK."

Indeed, there is a tired feel to this whole film. *Scream* shone with its clever dialogue and the incisive manner in which Craven set traps for the audience by second guessing what we were thinking, filleting the plot right in front of us and twisting cliches to make them fresh. He left us reeling.

Here he leaves us yawning. There are far too many jump-starts shocks of someone popping out of the background. People spend an awful lot of time fleeing down dark hallways with the killer steps behind. And as for that big knife, every time the killer raises it it makes a *schwing* sound that would set Wayne and Garth drooling.

Scream 3 does have its moments. Hollywood horror legend Forrest J. Ackerman has a cameo as does Carrie Fisher, looking a long ways from her Princess Leia days. And the cast is uniformly excellent with Neve Campbell as Sidney, Courtney Cox Arquette as the bitchy TV reporter and especially Parker Posey, who is supposed to be playing the Arquette character in *Stab 3*, if you can follow all that. Posey and Arquette make a terrific team.

JOSEPH VILES

No need to 'Scream' again: *Left to right, Parker Posey, Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette star in Wes Craven's third stab at scaring movie audiences in the Dimension Films release.*

Only veteran actor Lance Henriksen, who excels in these type of films, is short-changed with far too small a role.

There are occasional sparks in the dialogue like when the bimbo actress whines that the shower scene she has to do has been a cliché since it was first used in *Vertigo*. Try *Psycho*. Only once does the film attain any sense of eeriness, which occurs when Sidney walks onto the still and darkened set recreating her house in Woodsboro, where the "actual" murders occurred.

But too much of the film is contrived and tired. The lock picking scene is truly ludicrous. And just how many times can you clonk somebody the head and still not hurt him/her?

The most insightful line about this film was actually delivered in *Scream 2* when a character noted that sequels are never as good as the original. While *Scream 3* is a definite step up from *Scream 2*, it's time to retire the franchise.

But that may not be, as Craven literally has left the door open for *Scream 4*.

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Nicholas "Oz" Oseranksy is a nice dentist living in suburban Montreal. His new neighbor, Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski is a hit man in hiding. Oz and Jimmy find themselves with something in common, someone's trying to kill them and they have to find a way to work together to avoid untimely ends. Stars Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis, Rosanna Arquette and Kevin Pollack.

'Isn't She Great' — Bette and cast have some good moments

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

There will be comparisons between "Isn't She Great" and "Man on the Moon." Both are biopics. And that's where the comparison should end.

Jim Carrey's homage to comic enigma Andy Kaufman was a performance-and-a-half. The only enigma about the story of shock-schlock author Jacqueline Susann is why Bette Midler and Universal felt that anyone would be interested.

Not that the woman who perpetrated the publication of "Valley of the Dolls," "The Love Machine" and "Once is Not Enough" didn't lead a life worth telling. She was, in her time, the best-selling novelist of all time. She changed the way books are mass-marketed and contributed as much to mid-60's pop culture as go-go boots. All this while battling breast cancer, denying the severity of her autistic son's condition and keeping both a secret from the public.

Today's moviegoers, however, don't care any more about Jackie Susann than they do about, well, go-go boots.

"All I know about are aging stars, hopeful hookers and people popping pills and nobody writes books about that," says Midler as Susann. The light goes on over manager-husband Irving Mansfield's (Nathan Lane) head, and the rest is history. The failed actress steamrolled her way into her prized spotlight by putting personality above ability.

Author's story: *Bette Midler and Nathan Lane star in "Isn't She Great."*

No ability? Plainly that wasn't so. She may not have been able to put an English sentence together on paper, but she certainly knew what to say. "It's like overhearing gossip in the ladies room," is one reader's review of "Dolls." "It's like 'Gone With the Wind,' only filthy" gushes Irving.

But "Isn't She Great" is pretty much Bette being Bette, and we must take it on their word that she and Jackie walked and delivered rim shot punchlines the same way. The screenplay by Paul Rudnick ("In & Out") gets into a standard rhythm early on and never strays from the sitcom pattern. Susann talks to God by way of a tree in Central Park, bullying him like everyone else ("C'mon, get on the phone and make me famous!").

Nathan Lane does his one puppy dog expression through out, but David Hyde Pierce ("Frazier") scores as the prudish Connecticut Yankee book editor who grows to care for Jackie if not for her material. Stockard Channing has good moments as the boozy best friend, the Vera to Midler's Mame. Her best moment is a silent one, walking into the hospital room and seeing Jackie on her deathbed. John Cleese is wasted as the book publisher.

If you lived through the 60s, however, you'll enjoy a terrific impression of Truman Capote by Sam Street, a faithful recreation of those wild op-art clothes and colors, right down to the typewriters in the publishing house, and note that singer Steve Lawrence is played by Steve & Eydie's son David.

But basically it's a "who cares" bio that will earn a brief blip on the big screen and a one-way ticket to videoville.

'Pure' class finds its way to Detroit at last

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Sarah Checkley sifts through a pile of leopard pants, halter tops and knee-high boots, trying to pick out the perfect outfit to wear to the trendiest new bar in the metro area. You see, you can't wear just anything to Pure Bar Room.

By 10:30 p.m. the 22-year-old Rochester resident saunters through the glass doors of Detroit's hottest nightspot, not quite knowing what to expect. Like shelter from the freezing night air, she's enveloped by the sensations of bluish laser light blending with dimly lit chandeliers, the fluid motion of bodies on and off the dance floor, and the sounds of world-class house and trance beats trickling from above.

"It's very New York," she says. "It's a mix of everything, not like any other bar I've ever been to."

That description may be inspired by the crowd – most in their 20s and 30s – who appear to have emerged from the pages of a top fashion magazine. Or maybe she's struck by the dancers, showered in sparkles and hovering above the crowd like eye candy. "Anything goes," says Checkley. A swanky silver accessory she designed dangles from her forehead. "You can get as crazy as you want to."

Pounding beats echo as she walks amid the crowd of those ready to see and be seen. You'd expect a cold shoulder at this club with its exclusive atmosphere, but it's as welcoming as it is elegant. That's how entertainment director Jaclyn Saros intended it to be.

For her, Pure isn't just another club, it's an integral element in the redemption of a city that could be so much more. By renovating and transforming an old building on Woodward Avenue, Pure Bar Room grasps onto the untapped energy in Detroit nightlife. "It's pioneering a new era," says Saros with pride. "We've really become a part of something that's going to benefit us all."

To break new ground, Pure offers what's lacking in the city's nightlife. On any given weekend club-goers can see dancers flaunting the latest in haute couture, a man towering above them on stilts, even delicate ice sculptures. Despite this extravagance, Pure is quite understated.

■ **'As of now, it's the best club in the metro area.'**

Omar Hindo
Farmington Hills resident

Mind the velvet ropes

While open to the public, guests lucky enough to enter the bar know the meaning of "discriminating tastes." "We wanted to set a precedent, a mood or a feeling," explains Saros. To achieve it, the club requires guests to dress appropriately. Some may think it pretentious when a Detroit Red Wing player is denied admission because of his outfit. At Pure, that's the difference between setting a standard and being like every other bar in the state.

Make no mistake – Pure Bar Room embraces its clientele. And so far, club-goers are embracing Pure. Cleber Lessa of Farmington Hills says the draw of the club is simple: "It's friends, the energy, the music, the people around you."

That sentiment shines through among "the chosen ones." Omar Hindo, a Farmington Hills resident, speaks without hesitation: "As of now, it's the best club in the metro area. I enjoy the DJ's the best. They fly them in from out of town." Hindo has been to Pure several times, but he's no stranger to the long line outside. He doesn't mind the selective policy: "They obviously want to be different."

Fantasy land

"We want to exceed expectations and surpass boundaries," adds Saros. Pure Bar Room is dedicated to change, to staying on the cutting edge of art forms like fashion, music and nightlife. Resident DJ Thomas Barnett, clothing designer Diana Jellinek, director of talent Khalil Ramadan and Saros are only four reasons for Pure's early success and the mystique surrounding it. "Nightlife is all about creating a little bit of fantasy," Saros says.

Aarti Bapna, a West Bloomfield resident, indulged in that fantasy world during her first experience at Pure: "I think it's exactly what Detroit needs to liven up the town. It's a great mix of techno and upstairs, the VIP bar is awesome. The decor is very classy."

Bapna expresses what many of the young professionals in the Metro area have thought — we've had enough of chic restaurants, macho sports bars and "quaint" little dives. Pure Bar Room isn't just a new nightclub, it's a destination.

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Livin in the Sun

Lemon James
Foxey Records

On her latest release, Lemon James sets the record straight — she's not only a foxy lady, she's got a voice that just draws you in. On "Livin in the Sun," the follow-up to her 1995 debut "I Am a Voodoo Child," the Garden City resident croons seven original tunes and one Jimi Hendrix cover with smooth, sultry vocals. Accompanied by moody, emotionally charged guitar techniques, the album appeals to the senses like taking a walk through a forest in a rainstorm. Perhaps the instrument performs as an extension of the artist because she plays hand-crafted Foxey guitars, of her own design.

Opening with "Come On Over Here (Groove On)," James tempts listeners into her romantic realm. Her breathy voice declares that passion in "This Is What I Am" when she sings: "My soul's in the music/ I am the whispers of the clouds/ Come listen to my sounds/ My love is all around/ My heart's in my hand/ Come listen to the Lemon James band/ Dig it if you can/ This is what I am."

Every note on the "Livin in the Sun" reflects that definite sense of self and burst of creativity. James isn't afraid to bare her soul in her music. To complete her vision, James includes the talents of fellow musicians Bobby, Bunny, Mea, Skeeto and White Boy.

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Little Lion

Brooks Williams
Signature Sounds

The true beauty of music lies somewhere within the notes, the chord progressions and the minds of its inventors. That beauty can be discovered in new and different ways by all who give the time to listen. On "Little Lion," Brooks Williams speaks not with lyrics, but through the sounds of his guitar. This completely instrumental album encourages the imagination to wander alongside the musicians.

Each song can take on a meaning specific to its listener. And that meaning can change. "Only for a Moment" shares a delicate sentiment, expressing through the six strings of an acoustic the fleeting nature of those points in life that are most treasured, and held dear.

On "Belfast Blues," Williams turns a simple blues song into music that lightens the heart. Written in 1995, he admits in the liner notes that this song was inspired by English folk-baroque music. You can almost hear how it lends itself to storytelling. John Daniel accompanies him on second guitar. But "Magpie" that captures the essence of how something can be created so quickly and shine with instant musical gratification.

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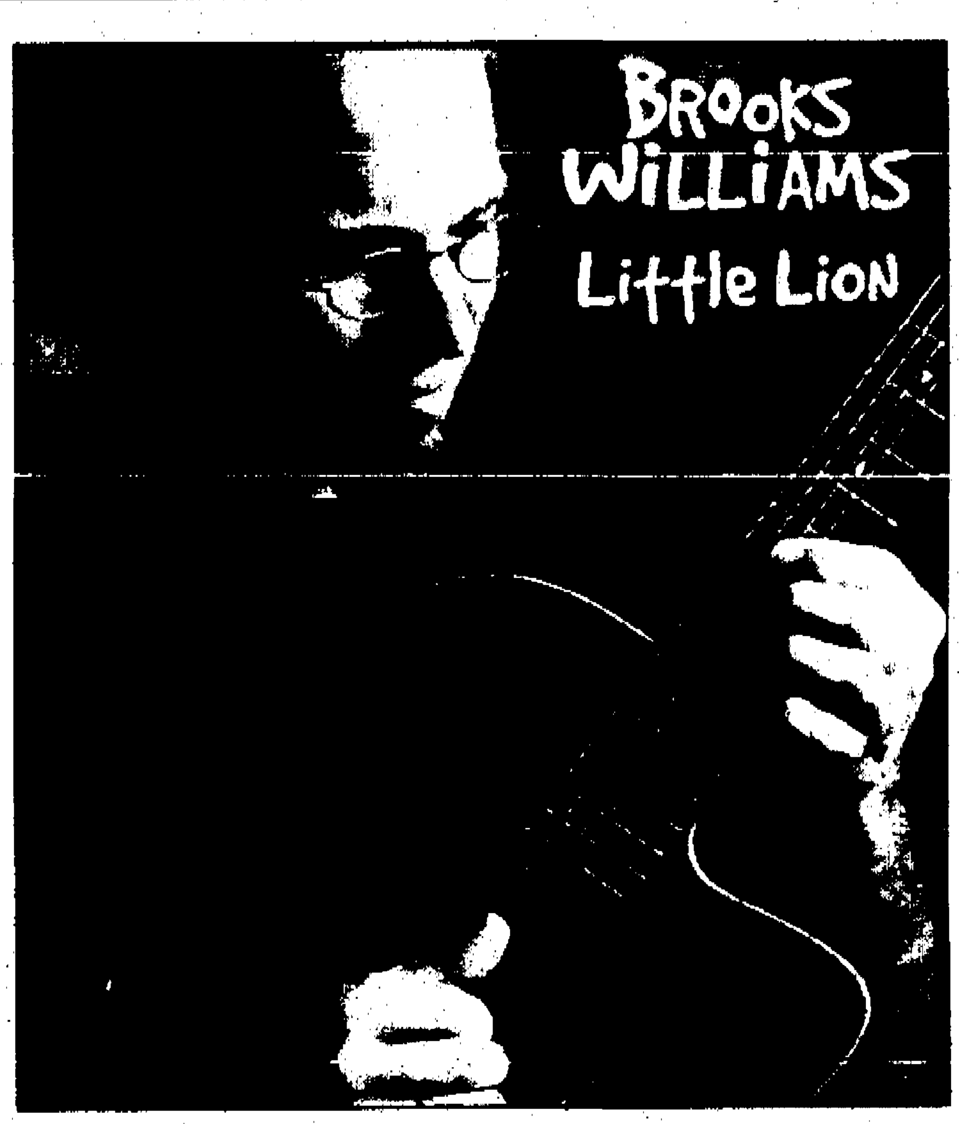

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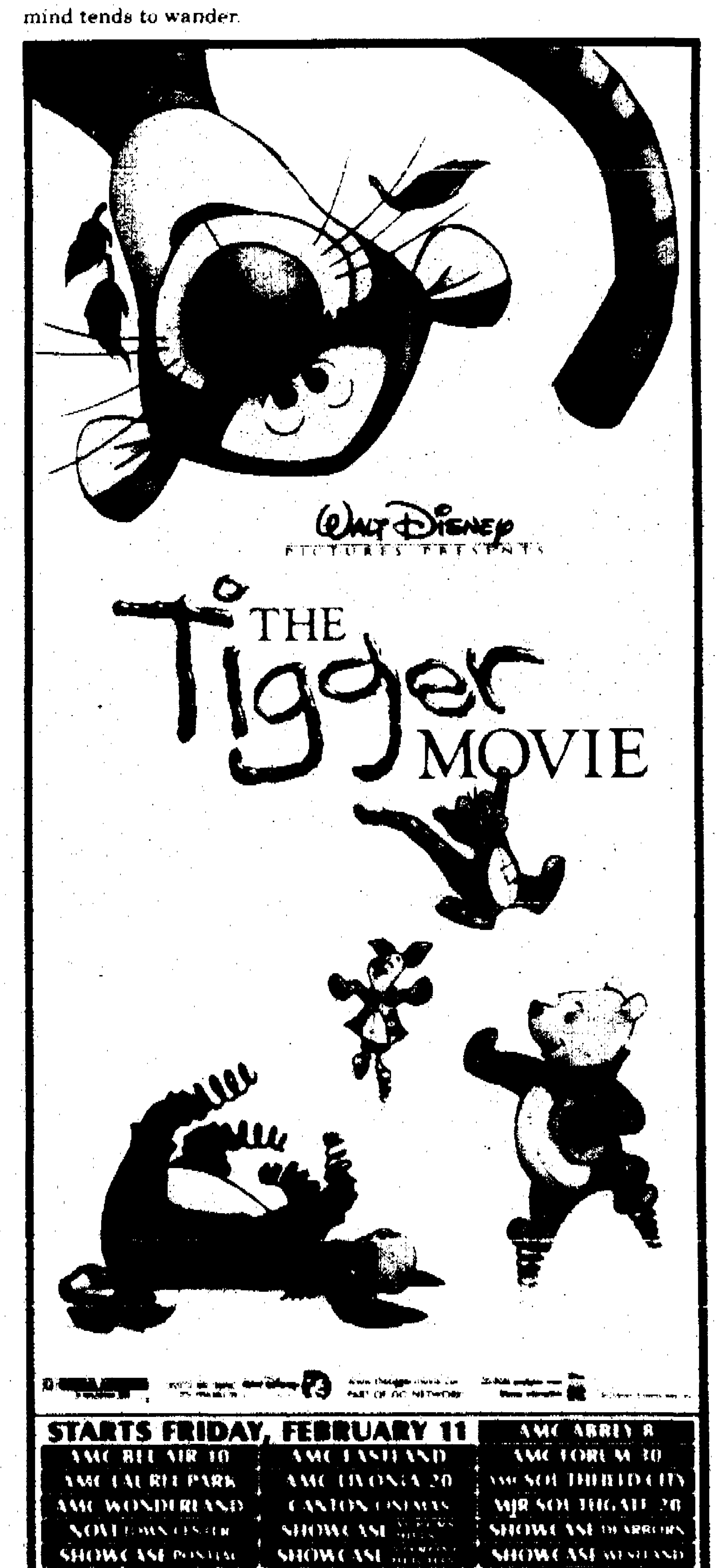

'Take-out guy' gets lunch for co-workers

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
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One of the things I'm known for at the Observer Newspaper office in Livonia is getting lunch.

It's not exactly a claim to fame, but I'll take it.

It started simply enough a few years ago when I was going to a fast food restaurant to get something for myself and a couple of people asked me to fetch something for them, too.

Pretty soon I was collecting menus from nearby restaurants and taking orders throughout the newsroom.

My co-workers have come to depend on me to the extent that they sometimes ask me at 9 a.m. where I'm going that day. One particular co-worker often tries to steer me to certain places she prefers and objects strenuously if I go someplace she hates.

Anyway, it has come to my attention that the things I've learned about getting takeout lunches for two to 10 people five days a week can benefit others. Far be it for me to withhold useful information.

The restaurants and takeout spots I go to are mostly located within a couple miles of the Observer office at Levan and Schoolcraft.

Some of them are once a week stops. Others are once in a while stops. Among the former are Mr. Muster's, Little Armando's, China Inn and David's New York Deli.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Lunch is here: *That's me carrying in lunch for my co-workers at the Observer Newspapers office in Livonia.*

Mr. Muster's soup is a big favorite in the office. The last time I went there, six people ordered the cream of mushroom. I had 16 orders all together ($58) and had to enlist a helper to carry it back to the office.

I usually start taking orders at 11:30 a.m., walking around with a menu to show people and a notepad to write on. They pay me on the spot and usually give enough of a "tip" to subsidize my own lunch.

Next I phone the orders in and drive over to pick up the food.

My tendency is to trust the eateries to provide everything according to my specifications, but I'm constantly reminded this isn't a good long-term policy.

Mr. Muster's once forgot two whole rollup sandwiches. Little Armando's has twice filled an order for two beef enchiladas with one beef and one chicken enchilada. Senate Coney Island gave me five Greek salads without dressing.

Only Steve Shaunessey of Mr. Muster's has offered to deliver the food he forgot to provide initially. That's why we chose to feature his restaurant in our first column.

It's nice to break bread with a group of co-workers and probably helps build a spirit of camaraderie on the staff.

I can guarantee that few of us would eat lunch together otherwise.

I enjoy getting lunch for everyone but am constantly reminded that I'm unusual that way. No one ever offers to do the job in my stead, which is fine but illustrates how onerous they consider the job to be.

Ralph Echtinaw welcomes your comments and/or questions about take-out lunches and dinners. Call him at (734) 953-2054. Write him at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail him at rechtinaw@oe.homecomm.net.

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At your service: *Steve Shaunessey of Mr. Muster's presents a tray of broasted chicken, barbecue baby back ribs, potato wedges and garlic sticks.*

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DESTINATIONS

We've spared no expense (yours) to find the most romantic, fine-dining spots in town to wine and woo your favorite Valentine. If the atmosphere doesn't seduce you, the food will. All you have to do is make reservations quicker than a heartbeat. List complied by staff writer Renée Skoglund

■ ***Cafe Bon Homme*** – 844 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 453-6260. **Cost:** Four-course prefixed dinner, $45 per person. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m. (last reservation 9 p.m.) Owner Greg Goodman promises to "pull out all the stops" for Valentine couples dining in his comfortably elegant little restaurant, which he describes as a "chic, upscale, Left Bank bistro."

■ ***Cafe Cortina***, 30715, W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033. **Cost:** About $100, excluding wine. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m. Good cooking is like love, simple yet divine, said Adrian Tonon, who co-owns the restaurant with his mother, Rina.

Since 1976, lovers have wined and dined at Cafe Cortina, especially in the fireplace room. "It's very cozy, warm and welcoming. There's something in the air that's so romantic," says Tonon.

■ ***Emily's*** – 505 N. Center, Northville, (248) 349-0505. **Cost:** Appetizers, $7-$18; dinners, $19-$35. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5:30 p.m. Small and intimate, Emily's is in a Victorian-style house. There's room for just 50 diners, some of whom will be lucky enough to sit by the fireplace.

■ ***La Bistecca Italian Grille*** – 39405 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 254-0400. **Cost:** About $100 for two, excluding wine. **Dinner hour:** Begins 5 p.m. "The atmosphere is really conducive to a special evening because of the food and our extreme attention to detail and service," said owner Jerry Costanza. La Bistecca specializes in Piedmontese beef, considered by many chefs to be the most tender.

■ ***Marco's*** – 32748 Grand River, downtown Farmington, (248) 477-7777. **Cost:** Entrées $15-$27. **Dinner hour:** Begins 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Marco's is small, just 20 tables for up to 80 lucky diners. "It's a very romantic place – candlelight, white linen tablecloths and fresh flowers all over the place. It's very intimate, dimly lit, with soft music in the background," says owner and chef Marco Conte.

■ ***MacKinnon's*** – 126 E. Main, Northville, (248) 348-1991. **Cost:** $100 for two. **Dinner hour:** 5-10 p.m.

For 20 years, the restaurant's brick walls, lace curtains and Tiffany lamps have charmed countless diners.

■ ***Fonte D'Amore*** – 32020 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 422-0770. **Dinner hour:** 4-10 p.m. **Cost:** $12-$25, regular menu.

Could lovers go wrong at a place whose name means "fountain of love"? Impossible, said owner Luciano Delsignore. The setting is dark and soft-colored with cozy booths and a fireplace.

■ ***Old Country Buffet*** — is offering a free lunch or dinner to couples who have been 50 years or more on Monday, Feb. 14. Bring your marriage license to redeem your free meal. You can also pose with your loved one for a free photo, which can be picked up later.

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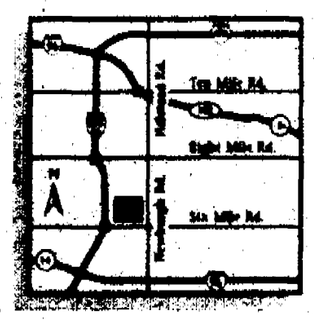

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